Davis County Budget Committee

Meeting Minutes

May 10, 2021

The Budget Committee of Davis County met on May 10, 2021, at 3:00 p.m. in room 306 of the Davis County Administration Building, 61 South Main Street, Farmington, UT. Notice of this meeting was given under the requirements of Utah Code Annotated (UCA) §52-4-202.

Committee members present were: Commissioner Randy B. Elliott; Commissioner Lorene Miner Kamalu; Commissioner Bob J Stevenson; Curtis Koch, Clerk/Auditor; Heidi Voordeckers, Chief Deputy Clerk/Auditor; Chris Bone, Human Resources Director; and Mark Langston, Information Systems Director. Shairise Bills, Deputy Clerk/Auditor, recorded the minutes for the meeting.

Davis County Staff present were: Troy Rawlings, County Attorney; Patty Fox, Pre-Trial Services Coordinator; Todd Utzinger, Public Defender; Sheriff Kelly Sparks; and Chief Deputy Andy Oblad.

There was no public attendance.

The meeting commenced at 3:00 p.m. The following agenda items, as shown in bold, were discussed.

1. **Approval of Budget Meeting Minutes for 4/12/2021 and 4/14/2021** *(Session 1, Minute 00:18)*

   Commissioner Stevenson moved to approve the meeting minutes for 4/12/2021 and 4/14/2021. Commissioner Kamalu seconded the motion, and all voted aye.

2. **Closed Session for reasons permitted under UCA§ 52-4-205(1)(c) for strategy sessions to discuss pending and reasonably imminent litigation** *(Session 1, Minute 00:34)*

   Commissioner Stevenson moved to a closed session, Commissioner Kamalu seconded the motion, and all voted aye.

   The open session resumed at 3:16 p.m. After returning from the closed session, it was recommended to approve moving a part-time nursing position to a full-time nursing position [in the Sheriff's Office.]

3. **Criminal Justice System Discussion**— Presented by Chris Bone, HR Director; Troy Rawlings, County Attorney; Patty Fox Pre-Trial Services Coordinator; and Todd Utzinger, Public Defender *(Session 2, Minute 01:41)*

   Patty showed and explained the flow chart of what is being termed a "Criminal Justice Tsunami." She said there are backlogs in the system in the areas of probable cause, filing timeframes, virtual court, and Jury Trials. They have identified some possible solutions with the addition of an Investigator, Social Worker, Jail Screening, Diversion Program, Victim Advocate, Attorneys, Supervision, and a Legal Technician. These issues are despite COVID. The cases have become more complex and higher volume and have increased the burden on the Attorney's Office. As a result of COVID, Jury Trials have been on hold for the past 14 months, which is unprecedented. Pre-Trials are backed up, and 949 are awaiting court dates and unresolved. As of today, there are 48 cases set for Jury Trials in the next 150 days, and 120 more are coming, but only one courtroom is set up

with COVID precautions to hold court. Troy explained at great length how these things had created this "tsunami." The cost of adding all of these positions will be $2.8 million, and Troy wants the four FTE's in the County Attorney's Division to be permanent positions. Commissioner Stevenson is supportive but concerned about how the ongoing expenses will be covered. COVID resources may cover some of these expenses but are not guaranteed. Curtis is still reviewing the most recent provisions of distribution of these funds to see if they would apply to this request.
(See Attachments A1-A6 and B1-B3.)

4. **Sheriff Sparks Presented**
   a. **Search and Rescue-Rescue Vehicle** *(Minute 1:09:11)*
   In 2018, The Sheriff's Office took possession of a military surplus rescue vehicle made in Finland called a Sisu Nasu. The Diesel Brothers Company donated it to them. It has allowed the Sheriff's Office to do many things that they were unable to do previously. The vehicle is inoperable right now; it's expensive to fix and hard to retrieve when it breaks down. They have to decide what to do with it at this point. The decision is whether to repair it or sell and replace it.

   The repair estimate is $25,000-$30,000, with the Davis County Shops performing the engine repair and the undercarriage rebuild performed by Tracked Outdoors. The Sisu Nasu can sell for $48,000- $55,000 in working condition. They have found a vehicle that could replace it called a LiteTrax. This vehicle costs around $80,000 new with the EMT package to allow patient transports. It is much lighter in weight, less expensive to repair, and can drive through the phragmites that are a problem in some areas in the county.

   Sherrif Sparks recommended surplussing the Sisu Nasu and look at purchasing a new LiteTrax vehicle. They've tested driving it through the phragmites. The Commission suggested contacting Diesel Brothers to tell them Davis County is selling the Sisu Nasu and buying a new LiteTrax and see if they have an opinion about it or a problem with it. If not, they said to try and sell it and buy something to replace it. The Sheriff said it would probably be sold as parts and didn't think it needed to run to sell it.
   (See Attachment C.)

   b. **Uniform Allowance Adjustments** *(Minute 1:23:54)*
   All personnel who are required to wear a uniform have received a uniform allowance. They have discovered some discrepancies in the amounts for some full and part-time employees. Sheriff Sparks said they need to start providing a uniform allowance to their Crime Lab Technician who has been wearing a uniform but has not previously received the allowance. They also need to increase the allowance they give to their full and part-time Registered Nurses. The financial impact of this change is $7,473 per year, which can be covered under their current budget. The Commission both approved of this adjustment to fix the discrepancies. The Clerk/Auditor advised the Sheriff to submit a budget change request for the next budget opening.

This meeting ran short on time due to the presentations going longer than expected, so the Budget Committee scheduled another meeting on Thursday, May 20, 2021, to discuss the remaining agenda items.

5. Mark Langston moved to close the meeting, Commissioner Kamalu seconded the motion, and all voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

The audio recording for this meeting is available based upon the County's current retention schedule.

All publicly distributed materials associated with this meeting are on file in the Davis County Clerk/Auditor's Office, and attachments are identified as follows:

A1-A6	Criminal Justice Tsunami
B1-B3	Social Worker Impact
C	DCSO Search and Rescue-Sisu Nasu

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Minutes approved on: 05/20/2021

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