COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES – DAVIS COUNTY

WORK SESSION MINUTES

April 12, 2022

The Board of Davis County Commissioners met for a Work Session at 8:30 a.m. on April 12, 2022, in room 306 of the Davis County Administration Building, 61 South Main Street, Farmington, Utah. Notice of this meeting was given under the requirements of UCA §52-4-202.

AGENDA AS POSTED

Roll Call

8:30 a.m. **Landscape Options for the Memorial Courthouse—Presented by Lane Rose, Facilities Director**

9:00 a.m. **UDOT Presentation of I-15 Environmental Impact Study (Farmington to Salt Lake City)—Presented by Katie Williams, Public Involvement Specialist**

9:40 a.m. **Discussion on Pre and Post Election Audit Enhancements and Appointment of Election Auditors—Presented by Brian McKenzie, Chief Deputy Clerk/Auditor**

Adjournment

DISCLAIMER

The meeting was an open dialogue. Critical points in the discussion have only been briefly summarized. The reader may refer to the audio recording and the publicly distributed materials for further clarification of the content. Timestamps have been noted in the minutes to aid in locating points of discussion in the audio record. The audio recording is available based upon the County's current retention schedule.

All documents from this meeting are on file in the Davis County (DC) Clerk/Auditor's office.

ROLL CALL

Davis County Commissioners in attendance: Randy B. Elliott, Chair; and Bob J Stevenson. Lorene Miner Kamalu, Vice-Chair, was excused.

Davis County Staff in attendance: Shairise Bills, Deputy Clerk/Auditor; Curtis Koch, Clerk/Auditor; Neal Geddes, Chief Civil Deputy Attorney; Chris Bone, Human Resource Director; Bartly Mathews, Transportation Planner; Jeff Oyler, Planning Manager; Lane Rose, Facilities Director; Kent Andersen, Community & Economic Development Director; Brian McKenzie, Chief Deputy Clerk/Auditor; and Cynda Melville, Commission Office.

Members of the public in attendance: Lyle Gibson, Assistant Community & Economic Development Director/City Planner, Farmington City; and Todd Bass, Vice Chair, Benchland Water District; and Shane Marshall, Regional Transportation Director, Horrocks Engineers

The meeting commenced at 8:32 a.m.

WORK SESSION DISCUSSION

Landscape Options for the Memorial Courthouse—*Presented by Lane Rose, Facilities Director (Minute 00:43)*

[This discussion is a follow-up to the Work Session dated March 29, 2022. Lane was going to meet with the design team to find alternate landscaping plans that would include artificial turf due to the current drought condition the county is in.] He presented four different options. The first was a turf-only option at $345,196, the second was a xeriscape and turf combined option at $265,278, the third was a xeriscape-only option at $192,295, and the fourth was xeriscape and turf with asphalt parking at $375,995. The pros and cons for each were discussed at length.

Commissioners Stevenson and Elliott agreed that the county should lead by example and not waste resources (water or money) by holding off on installing sod or turf for now. They decided the irrigation needed to be in place and some cloth put over the soil to guard against the winds and then placed a hold on the installation until conditions improved and a final decision could be made.

(See Attachments A1-D2.)

APPROVED

UDOT Presentation of I-15 Environmental Impact Statement Study (Farmington to Salt Lake City)—
Presented by Katie Williams, Public Involvement Specialist (Minute 22:58)

Shane Marshall began the slide presentation of the I-15 Environmental Impact Statement Study. The study area goes from Shepard Lane in Farmington to 400 South in Salt Lake City. The study process was outlined from the beginning stages of the NEPA overview and early scoping six months ago to the release of the final EIS and the record of the decision in 2024. Afterwhich, the design phase would begin, and construction would start in 2026 (when the money is available.) The study looks at the aging infrastructure, travel time, interchange needs, safety, and limited connectivity along the corridor. Chavonne (sp?) presented the second half of the presentation. She said that there are opportunities for input that require early stakeholder engagement. The Draft Purpose and Needs Statement is the project driver and is necessary to identify the reasons for the study and support the goals of good health, connected communities, a strong economy, and better mobility. The public comment period allows the public input on these areas and the screening criteria. The comment period runs April 11-May 13 and can be submitted through the website or via mail/email. As they deemed appropriate, Shane asked the Commission for a letter of support or concerns.
(See Attachments E1-E22.)

Discussion on Pre and Post Election Audit Enhancements and Appointment of Election Auditors—
Presented by Brian McKenzie, Chief Deputy Clerk/Auditor (Minute 56:10)

Brian said they have been reviewing their election processes for areas of improvement or enhancements. A focus is on pre-election and post-election audit procedures that ensure transparency, accessibility, and independence to instill greater public confidence in election systems in Davis County. He said they had broken the post-election audit procedures into four sections. The first would be a hand-count of the ballots by a team of auditors to be compared to the electronic count. (This would be a new step in the current process.)The electronic tabulation will still be done to ensure the computers are working correctly, and a signature audit (both of which are part of the current process.) In addition, he would like to add a voter registration audit for the fourth step. The persons to whom the ballots belong would have their voter registration documents audited to ensure they are in order. He also wants to create an independent audit team to perform the audit tasks. Traditionally, it has been done by the Deputy Clerk Staff or the election workers. There haven't been any issues with doing it this way, but Brian said he would like to put ownership to the citizens to establish more of a citizen audit of the election. The idea is to have the audit team comprised of one of the Board of Canvassers (one of the Commissioners NOT currently up for re-election), and the rest of the team be citizens in the community. One requirement is they have to have served as election workers in the past. The County Clerk would oversee the audit and would facilitate giving names to the Commission for appointment to the audit team. The pre-election audit would also include the member of the Board of Canvassers. Brian said the Clerk/Auditor's Office tried to get these into legislation last year and was in the proposed bill they were working on with the Lt. Governor's office, but it was struck from the bill. The Clerk/Auditor's office thought it was necessary to implement any way to help citizens have more confidence in their elections. The names for appointments will come before the Commission for approval soon.

ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 9:37 a.m.

MATERIALS PRESENTED All publicly distributed materials associated with this meeting are noted as the following attachments:

A1-A2	Option 1-Turf Only
B1-B2	Option 2-Xeriscaped & Turf (Preferred)
C1-C2	Option 3- Xeriscape
D1-D2	Option 4- Parking
E1-E22	UDOT I-15 Environmental Impact Study Presentation

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Deputy Clerk/Auditor

Minutes approved on: 5/24/2022

/s/ Curtis Koch
Curtis Koch
Davis County Clerk/Auditor

/s/ Randy B. Elliott
Randy B. Elliott
Commission Chair

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