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COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES – DAVIS COUNTY

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
December 7, 2021

The Board of Davis County Commissioners met for their regularly scheduled meeting at 10:00 a.m. on December 7, 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 10:00 a.m. and Commissioner Stevenson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognitions, Presentations & Informational Items

Employee Service Awards for December 2021 — *Presented by Commissioner Kamalu*

The following employees were recognized for their years of service:

Information Systems

- **Dax Larsen, 5 years.** Mark Langston, IS Director, said Dax is always where he needs to be and taking care of things that need to be done. He loves to learn, and he's eager to solve new hard problems. He takes on assignments that other people just kind of put on hold. He supports quite a few departments, behind the scenes, with his work on imaging and real tax and real property assessments.

Justice Court

- **Debra Cartwright, 10 years.** Debra was not present, but was celebrated for her work.

Human Resources

- **Susana Arreola, 10 years.** Legal Defender Coordinator Todd Utzinger said that Susana is his "right arm." She's been with the County for 10 years, but has worked with Utzinger for 18 years, and the Legal Defender program would not be what it is without her. Commissioner Kamalu noted that public defense is a constitutional right, so Susana is involved in one of the most important parts of Davis County.
- **Todd Utzinger, 10 years.** Human Resources Director Chris Bone explained that the Legal Defenders program, which is constitutionally required, helps level the playing field for people who need somebody to help them navigate the system and provide a defense for them through the courts. Todd is well respected among other counties and in the courts because of his professional representation of our County in the judicial system.
- **Mindy Adams, 10 years.** Mindy has given almost 22 years of service to the County in various roles, Chris Bone said, explaining that years of service are calculated based on the most recent hire date. Mindy has worked in Risk Management, Benefits, and Payroll, and she knows the Front Desk. There has been a lot of turnover in HR, and Mindy has helped hold the department together as a new team was built. Her expertise, professionalism, and institutional memory are a tremendous asset to HR and the County.

Library

- **Suzan Gerber, 10 years.** Susan was not able to attend the Commission Meeting, but Library Director Josh Johnson expressed his gratitude for her years of service to the County. She is one of the Library's substitutes and is willing to work at each of the branches.

Facilities Management

- **David Nielson, 10 years.** Facilities Management Director Lane Rose said the County is lucky to have Dave as an employee. His skills and expertise with chemicals and cleaning methods is very impressive. He had a lot of experience at the School District before coming to work for the County, and a couple of years ago a cleaning service extended an offer of work because they saw how hard he works and his skills.

Health Department

- **Carl Shupe, 20 years.** Carl Shupe started with the County as an Animal Control Officer, said Environmental Health Services Division Director Rachelle Blackham. After a couple of years he moved to the Davis County Health Department to work in Environmental Health, where he's been for 18 years. Carl has been instrumental in using his technical writing skills to write SOPs and worked for another division writing

the Ebola emergency preparedness plan. He's expert on the Environmental Health software and can analyze data, create reports, and streamline processes. He's extremely knowledgeable, thorough, and very detail-oriented. He ran the County's wastewater program for years, and served on the State board, and won the Davis County Employee Directors Award in 2013 for work he did to change regulations and help homeowners in the unincorporated Hooper area replace failing septic systems.

- **Dave Spence, 25 years.** Dave has worked for the County for more than 25 years, but left to go back to school after his original hire date. Health Department Director Brian Hatch said Dave has been instrumental in the operation side of Public Health, carrying the load of taking care of the Environmental Health Division. Dave started with Environmental Health and then became the Bureau Manager and Director before being promoted to Health Department Deputy Director. Brian Hatch said Dave stepped up and took on more responsibility in the communicable disease area two years ago and deserves a lot of credit for organizing the department to respond over the last couple of years.

Sheriff's Office

- **Debbie Ward, 25 years.** Debbie came to the Sheriff's Office about a year ago, after serving with Animal Control for approximately 24 years. Justice Complex Maintenance Manager Mitch Matern said Debbie's attitude, professionalism, and work are impeccable. The Sheriff's Office has thrown her into some unique situations, such as conducting jail inspections and working alongside some inmates, and she's done a remarkable job. She's brought a lot of life and personality into the custodial part, and to the Office itself, and she is appreciated.

Recorder's Office

- **Denise Wangsgard, 30 years.** Davis County recorder Richard Maughan said that Denise is one of the pillars of the Recorder's Office. She handles all of the land splits, when someone divides a property, and makes sure that all of the acres get put back together properly. She often works with customers who have disputes, but she's got a great rapport with them as well as with developers, title companies, surveyors, and other departments in the County. She has a great personality and we're very grateful for her service.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comment was invited; no comments were made.

BUSINESS/ ACTION

Animal Care

Summary List #2021-597 of September adoptions

1. Summary List #2021-597 of September adoptions — *Presented by Office Manager Lisa LaGuess*

A question was asked about whether animal adoptions have remained high during the COVID pandemic. LaGuess said the department is doing well, considering the obstacles and the challenges that have come their way. It was explained that September's adoption list was presented in December because someone had a rabbit and took some time deciding they were going to keep it. The total number of animals adopted in September was 143: Two birds, 67 cats, 63 dogs, and 11 other animals including rabbits. The contract period is 09/01/2021 to 09/30/2021.

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

Community and Economic Dev.

Updated Bylaws #2021-598 for the Davis County Tourism Tax Advisory Board (TTAB)

2. Updated Bylaws #2021-598 for the Davis County Tourism Tax Advisory Board (TTAB) — *Presented by Community and Economic Development Director Kent Andersen*

The Tourism Tax Advisory Board is an advisory board to the Commission as it relates to the transient room and restaurant taxes. The bylaws update includes the board composition, term limits, officers and meetings. There were term limits before, but this formalizes operations. Kent Andersen thanked Jessica Merrill, the County's Tourism Director, and Civil Attorney Robert Tripp for their work to consolidate it into one document. Terms: Beginning 12/7/2021 and ongoing until amended again.

Summary List #2021-599 of 2022 Bird Festival Donation Agreements

3. Summary List #2021-599 of the 2022 Great Salt Lake Bird Festival Donation Agreements — *Presented by Community and Economic Development Director Kent Andersen*

Terms: Receivable in the amount of $2,500, beginning 12/7/2021 to 5/15/2022.

Donation Agreement #2021-600 with Friends of Antelope Island for the 2021 Moonlight Bike Ride

4. Donation Agreement #2021-600 with Friends of Antelope Island for the 2021 Moonlight Bike Ride — *Presented by Community and Economic Development Director Kent Andersen*

Terms: Payable in the amount of $11,350, beginning 12/7/2021 to 12/31/2021.

Commissioner Kamalu mentioned that CED has been actively working with the Friends of Antelope Island on preparing for the legislative session. She suggested that the success of this event be shared so that legislators understand the appeal and some of the things that go on there.

Donation Agreement #2021-601 with Rocky Mountain Power for 2022 Bird Festival

5. Donation Agreement #2021-601 with Rocky Mountain Power for the 2022 Great Salt Lake Bird Festival — *Presented by Community and Economic Development Director Kent Andersen*

Terms: Receivable in the amount of $3,000, beginning 12/7/2021 to 5/15/2022.

Ratification of Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) Program Request #2021-22-A for Reallocated Funds with the U.S. Department of the Treasury for ERA 1 Award

6. Ratification of Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) Program Request #2021-22-A for Reallocated Funds with the U.S. Department of the Treasury for ERA 1 Award — *Presented by Community and Economic Development Director Kent Andersen*

ERA is for rental assistance and utility assistance that is being worked through the Department of Workforce Services and their contractors. Davis County has done a good job getting these funds out into the community, so this is a reallocation from funds outside of our community that can then be spent here. This will extend primarily through February. Terms: Receivable in the amount of $4,000,000, beginning 2/1/2021 to 12/29/2022.

Motion to Approve Items 2-6: Com. Elliott
Seconded: Com. Kamalu
All voted Aye

Health Dept.

Amendment #2019-623-C to the DREAM Contract with Utah Dept. of Health for increase

7. Amendment #2019-623-C to the DREAM (Disease Response, Evaluation, Analysis, and Monitoring) Contract with the Utah Department of Health increasing the contract amount — *Presented by Health Director Brian Hatch*

Terms: Receivable in an amount of $50,618 (increase), beginning 8/1/2021 to 7/31/2022.

PREP Contract #2021-602 with Utah Dept. of Health for services to adolescents/ parents

8. Davis county PREP (Personal Responsibility Education Program) Contract #2021-602 with the Utah Department of Health providing services to adolescents age 14-19 and/or their parents — *Presented by Health Director Brian Hatch*

Terms: Receivable in the amount of $89,426, beginning 10/1/2021 to 9/30/2022.

Amendment #2021-399-A to Davis County Mobile Vaccine Clinic Capacity Contract with the Utah Dept.

9. Amendment #2021-399-A to the Davis County Mobile Vaccine Clinic Capacity Contract with the Utah Department of Health increasing the original funding to equal the actual cost — *Presented by Health Director Brian Hatch*

The amendment to a previous contract for the County's Mobile Vaccine Clinic is for additional funding. The

of Health increasing the original funding

County Health Department was originally given $150,000. The mobile unit was a little more than that, so they're amending the contract to cover the complete cost. A wrap is being put on the vehicle this week, so everyone can see it is a clinic, and shots will be given in the community as the clinic goes mobile. Terms: Receivable in the amount of $37,434, beginning 11/16/2021 to 12/31/2021.

Agreement #2021-603 with Utah Dept. of Health for Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention

10. Agreement #2021-603 with the Utah Department of Health for Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention and Surveillance — *Presented by Health Director Brian Hatch*

Terms: Receivable in the amount of $7,154, beginning 10/1/2021 to 9/30/2022.

Agreement #2021-604 with Lifeline Systems Company for in-home client services

11. Agreement #2021-604 with Lifeline Systems Company to provide for direct purchase of in-home services for clients of Davis County — *Presented by Health Director Brian Hatch*

Terms: Payable dependent on services rendered, beginning 7/1/2021 to 6/30/2023.

Summary List #2021-605 of contributions to Davis County Health Dept., Senior Services

12. Summary List #2021-605 of various contributions to the Davis County Health Department, Senior Services Division — *Presented by Health Director Brian Hatch*

Terms: Beginning 8/12/2021 to 11/4/2021.

State FY 2022 Aging Medical Waiver Contract Amendment Memo #2020-347-B with Utah Dept. of Human Services

13. State Fiscal Year 2022 Aging Medical Waiver Contract Amendment Memo #2020-347-B with the Utah Department of Human Services, Division of Aging and Adult Services — *Presented by Health Director Brian Hatch*

Terms: Receivable in the amount of $40,500, beginning [7/1/]2021 to 6/30/2022.

Motion to Approve Items 7-13: Com. Kamalu
Seconded: Com. Elliott
All voted Aye

Human Resources

Renewals of Agreements to provide legal services for indigent persons appearing in Davis County — *Presented by Legal Defender Coordinator Todd Utzinger*

Todd Utzinger presented several contracts to be renewed for three years (see below). Prior to presenting the contracts, he gave a brief overview of the Legal Defender program to show how committed Davis County has been in meeting its obligation to provide defense services. In keeping with best practices, all of the program's attorneys specialize in various areas. There are attorneys who specialize in parental rights defense cases, child welfare cases, juvenile delinquency cases, Justice Court, and all levels of criminal offenses in District Court. There are 21 defenders who collectively have close to 420 years of experience. The average number of years of experience for the defenders is 21 years; all but four have at least ten, and the least experienced defender has six years. Attorneys on the team graduated from the University of Utah, BYU, Gonzaga, Creighton, University of Missouri, Southwestern University of California, University of Idaho, University of Oklahoma, and the Thomas Cooley School of Law at Western Michigan University. Davis County's Legal Defenders have their own continuing legal education program. The Indigent Defense Commission (IDC) requires that legal defenders get six of their 12 credit hours through IDC-sponsored programs. IDC reviewed Davis County's program and decided it was on par with what they provide so they waived that requirement. Davis County's Legal Defenders program has a great support team and investigators who locate and interview witnesses and gather evidence, and that is in keeping with best practices to have those resources available for the defenders. The program also has good relationships with other departments, including the Sheriff's Office, the County Attorney's Office – both the Civil and Criminal side – and IS and Facilities, which are all important to the success of the program. Utzinger expressed appreciation for the support of the Commission, because it's been ongoing and consistent.

Contract renewal #2021-606 with Matthew Brass to provide legal services

14. Renewal #2021-606 of the Agreement with Matthew Brass to provide legal services for indigent persons appearing in Davis County — *Presented by Legal Defender Coordinator Todd Utzinger*

Terms: Payable in the amount of $85,812.72/year, beginning 1/1/2022 to 12/31/2024.

Contract renewal #2021-607 with Ryan Bushell to provide legal services

15. Renewal #2021-607 of the Agreement with Ryan Bushell to provide legal services for indigent persons appearing in Davis County — *Presented by Legal Defender Coordinator Todd Utzinger*

Terms: Payable in the amount of $107,627.66/year, beginning 1/1/2022 to 12/31/2024.

Contract renewal #2021-608 with Logan Bushell to provide legal services

16. Renewal #of the Agreement with Logan Bushell to provide legal services for indigent persons appearing in Davis County 2021-608 — *Presented by Legal Defender Coordinator Todd Utzinger*

Terms: Payable in the amount of $84,000/year, beginning 1/1/2022 to 12/31/2024.

Contract renewal #2021-609 with Clyde M. Arrington to provide legal services

17. Renewal #2021-609 of the Agreement with Clyde Markley Arrington to provide legal services for indigent persons appearing in Davis County — *Presented by Legal Defender Coordinator Todd Utzinger*

Terms: Payable in the amount of $117,225.13/year, beginning 1/1/2022 to 12/31/2024.

Contract renewal #2021-610 with Julie George to provide legal services

18. Renewal #2021-610 of the Agreement with Julie George to provide legal services for indigent persons appearing in Davis County — *Presented by Legal Defender Coordinator Todd Utzinger*

Terms: Payable in the amount of $136,091.22/year, beginning 1/1/2022 to 12/31/2024.

Contract renewal #2021-611 with Ronald Fujino to provide legal services

19. Renewal #2021-611 of the Agreement with Ronald Fujino to provide legal services for indigent persons appearing in Davis County — *Presented by Legal Defender Coordinator Todd Utzinger*

Terms: Payable in the amount of $106,928.27/year, beginning 1/1/2022 to 12/31/2024.

Contract renewal #2021-612 with Scott Wiggins to provide legal services

20. Renewal #2021-612 of the Agreement with Scott Wiggins to provide legal services for indigent persons appearing in Davis County — *Presented by Legal Defender Coordinator Todd Utzinger*

Terms: Payable in the amount of $68,771.86/year, beginning 1/1/2022 to 12/31/2024.

Contract renewal #2021-613 with Joseph Nemelka to provide legal services

21. Renewal #2021-613 of the Agreement with Joseph Nemelka to provide legal services for indigent persons appearing in Davis County — *Presented by Legal Defender Coordinator Todd Utzinger*

Terms: Payable in the amount of $92,700/year, beginning 1/1/2022 to 12/31/2024.

Contract renewal #2021-614 with Erin Hill to provide legal services

22. Renewal #2021-614 of the Agreement with Erin Hill to provide legal services for indigent persons appearing in Davis County — *Presented by Legal Defender Coordinator Todd Utzinger*

Terms: Payable in the amount of $104,121.92/year, beginning 1/1/2022 to 12/31/2024.

Contract renewal #2021-615 with William Albright to provide legal services

23. Renewal #2021-615 of the Agreement with William Albright to provide legal services for indigent persons appearing in Davis County — *Presented by Legal Defender Coordinator Todd Utzinger*

Terms: Payable in the amount of $143,793.33/year, beginning 1/1/2022 to 12/31/2024.

Contract renewal #2021-616 with Richard Gallegos to provide legal services

24. Renewal #2021-616 of the Agreement with Richard Gallegos to provide legal services for indigent persons appearing in Davis County — *Presented by Legal Defender Coordinator Todd Utzinger*

Terms: Payable in the amount of $115,946.94/year, beginning 1/1/2022 to 12/31/2024.

Contract renewal #2021-617 with Todd Sessions to provide legal services

25. Renewal #2021-617 of the Agreement with Todd Sessions to provide legal services for indigent persons appearing in Davis County — *Presented by Legal Defender Coordinator Todd Utzinger*

Terms: Payable in the amount of $96,863.80/year, beginning 1/1/2022 to 12/31/2024.

Contract renewal #2021-618 with Nicole McBride to provide legal services

26. Renewal #2021-618 of the Agreement with Nicole Lowe McBride to provide legal services for indigent persons appearing in Davis County — *Presented by Legal Defender Coordinator Todd Utzinger*

Terms: Payable in the amount of $88,000/year, beginning 1/1/2022 to 12/31/2024.

Contract renewal #2021-619 with Loni Radmall to provide legal services

27. Renewal #2021-619 of the Agreement with Loni Radmall to provide legal services for indigent persons appearing in Davis County — *Presented by Legal Defender Coordinator Todd Utzinger*

Terms: Payable in the amount of $95,000/year, beginning 1/1/2022 to 12/31/2024.

Contract renewal #2021-620 with Michael Murphy to provide legal services

28. Renewal #2021-620 of the Agreement with Michael Murphy to provide legal services for indigent persons appearing in Davis County — *Presented by Legal Defender Coordinator Todd Utzinger*

Terms: Payable in the amount of $86,463.40/year, beginning 1/1/2022 to 12/31/2024.

Commissioner Kamalu noted that Todd Utzinger is considered the Managing Defender for this group and any others who work on defense for people in need of public defense in our County. He has been in that leadership role since approximately 2014, and he is well respected. Indigent defense does not always happen in a fantastic way in every county in the State, and that's the reason the State started the Indigent Defense Commission. Commissioner Kamalu said she serves on that Commission and it has been fascinating to see the progress and efforts for indigent defense in the State of Utah.

Motion to Approve Items 14-28: Com. Kamalu
Seconded: Com. Elliott
All voted Aye

Information Systems

Letter #2021-621 delegating Michael Pace to create/post applications with Apple Developer

29. Approval of letter #2021-621 delegating Michael Pace to create/post applications for Davis County with the Apple Developer Program — *Presented by Information Systems Director Mark Langston*

Approval was requested for a letter delegating to Mike Pace the authority to create and sign agreements to create and post applications to the Apple website for Davis County. [Terms: Payable in the amount of $99, beginning 12/7/2021 to 12/7/2022.]

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

Public Works

Easement Encroachment Agreement #2021-622 with US Dept. of Interior-Bureau of Reclamation regarding storm drain for Ewe Turn

30. Approval of Easement Encroachment Agreement #2021-622 with the United States Department of the Interior-Bureau of Reclamation to install, operate, and maintain a storm drain for Ewe Turn, in the Mutton Hollow Area in Kaysville — *Presented by Public Works Director Adam Wright*

The Easement Encroachment Agreement with the United States Department of Interior-Bureau of Reclamation is related to a storm drain that the County installed in Ewe Turn. The agreement is legitimizing an encroachment that happened without agreement for this project. When installing the storm drain, the County was in the road right-of-way. Research is done for easements prior to projects, but this easement did not show up during the County's research and planning. This is an agreement that would normally have been done beforehand. It was mentioned that there had been some legal comments about the agreement and that everything seemed to be in line. [Terms: Beginning 12/7/2021.]

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

Sheriff's Office

Training Reimbursement Agreement #2021-623 with Antony Michael Gall

31. Approval of the Training Reimbursement Agreement #2021-623 with Antony Michael Gall for Special Functions and Basic Corrections Training — *Presented by Chief Deputy Susan Poulsen*

Terms: Payable in the amount of $13,560, beginning on the date the deputy is sworn in, and ending two years after the sworn in date [or 4,160 worked hours whichever occurs later].

Training Reimbursement Agreement #2021-624 with Landon Todd Gifford

32. Approval of the Training Reimbursement Agreement #2021-624 with Landon Todd Gifford for Law Enforcement Officer Training — *Presented by Chief Deputy Susan Poulsen*

Terms: Payable in the amount of $12,686, beginning on the date the deputy is sworn in, and ending two years after the sworn in date [or 4,160 worked hours whichever occurs later].

Training Reimbursement Agreement #2021-625 with Stetson Curtis Steed

33. Approval of the Training Reimbursement Agreement #2021-625 with Stetson Curtis Steed for Law Enforcement Officer Training — *Presented by Chief Deputy Susan Poulsen*

Terms: Payable in the amount of $12,686, beginning on the date the deputy is sworn in, and ending two years after the sworn in date [or 4,160 worked hours whichever occurs later].

Contract #2021-626 with Antony Michael Gall

34. Approval of the Contract #2021-626 with Waste Management of Utah, Inc. for the collection, disposal and/or recycle of the County's waste materials — *Presented by Chief Deputy Susan Poulsen*

Terms: Payable, beginning 1/1/2022 to 12/31/2024.

Amendment #2021-95-A with Intermountain Testing Services, Inc. for professional testing services

35. Approval of the Amendment #2021-95-A to the Contract with Intermountain Testing Services, Inc. extending the original contract for professional testing services — *Presented by Chief Deputy Susan Poulsen*

This is for the testing for the medical unit that is being built at the jail. Terms: Payable in the amount of $23,875 [$6,175 increase], beginning 3/2/2021 to 6/30/2022 [original end date 4/30/2022].

Cooperative Agreement #2021-627 with

36. Approval of the Cooperative Agreement #2021-627 with the Utah Department of Public Safety for a 24/7 Sobriety Program providing continuous electronic alcohol monitoring through devices and a

the Utah Department of Public Safety for a 24/7 Sobriety Program

web-based enrollment and reporting system for participants — *Presented by Chief Deputy Susan Poulsen*

Commissioner Kamalu said this is a fantastic opportunity for individuals who desire to live a more sober life and to be able to have the services and the help for that. Terms: Receivable, agreement will be valid for three years from the date of the execution of the last signature to this agreement.

Motion to Approve Items 31-36: Com. Elliott
Seconded: Com. Kamalu
All voted Aye

CONSENT ITEMS

Indigent Hardship Abatement Register

Indigent Hardship Register
A motion was made for approval of all three items on the Indigent Abatement Register. It was noted that interviews with these applicants had been held in the past.

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

Commission Meeting Minute

Meeting Minutes

Commmission Meeting Minutes for November 9, 2021, were presented for approval.

Motion to Approve: Com. Stevenson
Seconded: Com. Elliott
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
- A report or recommendation to deny a tax-exempt request

Appeals
- A report with various appeals recommended for approval
- A report with various recommendations for denial
- Four appeals that are over $1 million in adjustment and are called out specifically

Abatements
- An Abatement Late Application Report with 14 abatements
- An Abatement Report recommending denial of one abatement

Corrections
- Two corrections for Veteran Exemption Tax Abatements for the year 2020

Assessor Adjustments
Corrections
- A report with various Assessor-Initiated Corrections

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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.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Stevenson invited comments from Department Directors and then from Commissioners.

Clerk/Auditor

Clerk/Auditor Curtis Koch mentioned that December 7 is the anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. He expressed appreciation for the sacrifices made by many individuals, and an entire generation, as this event changed the course of history and of our nation.

Commissioner Kamalu

Commissioner Kamalu thanked the Clerk/Auditor for helping us to remember what happened on that day. It was extremely important to her father-in-law, who passed about three years ago. Rodney Keliiokalani Kamalu was about 12 or 13 years old on that day, and lived very close in Pearl City. He had a memory of being with his grandmother as they walked across the bridge and saw the beginning of that bombing. It is easy to look back and be pretty awed by what happened and the heroics, Commissioner Kamalu said, but to the people of the islands it was terrifying because they just didn't know if their whole island was going to be blown up, and so they hid in the sugar cane fields and just did the best they could for several days. She mentioned the great memorial in Pearl Harbor, where a lot of people go, and said that it's important to understand that history and the impact it had on all the people for years and years and a whole generation of people who stepped up.

Commissioner Kamalu also mentioned that a public Work Session was held prior to this Regular Commission Meeting, which included discussion of the efforts of the County's Community and Economic Development Department and particularly Tourism. She said that during the time she and Commissioner Stevenson have been in office they've seen a great move forward in tourism for Davis County and a lot of really good work. The events of the Great Salt Lake Bird Festival and the 2021 Antelope by Moonlight Bike Ride were presented at the Work Session. Even during a pandemic, when it was pretty hard to gather and pretty hard to know how to plan and execute these events, the County had some great events. Commissioner Kamalu said she is very proud of the work of Jessica [Merrill] and her team. She looks forward to those events continuing in 2022. The pop culture-inspired theme of the Antelope bike ride will be "Ride into the Danger Zone," she said, encouraging people to get on their bikes and train. We have some pretty unique and awesome events here in Davis County, and people come a long way to participate in those events.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Commission meeting was adjourned at 10:54 a.m.

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

Minutes approved on:

Curtis Koch
Clerk/Auditor

Bob J Stevenson
Commission Chair