

MINUTES
WEBER COUNTY COMMISSION
Tuesday, June 24th, 2025 – 10:00 a.m.
Via Zoom meeting + at Weber Center, 2380 Washington Blvd., Ogden, UT

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WEBER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS: Sharon Bolos, Gage Froerer, and James "Jim" H. Harvey

STAFF PRESENT: Jason Horne, of the County Clerk/Auditor's office; Lauren Thomas, of the Deputy County Attorney's office; and Craig D. Brandt, of the County Clerk/Auditor's office, who took minutes.

A. WELCOME: Chair Bolos

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All in attendance were invited to recite the Pledge.

C. INVOCATION: Courtlan Erickson

D. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

1. Stall of Fame: Katie O'Blennis.

Emily Wilde (HR Director): Katie O'Blennis has been with Weber County for about eight years and has consistently shown she is a dependable, detailed oriented, and exceptional employee. She is the expert in HR related subjects including benefits and retirement. She has helped a lot with the compensation study and has always done an exceptional job working with the employees.

2. Chair Bolos: Over the weekend, our Sheriff's office lost one of their amazing employees in Sgt. Brandon Miles who died tragically over the weekend. He is a great man and a great leader. He served with the County for 18 years and was in the military prior to that with a tour in Iraq. We want everyone to know we appreciate his service and our condolences to his family and his family at the Sheriff's office.

Commissioner Froerer: He is a great individual, a great Weber County supporter, and a big loss for our County.

Commissioner Harvey: He was a good friend and a great guy. He helped our Culture, Parks, and Recreation department for a number of years. They trusted in him, believed in him, and they just finished some great training with him. A huge loss for all of us. He's such a good guy.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE.

F. RECOGNITION:

1. Recognition of Weber County Emergency Management Employee, Valerie Lopez, for being an outstanding employee.

Lisa Schwartz (Emergency Management Program Director): I would really like to recognize Valerie who has been with the County 25 years, with the Sheriff's office 15 years, and with my office for a couple of years. She is the hardest working individual I have worked with; my mother grandfather were very hard workers and she is right there with them. In the last 30 days, we have had an exercise with the Department of Defense and the Office of Medical Examiners, we did a Cert course that took four week nights and a mock disaster, we had an RTF training, and then a huge neighborhood mass casualty exercise. Included in that 30 day time frame, she attended a conference, a FEMA course, as well as taking meeting notes and other duties. I am known for wearing out my coordinators because of the fast pace but she stuck with it and worked so hard. One thing to know about Val, if you walk into the Sheriff's office and see that area with candy, she has done that for years out of her own pocket.

Chair Bolos: When I first took office, the Sheriff gave me a tour of the office and pointed out the candy saying it was from Val. I love that you have that little personal touch and take care of your co-workers the way you do. Thank you.

Commissioner Harvey: Thank you for caring. You care others and you care for what you do. We count you as a wonderful asset to Weber County.

Commissioner Froerer: Thank you for what you do. You are an outstanding example of why the employees of Weber County continue to be recognized by the public and it's because of your customer service. Thanks again.

G. CONSENT ITEMS:

1. Purchase orders in the amount of \$366,072.99.
2. Warrants #105328-105386 and #491502- 491600 in the amount of \$3,262,085.15.
3. Summary of Warrants and Purchase Orders.
4. ACH payment to Zions Bank in the amount of \$250,800.53
5. Minutes for the meeting held on June 17th, 2025.
6. New business licenses.

7. Memorandum of Understanding with the Trails Foundation of Northern Utah for a donation of impact fees in the amount of \$100,000 to TFNU for construction of the 27th Street Trailhead.
8. Non-Disclosure agreement with Rise Baking Company, LLC.
9. Amendment of a contract with Weber Human Services for use of opioid litigation settlement funds.
10. Memorandum of Understanding with the Immigration and Customs Enforcement for limited ICE authority.
11. Contract with Securus Technologies, LLC to add the Text Connect Application which allows two-way electronic communication between friends/family and the incarcerated individual.

Commissioner Harvey moved to approve the consent items; Commissioner Froerer seconded.
 Chair Bolos – aye; Commissioner Froerer – aye; Commissioner Harvey – aye

H. ACTION ITEMS:

1. RESOLUTION 27-2025 RECOGNIZING AND SUPPORTING A COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN WEBER COUNTY AND AMERICA250 UTAH.

Sara Toliver (Visit Ogden Director): America will be celebrating their 250th birthday next year. There is an official America 250 committee that has invited each city to participate. They have asked us to form our official Utah 250 Community Committee. Once we have done that, we can come to you and ask you pass this Resolution you are considering today. The committee has been formed and includes members from Ogden City, Weber County Culture, Parks, and Recreation, Visit Ogden, and the Downtown Ogden Alliance. Once the Resolution is passed, we can submit it to the Utah 250 Committee and they will support us with some funding to help support events we want to add. We are considering additional elements to some of our existing events that will take place next summer. We are combining forces with Ogden City to avoid duplicate efforts.

Commissioner Harvey moved to approve Resolution 27-2025 recognizing and supporting a community partnership between Weber County and America250 Utah; Commissioner Froerer seconded.
 Roll Call Vote: Chair Bolos – aye; Commissioner Froerer – aye; Commissioner Harvey – aye

2. APPROVAL OF A USHRAB MARRIAGE LICENSE GRANT.

Mona Wald (Clerk/Auditor's Office): We have noticed vulnerabilities in the method used to store older marriage license records, some of which date back to 1888. Issues range from flooding risks as the boxes are not in waterproof boxes and the boxes are over 40 pounds in weight making them difficult for staff to access especially when they are overhead. Janie Avery was instrumental in applying for the USHRAB grant. We secured \$6,066.24 that we match with in-kind manual labor and \$64 out of pocket.

Commissioner Froerer moved to approve a USHRAB Marriage License Grant; Commissioner Harvey seconded.
 Chair Bolos – nay; Commissioner Froerer – aye; Commissioner Harvey – aye

3. APPROVE A CONTRACT WITH THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS FOR REPRESENTATION OF INDIGENT PERSONS IN THE SECOND DISTRICT COURT:

**RYAN BLAKE
ADRIANA JOHNSON**

Jim Retallick (Public Defender Director): Two contractors are leaving with Adriana Johnson taking both contracts. Ryan Blake's contract has been upgraded as he supports one of the most difficult courts we support.

Commissioner Froerer moved to approve a contract with the above listed individuals for representation of indigent persons in the Second District Court; Commissioner Harvey seconded.
 Chair Bolos – aye; Commissioner Froerer – aye; Commissioner Harvey - aye

4. APPROVAL OF FINAL READING OF FEE ORDINANCE 2025-14 AMENDING SEWER SERVICE FEES.

Sean Wilkinson (Community Development Director): No changes from the First Reading (approved at the June 17th, 2025 Commission Meeting).

Commissioner Harvey moved to approve final reading of fee Ordinance 2025-14 amending sewer service fees; Commissioner Froerer seconded.
 Roll Call Vote: Chair Bolos – nay; Commissioner Froerer – aye; Commissioner Harvey – aye

5. APPROVE A PROPOSAL FROM KLEINFELDER FOR REGULATORY SUPPORT SERVICES INVOLVING A REQUEST FOR DISCONTINUATION OF POST-CLOSURE CARE AT THE WEBER COUNTY LANDFILL.

Sean Wilkinson (Community Development Director): Our former landfill site closed in 1997. There is a requirement to monitor such sites for 30 years to check for gases, leachate, and water sampling. The 30 year monitoring requirement expires in 2027. We received approval from the state to close that landfill early. This contract is to prepare associated paperwork to that end. This proposal ties to an existing contract with Kleinfelder and was selected after competitive bidding.

Commissioner Froerer moved to approve a proposal from Kleinfelder for regulatory support services involving a request for discontinuation of post-closure care at the Weber County Landfill; Commissioner Harvey seconded, with comment: This is a big deal. Since closure, we have managed the site well enough to gain the trust of appropriate agencies to gain early closure.

Chair Bolos – aye; Commissioner Froerer – aye; Commissioner Harvey – aye

6. APPROVAL OF FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 2025-15 IMPOSING A TRANSIENT ROOM TAX NOT TO EXCEED 4.5% ON SHORT-TERM RENTALS OF ACCOMMODATIONS AND SERVICES AS AUTHORIZED BY UTAH CODE § 59-12-301(1)(A)(II).

Courtlan Erickson (Civil Attorney): No changes from the First Reading (approved at the June 17th, 2025 Commission Meeting).

Commissioner Froerer: Are there any directives on what the funding can be used? Does this apply to the same use as the prior 4.25%.

Mr. Erickson: No changes from prior uses.

Commissioner Harvey: This in no way effects property taxes.

Mr. Erickson: Correct.

Commissioner Harvey moved to approve Final Reading of Ordinance 2025-15 imposing a transient room tax not to exceed 4.5% on short-term rentals of accommodations and services as authorized by Utah Code § 59-12-301(1)(a)(ii); Commissioner Froerer seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Chair Bolos – nay; Commissioner Froerer – aye; Commissioner Harvey – aye

7. APPROVAL OF FINAL READING OF FEE ORDINANCE 2025-16 AMENDING CERTAIN FEES OF THE CLERK/AUDITOR'S OFFICE.

Scott Parke (Comptroller): No changes from the First Reading (approved at the June 17th, 2025 Commission Meeting).

Commissioner Froerer moved to approve Final Reading of fee Ordinance 2025-16 amending certain fees of the Clerk/Auditor's Office; Commissioner Harvey seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Chair Bolos – nay; Commissioner Froerer – aye; Commissioner Harvey – aye

8. RATIFY THE 2025 CERTIFIED TAX RATES FOR WEBER COUNTY, ASSESS/COLLECT, MUNICIPAL SERVICES, AND SUMMIT ROAD OVERLAY DISTRICT.

Scott Parke (Comptroller): Property tax rates are the last thing calculated. Weber County did not raise taxes for the 2025 year. The County Assessor values all the properties as of January 1st and submits those to the state. The County then takes our dollar amount and divides by the new values to come up with the tax rate.

Commissioner Froerer: What is our CTR for this year? And where does it come from?

Mr. Parke: The rate comes from the State Tax Commission. As a revenue-neutral state, when values goes down, the taxes you pay do not go down. When values go up, the taxes you pay do not automatically go up. Each government sets its own budget; Weber County is going to collect \$65M that is split among several funds. Then we take the total values of all the properties and divide it by the \$65M to determine the portion owed by each property.

Commissioner Harvey: So you just reported Weber County Certified Tax Rate went down?

Mr. Parke: Yes, because values went up the rate went down. The budget we set remains the same unless we raise taxes through Truth in Taxation hearing.

Commissioner Harvey: What could cause someone's taxes to go up if the County does not raise taxes?

Mr. Parke: We are one of several tax entities. The school district, city, or other taxing entity could raise their taxes.

Commissioner Harvey moved to ratify the 2025 Certified Tax Rates for Weber County, Assess/Collect, Municipal Services, and Summit Road Overlay District; Commissioner Froerer seconded.
Chair Bolos – aye; Commissioner Froerer – aye; Commissioner Harvey - aye

9. RESOLUTION 28-2025 APPOINTING TWO MEMBERS TO THE WEBER COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD.

Commissioner Harvey: The Library Board is a very active board. Two vacancies are coming up this year. Shannon Sebahar and John Watson are vacating their positions. A number of applications were received. It is proposed Shannon Sebahar be reappointed and appoint Spencer Stokes.

Commissioner Froerer moved to approve Resolution 28-2025 reappointing Shannon Sebahar and appoint Spencer Stokes to the Weber County Library Board; Commissioner Froerer seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Chair Bolos – aye; Commissioner Froerer – aye; Commissioner Harvey – aye

I. ADJOURN

Commissioner Harvey moved to adjourn at 10:43 am; Commissioner Froerer seconded
Chair Bolos – aye; Commissioner Froerer – aye; Commissioner Harvey – aye

Attest:

Sharon Bolos, Chair
Weber County Commission

Ricky D. Hatch, CPA
Weber County Clerk/Auditor