

**WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 16, 2020**

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 June 16, 2020, in the Washington County Commission Chambers, and via Zoom 197 East Tabernacle, St. George, Utah. Those in attendance were Commissioner Victor Iverson, Commissioner Gil Almquist, Commissioner Dean Cox, Deputy County Attorney Brian Graf, County Administrator Nicholle Felshaw, and Deputy County Clerk Cheyenne Bentley.

INVOCATION BY: Linda Van Wert, Buddhist Community

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY: Don Oborn, Retired U.S. Army Veteran, 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 June 3, 2020 through June 16, 2020
- Consideration of Regular Commission Meeting Minutes of June 2, 2020 and Special Commission Meeting Minutes of June 4, 2020
- Consideration of Administrative Adjustments: Real Property (attached)
- Consideration of Administrative Adjustments: Personal Property (attached)
- Consideration of Application(s) for Property Tax Abatement (4): Boyd McKnight, A/N 0649239; Stacy McMillin, A/N 0359268; Daren Keith and Mary Paulette Hawkins, A/N 591035; Darrell & Margaret Phillips, A/N 0219942 (2015, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020)

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

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

CONSIDERATION OF PURCHASE REQUESTS

Convention & Tourism, Greater Zion Mural	(\$11,070.00)
Emergency Services, Vantage Robot	(\$217,500.00)
Emergency Services, Robot Training & Maintenance Kit	(\$16,834.00)
Road Department, Machine Engine	(\$40,162.95)

Road Department, Diesel Fuel (\$12,556.63)

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

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

CONSIDERATION OF THE 2020 CERTIFIED TAX RATES FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY

Mr. Hafen recommended that the tax rates remain the same for the General Operations at 0.000548; Interest and Sinking Fund/Bond at 0.000068; and the library at 0.00189 for a total budgeted revenue of \$15,968,774.

Mr. Hafen explained that it is being recommended for the tax rate to decrease for the County Assessing and Collecting levy from 0.000361 to 0.000349 for a total budgeted revenue of \$7,022,326. This is due to the County collecting sufficient funds to operate the assessing and collecting departments.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Almquist to Approve the 2020 Certified Tax Rates for Washington County. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cox and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Iverson, Almquist, and Cox voting aye.

EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT

Undersheriff James Standley reported that there have been nineteen (19) Search and Rescue (SAR) incidents from May 19, 2020 through June 15, 2020 for a total of 448 man-hours.

(See attached SAR Report)

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2020-1157-O, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CODE MODIFYING DEFINITIONS AND INCLUDING SHOOTING RANGES/TACTICAL TRAINING FACILITIES AND AGRITOURISM AS CONDITIONAL USES IN OPEN SPACE AND AGRICULTURAL ZONES

Community Development Director Scott Messel explained that the county is in need of a definition for shooting ranges/tactical training facilities, agritourism and further needs to clarify other definitions in the Washington County code.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Cox to Adopt Ordinance No. 2020-1157-O, An Ordinance Amending the Washington County Code Modifying definitions and Including Shooting Ranges/Tactical Training facilities and Agritourism as Conditional Uses in Open Space and Agricultural Zones. Motion seconded by Commissioner Almquist and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Iverson, Almquist, and Cox voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2020-2615, A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE WASHINGTON COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD

Washington County Library Director Joel Tucker explained that Dan McGuire is currently serving on the library board. State code allows for members to serve two (2) full terms. Mr. McGuire desires to serve an additional term and is being recommended for reappointment.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Cox to Approve Resolution No. R-2020-2615, A Resolution Appointing Dan McGuire to the Washington County Library Board with a term to Expire June 30, 2024. Motion seconded by Commissioner Almquist and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Iverson, Almquist, and Cox voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2020-2616, A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A BOARD MEMBER TO THE ANGEL SPRINGS SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT

Commissioner Cox explained that there was a resignation from the Angel Springs Special Service District Administrative Control Board. The vacancy was advertised pursuant to Utah State Code and Karen Blenkinship is being recommended for appointment.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Cox to Approve Resolution No. R-2020-2616, A Resolution Appointing Karen Blenkinship to the Angel Springs Special Service District with a term to Expire December 31, 2021. Motion seconded by Commissioner Almquist and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Iverson, Almquist, and Cox voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2020-2617, A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE DAMMERON VALLEY FIRE SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL BOARD

Commissioner Almquist explained that there was a resignation from the Dammeron Valley Fire Special Service District Control Board. The vacancy was advertised pursuant to Utah State Code and Christina DuBois is being recommended for appointment.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Almquist to Approve Resolution No. R-2020-2617, A Resolution Appointing Christina DuBois to the Dammeron Valley Fire Special Service District Administrative Control Board with a term to Expire December 31, 2023. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cox and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Iverson, Almquist, and Cox voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2020-2618, A RESOLUTION APPROVING GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR TOURISM MARKETING

Washington County Marketing Director Sara Otto explained that the Utah Office of Tourism administers cooperative grant funding for tourism-related marketing. The Tourism Office plans to submit multiple applications requesting funds to be used for marketing the area and to assist with the economic recovery from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Commissioner Cox mentioned that it will be imperative to ensure that visitors can still come to the Washington County area and feel safe while recreating here.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Cox to Approve Resolution No. R-2020-2618, A Resolution Approving Grant Applications for tourism Marketing. Motion seconded by Commissioner Almquist and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Iverson, Almquist, and Cox voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2020-2619, A RESOLUTION APPROVING A LEASE AMENDMENT BETWEEN THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS AND WASHINGTON COUNTY FOR OFFICE SPACE IN THE OFFICE PLAZA BUILDING

Washington County Administrator Nicholle Felshaw stated that Washington County leases office space in the Office Plaza building to the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). Their lease expires July 1, 2020, however the BIA desires to extend the lease through September 30, 2020.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Almquist to Approve Resolution No. R-2020-2619, A Resolution Approving a Lease Amendment Between the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Washington County for Office Space in the Office Plaza Building. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cox and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Iverson, Almquist, and Cox voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2020-2620, A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY COURT SUPPORT SERVICES PARKING LOT

Washington County Engineer Todd Edwards explained that the Washington County Court Support Services Department will be moving to a new location, however, the building is in need of a parking lot. A bid invitation was solicited for qualified contractors and Progressive Contracting Inc. was selected as the lowest responsible proposal.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Cox to Approve Resolution No. R-2020-2620, A Resolution Approving an Agreement for the Washington County Court Support Services Parking Lot. Motion seconded by Commissioner Almquist and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Iverson, Almquist, and Cox voting aye.

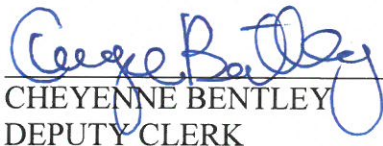
COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

Hurricane Valley Fire Chief Tom Kuhlmann explained that there have been several large fires in the Washington County area. Mr. Kuhlmann cautioned citizens regarding the use of fireworks in the upcoming weeks.

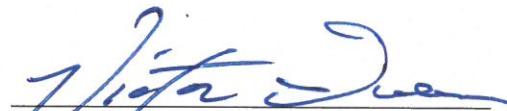
Commissioner Cox expressed gratitude to the fire crews for their hard work.

Commissioner Almquist mentioned the success of the Utah High School Rodeo that was held at the Washington County Legacy Park from June 10th through the 15th. The Junior High School Rodeo is currently taking place at the Legacy Park.

Having no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.



CHEYENNE BENTLEY
DEPUTY CLERK



VICTOR IVERSON
CHAIRMAN