COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES – DAVIS COUNTY

WORK SESSION MINUTES

June 21, 2022

The Board of Davis County Commissioners met for a Work Session at 8:30 a.m. on June 21, 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. Discussion of the Animal Care Funding Model Moving into 2023 and Beyond—Presented by Ashleigh Young, Animal Care Director

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. 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 Lorene Miner Kamalu, Vice-Chair. Bob J Stevenson was excused.

Davis County Staff in attendance: Rebecca Abbott, Record's Manager; Neal Geddes, Chief Civil Deputy Attorney; Curtis Koch, Clerk/Auditor; Cynda Melville, Commission Office; Ashleigh Young, Animal Care Director; Sydney Larabee, Animal Care Deputy Director; Lane Rose, Facilities Director; and Chris Bone, Human Resource Director.

Members of the public in attendance: Garth Heer, Centerville citizen.

The meeting commenced at 8:30 a.m.

WORK SESSION DISCUSSION

Discussion of the Animal Care Funding Model Moving into 2023 and Beyond—*Presented by Ashleigh Young, Animal Care Director*

Curtis Koch said the Animal Care shelter was constructed in 1986 and had no longer met the needs of a growing Davis County. He said a feasibility study would be completed in September, but the budget process for 2023 will have already begun by then. He presented several ideas on budgeting for the department's needs for 2023 and beyond. They can have a "flat-line zero" or wait for the feasibility study outcome, go for a General Obligation (GO) Bond, and put it to the people's vote to decide what to do with Animal Care. The GO Bond would be for capital improvement (to build a new shelter.) Another option would be to go through Truth in Taxation, which would lock in the tax rate after the bond is gone. As departments go into the budget process, the Commission will need to instruct Ashleigh on the direction in which to go.

The feasibility study is specifically looking at the condition of the current facility, if a new facility should be built to replace it or built in another location, and looking at staffing levels for operations.

The Commission will not be able to make a decision today. Still, Curtis said he wanted to present this information to them to prepare them to decide once the study is complete and give Ashleigh that direction. Curtis said he could run some numbers based on the various scenarios to see what the costs would be. If they decide to go for a tax increase, they would have to inform Curtis by September 1st to notify the Treasurer and send a parcel-specific mailer with a not-to-exceed amount to all tax-payers.

The original discussion with the cities was they would pay the capital costs for the next 10-20 years, but that went away with the new legislation, and the entire burden is now on the County. This is a municipal-type service which makes it a unique situation.

ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Minutes prepared by:
Shairise Bills
Deputy Clerk/Auditor

Minutes approved on: July 26,2022

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

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

APPROVED