

**WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 21, 2023**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of the Washington County Commission was called to order by Chairman Adam Snow at 4:00 p.m. on March 21, 2023, in the Washington County Commission Chambers, and via Zoom 197 East Tabernacle, St. George, Utah. Those in attendance were Commissioner Adam Snow, Commissioner Gil Almquist, Commissioner Victor Iverson, Deputy County Attorney Devin Snow, County Administrator Nicholle Felshaw and Deputy Clerk Sarah Lloyd.

INVOCATION BY: Phebe Love, Grace Episcopal Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Major Bill G. Stay – USAF Air National Guard - Retired

CONSENT AGENDA:

The Consent Agenda is a means of expediting the consideration of routine matters. If a commissioner requests that items be removed from the consent agenda, those items are placed at the beginning of the regular agenda. Other than requests to remove items, a motion to approve the items on the consent agenda is not debatable.

- Consideration of Auditor-Approved Claims for Payment for March 8, 2023 through March 21, 2023.
- Consideration of Commission Meeting Minutes of March 7, 2023.
- Consideration of Administrative Adjustments: Real Property
- Consideration of Administrative Adjustments: Personal Property
- Acknowledgement of Notice of Adoption of Ordinance No. 2023-1227-0, published on Sunday, March 12, 2023
- Consideration of Amendment to the Facility Service Agreement with BluMont Building Services, LLC
- Consideration of First Amendment to the Settlement Agreement Between the Howards and Washington County Regarding Silver Valley Road Damage

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Approve the Consent Agenda as Outlined. Motion seconded by Commissioner Almquist and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow, Almquist and Iverson voting aye.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

PRESENTATION: VICTIM OF CRIME ACT GRANT REPORT

Children's Justice Center (CJC) Director Kristy Pike explained that the CJC collaborates with multidisciplinary partners to protect each child, advance justice, promote healing, and educate the

community. The Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant is a large funding source for the Children's Justice Center. There were 420 primary victims served in 2022.

CONSIDERATION OF PROCLAMATION NO. 2023-26, A PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 2023 AS NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

Commissioner Almquist read the Proclamation.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Almquist to Proclamation No. 2023-26, A Proclamation Declaring April 2023 as National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow, Almquist and Iverson voting aye.

PRESENTATION: EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT

Sergeant Darrel Cashin reported there were seven (7) call outs with four hundred and twenty-two man hours (422) through March 20, 2023.

(See attached report.)

CONSIDERATION OF RATIFICATION OF PURCHASE REQUEST

Dixie Center, HVAC Unit Including Labor and Installation (\$76,459.00)

All purchases are budgeted, bonded, or paid for through grant funds.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Approve the Ratification of Purchase Request as Outlined. Motion seconded by Commissioner Almquist and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow, Almquist and Iverson voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE NO. 2023-1228-O, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT OF CERTAIN PROPERTY IN WASHINGTON COUNTY, SOUTH OF CENTRAL, BY AMENDING THE PDC (PLANNED DEVELOPMENT COMMERCIAL) AND THE PDR (PLANNED DEVELOPMENT RESIDENTIAL) ZONES, AND APPROVING THE PROJECT PLAN, HEREINAFTER FULLY DESCRIBED IN THIS ORDINANCE (VEYO, LLC – PINE VALLEY MOUNTAIN RV – SLADE HUGHES)

Community Development Director Scott Messel explained the property is an approximately eighty-three (83) acre parcel located south of Central and north of Veyo with a Planned Development (PD). This ordinance would amend the PD and the project plan.

(See attached report.)

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Approve Ordinance No. 2023-1228-O, An Ordinance Amending the Planned Development of Certain Property in Washington County, South of Central, by Amending the PDC (Planned Development Commercial) and the PDR (Planned Development Residential) Zones, and Approving the Project Plan, Hereinafter Fully Described in This Ordinance (Veyo, LLC – Pine Valley Mountain RV – Slade Hughes). Motion seconded by Commissioner Almquist and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow, Almquist and Iverson voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2023-3101, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS RECOMMENDATIONS

Commissioner Iverson explained that the Council of Governments (COG) serves as a recommending body to Washington County and oversees the expenditures of local transportation corridor preservation funds. There are two (2) projects being recommended for funding which are: The approval of a request to update the 2023 Master Priority Corridor Preservation Project List by adding the following corridor: 400 West Street from 450 North to Old Dixie Highway 91. The second request is the approval of an Ivins City funding request of \$163,200 from the Construction Grant Fund to acquire additional right-of-way for the Old Dixie Highway 91 corridor.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Almquist to Approve Resolution No. R-2023-3101, A Resolution Approving the Council of Governments Recommendations Provided the Name be Changed to Old Dixie Highway 91. Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow, Almquist and Iverson voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2023-3102, A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND ST. GEORGE CITY FOR COST-SHARING OF COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES PROVIDED BY EVERBRIDGE

Emergency Services Director Jason Whipple stated this agreement with Everbridge has been ongoing, however, it has never been finalized. The Everbridge system allows notifications to responders and County employees.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Almquist to Approve Resolution No. R-2023-3102, A Resolution Approving an Interlocal Agreement Between Washington County and St. George City for Cost-Sharing of Communications Services Provided by Everbridge. Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow, Almquist and Iverson voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2023-3103, A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF BLUECREST AND AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND BLUECREST FOR THE EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES ENUMERATED IN THE ELECTION BALLOT SORTER AND EQUIPMENT RFP

County Clerk/Auditor Susan Lewis explained the benefit of a sorting machine that would alleviate extra work for Elections for municipalities. Ms. Lewis explained this machine sorts envelopes and does not affect ballots at all.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Approve Resolution No. R-2023-3103, A Resolution Accepting RFP for Election Ballot Sorting Equipment Contingent Upon Legal Approval. Motion seconded by Commissioner Almquist and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow, Almquist and Iverson voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2023-3104, A RESOLUTION APPROVING 2023 APPELLATE PUBLIC DEFENDER CONTRACTS

County Administrator Nicholle Felshaw explained that the current appellate public defender contractor is much higher than in years past. Appellate cases require much more work than regular cases. It is recommended to split the contract with the Indigent Defense Commission (IDC) providing the extra moneys needed to split the contract in to two.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Almquist to Approve Resolution No. R-2023-3104, A Resolution Approving 2023 Appellate Public Defender Contracts. Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow, Almquist and Iverson voting aye.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

Commissioner Almquist noted on the Restaurant Tax and Transient Room Tax collected through the end of 2022.

Commissioner Snow reported on the bills that were passed in the recent legislative session. He stated the Commissioners have and will continue to meet regarding constituent issues.

Commissioner Iverson stated his respect for the Clerk/Auditor's office. He commented on the voter rolls and chain of custody regarding elections. Commissioner Iverson reminded everyone about the County Fair in April.

Commissioner Snow commented on remembering the interest of free and fair elections.

PUBLIC COMMENT (10 PEOPLE MAXIMUM; ONE (1) COMMENT PER PERSON AT A MAXIMUM OF TWO (2) MINUTES PER COMMENT.)

Angela Jones spoke on security issues and fractional voting.

Mary Kay Welch commented on the bid opening for the ballot sorting machine and public comment policy.

Wendy Godlewski spoke on cybersecurity and the election sorting machine.

April Pinkston expressed anger towards the Commissioners.

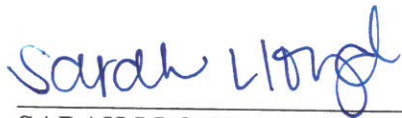
Kelly Contratto discussed cybersecurity and hand counting.

Shelley Scholzen commented on voting issues.

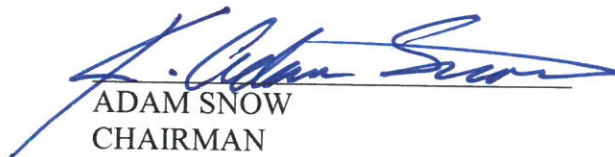
Sally Thomas spoke on voter integrity.

David Johnson discussed water concerns and bond issues.

Having no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:52 p.m.



SARAH LLOYD
DEPUTY CLERK



ADAM SNOW
CHAIRMAN