

**WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 2, 2017**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of the Washington County Commission was called to order by Chairman Victor Iverson at 4:00 p.m. on May 2, 2017, in the Washington County Commission Chambers, 197 East Tabernacle, St. George, Utah. Those in attendance were Chairman Victor Iverson, Commissioner Zachary Renstrom, Commissioner Dean Cox, Deputy County Attorney Natalie Nelson, and Deputy County Clerk Cheyenne Bentley.

INVOCATION BY: Rev. Adrian Komar, St. George Catholic Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY: Roger Clawson, Retired United State Marine Corp. Retired

CONSENT AGENDA:

The Consent Agenda is a means of expediting routine matters which come before the Commission for approval. The Consent Portion of the agenda is approved by one (1) non-debatable motion. If any Commissioner wishes to remove an item from the Consent Portion of the agenda, then that item becomes the first order of business on the Regular Agenda.

- Consideration of Auditor-Approved Claims for Payment for April 19, 2017, through May 2, 2017
- Consideration of Administrative Adjustments: Real Property (attached)
- Administrative Adjustments: Personal Property (attached)
- Consideration of Applications for Settlement or Deferral of Property Taxes: Paul & Delma Sudweeks, A/N 660376; A. Elise Tillett Gubler, A/N 215833; Douglas D Erickson, A/N 71780; Maxine E Clark TR, A/N 14038
- Consideration of Ratification of Matching Grant for the Washington County Emergency Operations Plan
- Consideration of Livestock Show Sponsorship
- Consideration of Kids Fishing Derby and Special Needs Kids Fishing Day Sponsorship
- Acknowledgment of Publishing: Notice of Adoption of Ordinance No. 2017-1084-O, Ordinance No. 2017-1085-O, Ordinance No. 2017-1086-O, Ordinance No. 2017-1087-O, and Ordinance No. 2017-1088-O on Saturday, April 22, 2017

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Renstrom to Approve the Consent Agenda as Outlined. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cox and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Iverson, Renstrom and Cox voting aye.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

CONSIDERATION OF PURCHASE REQUESTS: MARK BLANCH

Convention & Tourism, Smithsonian (\$12,000.00)
Sports & Rec, Red Desert Classic (\$20,507.31)

All purchases are budgeted, bonded, or paid for through grant funds.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Cox to Approve the Purchase as Presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Renstrom and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Iverson, Renstrom and Cox voting aye.

PRESENTATION: LIVESTOCK SHOW: ALAN GARDNER

Former Commissioner Alan Gardner reported that the Dixie Junior Livestock show completed its 31st annual show at the regional Park on April 27-29, 2017. There were over 250 4H and Future Farmers of America (FFA) youth from throughout the County that prepared animals to show this year. Nineteen (19) scholarships were awarded to high school seniors who exhibited in the show.

Mr. Gardner expressed appreciation of being able to use the Regional Park facility and the support showed by Washington County to meet the needs of the youth.

PRESENTATION: KID'S FISHING DERBY AND SPECIAL NEEDS KIDS FISHING DAY: RICK ROSENBERG

Santa Clara Mayor Rick Rosenberg reported that the Southern Utah Anglers hosts a Kid's Fishing Derby as well as a Special Needs Kid's Fishing Day at the Tawa Pond Complex in St. George. Attendance for the special needs event tripled from last year with over 350 special needs kids from Washington County and surrounding areas.

Donations are used to provide ample fish stocking for the ponds, arrange for tackle, bait, rods, instructors, and provide lunch. Prizes are also purchased from local retailers and are given away at each event. Mayor Rosenberg expressed appreciation for the County's continued support in helping make these events so successful.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2017-1089-O, AN ORDINANCE FOR GENERAL HEALTH AND PROHIBITING SMOKING IN PUBLIC AREAS OF THE REGIONAL PARK

Commissioner Cox stated that this ordinance originated from a project put forth from a Youth Coalition in partnership with the Southwest Utah Public Health Department to create cleaner air for Washington County. A Public Work Meeting was held on March 28, 2017 where members of the Southwest Health Department, Regional Park, Sheriff's Office, and Fair Director met with the County Commission to discuss the potential effects of the ordinance.

It was determined that it is in the best interest of the citizens of Washington County to limit the exposure to secondhand smoke in order to preserve the general health, safety and welfare of all who attend events held at the Regional Park.

The County may designate a smoking area wherein smoking is allowed. This area, if any, may change in location depending on the needs of the County. Smoking is allowed in private vehicles with the windows rolled as well as in private trailers when patrons are staying overnight.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Cox to Approve Ordinance No. 2017-1089-O, an Ordinance for General Health and Prohibiting Smoking in Public Areas of the Regional Park. Motion seconded by Commissioner Renstrom and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Iverson, Renstrom and Cox voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2017-1090-O, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE WASHINGTON COUNTY PROCUREMENT CODE

Internal Auditor Susan Lewis explained that language was clarified to the purchase order process section in regards to binding contracts.

Commissioner Renstrom questioned the amount of purchasing limits as those limits were set a number of years ago and may need to be updated.

Commissioner Cox proposed changing the limits on page five (5) of the ordinance; Section C-1 to five hundred dollars (\$500.00); Section C-2 between five hundred dollars (\$500) and two thousand, five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00); Section C-3 between two thousand five hundred and one dollars (\$2,501.00) and nine thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine dollars (\$9,999.00).

Commissioner Cox also stated that it in order to ensure dollar amount guidelines are followed, invoice shall not be split. It was clarified that requirement was included under 1-12-13.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Renstrom to Approve Ordinance No. 2017-1090-O, an Ordinance for Amending the Washington County Procurement Code that Would Also Include Aforementioned Amendments to the Purchasing Limits. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cox and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Iverson, Renstrom and Cox voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2017-2182, A RESOLUTION APPOINTING COUNTY MEMBERS TO THE HURRICANE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY ENTITY COMMITTEE

Commissioner Renstrom explained that the Hurricane Redevelopment Agency would like to establish a taxing entity committee to determine plans and future tax increments for infrastructure improvements and business enticement. The committee must have two Commissioners as representatives of Washington County.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Renstrom to Approve Resolution No. R-2017-2182, A Resolution Adopting Commissioner Victor Iverson and Commissioner Dean Cox to the Hurricane Redevelopment Agency Entity Committee. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cox and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Iverson, Renstrom and Cox voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2017-2183, A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN WASHINGTON COUNTY ("THE COUNTY") AND COUNTY SERVICES SUPPORT, INC. FOR EVALUATING AND ADVISING ON CENTRALLY ASSESSED PROPERTY TAX VALUES AND APPEALS

Chairman Iverson explained that because centrally assessed properties involve multiple counties, cooperative efforts are necessary. This agreement is with the Utah Association of Counties (UAC) through the County Services Support, Inc. (CSS). The CSS provides administrative support to counties in assessing value and appeals of centrally assessed property.

Commissioner Cox mentioned that only five percent (5%) of property in Washington County is centrally assessed.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Cox to Approve Resolution No. R-2017-2183, A Resolution Ratifying the Agreement Between Washington County and County Services Support, Inc. for Evaluating and Advising on Centrally Assessed Property Tax Values and Appeals.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Renstrom and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Iverson, Renstrom and Cox voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2017-2184, A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING WASHINGTON COUNTY'S GENERAL FEES AND GRAMA FEES FOR SERVICES OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY RECORDS MANAGEMENT/ARCHIVES DEPARTMENT

Deputy County Attorney Natalie Nelson explained that this is the fee schedule for the Record's Department. These fees directly correlate to Government Records Access Management Act (GRAMA) requests completed by the Record's Department.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Renstrom to Approve Resolution No. R-2017-2184, A Resolution Establishing Washington County's General Fees and GRAMA Fees for Services of the Washington County Records Management/Archives Department. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cox and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Iverson, Renstrom and Cox voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2017-2185, A RESOLUTION APPROVING A STIPULATED SETTLEMENT IN THE MATTERS OF SPRINT CORPORATION AND UNITED AIRLINES

Ms. Nelson explained that United Airlines, Inc. and Sprint Corporation have appealed their assessed tax valuations. New assessments have been given through centrally assessed valuations. The difference for Sprint is two thousand three hundred dollars (\$2,300.00); the difference for United is twenty-seven dollars (\$27.00).

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Cox to Approve Resolution No. R-2017-2185, A Resolution Approving a Stipulated Settlement in the Matters of Sprint Corporation and United Airlines. Motion seconded by Commissioner Renstrom and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Iverson, Renstrom and Cox voting aye.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

Chairman Iverson reported that there will be a clean-up effort in the Bloomington area of the County on May 13, 2017. The area will be a little over two (2) miles located near Navajo Drive in Bloomington and is part of the 'Give Your Land a Hand' initiative. There will be several clean-ups throughout the year in different areas of the county.

There being nothing further to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.



CHEYENNE W. BENTLEY
DEPUTY CLERK



VICTOR IVERSON
CHAIRMAN