



Council Business Meeting Minutes

November 06, 2024

Council Chambers

07:00 PM

1. Call to Order

Vice Chairman Scott Wardle called the Business Meeting to order at 07:01 PM. The time, place, and agenda of the meeting had been provided to the Tooele Transcript Bulletin and to each member of the governing body by posting the notice and agenda at least two days before on the Tooele County website and emailing them a link.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Erik Stromberg.

3. Roll Call

Council Member Roll call as follows:

Erik Stromberg: Present

Jared Hamner: Absent

Tye Hoffmann: Absent

Scott Wardle: Present

Kendall Thomas: Present

Also, present were Scott Broadhead- Attorney, Andy Welch- County Manager, Brittany Lopez- Assistant County Manager, and Nicole Rash- Deputy Clerk.

Staff in attendance were Nathan Harris- Deputy Attorney, Alison McCoy- Auditor, Wayne Anderton- Solid Waste Director, Joy Peters- Assessor, Corey Bullock- Parks & Recreation Director, Matt Flygare- HR Director, Jerry Houghton- Recorder/Surveyor, Paul Wimmer- Sheriff, Scott Persons- IT Director, Peter Clegg- Humans Services Director, Aspen Wimmer- Deputy Auditor, Bucky Whitehouse- EOC (Emergency Operations Center) Director.

Guests in attendance were Rio Tinto representatives, Scott Degelbeck- Tooele City and Tim Gillie- Transcript Bulletin.

4. Public Comments

Scott Degelbeck, Tooele City. He thanked the Auditor's office for a copy of the proposed budget. He spoke of the salaries and benefits in the budget and felt that many of the elected officials make above the average salary. He asked the council to review the salary budget to determine if it's needed, not just wanted. He stated he had worked for years in Human Resources Management. He feels that a certain amount of turnover is good but feels that some of the areas need to be rethought.

Chairman Jared Hamner joined the meeting at 7:10 pm.

5. Recognitions, Presentations, & Informational Items

a. Rio Tinto Emergency Response Plan Update, Jen Robinson

Rio Tinto will present its emergency response plan for the tailing facility along I-80. This discussion will cover preparedness measures and potential coordination with relevant agencies.

Jen Robinson, Rio Tinto Government Affairs, Paula Dabney, Tailings Manager, and Scott Horrocks, Emergency Services, presented a slideshow to the Council.

Jen Robinson stated that there are only two smelters left in the United States and one is operating in Utah. She stated that in 2020, an international standard for tailings management was adopted. Paula Dabney discussed the two Rio Tinto Kennecott Tailing storage facilities.

She advised there are concerns about the south impoundment facility in the event of an earthquake. She explained what safety procedures are in place in case of an emergency. She discussed the improvements that are being made and also explained what a maximum credible earthquake is and their plans to help ensure public safety in case of a catastrophic event.

Council Member Tye Hoffmann joined the meeting at 7:20 pm.

Scott Horrocks spoke about plans in case of an earthquake and which roads would be blocked off in order to keep the public safe while the ponds are assessed.

Chairman Jared Hamner confirmed that Tooele County Emergency Operations Director Bucky Whitehouse has been involved with these plans. Council Member Kendall Thomas thanked the team for their presentation and their hard work. Council Member Scott Wardle asked what the plans would be to facilitate people arriving home from Salt Lake or moving out of Tooele in case of an earthquake, inquiring specifically about response team access. Scott Horrocks stated there is equipment that can be utilized to open roads.

b. Network Provider Training Scholarships, Peter Clegg

Human Services received a state grant to strengthen the mental health workforce. A continuing education scholarship program has been developed to award a minimum of 12 \$600 scholarships to licensed mental health providers. Peter Clegg will announce the first set of awarded scholarships.

Peter Clegg, Human Services Director, stated that his department has received additional grant funding to implement a scholarship program to allow mental health providers to attend additional training. He acknowledged the first four mental health providers that were awarded this opportunity.

c. Discussion of UFBG Grant for Pretrial Services, Dallin Littlefield

Dallin Littlefield, Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Director, presented this item. He stated that the State of Utah has offered a grant for a pretrial service program. Tooele County was awarded \$150,000. He explained what pretrial services are. He is presenting this to Council to ask for approval and permission to begin a pretrial services program. He is asking for a spot to be created in the budget so they can begin funding the program. He advised that Judge Dow has been asked to manage the program.

Council Member Scott Wardle asked if, after two years, Tooele County will be expected to take this over and fund it. Mr. Littlefield stated that Tooele County could if they want to continue the program, and he gave an example from Sanpete County. Council Member Kendall Thomas expressed his support.

Scott Broadhead, County Attorney, confirmed this item will be brought back on November 19th.

d. Governance and Data Privacy Policy, Scott Persons

The Information Technology Department requests the opportunity to present the updated Governance and Data Privacy Policy to the Tooele County Council for review. This revised policy includes updates to address new data management and privacy needs, ensuring county practices align with current legal and technological standards. Key changes include enhanced data security roles and responsibilities, more rigorous procedures for collecting and storing resident and visitor information, and clearer guidelines for interdepartmental data sharing. The IT department is eager to discuss these improvements, strengthening the county's ability to protect sensitive information and maintain transparency with our community. The presentation aims to give the council a comprehensive overview of the updates and to invite feedback, ensuring that the policy meets the county's goals for both security and accountability.

Agenda Attachments

1. GDPPv3_0.pdf

Scott Persons, IT Director, stated he has been trying to consolidate the IT policies. He has cut

it down by about 30%. He has added AI (artificial intelligence) policies and protections for personally identifying information.

Council Member Erik Stromberg asked about AI. Director Persons confirmed this is for additional tools and not chat GPT. Tooele County will model the policy after the State. The biggest concern is making sure the data remains in the possession of the County.

6. **Minutes**

7. **Consent Agenda: Check Register**

a. **Check Register 10/10, 10/16, 10/24**

Council Member Kendall Thomas motioned to approve Check Register 10/10, 10/16, 10/24. Second by Council Member Erik Stromberg. All in favor. The motion passed.

8. **Line-Item Transfers**

a. **Line-Item Transfers**

Facilities: Move \$121,830 from Professional Services to the Jail to pay for the Council-approved generator. The Sheriff will provide additional funding for the purchase.

Sheriff: Transfer \$60,000 from the Vehicle line item to the Building Maintenance for the additional funding for the generator (Jail).

Facilities: Move \$35,000 from Property Services to the Jail line to cover replacing the jail's boilers.

Sheriff: Move \$12,000 from Operational Supplies and Software to Training and Utilities for the anticipated overage in Dispatch.

Agenda Attachments

1. Line-Item Transfers.pdf

Alison McCoy, Auditor, presented the line item transfers as outlined above.

Council Member Tye Hoffmann asked about the status of the old generator at the jail. Sheriff Wimmer advised the plan is to re-use it in the county or surplus it. Brittany Lopez, Assistant County Manager, stated that maintenance has not reached that part in the project yet.

Council Member Tye Hoffmann motioned to approve the Line-Item Transfers. Second by Council Member Scott Wardle. All in favor. The motion passed.

9. **Resolutions/Ordinances**

a. **Resolution 2024-29 - Amending (Increasing) the 2024 Budget, Alison McCoy - PUBLIC HEARING**

The requested increases are as follows: The General Fund by \$100, the Human Services Fund by \$21,450, and the Airport Fund by \$507,744.

Agenda Attachments

1. Res 2024-29.pdf

2. Budget Increase Requests.pdf

Alison McCoy, Auditor, presented the budget adjustments as presented above.

Council Member Erik Stromberg motioned to open a Public Hearing. Second by Council Member Tye Hoffmann. All in favor. The motion passed.

No Public Comments

Council Member Scott Wardle motioned to close the Public Hearing. Second by Council Member Erik Stromberg. All in favor. The motion passed.

Council Member Erik Stromberg motioned to approve Resolution 2024-29. Second by Council Member Kendall Thomas. All in favor. The motion passed.

b. **Resolution 2024-30 - Authorizing Alison McCoy to Receive Compensation and Benefits for**

Service on the Board of Directors of the Utah Local Governments Trust, Alison McCoy

Agenda Attachments

1. Res 2024-30.pdf

Alison McCoy, Auditor, presented this item as outlined above.

Council Member Tye Hoffmann motioned to approve Resolution 2024-30. Second by Council Member Erik Stromberg. All in favor. The motion passed.

c. Fiscal Year 2025 Budget, Alison McCoy - PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held on the fiscal year 2025 budget for Tooele County. All interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard for or against the estimates of revenue and expenditures and performance data or any item in any fund. The final 2025 budget will be approved and adopted in December.

Agenda Attachments

1. 2025 Tentative Budget Document Combined.pdf

Alison McCoy, Auditor, presented this item as outlined above. She stated that a public hearing would be held to allow the public to give feedback. As a reminder to the public, the Auditor's Office and Manager's office are available for questions and comments. Auditor McCoy stated she anticipates the budget will be approved at the December 3rd meeting.

Council Member Scott Wardle motioned to open a Public Hearing. Second by Council Member Kendall Thomas. All in favor. The motion passed.

Scott Degelbeck of Tooele City spoke again and asked the Council to review his handout on his feedback on the 2025 budget.

Council Member Scott Wardle motioned to close the Public Hearing. Second by Council Member Erik Stromberg. All in favor. The motion passed.

10. Action Items

a. Presentation and Approval of 2024 Fraud Risk Assessment, Alison McCoy

Presentation and approval of 2024 Fraud Risk Assessment by Alison McCoy, County Auditor.

Agenda Attachments

1. 2024 Fraud Risk Assessment Final.pdf

Alison McCoy, Auditor, presented this item. She introduced Jon Haderlie from Larson & Company who was also presenting.

Auditor McCoy stated she has some concerns. The State Auditor's Office conducts a fraud risk assessment each year. One of the questions asked in the assessment is, "Does someone review all payroll payments other than the person who processed the payroll payments?" She stated she could not answer yes to that question. The Auditor's Office has been concerned about this and the State audit reveals that Tooele County is at a high risk of fraud due to this.

Jon Haderlie, Larson & Company, spoke about financial statements, internal controls, and federal expenditures. He spoke about how to become compliant and what the Council's responsibilities are. He thanked the Council for their work on the findings with the payroll

software switch and reconciliations that were not performed previously. He stated errors are still being made in payroll tax calculations and URS (Utah Retirement Services) contributions, and he is still trying to figure out where the errors are. He stated that controls need to be put in place to protect the County.

Council Member Scott Wardle confirmed the deadline dates of December for payroll fixes and February for reconciliation. Everyone wants this solved. Auditor McCoy stated she has high expectations and would like to see these solved before the deadlines. Jon Haderline stated it takes several years to overcome a material weakness, but he would like to see the weakness gone in 2024. The URS issue could take longer as it's two parties working together.

Council Member Scott Wardle motioned to approve the Fraud Risk Assessment. Second by Council Member Kendall Thomas. All in favor. The motion passed.

b. Approval of Sale of Surplus Parcels, Alison McCoy

Approval of winning bids and sale of two parcels sold via public auction. These parcels were struck to the County during the 2024 tax sale. The Tooele County Council declared these parcels surplus on August 20, 2024.

Agenda Attachments

1. Surplus Property.pdf

Alison McCoy, Auditor, presented this item as outlined above.

Council Member Tye Hoffmann motioned to approve the Approval of Sale of Surplus Parcels. Second by Council Member Erik Stromberg. All in favor. The motion passed.

c. 2025 Tentative Budget Review, Alison McCoy & Andy Welch

Tooele County Council will review 2025 budget requests.

Presented by Alison McCoy, Auditor. She reviewed the spreadsheets and explained them to the Council as each line was reviewed.

The Council reviewed pending equipment requests and went with the County Manager Department's recommendations.

The Council reviewed pending project requests and went with the County Manager Department's recommendations, except the Council approved to deepen the well at Deseret Peak Complex.

The Council reviewed pending employee requests and went with the County Manager Department's recommendations, except they asked for more information on the full-time trauma trained health provider position for the CJC (Children's Justice Center). They also decided to get more information about the Administrative Sergeant for the Sheriff's office. Council approved funding for retirement for Dispatch and Jail. The Council denied a GIS Cadastral Mapping Specialist. The Council approved one microtransit driver for the Transportation Department.

Auditor McCoy stated a final draft will be prepared for the Council to approve.

Andy Welch, County Manager, asked if the Council is comfortable with the proposed 2.5% COLA (cost of living) and 1.5% merit. The consensus was that the Council is comfortable with those increases. The Council also discussed hiring an intern for an Attorney position, and the Treasurer's request for \$7,000 for replacement furniture.

11. Council Update

Council Member Tye Hoffmann discussed his recent trip to Elko to visit with County Commissioners. They are very supportive of the air races.

Council Member Kendall Thomas discussed the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Savage Railroad in Grantsville.

Council Member Erik Stromberg stated that Jeff Kunz is retiring. There were 39 applicants for a replacement, and it was narrowed down to 5 applicants with interviews starting soon.

Chairman Jared Hamner stated that Governor Cox came to Grantsville this week. He spoke of a program called "Rock the Block" which is building homes for people in Tooele County. Senate Elect John Curtis will be at the Savage Railroad groundbreaking ceremony. He talked about some local events. He stated that the Tooele Chamber of Commerce is looking for nominations for volunteer of the year and business of the year among other titles.

12. Manager Update

Andy Welch, Manager, asked for an extension on trails update.

13. Manager Update: Ratifications

a. 8 MVA'S

Refund on Motor Vehicles

Agenda Attachments

1. 8 MVA's.pdf

b. UDOT Survey and Mapping Contract for Ibapah Roadway Improvements

This is a UDOT contract with Meridian to provide survey and mapping services for the Ibapah roadway construction project. The solicitation was performed by UDOT and falls under the Federal Aid agreement that Utah has with Tooele County to disperse the grant funding award.

Agenda Attachments

1. UDOT Contract_ Action Required - PIN 21275 - Meridian - Surveying and Mapping - signed.pdf

c. UDOT Federal Aid Agreement and Tooele County

This is an agreement that UDOT will maintain and manage federal funds for Ibapah Road.

Agenda Attachments

1. UDOT Federal Aid Agreement Contract_ Action Required - PIN 21275 - signed.pdf

d. Wendover Airport Lease Agreement - Tooele County and National Guard

This agreement outlines the terms of the National Guard leasing part of the Wendover Airport.

Agenda Attachments

1. Wendover Airport Lease Agreement between Tooele County and National Guard.pdf

e. Medici Land Governance Non-Disclosure Agreement

This is a non-disclosure agreement with Medici Land Governance to allow the sharing of confidential information related to Medici's offering in the artificial intelligence space in regard to land records.

Agenda Attachments

1. Medici NDA with Tooele County.pdf

f. Canyon Springs One Tree Trail Letter of Understanding

This is the letter of understanding between Tooele County and the developer of Canyon Springs Development for the implementation of One Tree Trail.

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1. Letter of Understanding regarding Trail near Canyon Springs Development.pdf

g. Memorandum of Understanding between 366 Fighter Wing and Wendover Airport

This Memorandum of Understanding is between 366 Fighter Wing and the Wendover Airport to obtain approval for the use of the airport in some training exercises.

Agenda Attachments

1. Wendover MOU between 366 Fighter Wing and Wendover Airport.pdf

h. Agreement with Johnson Controls for Roof Top Units at the Jail.

This agreement is to install conduit and wiring to update the existing BACnet system, so all 11 rooftop units at the Jail can connect and work with it properly.

Agenda Attachments

1. Agreement with Johnson Controls for Rooftop Units.pdf

14. Adjournment - Closed Session if needed

Council Member Tye Hoffmann motioned to adjourn at 9:56 pm. All in favor.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES ARE APPROVED: