**MINUTES**

**WEBER COUNTY COMMISSION**

Tuesday, September 10, 2019 - 10:00 a.m.

2380 Washington Blvd., Ogden, Utah

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**Weber County Commissioners:** Scott K. Jenkins, James “Jim” H. Harvey, and Gage Froerer.

**Other Staff Present:** Ricky D. Hatch, County Clerk/Auditor; Christopher Crocket, Deputy County Attorney; and Fátima Fernelius, of the Clerk/Auditor’s Office, who took minutes.

1. **Welcome** – Chair Jenkins
2. **Invocation** – Sean Wilkinson
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Jason Horne
4. **Thought of the Day** – Commissioner Harvey
5. **Public Comments:** None.

**F. Presentation: Update on Hunter and Company contract.**

Steve Hunter, of Hunter and Company, county lobbyist, gave highlights of the 2019 legislature and potential items for the 2020 session. For 2019 there were discussions on 911 issues to ensure a sustainable future for 911 Dispatch facilities across the State and especially in Weber County, about locating the inland port in Weber County as well as tax reform for the State. For 2020 he believes that there will be some type of infrastructure bonding package involving hundreds of millions if not billions of dollars, and he will make sure the county is involved as there are projects that deserve State attention. Over the years the county has focused the legislators’ attention on northern Utah infrastructure needs. The county has missed out on some things in the past and is now better positioned to get needed improvements. This is a key time for the county to move the ball on northern Utah road needs, particularly the I-84 interchange and the 5600 interchange by Hill Air Force Base. He said there would be bills about property taxes increasing based on inflation rather than truth in taxation hearings, on personal property for government use, on allowing more flexibility on how our transient room tax dollars are spent and perhaps lowering the 47% threshold, on public safety retirement adjustments, and potential talk of having the use of a portion of our 4th quarter cent sales tax qualifying for State matching funds. Commissioner Froerer had discussion with Senator Jerry Stevenson last week who indicated that the revenue prospects were looking good and Mr. Hunter also heard that revenues are expected positive again this year and there is the idea that they have been socking money away for a long time and may not need to put away as much. The Senator had indicated that the county may have a good opportunity to take the EDCUtah funds allocated last year and make them ongoing and Commissioner Froerer asked Mr. Hunter to stay on top of this item and to convey that this is as important as infrastructure for northern Utah. Commissioner Harvey noted that currently the I-84/89 interchange was not funded beyond the Weber River. Daily he sees the Davis, Weber and Morgan traffic severely backed up on Highway 89 coming into Weber County, an addition of 2,800 new jobs impact the 5600 interchange, etc., and infrastructure is needed. Chair Jenkins informed Mr. Hunter that he feels strongly about putting the sales tax back on food. Mr. Hunter recognized that several people in the county do a lot of work at UAC, such as Ricky Hatch, County Clerk/Auditor, and John Ulibarri, County Assessor, stating that our county does a great job of maintaining legislative relationships and doing the necessary work.

1. **Consent Items:**
2. Warrants #1999-2011 and #442686-442852 in the amount of $1,556,793.26.
3. Purchase orders in the amount of $73,507.89.
4. Minutes for the meeting held on September 3, 2019.
5. Retirement Agreement with Kellie Cragun.
6. RAMP contracts with the following:

NEXT Ensemble-Community Outreach Concerts Ogden City-City Restrooms and Pavilion Enhancements

NEXT Ensemble-Amahl and the Night Visitors Ogden City-Inner City Playground Enhancements

Commissioner Froerer moved to approve the consent items; Commissioner Harvey seconded.

Commissioner Harvey – aye; Commissioner Froerer – aye; Chair Jenkins – aye

**H. Action Items:**

1. **Final reading of an ordinance establishing a County Weed Control Board (Title 46, Noxious Weed Control) – Ordinance 2019-18.**

Sean Wilkinson, County Community Development Director, noted that the first reading occurred last week and there have been no changes since then. Courtlan Erickson, Deputy County Attorney, Taylor Christensen, County Weed Supervisor, and Joe Hadley, County Roads Director, were present to address any questions.

Commissioner Harvey moved to adopt Ordinance 2019-18 establishing a County Weed Control Board; Commissioner Froerer seconded.

Commissioner Harvey – aye; Commissioner Froerer – aye; Chair Jenkins – aye

2. **Contract with Matthew Goff, Melisa Harrison, Dale Satterthwaite, and Kerry Wahlen to assist in paving 7900 East, (Burly Lane).**

Sean Wilkinson, County Community Development Director, stated that these four citizens approached the county about paving the road and are contributing generously to that cost. Chair Jenkins explained that the citizens were pushing to get the county to asphalt the road but there was no money available. These residents came up with their money to help seed the project to allow the county to do the work. Chair Jenkins stated that Commissioner Froerer has a conflict as he resides there, but he had not participated in this and did not necessarily support it. Commissioner Harvey noted that this is only for existing substandard roads and Mr. Wilkinson concurred. Commissioner Froerer said that some speed and safety mitigations will be done, that the road is plowed by the county and that this item makes economic sense for the county. Mr. Wilkinson stated that the county was fortunate to work with the property owners but did not expand the road to make it conforming, etc.; it is still a substandard road and the county is just improving the surface and safety issues.

Commissioner Harvey moved to approve contract with Matthew Goff, Melisa Harrison, Dale Satterthwaite, and Kerry Wahlen to assist in paving 7900 East, (Burly Lane); Chair Jenkins seconded.

Commissioner Harvey – aye; Commissioner Froerer – abstained; Chair Jenkins – aye

3. **Final reading of an ordinance relating to Indigent Dead – Ordinance 2019-19.**

Jason Horne, County Purchasing Agent, said that the first reading occurred last week and there had been no changes since then. This amends the public health code. The new provision indicates how the county will handle the remains of indigent people who die within the county.

Commissioner Froerer moved to adopt Ordinance 2019-19 relating to Indigent Dead; Commissioner Harvey seconded.

Commissioner Harvey – aye; Commissioner Froerer – aye; Chair Jenkins – aye

4. **Contract with the State of Utah Motor Vehicle Division allowing Weber County access to the State’s vehicle registration system.**

Kyle Nyland, with County Fleet, presented this contract to register vehicles and print registrations and renewals.

Commissioner Harvey moved to approve the contract with the State of Utah Motor Vehicle Division allowing Weber County access to the State’s vehicle registration system; Commissioner Froerer seconded.

Commissioner Harvey – aye; Commissioner Froerer – aye; Chair Jenkins – aye

1. **Ratify a contract with Brady Christensen for announcing the horse pulls during the 2019 Weber County Fair.**

Duncan Olsen, Golden Spike Event Center General Manager, presented this contract.

Commissioner Harvey moved to ratify a contract with Brady Christensen for announcing the horse pulls during the 2019 Weber County Fair; Commissioner Froerer seconded.

Commissioner Harvey – aye; Commissioner Froerer – aye; Chair Jenkins – aye

6. **Contract with Edge Products for the Weekend on the Edge event at the Golden Spike Event Center (GSEC).**

Duncan Olsen, GSEC General Manager, presented this contract.

Commissioner Froerer moved to approve the contract with Edge Products for the Weekend on the Edge event at the Golden Spike Event Center; Commissioner Harvey seconded.

Commissioner Harvey – aye; Commissioner Froerer – aye; Chair Jenkins – aye

1. **Commissioner Comments:** None.

1. **Closed Meeting relating to pending or reasonably imminent litigation.**

Commissioner Harvey moved to convene a closed meeting relating to pending or reasonably imminent litigation; Commissioner Froerer seconded.

Commissioner Harvey – aye; Commissioner Froerer – aye; Chair Jenkins – aye

Commissioner Froerer moved to adjourn the closed meeting and reconvene the public meeting; Commissioner Harvey seconded.

Commissioner Harvey – aye; Commissioner Froerer – aye; Chair Jenkins – aye

There was no action on the closed meeting.

1. **Adjourn**

Commissioner Froerer moved to adjourn at 10:23 a.m.; Commissioner Harvey seconded.

Commissioner Harvey – aye; Commissioner Froerer – aye; Chair Jenkins – aye

Attest:

Scott K. Jenkins, Chair Ricky D. Hatch, CPA

Weber County Commission Weber County Clerk/Auditor