

**WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 2, 2020**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of the Washington County Commission was called to order by Acting Chairman Gil Almquist at 4:00 p.m. on June 2, 2020, in the Washington County Commission Chambers, and via Zoom 197 East Tabernacle, St. George, Utah. Those in attendance were Commissioner Gil Almquist, Commissioner Dean Cox, Deputy County Attorney Brian Graf, County Administrator Nicholle Felshaw, and Deputy County Clerk Cheyenne Bentley.

Chairman Iverson was excused from the meeting.

INVOCATION BY: Rev Greg Wright, Westside Baptist Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY: Commander Marti Bigbie, Retired U.S. Air Force, American Legion Lester Keate Post 90

CONSENT AGENDA:

The Consent Agenda is a means of expediting the consideration of routine matters. If a commissioner requests that items be removed from the consent agenda, those items are placed at the beginning of the regular agenda. Other than requests to remove items, a motion to approve the items on the consent agenda is not debatable.

- Consideration of Auditor-Approved Claims for Payment for May 20, 2020 through June 2, 2020
- Consideration of Regular Commission Meeting Minutes of May 19, 2020
- Consideration of Administrative Adjustments: Real Property (attached)
- Consideration of Administrative Adjustments: Personal Property (attached)
- Consideration of Application(s) for Property Tax Abatement (7): Rickie and Judy Daniels, A/N 90780 (2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020); Casey and Jennifer Watkins, A/N 200157
- Consideration of Settlement or Deferral of Property Taxes (4): Adele K Smith, A/N 407307; Kathlene R. Duggan, A/N 91010; Myrna Fraley and Justin Fraley, A/N 103658; Denise Lee Bush Jones, A/N 51402
- Consideration of Contract #160502 Between the State of Utah, Administrative Office of the Courts and Washington County Sheriff's Office for Bailiff and Perimeter Security

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

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

CONSIDERATION OF PURCHASE REQUESTS

Convention & Tourism, German Marketing	(\$18,750.00)
Court Support Services, Office Furniture	(\$22,821.05)
Court Support Services, Office Chairs	(\$2,478.40)
Legacy Park, Fair Advertising	(\$12,000.00)
Road Department, Chipping Supplies	(\$324,870.00)
Sheriff's Office, Culinary Purchases	(\$30,000.00)

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

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Cox to Approve the Purchase Requests as Outlined. Motion seconded by Commissioner Almquist and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Almquist, and Cox voting aye.

REPORT AND CONSIDERATION OF 2020 WASHINGTON COUNTY TAX SALE: KIM HAFEN

Clerk/Auditor Kim Hafen explained that the high bidder for the first parcel failed to pay proceeding the sale. The parcel was offered contingently to the second highest bidder. The third parcel was located in a roadway and recommended by Mr. Hafen to be rescinded from the sale and transferred to St. George City. All others were recommended for approval as purchased.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Cox to Approve the Tax Sale Recommendations as Outlined by Clerk/Auditor Kim Hafen. Motion seconded by Commissioner Almquist and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Almquist, and Cox voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF JOINT PROCLAMATION NO. 2020-11, A PROCLAMATION CONGRATULATING THE CLASS OF 2020

Commissioner Dean Cox explained that the class of 2020 is graduating during unique and challenging circumstances due to effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. He then read aloud the proclamation congratulating the graduating class of 2020 signed by the Commissioners and all municipal mayors of Washington County.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Cox to Adopt Proclamation No. 2020-11, a Proclamation Congratulating the Class of 2020. Motion seconded by Commissioner Almquist and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Almquist, and Cox voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2020-2606, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND THE TOWN OF APPLE VALLEY WHICH PROVIDES FOR ADDITIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT IN THE APPLE VALLEY AREA

Washington County Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy Nate Brooksby explained that the town of Apple Valley requested additional proactive patrol within the town. The Sheriff's Office is able to provide the additional patrol services needed by Apple Valley and will do so based on the terms in the agreement.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Cox to Adopt Resolution No. R-2020-2606, A Resolution Approving the Execution of an Agreement Between Washington County and the Town of Apple Valley which Provides for Additional Law Enforcement in the Apple Valley Area. Motion seconded by Commissioner Almquist and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Almquist, and Cox voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2020-2607, A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND WASHINGTON COUNTY REGARDING THE UTAH OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT

Washington County Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) Director Cameron Rognan expressed appreciation to Kathleen Neilson for completing a successful grant application.

Ms. Neilson explained that \$150,000 was received from the Utah Office of Outdoor Recreation. An additional grant for the Regional Trails Program (RTP) is anticipated to be awarded in the coming weeks which will fulfill the match portion required of the State grant. The grant will be used to complete the pedestrian bridge across the Virgin River and connect the trails on each side of the River near the Confluence Park.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Cox to Adopt Resolution No. R-2020-2607, A Resolution Approving an Agreement with the Governor's Office of Economic Development and Washington County Regarding the Utah Outdoor Recreation Grant. Motion seconded by Commissioner Almquist and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Almquist, and Cox voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2020-2608, A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH MAINSTREET PARTNERS, LC

Deputy County Attorney Brian Graf explained that the Tourism Office currently leases office space in the Main Street Office Plaza and desires to renew the lease through May of 2022.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Almquist to Adopt Resolution No. R-2020-2608, A Resolution Approving an Amendment to the Lease Agreement with Mainstreet Partners, LC. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cox and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Almquist, and Cox voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2020-2609, A RESOLUTION APPROVING TOURISM ADVISORY BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS

Tourism Director Kevin Lewis explained that the Tourism Advisory Board (TAB) recommended funding in the amount of \$20,000 for a youth basketball tournament to take place from December 30, 2020 to January 2, 2021. The event is anticipated to bring an economic impact of \$2 million dollars to Washington County.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Cox to Adopt Resolution No. R-2020-2609, A Resolution Approving Tourism Advisory Board Recommendations. Motion seconded by Commissioner Almquist and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Almquist, and Cox voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2020-2610, A RESOLUTION APPROVING NOTICE OF TERMINATION OF CACTUS COMMUNICATIONS, INC. MARKETING SERVICES AGREEMENT

Mr. Lewis explained that the Tourism Office entered into a marketing agreement with Cactus Communications in 2018. Due to the budget impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic, the Tourism Advisory Board (TAB) recommended terminating the agreement with Cactus in order to meet the needs of the budget and dynamically changing circumstances the county has experienced over the last few months.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Cox to Adopt Resolution No. R-2020-2610, A Resolution Approving Notice of Termination of Cactus Communications, Inc. Marketing Services Agreement. Motion seconded by Commissioner Almquist and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Almquist, and Cox voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2020-2611, A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH DATAGAIN INC. AND WASHINGTON COUNTY

Court Support Services Director Sharmane Gull explained that a Request for Proposal (RFP) was published seeking services for data management products. Datagain responded to the RFP and is being recommended to provide services. Their particular services allow for mobile app tracking, geofencing, and other related data tracking in regards to justice and district court cases as well as for adult parole and probation.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Almquist to Adopt Resolution No. R-2020-2611, A Resolution Approving an Agreement with Datagain Inc., and Washington County. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cox and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Almquist, and Cox voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2020-2612, A RESOLUTION APPROVING WASHINGTON COUNTY LEGACY PARK TRAINING STALLS RULES AND REGULATIONS

Leslie Fonger explained that the horse boarding and stall lease program at the Legacy Park has been updated and modified to reflect the storage of horse transportation trailers. A clarification of allowed animals in the horse training area now excludes dogs.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Cox to Adopt Resolution No. R-2020-2612, A Resolution Approving Washington County Legacy Park Training Stalls Rules and Regulations. Motion seconded by Commissioner Almquist and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Almquist, and Cox voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2020-2613, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FUNDING FOR A TRANSPORTATION STUDY FOR ZION PUBLIC FINANCE

Commissioner Cox explained that there has been an increase in traffic traveling to visit Zion National Park. Due to this increase, the County is considering the possibility of providing public transportation from within the County to the Park. A public transit system would greatly decrease the number of vehicles traveling to and through the park on a daily basis, as well as decrease the parking demand. A transportation study is needed to determine if a public transit option would be feasible. Several groups including Kane County, the Utah Outdoor Recreation Department, and UDOT have agreed to contribute funds towards the completion of research in the amount of \$5,000 each. The County would also like to contribute to the study for Zion public transit options.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Cox to Adopt Resolution No. R-2020-2613, A Resolution Authorizes Funding for a Transportation Study for Zion Public Finance. Motion seconded by Commissioner Almquist and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Almquist, and Cox voting aye.

FIRE PROHIBITIONS FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY

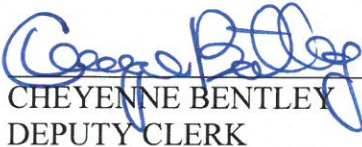
Washington County Fire Warden Adam Heyder explained that increased fire restrictions began on June 1, 2020, limiting fires to established campgrounds in designated fire pits in the unincorporated areas of the County. All municipalities put together fire restriction guidelines by that were due by June 1, 2020, specifically in regards to firework restrictions as a result of increased human caused fires over the past several weeks.

Hurricane Valley Fire Chief Tom Kuhlmann explained that local firefighters have responded to an average of four (4) to five (5) fires per day within the last month.

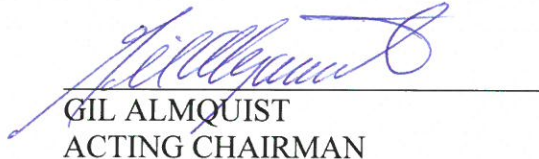
COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

Commissioner Almquist explained that every Tuesday and Thursday there is a Zoom which takes place with all of the mayors, health department, public health, school district, and department of workforce services in an effort to collaborate in a cooperative effort of moving forward during the ongoing pandemic.

Having no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.



CHEYENNE BENTLEY
DEPUTY CLERK



GIL ALMQUIST
ACTING CHAIRMAN