

**WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 4, 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 April 4, 2023, in the Washington County Commission Chambers, and via Zoom 111 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: Tim Martin, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

NATIONAL ANTHEM: Alice Erickson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Arthur P. Davis, Colonel USAF (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 22, 2023 through April 4, 2023.
- Consideration of Commission Meeting Minutes of March 21, 2023.
- Consideration of Administrative Adjustments: Real Property
- Consideration of Administrative Adjustments: Personal Property
- Consideration of Applications for Property Tax Abatements (3)
- Acknowledgement of Notice of Adoption of Ordinance No. 2023-1228-0, published on Sunday, March 26, 2023
- Consideration of Modification of the Cooperative Law Enforcement Operating and Financial Plan with Forest Service
- Consideration of Amended and Restated Resolution No. R-2023-3098, A Resolution Approving a Complete Reduction of Property Taxes for a Parcel Located in the Red Cliffs Desert Reserve

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: INTRODUCING MISS WASHINGTON COUNTY AND MISS GREATER ZION

Alison Anderson, Executive Director of Royalty for the Washington County Fair introduced the winners of the Fair Royalty. Miss Washington County Adalyn Smith, Miss Greater Zion Alyssia Johnston, First (1st) Runner Up Riley Imlay, and Miss Spirit McKenzie Bierer introduced themselves.

CONSIDERATION OF PROCLAMATION NO. 2023-27, A PROCLAMATION CELEBRATING AND SUPPORTING WOMEN IN THE MILITARY

Commissioner Almquist read the Proclamation aloud.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Almquist to Approve Proclamation No. 2023-27, A Proclamation Celebrating and Supporting Women in the Military. Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow, Almquist and Iverson voting aye.

PRESENTATION: RECOGNITION OF JASON BRADLEY, UTAH EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION (UEMA) MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Emergency Services Director Jason Whipple explained there is a yearly conference that honors one person per year. This year, Emergency Operations Management Director Jason Bradley was honored. Mr. Whipple explained the Emergency Operations Center prepares, responds to and monitors disasters with Mr. Bradley being an integral part of the team.

CONSIDERATION OF RATIFICATION OF PURCHASE REQUEST

Assessor, Vehicle Purchase and Trade In (\$38,820.25)

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 PURCHASE REQUESTS

Roads, Equipment Fuel	(\$30,640.60)
Tourism, Advertising	(\$15,000.00)
Tourism, Media Production	(\$21,250.00)
Tourism, Professional Services	(\$18,000.00)
Tourism, IRONMAN Advertising	(\$12,000.00)
Tourism, IRONMAN Advertising	(\$13,300.00)
Legacy Park, Fair Booklet Print & Production	(\$1,340.24)

Legacy Park, Fair Fireworks (\$24,050.00)
Legacy Park, Fair Promo Items (\$30,595.18)

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

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2023-3105, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS RECOMMENDATIONS

County Engineer Todd Edwards 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 three (3) projects being recommended for funding which are: The approval of a Hurricane City funding request of \$850,000 from the Preservation Fund for roadway right-of-way acquisition for the 1100 West corridor. The second request is for the approval of a Washington City funding request of \$675,000 from the Construction Grant Fund to acquire SITLA property for the Washington Parkway (Northern Corridor) alignment located in the Red Cliffs Desert Reserve. The third request is the approval of a Dixie Metropolitan Planning Organization (Dixie MPO) of \$200,000 from the Construction Grant Fund to pay the 20% match required to obtain a \$1,000,000 grant.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Approve Resolution No. R-2023-3105, A Resolution Approving the Council of Governments Recommendations. 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-2023-3106, A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN WASHINGTON COUNTY, UTAH AND TOQUERVILLE CITY, UTAH FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO PROVIDE PATROL SERVICES IN TOQUERVILLE

Sheriff Nate Brooksby explained the Sheriff's Office has had an agreement with Toquerville City for many years, but as Toquerville grows, more patrol services are required. The Sheriff's office will patrol Toquerville approximately eighteen (18) hours per week.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Almquist to Approve Resolution No. R-2023-3106, A Resolution Approving an Interlocal Agreement Between Washington County, Utah and Toquerville City, Utah for the Washington County Sheriff's Office to Provide Patrol Services in Toquerville. 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-2023-3107, A RESOLUTION APPROVING TRT FUNDING FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AT THE TUACAHN CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Greater Zion Tourism Director Brittany McMichael stated this request would increase Tuacahn's seating by two hundred and eighty (280) seats and improve front and back house improvements to enhance the visitor experience.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Approve Resolution No. R-2023-3107, A Resolution Approving TRT Funding for Capital Improvements at the Tuacahn Center for the Arts. 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-2023-3108, A RESOLUTION APPROVING A 40-ACRE LAND DONATION TO THE STATE OF UTAH DIVISION OF WILDLIFE RESOURCES

Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) Director Cameron Rognan stated a forty (40) acre parcel was donated to the County and will be donated to the State of Utah in exchange for approximately forty-five (45) acres of land within the Red Cliffs Desert Reserve.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Almquist to Approve Resolution No. R-2023-3108, A Resolution Approving a 40-Acre Land Donation to the State of Utah Division of Wildlife Resources. 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-2023-3109, A RESOLUTION APPROVING RAVEN MANAGEMENT AS RECOMMENDED BY THE HCAC

Mr. Rognan explained Washington County has many ravens in the County that eat desert tortoises, specifically juvenile tortoises. Fish and Wildlife Services will prepare a study to find the best course of action on how to implement the raven depredation control permit.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Approve Resolution No. R-2023-3109, A Resolution Approving Raven Management as Recommended by the HCAC. 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-2023-3110, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ADOPTION OF A NEW TRANSLOCATION PLAN FOR THE MOHAVE DESERT TORTOISE AS RECOMMENDED BY THE HCAC

Mr. Rognan related this Resolution is in support of a translocation plan to create a thriving and growing tortoise populations. The translocation plan will also include an adaptive management approach for hatchling and juvenile tortoises in order to make them less vulnerable to ravens.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Almquist to Approve Resolution No. R-2023-3110, A Resolution Approving the Adoption of a New Translocation Plan for the Mohave Desert Tortoise as Recommended by the HCAC. 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-2023-3111, A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT TO BORROW AND DISPLAY CERTAIN OBJECTS FROM THE SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY ARCHAEOLOGY REPOSITORY

County Administrator Nicholle Felshaw stated in the design of the new administration building, it was decided to display items that show the County's history. Southern Utah University has allowed the County to borrow certain objects to display within the building.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Approve Resolution No. R-2023-3111, A Resolution Approving An Agreement to Borrow and Display Certain Objects From the Southern Utah University Archaeology Repository. 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-2023-3112, A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING THAT ESTABLISHES COPPERATING AGENCY STATUS FOR THE COUNTY IN CONNECTION WITH THE BLM'S DEVELOPMENT OF THE 368 ENERGY CORRIDOR RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN AMENDMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Deputy County Attorney Devin Snow explained the Section 368 Energy Corridor is a federal management plan that provides for various energy corridors along the western United States. This is a memorandum of understanding to establish a cooperating agency status for the county as part of the environmental reviews associated with proposed amendments to the Section 368 Energy Corridors.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Almquist to Approve Resolution No. R-2023-3112, A Resolution to Approve a Memorandum of Understanding that Establishes Cooperating Agency Status for the County in Connection with the BLM's Development of the 368 Energy Corridor Resource Management Plan Amendment and Environmental Impact Statement. 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-2023-3113, A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT STATE FUNDING FOR FLOOD MITIGATION MEASURES AND TO APPROVE IMMEDIATE COUNTY EXPENDITURES

Emergency Operations Manager Jason Bradley stated that the Utah State Legislature has set aside funding for statewide flood mitigation measures, with Washington County being allocated \$156,475.00 for reimbursement for expenses that are incurred.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Almquist to Approve Resolution No. R-2023-3113, A Resolution to Accept State Funding for Flood Mitigation Measures and to Approve Immediate County Expenditures. 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-2023-3114, A RESOLUTION REGARDING WASHINGTON COUNTY ELECTION SECURITY

Chairman Adam Snow explained that concerns of citizens regarding election integrity have been heard and will continue to be heard. He stated that Washington County is a political subdivision of the state of Utah and will not break away from state law. Commissioner Snow read the Resolution aloud.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Almquist to Approve Resolution No. R-2023-3114, A Resolution Regarding Washington County Election Security. Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow, Almquist and Iverson voting aye.

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

April Pinkston stated anger towards Commissioners Snow and Iverson and voting machines.

Shelley Scholzen spoke on election fraud.

Shalynn Wilson spoke on public comment polices agenda policies and election fraud.

Wendy Godlewski commented on public comment policies, agenda policies and election fraud. A stack of signature petitions was presented to the Commissioners.

Mary Kaye Welch spoke on election fraud.

Laura Bean reflected on the Constitution.

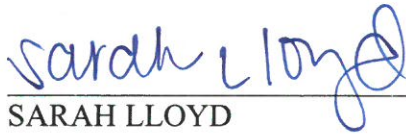
Darryn Cox talked about hand counting and election fraud.

Patricia Kent spoke on the Declaration of Independence and the role of government.

David Johnson commented on the two-minute time limit for public comment.

Dana McCabe discussed transparency and censorship.

Having no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:41 p.m.



SARAH LLOYD
DEPUTY CLERK



ADAM SNOW
CHAIRMAN

Account Number	Tax ID No.	Tax Year	Owner	Pre Adj Taxes	Post Adj Taxes	Difference	Comments	MeetingDate
36221	SG-5-2-32-4305	2022	DRAKE CHAD THOMAS TR	3360.65	1848.36	-1512.29	Assessment level changed to primary	4/4/2023
46519	SG-LH-A-12	2022	HOFHEINS RYAN	2139.37	1176.65	-962.72	Assessment level changed to primary	4/4/2023
90350	LV-MVS-23	2022	GROW JOHNATHAN DUSTIN	4908.95	2699.92	-2209.03	Assessment level changed to primary	4/4/2023
102445	SC-SCH-K-83	2022	THOMPSON MICAH	3162.16	1739.19	-1422.97	Assessment level changed to primary	4/4/2023
130925	SG-BCC-3-2-983	2022	CARTER MARI JO TR	1997.03	1098.37	-898.66	Assessment level changed to primary	4/4/2023
131618	SG-BCC-3-3-3474	2022	HIRSCH GARRETT STEVEN	2627.6	1445.18	-1182.42	Assessment level changed to primary	4/4/2023
137706	SG-BCC-9-24	2022	BURNETT ANDREW & JODI	3962.75	2179.51	-1783.24	Assessment level changed to primary	4/4/2023
281645	LV-CVV-11	2022	SOTO SILVIA	3426.73	1884.70	-1542.03	Assessment level changed to primary	4/4/2023
355530	SG-WGT-4	2022	BUJ UYEN WENDY / BIESENTHAL MICHAEL WALLIS	2346.47	1290.56	-1055.91	Assessment level changed to primary	4/4/2023
358377	SG-PWT-14	2022	BUJ UYEN W	2002.01	1101.11	-900.90	Assessment level changed to primary	4/4/2023
476260	LV-SPG-2-38	2022	NELSON GREGORY G	2381.17	1309.64	-1071.53	Assessment level changed to primary	4/4/2023
520588	W-TCGS-11-1101	2022	PEACOCK COLTER	1809.2	995.06	-814.14	Assessment level changed to primary	4/4/2023
552821	W-SHES-4-81	2022	MARSHALL MELISSA / PAXTON AARON	2619.97	1440.98	-1178.99	Assessment level changed to primary	4/4/2023
555899	SG-SHM-4-A-229	2022	FRY DEV T & KIMBERLEY C	3413.31	1877.32	-1535.99	Assessment level changed to primary	4/4/2023
572530	W-MJV-1-120	2022	NEEDHAM KATHRYN L / TERRY LEILANI	4579.99	2518.99	-2061.00	Assessment level changed to primary	4/4/2023
594849	H-DSP-E-121	2022	PAINTER STEVEN G	5370.9	2954.00	-2416.90	Assessment level changed to primary	4/4/2023
600786	SG-PAW-4-60	2022	WRIGHT TIMOTHY & MERCY	2925.8	1609.19	-1316.61	Assessment level changed to primary	4/4/2023
608029	SG-SUR-2A-191	2022	NIELSEN WAYNE & JOYCE	2858.9	1572.39	-1286.51	Assessment level changed to primary	4/4/2023
644719	SG-COSC-B-197	2022	VAN LEEUWEN KENNETH CRAIG / VAN LEEUWEN MELODY J	8646.44	4755.54	-3890.90	Assessment level changed to primary	4/4/2023
658412	W-CAWE-2-56	2022	TANNER MARK	3217.61	1769.68	-1447.93	Assessment level changed to primary	4/4/2023
714314	SG-SUR-10-805	2022	LUKE BOYD	2648.95	1456.92	-1192.03	Assessment level changed to primary	4/4/2023
730567	W-SNGS-3-103	2022	SOMMERS DONALD WAYNE & MARIA CORDELIA	6614.36	3637.90	-2976.46	Assessment level changed to primary	4/4/2023
733363	SG-SUR-4-466	2022	SMITH BUDDY R & BRENDA JO	4113.63	2262.49	-1851.14	Assessment level changed to primary	4/4/2023
753346	SG-BSV-1-23	2022	SICZ WAYNE & KIM	3941.39	2167.77	-1773.62	Assessment level changed to primary	4/4/2023
761091	I-RENS-C-45	2022	SPESSARD KENNETH & PATRICIA	10833.63	5958.50	-4875.13	Assessment level changed to primary	4/4/2023
761190	W-WSAG-4-47	2022	WALLIN BRUCE G & MARILYN J TRS	5889.98	3239.49	-2650.49	Assessment level changed to primary	4/4/2023
853630	W-MST-55	2022	IMLAY KOBY / WILDING SYDNEE / IMLAY RUSSELL P	2242.55	1233.40	-1009.15	Assessment level changed to primary	4/4/2023
863608	H-COVI-6	2022	TOLMAN KARLY / STEPHENS TRACY M	3439.6	1891.78	-1547.82	Assessment level changed to primary	4/4/2023
904402	SG-SVCS-2-28	2022	WATERS JEAN DAVID & KALI	5550.55	3052.80	-2497.75	Assessment level changed to primary	4/4/2023
927377	HD-SHCR-4-21	2022	DUTSON BYGNAL & LISSANDRA	2893.85	1591.62	-1302.23	Assessment level changed to primary	4/4/2023
934221	SG-VIS-1-7	2022	SMILEY SHARON / BIRD NEAL JOSEPH	13309.5	7320.23	-5989.27	Assessment level changed to primary	4/4/2023
956270	SC-BSSC-5-502	2022	MEDEARIS MARK A & LAURIE R	3796.49	2088.07	-1708.42	Assessment level changed to primary	4/4/2023
968794	SG-RERH-1-8	2022	BATEMAN DUSTIN S & CHERYL	10625.68	5844.12	-4781.56	Assessment level changed to primary	4/4/2023
1014726	SG-DDCT-1-24	2022	BATEMAN DUSTIN S & CHERYL	2443.98	1344.19	-1099.79	Assessment level changed to primary	4/4/2023
1040776	W-SOV-1-18	2022	BRANCH WYATT Q / ADAMS MARLEE A	5714.37	3142.90	-2571.47	Assessment level changed to primary	4/4/2023
1060161	W-RUT-4-82	2022	RANDALL DUSTIN M & AMANDA	4905.72	2698.14	-2207.58	Assessment level changed to primary	4/4/2023
1061119	W-WARG-2-97	2022	CARLSON SCOTT KENNETH & NICOLE	3573.07	1965.19	-1607.88	Assessment level changed to primary	4/4/2023
1081294	SG-OCE-85	2022	FUHRMAN TREVOR JACOB & CARRIE MARIE	6429.5	3536.22	-2893.28	Assessment level changed to primary	4/4/2023
1994733	SG-JCR-1	2022	JOHNSON DEVAN	2485.26	1366.89	-1118.37	Assessment level changed to primary	4/4/2023
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