COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES – DAVIS COUNTY

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, December 10, 2024

The Board of Davis County Commissioners met for their regularly scheduled meeting at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, December 10, 2024, in room 303 of the Davis County Administration Building, 61 South Main Street, Farmington, Utah. Required legal notice of this meeting was given.

All documents from this meeting are on file in the Davis County Clerk's Office. The agenda for this meeting is incorporated into the minutes as item headers.

PRESENT ON THE DAIS
Chair Bob J Stevenson
Vice Chair Randy B. Elliott
Commissioner Lorene Miner Kamalu
County Clerk Brian McKenzie

OPENING
The meeting convened at 10:00 AM and Commissioner Elect John Crofts led the Pledge of Allegiance.

RECOGNITION, PRESENTATION, AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. #947/2024. **Recognition of Antelope Island Wildlife Manager Steve Bates who has served Davis County for almost 25 years — *presented by Commissioner Elliott***

Mitch Larson spoke about the history of the Antelope Island Bison Roundup, which began in 1987, and highlighted Steve Bates' 25+ years of service to wildlife conservation on the island. Steve was recognized for improving bison herd health, enhancing the island's natural environment, and managing volunteers. His family and colleagues were present in support. Commissioner Elliott presented Steve Bates with a token buffalo statue from Davis County. Steve Bates expressed gratitude for the support he received in achieving his goals after coming to Utah. He emphasized the importance of community, referencing the African proverb, "It takes a village," and acknowledged numerous individuals who supported him, including Mitch, whom he described as a key cheerleader. He also highlighted JC's early guidance and credited his success to divine blessings and the hard work of volunteers, seasonal, and graduate students involved in his programs. Steve discussed his work managing a herd on Antelope Island, explaining efforts to maintain a population around 500 animals while shifting the composition to produce more animals for sale. Currently, about 250 offspring are born annually, with a goal of reaching 300. He noted the importance of the Island to Davis County and expressed appreciation for the partnerships and improvements, such as new facilities, which he believes will enhance the Island's impact.

Financial Information: N/A Terms: N/A

2. #1057/2024. **Recognition of Commissioner Randy B. Elliott by the Jordan River Commission for his service on the Governing Board, Executive Committee, and the Watershed Council over the past six years — *presented by Soren Simonsen, Executive Director, Jordan River Commission***

Soren Simonsen from the Jordan River Commission recognized Commissioner Randy B. Elliott for his contributions to the Blueprint Jordan River initiative and read a statement [See Attachment A]. Soren noted Commissioner Elliott's work connecting the County with key stakeholders in Davis County and throughout the state. A framed certificate and letter of appreciation were presented to Commissioner Elliott, who expressed gratitude for the partnership.

Financial Information: N/A Terms: N/A

PUBLIC COMMENTS
Public comments were invited; none were given.

BUSINESS/ACTION
PUBLIC HEARING: AUDITOR'S OFFICE
3. RES #28/2024. **Public Hearing and Resolution to approve additional budget appropriations for 2024 — *presented by Curtis Koch, County Auditor***

Auditor Koch outlined necessary amendments to the 2024 budget within Resolution #28 and read the explanations for each change.

Financial Information: N/A Terms: N/A

Motion to open a public hearing: Bob J Stevenson. **Second:** Lorene Miner Kamalu. All present voted aye.

Public comments were invited; none were given.

Motion to close a public hearing and Approve Item 3: Lorene Miner Kamalu. **Second:** Randy B. Elliott. All present voted aye.

AUDITOR'S OFFICE
4. RES #29/2024. **Approval of a Resolution to Adopt the 2025 Davis County Final Budget — *presented by Curtis Koch, County Auditor***

This Resolution highlights any changes made between the tentative budget that was presented on October 29, 2024 and this final budget. Changes included:

- Moving the Data Privacy Coordinator position from the Information Systems Department to the Clerk's Office.
- Additional $100,000.00 allocated for personnel costs related to a new shooting range.
- Fund 10 projected balance for 2025: $32,302,743.00.

Commissioners noted the budget maintained fiscal responsibility and supported essential services, with no property tax adjustments. Davis County has not increased property taxes since 2017. As a result, property tax collection has remained relatively flat. New growth is not intended to account for inflationary losses that are intentionally built into the truth and taxation process. Rather, it's intended to provide funding for additional services required from the growth of the County.

Financial Information: N/A Terms: N/A

VOTING
Motion to Approve Item 4: Randy B. Elliott. **Second:** Lorene Miner Kamalu. All present voted aye.

5. #1018/2024. **Approval of an Agreement to obligate funds to the Davis County Health Department for the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program — *presented by Curtis Koch, County Auditor***

Auditor Koch explained that December 31, 2024, has been anticipated for a couple of years regarding State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. As projects have come through, a scope of work has been put before the Commission for approval. There have been a wide variety of projects to spend the $69 million of funding on. The County has used some of these funds for internal programs. In the County's best effort to comply with the federal government, these funds need to be obligated.

Financial Information:
- Type: Pass-Through
- Amount: $250,000.00
- GL Account #: 8010862-600702
- Davis County Match Required: N/A
- Additional Financial Information: N/A

Terms:
- Beginning Date: 10/29/2024
- Ending Date: 12/31/2026

6. #1020/2024. **Approval of an Agreement to obligate funds to the Davis County Health Department for the Enhanced Environmental Health Database project — *presented by Curtis Koch, County Auditor***

Financial Information:
- Type: Pass-Through
- Amount: $348,772.40
- GL Account #: 8010862-600702
- Davis County Match Required: N/A
- Additional Financial Information: N/A

Terms:
- Beginning Date: 07/27/2022
- Ending Date: 12/31/2026

7. #1017/2024. **Approval of an Agreement to obligate funds to the Davis County Health Department for the Enhanced Air Monitoring Network Project — *presented by Curtis Koch, County Auditor***

Financial Information:
- Type: Pass-Through
- Amount: $47,062.00
- GL Account #: 8010862-600702
- Davis County Match Required: N/A
- Additional Financial Information: N/A

Terms:
- Beginning Date: 07/05/2023
- Ending Date: 12/31/2026

8. #1022/2024. **Approval of an Agreement to obligate funds to the Davis County Health Department for the Clinic Capacity project — *presented by Curtis Koch, County Auditor***

Financial Information:
- Type: Pass-Through
- Amount: $300,348.77
- GL Account #: 8010862-600702
- Davis County Match Required: N/A
- Additional Financial Information: N/A

Terms:
- Beginning Date: 07/01/2021
- Ending Date: 12/31/2026

9. #1021/2024. **Approval of an Agreement to obligate funds to the Davis County Health Department for the Drive Through Vaccination project — *presented by Curtis Koch, County Auditor***

Financial Information:
- Type: Pass-Through
- Amount: $403,516.00
- GL Account #: 8010862-600702
- Davis County Match Required: N/A
- Additional Financial Information: N/A

Terms:
- Beginning Date: 03/03/2021
- Ending Date: 12/31/2026

10. #1049/2024. **Approval of an Agreement to obligate funds for Administrative Expenses for the Contracts and Grants Administrator Position — *presented by Curtis Koch, County Auditor***

Financial Information:
- Type: Pass-Through
- Amount: $400,000.00
- GL Account #: 8010862-600702
- Davis County Match Required: N/A
- Additional Financial Information: N/A

Terms:
- Beginning Date: 01/01/2022
- Ending Date: 12/31/2026

11. #1052/2024. **Approval of an Agreement to obligate funds to the Davis County Sheriff's Office for the Davis County Correctional Facility Wastewater Screening and Sewer Lift Station project — *presented by Curtis Koch, County Auditor***

Financial Information:
- Type: Pass-Through
- Amount: $2,000,805.00
- GL Account #: 8010862-600702
- Davis County Match Required: N/A
- Additional Financial Information: N/A

Terms:
- Beginning Date: 01/01/2022
- Ending Date: 12/31/2026

12. #1050/2024. **Approval of an Agreement to obligate funds to the Davis County Sheriff's Office for the Emergency Operations Center** — ***presented by Curtis Koch, County Auditor***

Financial Information:
- Type: Pass-Through
- Amount: $16,379,000.00
- GL Account #: 8010862-600702
- Davis County Match Required: N/A
- Additional Financial information: N/A

Terms:
- Beginning Date: 01/01/2022
- Ending Date: 12/31/2026

13. #1053/2024. **Approval of an Agreement to obligate funds to the Davis County Sheriff's Office for the Davis County Ankle Monitor Jail Remodel** — ***presented by Curtis Koch, County Auditor***

Financial Information:
- Type: Pass-Through
- Amount: $600,000.00
- GL Account #: 8010862-600702
- Davis County Match Required: N/A
- Additional Financial Information: N/A

Terms:
- Beginning Date: 01/01/2022
- Ending Date: 12/31/2026

14. #1048/2024. **Approval of an Agreement to obligate Lost Revenue Replacement Funds for General Government Wages** — ***presented by Curtis Koch, County Auditor***

Financial Information:
- Type: Pass-Through
- Amount: $10,000,000.00
- GL Account #: 8010862-600702
- Davis County Match Required: N/A
- Additional Financial Information: N/A

Terms:
- Beginning Date: 01/01/2022
- Ending Date: 12/31/2026

15. #1019/2024. **Approval of an Agreement to obligate funds to the Davis County Health Department for the Ongoing COVID Response Project** — ***presented by Curtis Koch, County Auditor***

The ending date was corrected in the meeting to be 12/31/2026.

Financial Information:
- Type: Pass-Through
- Amount: $968,641.00
- GL Account #: 8010862-600702
- Davis County Match Required: N/A
- Additional Financial Information: N/A

Terms:
- Beginning Date: 01/01/2022
- Ending Date: 12/31/2024

16. #1042/2024. **Approval of a Grant Application and Scope of Work for State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) for the Davis County Legal Defenders** — ***presented by Curtis Koch, County Auditor***

Financial Information:
- Type: Pass-Through
- Amount: $696,769.19
- GL Account #: N/A
- Davis County Match Required: N/A
- Additional Financial Information: N/A

Terms:
- Beginning Date: 01/01/2025
- Ending Date: 12/31/2026

17. #1044/2024. **Approval of a Grant Application and Scope of Work for State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) for the Davis County Attorney's Office** — ***presented by Curtis Koch, County Auditor***

Financial Information:
- Type: Pass-Through
- Amount: $1,669,329.62
- GL Account #: N/A
- Davis County Match Required: N/A
- Additional Financial Information: N/A

Terms:
- Beginning Date: 01/01/2025
- Ending Date: 12/31/2026

18. #1043/2024. **Approval of a Grant Application and Scope of Work for State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) for Davis County Pretrial Services — *presented by Curtis Koch, County Auditor***

Financial Information:
- Type: Pass-Through
- Amount: $385,259.19
- GL Account #: N/A
- Davis County Match Required: N/A
- Additional Financial Information: N/A

Terms:
- Beginning Date: 01/01/2025
- Ending Date: 12/31/2026

VOTING
Motion to Approve Items 5-18: Lorene Miner Kamalu. **Second:** Randy B. Elliott. All present voted aye.

19. #1016/2024. **Approval to Repeal Contract #891-2024 and Replace with this Statement of Work with Milliman, Inc. to provide the County with post-retirement obligations actuarial data for 2024 and 2025 — *presented by Curtis Koch, County Auditor***

The version of the statement of work for contract #891/2024 did not include additional use of name clauses that were mistakenly left out of the first agreement.

Financial Information: N/A

Terms: N/A

VOTING
Motion to Approve Item 19: Randy B. Elliott. **Second:** Lorene Miner Kamalu. All present voted aye.

CLERK'S OFFICE
20. ORD #5/2024. **Approval of an Ordinance amending Chapter 2.04 of the Davis County Code regarding the Board of County Commissioners — *presented by Brian McKenzie, County Clerk***

This ordinance had been in the works for about a year and half with coordination between the Clerk's Office and the Attorney's Office. The Commission was originally provided a copy of this ordinance in March 2024. That was followed up by several one-on-one conversations as well as multiple work sessions to work through the details of the ordinance to make sure it was right. Key provisions of the ordinance are as follows:

- It creates a definition section for chapter 2.04 of the Davis County Code. This will help in understanding terminology in the chapter and provide clarification to some ambiguity created by the passage of HB36 in 2024.
- It creates a description of the Board of County Commissioners and articulates duties which include: executive, legislative, and administrative.
- It establishes procedures for calling special meetings.
- It adopts rules of order and procedures as required by Utah Code 17-53-206.
- It removed some specified Utah Code references that are out of date.
- Establishing procedures for electronic meetings.
- An additional provision was added which does require a Commissioner to recuse themself if an item that is coming before will cause a conflict of interest.

Financial Information: N/A

Terms: N/A

VOTING
Motion to Approve Item 20: Lorene Miner Kamalu. **Second:** Bob J Stevenson. **Abstained:** Randy B. Elliott. All voting members voted aye.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE

21. ORD #8/2024. **Approval of an Ordinance enacting Chapter 2.18 of the Davis County Code to change the title of the County Auditor to County Controller pursuant to Section 17-19a-202(6) of the Utah Code — *presented by Commissioner Stevenson***

Auditor Koch explained the new title better aligns with the financial management and operational responsibilities of the role. This change of title gives the citizens of Davis County the ability to understand what the functions of this office are and to vote their conscience accordingly during elections.

Financial Information: N/A

Terms: N/A

VOTING

Motion to Approve Item 21: Bob J Stevenson. **Second:** Lorene Miner Kamalu. All present voted aye.

22. #1066/2024. **Abatement Register 12-10-2024 — *presented by Commissioner Stevenson***

VOTING

Motion to Deny and hold a hear for Item 22: Randy B. Elliott. **Second:** Lorene Miner Kamalu. All present voted aye.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

23. #1056/2024. **Approval of an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Redevelopment Agency of South Weber and Davis County for Old Fort Community Reinvestment Project Area — *presented by Chanel Flores, Deputy Director***

This item was previously discussed in a Work Session earlier in the day of December 10, 2024. This project is projected to bring in 100 new jobs to the area and provide new economic opportunities. Deputy Director Flores thanked Lance Evans and Dave Larson from South Weber for all of their work on this project.

Financial Information:

- Type: N/A
- Amount: N/A
- GL Account #: N/A
- Davis County Match Required: N/A
- Additional Financial Information: The County shall authorize the remittance to the Agency, beginning with property tax receipts in Year One, and continuing through Year Ten, or until a cap of $957,957.00, whichever comes first, 50% of the annual Property Tax Increment generated from within the Project Area.

Terms: N/A

VOTING

Motion to Approve Item 23: Randy B. Elliott. **Second:** Lorene Miner Kamalu. All present voted aye.

24. #1001/2024. **Ratification of a Lease Agreement between Davis County and Davis Behavioral Health (DBH) to Utilize DBH's Vacant Building at 850 South Main Street in Layton for a Code Blue Warming Center — *presented by Ryan Steinbeigle, Grants Administrator, on behalf of Kent Andersen, Director***

The ending date was corrected in the meeting to be 04/01/2025.

Financial Information:

- Type: Payable
- Amount: $1.00
- GL Account #: 1010166-550251
- Davis County Match Required: N/A
- Additional Financial Information: N/A

Terms:

- Beginning Date: 11/22/2024
- Ending Date: 04/01/2024

25. #1025/2024. **Approval of a Contract with Alcoholics Anonymous for the Utah Area 69 Regional Meeting** — ***presented Ryan Steinbeigle, Grants Administrator, on behalf of Kent Andersen, Director***

The Financial Information Type was corrected in the meeting to be Receivable.

Financial Information:
- Type: N/A
- Amount: $2,060.85
- GL Account #: 1810172-455000
- Davis County Match Required: N/A
- Additional Financial Information: N/A

Terms:
- Beginning Date: 09/26/2025
- Ending Date: 09/28/2025

26. #1041/2024. **Approval of a Contract with Simple Treasure for a Craft Boutique Show** — ***presented by Ryan Steinbeigle, Grants Administrator, on behalf of Kent Andersen, Director***

Financial Information:
- Type: Receivable
- Amount: $6,900.00
- GL Account #: 1810172-455000
- Davis County Match Required: N/A
- Additional Financial Information: N/A

Terms:
- Beginning Date: 05/05/2025
- Ending Date: 05/10/2025

27. #1045/2024. **Approval of 2024-2025 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Contract with Woods Cross City for a Soil Subsidence Home Stabilization Project in the Farm Meadows Subdivision** — ***presented by Ryan Steinbeigle, Grants Administrator, on behalf of Kent Andersen, Director***

The County has conducted foundation stabilization for nine homes in the Woods Cross area with this program.

Financial Information:
- Type: Payable
- Amount: $115,000.00
- GL Account #: 2910290-540274
- Davis County Match Required: No
- Additional Financial Information: N/A

Terms:
- Beginning Date: 07/01/2024
- Ending Date: 06/30/2025

28. #1054/2024. **Approval of a Summary of Low Risk, Low Dollar Contracts at the Western Sports Park** — — ***presented by Ryan Steinbeigle, Grants Administrator, on behalf of Kent Andersen, Director***

Financial Information:
- Type: Receivable
- Amount: $1,054.08
- GL Account #: 1810172
- Davis County Match Required: N/A
- Additional Financial Information: N/A

Terms:
- Beginning Date: 08/19/2024
- Ending Date: 11/09/2024

VOTING
Motion to Approve Items 24-28: Lorene Miner Kamalu. **Second:** Randy B. Elliott. All present voted aye.

FACILITIES
29. #1058/2024. **Approval of an Amendment to the Agreement with Acme Construction #1215/2023** — ***presented by Lane Rose, Director***

No voting occurred for this item and it was postponed indefinitely during the meeting.

Financial Information:
- Type: Payable
- Amount: $17,816.03 additional
- GL Account #: 4610930-630730
- Davis County Match Required: N/A
- Additional Financial Information: N/A

Terms:
- Beginning Date: 12/10/2024
- Ending Date: 03/31/2025

HEALTH

30. #1013/2024. **Approval of an Agreement with the University of Utah, Utah Poison Control Center to provide funding for educational outreach efforts — *presented by Brian Hatch, Director***

Financial Information:
- Type: Receivable
- Amount: $3,000.00
- GL Account #: 1530311-474203
- Davis County Match Required: N/A
- Additional Financial Information: N/A

Terms:
- Beginning Date: 09/01/2024
- Ending Date: 08/01/2025

31. #1012/2024. **Approval of a Summary Sheet for Payables for In-Home Service Providers Programs (Grab Bars Utah and Assisting Hands Home Care) — *presented by Brian Hatch, Director***

Financial Information:
- Type: Payable
- Amount: Varies with service
- GL Account #: 1510325-550620
- Davis County Match Required: N/A
- Additional Financial Information: N/A

Terms:
- Beginning Date: 11/18/2024
- Ending Date: 06/30/2025

32. #1024/2024. **Approval of a Contract Disease Response, Evaluations, Analysis, and Monitoring (DREAM) 2024 with the Utah Department of Health & Human Services to fund and to support ongoing epidemiology activities — *presented by Brian Hatch, Director***

Financial Information:
- Type: Receivable
- Amount: $36,225.00
- GL Account #: 1530311-474204
- Davis County Match Required: N/A
- Additional Financial Information: N/A

Terms:
- Beginning Date: 11/15/2024
- Ending Date: 07/31/2029

VOTING

Motion to Approve Items 30-32: Lorene Miner Kamalu. **Second:** Randy B. Elliott. All present voted aye.

HUMAN RESOURCES

33-56. Approval of Agreements with individuals for Legal Services for Indigent Persons Appearing in Davis County — *presented by Todd Utzinger, Legal Defender Coordinator*

Item #54 has a different beginning date of 12/10/2024, due to it being an Indigent Defense Commission (IDC) complex council contract. One of the defenders is surrendering their contract at the end of the year and this will allow for a bit of overlap. Items #37, #38 and #56 are funded by State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds; their budget is from Fund 80, as opposed to Fund 10 for the rest of the contracts. Todd shared his appreciation for the Commission and their support. Commissioners praised the efficient operations of the Legal Defenders Office, highlighting its cost-effectiveness compared to other counties.

33. #1007/2024 L. Bushell
34. #1010/2024 L. Radmall
35. #1004/2024 E. Hill
36. #1011/2024 M. Bouwhuis
37. #1005/2024 S. Condie
38. #1003/2024 S. Smith
39. #1008/2024 J. Barrett
40. #1006/2024 R. Voymas
41. #1009/2024 M. Brass
42. #1002/2024 R. Gallegos
43. #1028/2024 C. Coebergh
44. #1040/2024 S. Wiggins
45. #1039/2024 J. George
46. #1031/2024 R. Bushell
47. #1038/2024 N. McBride
48. #1037/2024 G. Crowther
49. #1034/2024 R. Fujino
50. #1026/2024 M. Murphy
51. #1027/2024 A. Heyward
52. #1035/2024 T. Sessions
53. #1029/2024 K. Cordova
54. #1030/2024 N. Hamilton
55. #1033/2024 J. Campbell
56. #1036/2024 J. Widdison

Financial Information:
- Type: Varies; see individual contract
- Amount: Varies; see individual contract
- GL Account #: Varies; see individual contract
- Davis County Match Required: Varies; see individual contract
- Additional Financial Information Varies; see individual contract

Terms:
- Beginning Date: 01/01/2024
- Ending Date: 12/31/2024

VOTING
Motion to Approve Items 33-56: Randy B. Elliott. **Second:** Lorene Miner Kamalu. All present voted aye.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE
57. #997/2024. **Approval of FY2023 Building Resilient Infrastructure & Communities (BRIC) Grant – Davis County Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Plan Update EMD-202E-BR-005-0005 – CFDA# 97.047 Performance Period 11/19/2024-11/18/2027 — *presented by Andrew Oblad, Chief Deputy***

Financial Information:
- Type: Receivable
- Amount: $100,000.00
- GL Account #: 1020210-472600
- Davis County Match Required: Yes
- Additional Financial Information: Federal share of $100,000.00, a local share of $33,333.34, for a total project cost of $133,333.34. Note: Signature needed on Form 76-10 and Articles of Agreement

Terms:
- Beginning Date: 11/19/2024
- Ending Date: 11/18/2027

58. #1032/2024. **Approval of the list of 24/7 SCRAM (Continuous Transdermal Alcohol Monitoring Program) Agreements with Davis County Sheriff's Office for November 2024 — *presented by Andrew Oblad, Chief Deputy***

Financial Information:
- Type: Receivable
- Amount: See additional financial information
- GL Account #: 1020230-472000
- Davis County Match Required: N/A
- Additional Financial Information: $30.00 enrollment fee, $10.00 per day continuous alcohol monitoring fee, $2.00 per intoxilyzer test, and $6.00 per liquid drug screen test.

Terms:
- Beginning Date: Upon final signature
- Ending Date: Until the individual is no longer under court order to participate in the program

VOTING
Motion to Approve Items 57-58: Lorene Miner Kamalu. **Second:** Randy B. Elliott. All present voted aye.

Motion to move into Board of Equalization: Lorene Miner Kamalu. **Second:** Randy B. Elliott. All present voted aye.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
59. #1065/2024. **Property Tax Register 12-10-2024 — *presented by Curtis Koch, County Auditor***

The Property Tax Register for December 10, 2024, was presented and contained the following: Auditor's Adjustments consisting of Appeals reports, Abatement reports, and Corrections; Assessor's Adjustments consisting of Corrections. This record is maintained by the Davis County Auditor as the Clerk of the Board of Equalization.

VOTING
Motion to Approve Item 59: Randy B. Elliott. **Second:** Lorene Miner Kamalu. All present voted aye.

60. #1067/2024. **Late Appeal Register 12-10-2024 — *presented by Curtis Koch, County Auditor***

Commissioners reviewed appeals received after the deadline. This record is maintained by the Davis County Auditor as the Clerk of the Board of Equalization.

Motion to reconvene Commission Meeting: Randy B. Elliott. **Second:** Lorene Miner Kamalu. All present voted aye.

CONSENT ITEMS
61. #1062/2024. **Approval of the Regular Commission Meeting Minutes for November 12, 2024 — *presented by Commissioner Stevenson***

62. #1060/2024. **Approval of the Regular Commission Meeting Minutes for November 19, 2024 — *presented by Commissioner Stevenson***

63. #1061/2024. **Approval of the Work Session Meeting Minutes for December 3, 2024 — *presented by Commissioner Stevenson***

VOTING
Motion to Approve Items 61-63: Randy B. Elliott. **Second:** Lorene Miner Kamalu. All present voted aye.

CLOSING REMARKS
Commissioner Kamalu read the following questions and answers following up from the Budget Hearing on December 3, 2024 provided by Animal Care Director Ashleigh Young.

"Dear Commissioners and Commissioner-Elect,

I wanted to provide some clarity and context regarding why Animal Care no longer responds to raccoon calls, a topic raised during last night's discussion.

In 2019, before my time with Animal Care, the Mayors and City Managers convened with the Commissioners to address this issue. It was determined that Animal Care would no longer handle raccoon-related calls for the following reasons:

Excessive Call Volume Straining Resources:
At the time, Animal Care was responding to several thousand raccoon-related calls annually with only 10 Animal Control Officers on staff. This overwhelming call volume severely hindered our ability to respond to urgent and state or county-mandated responsibilities, including aggressive dog incidents, stray dog calls, and neglect or cruelty cases, in a timely manner.

Animal Care's Core Function:
Animal Care is not a pest control agency. Our primary responsibilities are guided by state-mandated animal welfare and public safety statutes. Handling raccoons falls outside these responsibilities and aligns more closely with services provided by the private pest control sector. City and county officials expressed a strong desire to avoid competing with private businesses.

Additionally, in 2020, the following two items happened that continued to reinforce that responding to raccoons was out of Animal Care's purview and/or ability:
Controlled Substances Audit (2020):
During a 2020 audit by the Utah Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing (DOPL), it was identified that Animal Care's practice of storing controlled substances (e.g., euthanasia drugs) in Animal Control Officer vehicles violated DEA regulations and Utah state law. This posed a significant risk to our DEA license and the shelter's pharmacy license, which are critical for providing necessary vaccinations, medical and euthanasia services to animals in our care.

Utah Department of Wildlife Resources Regulations:
Utah law prohibits the transport of live raccoons. Violation of this law could expose the county to legal liabilities and further complicate compliance with state and federal regulations.

Additionally, if Animal Care were to resume trapping raccoons, which I do not advise, it would no longer be a free service. Handling these calls required significant staff time, including driving to the site, euthanizing the raccoon, and returning to the shelter for processing. These activities are costly, and it seems the primary complaint is not that no one responds to raccoon issues but that no one does so free of charge.

As discussed last night, those opposed to the tax increase expressed a preference for increasing fees. This is one area where we could introduce fees competitive with private pest control services, should the need arise. However, doing so would require a careful evaluation of the impact on Animal Care's ability to meet its core responsibilities and uphold its mission.

Animal Care remains committed to its core function of safeguarding public safety and ensuring the welfare of domestic animals in our community. I hope this information provides clarity and reinforces the reasoning behind these decisions. Please feel free to reach out if you have any further questions."

MEETING ADJOURNED
Commission Meeting was adjourned at 11:06 AM.

COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES – DAVIS COUNTY

ATTACHMENTS

All publicly distributed materials associated with this meeting are noted as the following attachments:

A. Jordan River Commission Statement

Minutes Prepared by:

Aaron Moyes
Deputy Clerk

Minutes Approved on:

01/07/2025

Brian McKenzie
Davis County Clerk

Lorene Miner Kamalu
Commission Chair



Interlocal Membe ıcies
Bluffdale
Draper
Lehi
Midvale
Millcreek
Murray
North Salt Lake
Riverton
Salt Lake City
Sandy
Saratoga Springs
South Jordan
South Salt Lake
Taylorsville
West Jordan
West Valley City

Davis County
Salt Lake County

Utah Governor's Office
Utah Legislature
Utah Department of Environmental Quality
Utah Department of Natural Resources
Utah Department of Transportation
Utah Lake Authority
Utah Transit Authority

Central Valley Water Reclamation Facility
South Davis Sewer District
South Valley Water Reclamation Facility
Jordan Basin Improvement District
Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District

Partner Organizations
Gardner Heritage Farm
Jordan River Foundation
Larry H. Miller Company
National Audubon Society
Northwestern Band of the Shoshone Nation
Rocky Mountain Power
Salt Lake City Department of Public Utilities
Tracy Aviary
Utah Reclamation, Mitigation & Conservation Commission
Utah State Fairpark
Utah's Hogle Zoo
Wasatch Rowing Foundation

JORDAN RIVER

December 10, 2024

Commissioner Randy Elliott
Davis County Commission
61 South Main Street
Farmington, Utah 84025

Dear Commissioner Elliott:

On behalf of the Jordan River Commission, I want to express our sincere thanks for your invaluable contributions and dedicated service to the people of Davis County and to our organization. Your leadership on our Governing Board and Executive Committee over many years have been important to our work to implement the Blueprint Jordan River.

We are grateful for the many ways you have helped connect us with the people and places in Davis County through events and activities in and around the Jordan River, and our cooperative efforts to improve the River and its surrounding lands and watershed.

We are fortunate to have you as a friend and advocate. We hope you will continue to do so, and will come back often to enjoy the Jordan River Parkway.

We wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

Gratefully,

Soren D. Simonsen, FAIA, AICP, LEED AP
Executive Director

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