

**WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 18, 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 18, 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**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Major General Kathy Thomas, US Air Force (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 April 5, 2023 through April 18, 2023.
- Consideration of Commission Meeting Minutes of April 4, 2023.
- Consideration of Administrative Adjustments: Real Property
- Consideration of Administrative Adjustments: Personal Property
- Consideration of Applications for Property Tax Abatements (3): Brittni Hawkins, A/N 602501; William McCormick, A/N 893427; Elenn Siggard, A/N 462252

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

**REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

**PRESENTATION: IRONMAN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP WINS 2022 EVENT OF THE YEAR AT GOVERNOR'S STATE OF SPORTS AWARD**

Sports and Adventure Manager Chad McWilliams with Greater Zion Tourism stated that the IRONMAN World Championship that was held in May of 2022 was the first time the event has been off of the island of Hawaii in forty-four (44) years. The Governor's Office and the Utah Sports Commission recognized the event as having a large economic impact on the state of Utah and recognized it as the event of the year for sporting events that took place across the state of Utah.

**CONSIDERATION OF PURCHASE REQUESTS**

Building Maintenance, Sewer Grinder for Sheriff's Office .....	(\$20,583.00)
Sheriff, Vehicle for Victims Advocate .....	(\$31,604.00)
Sheriff, In Car Video and Antenna .....	(\$28,575.20)
Tourism, UTV and Trailer for Destination Development .....	(\$41,552.99)

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

**CONSIDERATION OF PROCLAMATION NO. 2023-28, A PROCLAMATION DECLARING A LOCAL EMERGENCY REGARDING 2023 FLOODING**

Emergency Operations Manager Jason Bradley stated this is a routine declaration made in times of crisis or potential crisis and allows Emergency Operations to expedite purchasing and requests for state and federal resources if necessary.

**MOTION:** Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Approve Proclamation No. 2023-28, A Proclamation Declaring a Local Emergency Regarding 2023 Flooding. Motion seconded by Commissioner Almquist and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow, Almquist and Iverson voting aye.

**CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2023-1229-O, AN ORDINANCE REZONING A CERTAIN PORTION OF WASHINGTON COUNTY ON BUCKEYE REEF ROAD NEAR LEEDS FROM THE A-20 ZONE (AGRICULTURE 20) TO THE RE-40 ZONE (RESIDENTIAL ESTATE 40,000 SQUARE FOOT MINIMUM LOT SIZE) HEREINAFTER FULLY DESCRIBED IN THIS ORDINANCE**

Community Development Director Scott Messel explained that on Buckeye Reef Road west of Leeds, the existing lot sizes do not conform with County code and have not for decades. A staff initiated zone change has been recommended to bring the lots into compliance.

**MOTION:** Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Adopt Ordinance No. 2023-1229-O, An Ordinance Rezoning a Certain Portion of Washington County on Buckeye Reef Road Near Leeds from the A-20 Zone (Agriculture 20) to the RE-40 Zone (Residential Estate 40,000 Square Foot Minimum Lot Size) Hereinafter Fully Described in This Ordinance. Motion seconded by Commissioner Almquist and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow, Almquist and Iverson voting aye.

**CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2023-1230-O, AN ORDINANCE REZONING A CERTAIN PORTION OF WASHINGTON COUNTY LOCATED APPROXIMATELY ALONG HIDDEN VALLEY ROAD NEAR LEEDS FROM THE OST-20 ZONE (OPEN SPACE TRANSITION 20 ACRE MINIMUM LOT SIZE), TO THE RE-40 ZONE**

**(RESIDENTIAL ESTATE 40,000 SQUARE FOOT MINIMUM LOT SIZE),  
HEREINAFTER FULLY DESCRIBED IN THIS ORDINANCE (APPLICANT  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT STAFF)**

Mr. Messel stated this request is similar to the last Ordinance, with a staff initiated zone change being recommended to bring the lots into compliance.

**MOTION:** Motion by Commissioner Almquist to Adopt Ordinance No. 2023-1230-O, An Ordinance Rezoning a Certain Portion of Washington County Located Approximately Along Hidden Valley Road Near Leeds from the OST-20 Zone (Open Space Transition 20 Acre Minimum Lot Size), to the RE-40 Zone (Residential Estate 40,000 Square Foot Minimum Lot Size), Hereinafter Fully Described in This Ordinance (Applicant Community Development Staff). Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow, Almquist and Iverson voting aye.

**CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2023-1231-O, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING  
VARIOUS TITLE 10 ZONING REGULATIONS REGARDING DEFINITIONS,  
CAMPGROUDS, CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS, PERMITTED WITH STANDARDS,  
AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS DESCRIBED HEREIN**

Mr. Messel related terms and definitions for commercial campgrounds were outdated as far as where they are permitted and how dense they can be. The second part of this ordinance is regarding permitted uses with standards, as they are becoming more common versus conditional use permits to allow more types of uses within zones.

**MOTION:** Motion by Commissioner Almquist to Adopt Ordinance No. 2023-1231-O, An Ordinance Amending Various Title 10 Zoning Regulations Regarding Definitions, Campgrounds, Conditional Use Permits, Permitted with Standards, and Other Miscellaneous Provisions Described Herein. Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow, Almquist and Iverson voting aye.

**CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2023-1232-O, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING  
WASHINGTON COUNTY ORDINANCE, TITLE 8 CHAPTER 1, REGARDING TAX  
SALES AND ADDING AN ONLINE AUCTION OPTION**

Deputy Clerk/Auditor Ryan Sullivan explained that this amendment to the existing ordinance allows the Clerk/Auditor's office to allow the yearly tax sale to happen online.

**MOTION:** Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Adopt Ordinance No. 2023-1232-O, An Ordinance Amending Washington County Ordinance, Title 8 Chapter 1, Regarding Tax Sales and Adding an Online Auction Option. Motion seconded by Commissioner Almquist and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow, Almquist and Iverson voting aye.

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2023-3115, A RESOLUTION APPROVING  
A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT FROM MAINLINE ENGINEERING LLC  
TO PROVIDE DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE SR-18 MULTI-USE TRAIL FROM VEYO  
TO CENTRAL**

County Engineer Todd Edwards stated the contract is for engineering services for a trail that has been in process for quite some time. Progress has already started on road construction, and it is proposed the agreement be executed to construct the multi-use trail.

**MOTION:** Motion by Commissioner Almquist to Approve Resolution No. R-2023-3115, A Resolution Approving a Professional Service Agreement from Mainline Engineering LLC to Provide Design Services for the SR-18 Multi-Use Trail from Veyo to Central. Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow, Almquist and Iverson voting aye.

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2023-3116, A RESOLUTION APPROVING  
A LEASE AGREEMENT FOR MULTI-AGENCY LAW ENFORCEMENT**

County Administrator Nicholle Felshaw explained there is space in the old Administration building that is available for rent. It is proposed for this Resolution to approve the lease agreement pending legal review.

**MOTION:** Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Approve Resolution No. R-2023-3116, A Resolution Approving a Lease Agreement for Multi-Agency Law Enforcement Pending Legal Review. Motion seconded by Commissioner Almquist and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow, Almquist and Iverson voting aye.

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2023-3117, A RESOLUTION APPROVING  
A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR DRONE TORTOISE SURVEYS TO  
BE CONDUCTED IN RED CLIFFS DESERT RESERVE**

Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) Director Cameron Rognan stated one of the goals of the HCP is to manage desert tortoises within the Red Cliffs Desert Reserve. In 2022, drone surveys were conducted in Zone Six (6) and it is recommended that this year, drone surveys happen in Zones Two through Five (2-5).

**MOTION:** Motion by Commissioner Almquist to Approve Resolution No. R-2023-3117, A Resolution Approving a Professional Service Agreement for Drone Tortoise Surveys to be Conducted in Red Cliffs Desert Reserve. Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow, Almquist and Iverson voting aye.

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2023-3118, A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN WASHINGTON COUNTY, UTAH, AND THE STATE OF UTAH DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, DIVISION OF STATE PARKS, IN WHICH DSP AGREES TO PROVIDE SUPPORT TO THE COUNTY IN HOSTING THE IRONMAN 70.3 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP – ST. GEORGE (MAY 6, 2023), AND IN FULFILLING THE COUNTY’S CONTRACT WITH THE WORLD TRIATHALON CORPORATION**

Sports and Adventure Manager Chad McWilliams stated this contract is for the use of Snow Canyon State Park and Sand Hollow State Park during the IRONMAN 70.3 North American Championship – St. George on May 6, 2023 and leading up to the event.

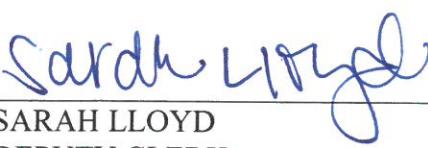
**MOTION:** Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Approve Resolution No. R-2023-3118, A Resolution Approving an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Between Washington County, Utah, and the State of Utah Department of Natural Resources, Division of State Parks, in Which DSP Agrees to Provide Support to the County in Hosting the IRONMAN 70.3 North American Championship – St. George (May 6, 2023), and in Fulfilling the County’s Contract with the World Triathlon Corporation. Motion seconded by Commissioner Almquist and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow, Almquist and Iverson voting aye.

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2023-3119, A RESOLUTION ADJUSTING COMPENSATION FOR THE CAREER SERVICE COUNCIL**

Deputy County Attorney explained that Washington County has a Career Service Council that hears appeals from County employees who disagree with a disciplinary action. This Resolution provides a modest increase in the per diem that Washington County pays the career service council for their time.

**MOTION:** Motion by Commissioner Almquist to Approve Resolution No. R-2023-3119, A Resolution Adjusting Compensation for the Career Service Council. Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow, Almquist and Iverson voting aye.

Having no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:41 p.m.

  
SARAH LLOYD  
DEPUTY CLERK

  
ADAM SNOW  
CHAIRMAN