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COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES – DAVIS COUNTY

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
June 1, 2021

The Board of Davis County Commissioners met for their regularly scheduled meeting at 4:00 p.m. on June 1, 2021, in room 303 of the Davis County Administration Building, 61 South Main Street, Farmington, Utah. Required legal notice of this meeting was given.

Present on the dais were: Commissioner Bob J Stevenson, Chair; Commissioner Randy B. Elliott, Vice-Chair; Commissioner Lorene Miner Kamalu; Curtis Koch, Davis County Clerk/Auditor; and Neal Geddes, Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney.

All documents from this meeting are on file in the Davis County Clerk/Auditor's Office. The agenda for this meeting is incorporated into the minutes as item headers.

OPENING

The meeting convened at 4:00 p.m. with a welcome from Commissioner Stevenson. He noted that the meeting attendance and set up were similar to they way they were prior to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Commissioner Stevenson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognitions, Presentations & Informational Items

Presentation of Employee Service Awards for June 2021 — *By Commissioner Kamalu*

Because the pandemic is winding down, employees were invited to the meeting to accept milestone Service Awards. Commissioner Kamalu said one of the things that makes Davis County great is good people who will stay for a long time and do really good work. She expressed her gratitude and read the Employee Service Awards for June.

Five Years
Carson Sholly, Sheriff's Office
Shalynn Hardt, Corrections

Fifteen Years
Mary Allen, Assessor's Office
Brandon Ottley, Sheriff's Office

Ten Years
Shauna Haacke, Attorney's Office
Mike Child, Assessor's Office

Twenty-Five Years
Debbie Toner, Attorney's Office
Craig Caldwell, Animal Care
Gregory Fishel, Public Works

Letter of Nomination and Recommendation #2021-235 for Beth Holbrook to the UTA Board of Directors

Letter of Nomination and Recommendation #2021-235 for Beth Holbrook to the UTA Board of Directors — *Presented by Commissioner Stevenson*

Commissioners nominated Beth Holbrook to serve on the Utah Transit Authority (UTA) Board of Trustees and will forward her name to the Governor.

Beth Holbrook was asked to introduce herself. She is a current Board of Trustees member for Utah Transit Authority and represents Davis, Weber, and Box Elder counties as long-range planning is done for UTA projects, including existing service and future expansions due to growth. She used to serve on the Bountiful City Council. She said it is critical, in this UTA role, to make increased connections to all of the stakeholders.

Commissioner Kamalu said there are only three Trustees for UTA from the entire state, so it is an honor for Holbrook to serve in that position.

Holbrook explained that, in 2018, the Governor and the Legislature made a change to Utah Transit Authority's governance structure. There used to be 16 members of a part-time board from various entities and organizations throughout the Wasatch Front service area, which includes six counties and 81 cities. The governance change established three full-time board members who work with Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs). Not only do board members look after the areas they represent, they try to look at what they can do to help all of the entities and stakeholders come together with what they want to do for the future. They look at service models for FrontRunner commuter rail, Trax in Salt Lake County, and bus service and bus rapid transit.

Commissioner Kamalu said there is only so much that can be done with roads to handle the growth that is already happening in Utah, and will continue to happen, so public transit is vital to the quality of life. She said Holbrook does a great job being present and taking a lot of input, and helping to educate people, and thanked her for the work she's doing.

A motion was made to present the name of Beth Holbrook as the Davis County Commissioners' recommendation to continue on the UTA Board of Directors.

Motion: Com. Elliott
Second: Com. Kamalu
All voted Aye

Proclamation #2021-236 declaring June 4, 2021, as Steve Petersen Day

Proclamation #2021-236 declaring June 4, 2021, as Steve Petersen Day — *Presented by Commissioner Stevenson*

Davis and Weber counties honor someone each year with the "Big Hat" award for work with military affairs. This year's honoree is Steve Peterson, who has served as the military affairs person for Congressman Jim Hansen and Congressman Rob Bishop in Washington, D.C. A proclamation was created, in cooperation with Weber County, declaring June 4, 2021, as Steve Peterson Day. An event will be held on June 4, in Ogden, where Peterson will be presented with a white Stetson hat.

Motion to proclaim June 4 as Steve Peterson Day: Com. Elliott
Second: Com. Kamalu
All voted Aye

Reading of vendor names for Integrated Library System and Ewe Turn Street Rebuild Project RFPs

Reading of the names of vendors that submitted a proposal for the Integrated Library System for Davis County Libraries RFP, and reading of names of vendors that submitted a proposal for the Ewe Turn Street Rebuild Project RFP — *Presented by Clerk/Auditor Curtis Koch*

Bids have been received in response to the County's Request for Proposals (RFP) for an Integrated Library System and in response to an RFP for the Ewe Turn Street Rebuild Project. The names of the companies that submitted proposals were:

Integrated Library System
Innovative Interfaces Incorporated
Sirsi Corp
Equinox Open Library Initiative

Ewe Turn Street Rebuild Project
Staker Parson
Post Asphalt

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Members of the public were invited to make comments to the Commission.

Comments of Travis Campbell, representing Congressman Blake Moore

Travis Campbell, who works for Congressman Blake Moore in Utah, offered an update on four legislative bills the congressman and his staff are working on. All of the bills have been introduced and are working their way through the committee process. Because they are all bipartisan, there is a good chance they will be signed into law. The first bill is the Forest Tech Act, and it is part of a broader suite of bills called the Trillion Trees Act with the goal of planting a trillion trees globally over the next decade. The Forest Tech Act would direct the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management to start more frequently using technology in reforestation efforts. The second bill is the MAPLand Act, directing the same land managing agencies to digitize all federal land maps to protect those documents and allow access on smart devices so users will know where the boundaries are between Forest Service and private or state lands. The Recreation Not Red Tape Act is a bill originally introduced by Congressman Bishop to streamline the recreation permitting process on federal lands and to encourage the Department of Defense to help servicemen and women use public lands. The final bill is for the Bear River Heritage Study Area. A study area is a designation made by Congress and administered by the National Park Service that comes with conservation protections,

recognition, and funding. There have been efforts to designate certain parts of northern Utah and Southern Idaho as the Bear River Heritage Study Area and this bill would create that study process. Feasibility studies typically take from one to three years to determine if the historical, cultural, and environmental significance of the study area warrants designating it as a heritage site.

BUSINESS/ ACTION

Introduction of Public Auction for the sale of County surplus real property

A Public Auction was held for the sale of Davis County surplus real property in accordance with Chapter 2 Section 42 of the Davis County Code. Commissioner Stevenson provided details about the auction process. Bidders were required to tender a $10,000 bidder security deposit, paid by cash or cashier's check by 3 p.m. on the day of the auction, fill out the pre-registration form, and receive a placard to use when making a bid. The auction time was advertised in advance.

The three lots sold are contiguous and were owned by the County for some time:

- LOT 1, located at 627 East 200 South in Centerville
- LOT 2, located at 661 East 200 South in Centerville
- LOT 3, located at 709 East 200 South in Centerville

It was stated that the balance of the bid shall be due at settlement. Settlement shall be within 14 days of the auction and occur at Stewart Title in Layton, Utah. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Davis County Commission reserved the right to reject any and all bids.

It was pointed out that only one bidder came to the auction, bringing into question whether there had been sufficient advertising. Tony Thompson, the County's property manager, was asked to comment on whether this should be extended out and handled differently. Thompson said the property was advertised in the Standard-Examiner newspaper and on the County's web page since the first part of April. There was also a public comment period two weeks ago regarding the property sale, as required by ordinance; no comments were received at that time. The sale was also advertised with a sign on the property.

In response to a question about how he determined the market value of the property, Thompson informed Commissioners the value was established by looking back one year at land sales within Centerville on the MLS (Multiple Listing Service). A query came up with five properties which sold at an average of $17 per square foot.

It was decided that the sale was notified the way it was supposed to be and, although it was hoped there would be more competitive bids due to the current market, to move forward with the auction.

Public Auction #2021-163-B for the sale of Davis County surplus real property, Tax ID 02-248-0001

1. Public Auction #2021-163-B for the sale of Davis County surplus real property, Tax ID 02-248-0001 — *Conducted by Clerk/Auditor Curtis Koch*

Clerk/Auditor Curtis Koch began the bidding for Lot 1 of the Deuel Creek Place Subdivision, Parcel #02-248-0001, asking for a minimum opening bid of $239,445. Because there was only one registered bidder at the auction, the property was sold for the opening bid amount to Bruce Robinson representing Symphony Development Corporation.

Public Auction #2021-164-B for the sale of Davis County surplus real property, Tax ID 02-248-0002

2. Public Auction #2021-164-B for the sale of Davis County surplus real property, Tax ID 02-248-0002 — *Conducted by Clerk/Auditor Curtis Koch*

Clerk/Auditor Curtis Koch began the bidding for Lot 2 of the Deuel Creek Place Subdivision, Parcel #02-248-0002, asking for a starting bid of $249,239. The property was sold to Symphony Development Corporation, the only bidder, for the opening bid amount.

Public Auction #2021-165-B for the sale of Davis County surplus real property, Tax ID 02-248-0003

3. Public Auction #2021-165-B for the sale of Davis County surplus real property, Tax ID 02-248-0003 — *Conducted by Clerk/Auditor Curtis Koch*

Clerk/Auditor Curtis Koch began the bidding for Lot 3 of the Deuel Creek Place Subdivision, Parcel #02-248-0003, asking for a minimum opening bid of $237,320. The property was sold to Symphony Development Corporation, the only bidder, for the opening bid amount.

A motion was made to approve the sell through public auction of agenda items 1-3, listed as Tax IDs #02-248-0001, #02-248-0002, and #02-248-0003.

Motion to Approve: Com. Kamalu
Seconded: Com. Elliott
All voted Aye

Attorney's Office

Grant Application #2021-237 from ICAC to provide training and technology to the Davis County Investigators

4. Grant Application #2021-237 from ICAC to provide training and technology to the Davis County Investigators — *Presented by Captain Brent Baggs of the Attorney's Office Bureau of Investigation*

A grant application for the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force grant, for the 2021-22 fiscal year, was presented. The grant is offered by the Utah Attorney General's Office to affiliates for the reimbursement of overtime and training and equipment. The County Attorney's Office has received the grant on a regular basis in the past. The receivable amount will be determined.

Clerk/Auditor's Office

Acceptance of Bids for the 2021 Delinquent Tax Sale on May 19, 2021

5. Acceptance of Bids for the 2021 Delinquent Tax Sale on May 19, 2021 — *Presented by Clerk/Auditor Curtis Koch*

The results of the 2021 Davis County Delinquent Property Tax Sale were presented. There were eight properties sold this year. Six of the properties were sold through preferred sales in which the buyers had a prior interest in the properties; two properties went to auction.
See Attachment A, Results of the 2021 Davis County Delinquent Property Tax Sale.

Notice of Intent #2021-238 to engage in contract negotiations for Banking Services

6. Notice of Intent #2021-238 to engage in contract negotiations with Wells Fargo Bank for Banking Services — *Presented by Clerk/Auditor Curtis Koch*

The Banking Services Request For Proposal was issued on Feb. 25, 2021. A proposed contract with Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. will be presented to the Commission in a future meeting.

Commission Office

Approval #2021-239 of Davis Behavioral Health SFY22 Area Plan

7. Approval #2021-239 of Davis Behavioral Health SFY22 Area Plan for Mental Health and Substance Abuse — *Presented by Commissioner Kamalu*

The plan term is 07/01/2021 to 06/30/2022. There was no pertinent financial information.

Community & Econ. Dev.

Agreement #2021-240 with Friends of Antelope Island for a donation to the Archery Range at Antelope Island State Park

8. Agreement #2021-240 with Friends of Antelope Island for a donation to the Archery Range at Antelope Island State Park — *Presented by Community and Economic Development Director Kent Andersen*

The partnership with Friends of Antelope Island includes a $20,000 Utah Outdoor Recreation Grant and almost $40,000 cash in kind. This project is going to include a new trailhead, restroom facility, shaded shelters and tables, and ADA-designated [archery] shooting sites. The contract period is 06/01/2021 to 12/31/2021. The payable amount is $3,000.

Agreement #2021-241 with B & L Productions, for Crossroads of the West event

9. Agreement #2021-241 with B & L Productions, Inc. for Crossroads of the West event — *Presented by Community and Economic Development Director Kent Andersen*

The contract period is 08/26/2021 to 08/29/2021. The receivable amount is $4,440.

Agreement #2021-242 with Magnum Bikes to collect rental

10. Ratification of agreement #2021-242 with Magnum Bikes to collect rental fees and taxes on e-bike rentals for the Antelope By Moonlight Bike Ride Event — *Presented by Community and Economic Development Director Kent Andersen*

fees and taxes on e-bike rentals for the Antelope By Moonlight Bike Ride Event

Magnum Bikes has reserved 100 bikes for the event, and 22 have already been rented. They are charging half of what they normally charge. The contract begins 05/20/2021 and ends 06/30/2021. The pass-through amount is to be determined by the final rental amount and use during the event.

Notice of Mutual Termination of Service Provider Agreement #2021-38-A with Cheyenne Twitchell

11. Ratification of Notice of Mutual Termination of Service Provider Agreement #2021-38-A with Cheyenne Twitchell — *Presented by Community and Economic Development Director Kent Andersen*

Cheyenne Twitchell has accepted part-time employment with the County, but because of the 30-day clause it is necessary to mutually terminate that contract. The contract period is 05/14/2021 to 12/31/2021.

Sponsorship Agreement #2021-243 with DC Peaks 50 for the Ultra Running Event in Davis County

12. Approval of Sponsorship Agreement #2021-243 with DC Peaks 50 for the Ultra Running Event in Davis County — *Presented by Community and Economic Development Director Kent Andersen*

Participants in this event will go from Kaysville to North Salt Lake, which is 50 miles. About 71 percent of the course is on trails, including at the [East Mountain] Wilderness Park, Farmington Canyon, the Great Western Trail, Bonneville Shoreline, and Mueller Park. The contract period is 06/01/2021 to 11/30/2021. The payable amount is $3,000.

Summary List #2021-244 of Event Speakers for 2021 GSL Bird Festival

13. Approval of Summary List #2021-244 of Event Speakers for 2021 GSL Bird Festival — *Presented by Community and Economic Development Director Kent Andersen*

The Summary List is for three event speakers for the 2021 Great Salt Lake Bird Festival. The contracts began 05/13/2021 and ended 05/15/2021. The payable amount is $1,600.

In response to a question about the numbers of participants in this year's Bird Festival, Commissioners were told that a lot of them didn't check in as would normally be done. All of the events and activities sold out very quickly.

Facilities

Agreement #2021-245 with Modern Out West PLLC for Architectural feasibility services for Davis Park Golf Course

14. Agreement #2021-245 with Modern Out West PLLC for Architectural feasibility services for the Davis Park Golf Course driving range — *Presented by Facilities Director Lane Rose*

The feasibility study is to help work through items at the Golf Course, including the loss of distance on the driving range due to UDOT's Highway 89 expansion project. The contract period is 06/01/2021 to 09/30/2021. The payable amount is $4,400.

Agreement #2021-246 with Belfor Property Restoration for cleanup services of Public Work Administration

15. Ratification of Agreement #2021-246 with Belfor Property Restoration for cleanup services of Public Work Administration building due to sewage backup — *Presented by Facilities Director Lane Rose*

There was a sewage back up, due to clogging caused by another entity located near the Public Works Administration Building, which ruined some flooring and wall systems. The contract period is 05/06/2021 to 07/31/2021. The payable amount is $7,234.29.

Health Dept.

Amendment #2019-623-B to DREAM 2019 contract with Utah Department of Health for funding and continued services

16. Amendment #2019-623-B to DREAM 2019 contract with Utah Department of Health to increase funding and continue services — *Presented by Commissioner Kamalu*

An amendment was introduced to a contract with the Utah Department of Health for DREAM (Disease Response, Evaluation, Analysis, and Monitoring), increasing the contract amount and replacing Attachment A for continued services. The contract period is 03/01/2021 to 07/31/2022. The receivable amount represents a $5,000 increase.

Agreement #2021-247 with Utah Legal Services to provide legal assistance to the senior citizen residents of Davis County

17. Agreement #2021-247 with Utah Legal Services to provide legal assistance to the senior citizen residents of Davis County — *Presented by Commissioner Kamalu*

An agreement with Utah Legal Services was introduced to provide legal education presentations and direct legal assistance to senior citizen residents of Davis County in accordance with the Older Americans Act requirements. The contract period is 07/01/2021 to 06/30/2022. The payable amount is up to $7,240.

Reappointment of three members to the Board of Health

18. Reappointment of three (3) members to the Board of Health for a 4-year term — *Presented by Commissioner Kamalu*

The Davis County Board of Health is a legislative body made up of people who fill required positions from various disciplines. Commissioners were asked to approve the reappointment of the following board members: Dr. Ryan Stewart, a primary care physician specializing in family medicine; Dr. Colleen Taylor, a dentist; and Mr. Scott Zigich, representing Davis School District. Commissioner Kamalu, who serves on the Davis County Board of Health, said they have definitely been doing a great job. The term of service for these reappointments is 07/01/2021 to 06/30/2024.

Information Systems

Agreement #2021-248 with The Sidwell Company for ArcGIS Pro software, conversion, and training

19. Agreement #2021-248 with The Sidwell Company for ArcGIS Pro software, conversion, and training — *Presented by Information Systems Director Mark Langston*

A contract with Sidwell Company, for a new GIS fabric for the County Recorder's Office, was presented. It includes the software conversion of the GIS coordinate systems and training for that office. It was explained that parcel fabric data model is the term used to describe the GIS [geographic information system] overlaying. The contract period is 06/01/2021 to 06/01/2022. The payable amount is $24,400.

Library

Renewal #2021-249 with Tech Logic Corporation for license and software support

20. Contract renewal #2021-249 with Tech Logic Corporation for license and software support for patron self-service checkout — *Presented by Library Deputy Director Ellen Peterson*

The contract period is 07/01/2021 to 06/30/2022. The payable amount is $3,136.

Agreement #2021-250 with Interior Solutions for furniture for the new Clearfield Branch Library

21. Agreement #2021-250 with Interior Solutions for furniture for the new Clearfield Branch Library — *Presented by Library Deputy Director Lynnette Mills*

The County received quotes for furniture from five different companies. Interior Solutions, based in Salt Lake City, was the most responsive. Colors and fabrics were pre-selected with the architects, and Interior Solutions is matching those choices. Because this library is higher-tech, some things in the building will be more expensive. There is some extra cabinetry, and everything will have power and USBs — patrons will be able to plug into almost every piece of furniture in the building. The contract term begins 06/01/2021 and ends when the furniture is installed and after the warranty period. The payable amount is $100,645.32.

Summary List #2021-251 of low-dollar Library Contracts

22. Summary List #2021-251 of low-dollar Library Contracts — *Presented by Library Director Josh Johnson*

Commissioners were asked to approve a summary list of low-dollar contracts. One of the contracts in the list, for $995, is related to the microfilm reader at the Library's Headquarters. Most of the contracts are for Library programming, which started with a virtual cowboy poetry program that has already been held and will end with an Afro-Cuban Jazz program. It will be interesting to see how the last program goes, because the presenters are in Florida but presenting to people in Davis County. Most of the programs are available for a week through the Library's website. One of the more entertaining programs is going to be a magic program for Summer Reading, which will include some lessons. Discussion was had about online programs, which became important because of COVID-19, and their wider reach. Many of the programs are national but local providers are also considered. Some in-person programs are coming soon. The contract period is 03/25/2021 to 08/31/2021. The total payable amount is $4,595.

Sheriff's Office

Amendment #2020-310-A of Prism Systems Corporation contract to install additional cameras and monitors

23. Amendment #2020-310-A of Prism Systems Corporation contract to install additional cameras and monitors — *Presented by Chief Deputy Susan Poulsen*

The contract is for the installation of additional cameras and monitors in Davis County's Correctional Facility. Commissioner Elliott said he had been given a tour of the new camera systems at the correctional facility, and the monitoring technology is incredible. He recommended that the other Commissioners see it for themselves. The new contract beginning date is 06/01/2021 and there was no ending date given. The payable amount is an increase of $48,490.

Agreement #2021-252 with State of Utah for security and bailiff services

24. Agreement #2021-252 with State of Utah for security and bailiff services for the Second District and Juvenile Courts — *Presented by Chief Deputy Susan Poulsen*

The contract period is 07/01/2021 to 06/30/2022. The receivable amount is $769,657.

Grant Application #2021-253 with the Bureau of Justice Assistance for Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership

25. Grant Application #2021-253 with the Bureau of Justice Assistance for the FY 2021 Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership and Authorization for Susan Poulsen to sign the CEO Certification — *Presented by Chief Deputy Susan Poulsen*

It was emphasized that this is a grant application and has not been approved. It is a 50 percent match grant, and the application amount is $9,676.

Motion of Support and Ratification #2021-254 of Sheriff's Office Policy defending the Second Amendment

26. Motion of Support and Ratification 2021-254 of the Sheriff's Office Policy defending the Second Amendment — *Presented by Sheriff Kelly Sparks and Davis County Attorney Troy Rawlings*

Sheriff Kelly Sparks said elected officials in Davis County deeply feel the responsibility to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of citizens, and to protect their constitutional rights. He asked that Commissioners join him, along with Davis County Attorney Troy Rawlings, in support of a specific Sheriff's Office Policy which is designed to provide a strong defense against governmental infringement on our citizens' constitutional rights, including the Second Amendment to keep and bear arms.

The Sheriff's Office works hard to prevent violence and to prepare to respond should it occur. They are also aware of growing concerns by many over the possible infringements of individual constitutional rights.

We want the citizens of Davis County to know of our resolve to defend the Constitution, protect their rights, and still promote safety and welfare, Sheriff Sparks said. Preventing violence and preserving the right to bear arms are not mutually exclusive – in fact, they are complementary; however, it is important that any statute, ordinance, or resolution directed at either of these objectives doesn't hamper the ability to pursue the other.

The Sheriff said his Office, members of the Commission, and County Attorney, had been working to find the most legally appropriate and actionable way to codify this resolve. It was determined that the force of policy, to which all law enforcement officers employed by the Sheriff's Office will be held, is the most effective way of creating something that goes beyond a mere public or symbolic statement. This policy requires Sheriff's Office personnel to protect all individual rights enumerated in the Constitution and detailed in the Bill of Rights. It recognizes the fundamental right to keep and bear arms and states that it shall not be infringed. It reduces violence through effective enforcement of clearly established, narrowly-tailored laws that do not infringe on the individual rights of law-abiding citizens. It prohibits County law enforcement officers from enforcing unconstitutional federal laws or presidential executive orders. It prohibits the use of any County resources in enforcing presidential executive orders or other federal decrees that are unconstitutional. It prohibits County law enforcement officers from assisting or cooperating with federal or state agencies in the enforcement of a presidential order or other federal enforcement agency policy that infringes upon the right to keep and bear arms. Although this new policy highlights the Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms, it has been the long-standing policy of the Sheriff's Office to protect all individual rights enumerated in the Constitution. Many of those rights are listed specifically in other sections of Sheriff's Office Policy.
See Attachment B, Sheriff's Office Policy 100.3 Constitutional Requirements.

It was recognized that the County Commission generally does not involve itself in the law enforcement policy of the Sheriff's Office, but Sheriff Sparks asked for their statement of support for this particular

Sheriff's Office Policy because it is a critical issue important to the Sheriff's Office, the County Attorney's Office, Commissioners, and also to many citizens of Davis County.

Davis County Attorney Troy Rawlings said the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution helps to secure the viability, veracity, and longevity of all the other rights in the Constitution, and without the Second Amendment it puts in peril our ability to sustain and maintain all the other rights that are enumerated both in the Utah State Constitution as well as the U.S. Constitution. He said the Attorney's Office has reviewed the policy, circulating it to deputies in the Criminal and Civil Divisions, and they feel it reaches the right balance. A policy that both secures public safety and constitutional rights at the same time is the right direction to go, so the County Attorney's Office highly recommended that Commissioners endorse and ratify this policy.

Commissioner Elliott spoke of the desire to show the citizens of Davis County, and to neighbors, support for the right to bear arms and the Second Amendment. He mentioned that he is a proud gun owner who learned to shoot on a farm and ranch. He said he learned proper safety and is teaching his 12-year-old the property use of firearms through Hunter Safety. He has family members who say we don't need firearms anymore because the government will take care of us, but he thinks the citizens need to have the right to bear arms just in case. Looking at history, when rights are taken away from the people, the citizens need to have that right to be able to defend themselves.

Commissioner Kamalu said this is a thorough response to questions from some citizens about a "gun sanctuary." Those words haven't come up yet, but the various County departments needed to be thoughtful about the subject and not have a "knee-jerk reaction." She emphasized that instead of a political gesture, the intent was to have something legally appropriate and actionably enforceable. She pointed out that there were five different elected officials, all elected for various duties, involved in this discussion. It is a beautiful representation of the separation of powers that exists between the elected Commission, the elected Sheriff, and the elected Attorney for Davis County. The policy has been weeks in the making, and was very thoughtfully crafted, she said, adding that she read every word of it and supports it. She said it is a very appropriate response and, hopefully, reassures the citizens of Davis County regarding how seriously the elected leaders take the Constitution of the United States and the oath they have taken to defend it and as well as the State Constitution.

Commissioner Stevenson said he believes the U.S. Constitution was divinely inspired, and if the Second Amendment starts to be eroded away it will start the process of eroding the entire Constitution away. He realizes there are concerns because of mass shootings, but he does not believe these mass shootings are being caused because somebody owns a gun. The problem will not be resolved until the mental illness situation in this country is resolved, and we need to spend more time and put the resources together to help people to be able to work through problems that they may have, rather than taking guns away from people. We want all the citizens to know that we do support not only the State Constitution, he said, but we also support the Constitution of this great Country, and we'll stand behind it as long as we're in these positions.

A motion was made to approve the Sheriff's Office Policy defending the Second Amendment as presented by Sheriff Kelly Sparks and Attorney Troy Rawlings.

Motion: Com. Elliott
Seconded: Com. Kamalu
All voted Aye

Approval of Business and Action Items 4-25

A motion was made to approve Action Items 4 through 25.

Motion: Com. Elliott
Seconded: Com. Kamalu
All voted Aye

Commissioner Elliott moved to recess to the Board of Equalization. Commissioner Kamalu seconded the motion. All voted Aye.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Property Tax Register

Property Tax Register matters were presented by Curtis Koch, Davis County Clerk/Auditor, as follows:

Auditor's Adjustments

Tax Exempt Requests

No Tax Exempt requests

Appeals

One Mobile Home Approved recommendation for approval on the report

Abatements

Five abatements that are recommended to deny

Corrections

Seven corrections

Assessor's Adjustments

Corrections

Thirteen various Assessor-initiated corrections totaling $109,258,024

Motion to Approve: Com. Kamalu
Seconded: Com. Elliott
All voted Aye

Indigent Hardship Abatement Register

Indigent Hardship Register

A motion was made to hold hearings for the abatements. [It was clarified that the abatements would be denied so that hearings would be held.]

Motion to Approve: Com. Elliott
Seconded: Com. Kamalu
All voted Aye

Commissioner Elliott moved to reconvene the Commission Meeting. Commissioner Kamalu seconded the motion. All voted Aye.

CONSENT ITEMS

Commission Meeting Minutes

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Minutes for March 30, 2021, were presented for approval.

Motion to Approve: Com. Stevenson
Seconded: Com. Kamalu
All voted Aye

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Kamalu said that all of the Commissioners, and many other officials throughout Davis County, had the opportunity to attend the Utah Department of Transportation's groundbreaking ceremony for the West Davis Corridor about a week ago. It is a monumental project going through Davis County. She learned from the comments of UDOT Executive Director Carlos Braceras that this project was contemplated in 1960, and that since the beginning of the 2000s there have been all the required studies and permissions needed to get to this point. She said UDOT's engineers have been very responsive to the questions and concerns of people who live on the outskirts of the County and the various cities on that side of the County. Another comment she heard was that we would lose the quality of life in our County, and in our State, if we do not have the proper infrastructure for the growth happening now and that is going to continue to happen. A 65 percent increase in residences is still expected in this part of Utah.

Commissioner Elliott said he was not in attendance at the last Commission Meeting because he was at the Water Users Conference in southern Utah. We are in a severe drought. If we have another winter like the last one, there is a possibility that secondary water will not be turned on next year as it will all go to drinking water. Those are the dire straits that we are in.

Commissioner Elliott noted that work on the West Davis Corridor is beginning, and he can see it happening every day as big trucks roll down his street. It's something that's been needed in Davis County for a long time to deal with freeway shutdowns due to accidents. The extra corridor is also needed because of growth. He also spoke of the need for city planning commissions to look at landscaping and greenspaces in terms of water use. We love the green grass, but the reality is we live in a desert and need to start rethinking what we do with our yards.

Commissioner Stevenson said he appreciated the comments made, and he adjourned the meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Commission meeting was adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

All publicly distributed materials associated with this meeting are noted as follows:

A. Results of the 2021 Davis County Delinquent Property Tax Sale
B. Sheriff's Office Policy 100.3 Constitutional Requirements

Minutes prepared by:
Becky R. Wright
Deputy Clerk/Auditor

Minutes approved on:

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Curtis Koch
Clerk/Auditor

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Bob J Stevenson
Commission Chair