

Beaver County Commission Meeting
Beaver, UT 84713
January 5, 2021

The Board of County Commissioners met on January 5, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. for its regular Commission Meeting. Attending were: Commissioner Mark Whitney, Chairman; Commissioner, Tammy Pearson; Commissioner Wade Hollingshead; Ginger McMullin, Clerk/Auditor and Von Christiansen, County Attorney.

Excused from the meeting were Rob Pyles, Administrative Services Coordinator and Stephanie Laws, Commission Secretary.

Prayer was offered by Shadrach Bradshaw, Judge.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Wade Hollingshead, Commission-Elect.

Swear in Newly Elected County Official. Wade Hollingshead was sworn as a new Beaver County Commissioner.

Appoint Commission Chairperson. Motion to nominate Mark Whitney, as Commission Chairman for 2021, was made by Comm. Pearson, seconded by Comm. Hollingshead, and the vote was made unanimous.

Review and Approve County Bills. Motion to approve County Bills was made by Comm. Hollingshead, seconded by Comm. Pearson, and the vote was made unanimous.

Previous minutes were presented by Ginger McMullin, Clerk/Auditor. With minor adjustments and edits, motion to authorize minutes was made by Comm. Pearson, seconded by Comm. Hollingshead, the vote was unanimous.

Public Defender & Conflict Public Defender. Present was Von Christiansen, County Attorney. Mr. Christiansen explained a cancellation of contract request from Mr. Hayden Ballard, whom was originally appointed by the Commission as the Public Defender. Mr. Ballard is unable to serve in this capacity as the Public Defender. Motion to accept the following contracts for the Public Defender with EJ Overson; Matt Labrum, as Conflict Council Public Defender, and release Hayden Ballard as the current Public Defender was made unanimous.

Public Surplus Items. This item was tabled for another date.

Consider vacancy to the Fire District #2 Board. An email has been received from SSD #2 requesting an appointment to the Fire District #2 Board. The Beaver Fire District #2 is recommending Brady Carter as a new board member, this would be replacing Peter Jones as an outgoing board member. Motion to appoint Brady Carter as a new board member for Fire District #2 was made by Comm. Pearson, seconded by Comm. Hollingshead, and the vote was made unanimous.

Consider Planning and Zoning Vacancies. Planning and Zoning has two vacancies for board members. Brandon Yardley & Bryan Graham's terms are expiring. Motion to accept the recommendations from the Planning & Zoning Board to re-appoint Bryan Graham and Brandon Yardley as board members on the Planning and Zoning Board were made by Comm. Pearson, seconded by Comm. Hollingshead, and the vote was made unanimous.

Emergency Management Interim Assignment in accordance to UT Code 53-2a-807, Emergency Interim Successors for Local Officers. These assignments would be effective in the event of an emergency. This item was tabled for a further date.

Elk Meadows Service District. Present was Dee Draney, Elk Meadows SSD President. Comm. Draney met with the Beaver County Commission to update the Board on Elk Meadows Special Service District.

Motion to enter into closed session for the purpose of discussing the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual; discuss strategy for pending or reasonably imminent litigation, real property negotiation, was made by Comm. Pearson, seconded by Comm. Whitney, and the vote was made unanimous. Roll call vote Comm. Pearson "aye", Comm. Whitney "aye", Comm. Hollingshead "aye".

Closed session declared closed by Comm. Whitney.

Break for Lunch

Consider Payment for AED's. Motion to authorize the payment to ZOLL for AED's was made by Comm. Pearson, seconded by Comm. Hollingshead, and was made unanimous.

Road Department/Kent Lake Road Project Bid Award. Present was Cory Beebe, Road Supervisor. Mr. Beebe discussed the Request for Proposal that was submitted for the Kent's Lake Road project. Motion to award the Kent's Lake Road project, to Jones & DeMille Engineering, was made by Comm. Pearson, seconded by Comm. Hollingshead, and the vote was made unanimous. The Commission briefly discussed the Milford Road Shed recently acquired from UDOT. Mr. Beebe is proposing a new shed on the property, as it will be more cost effective. The current shed is too small to access in its current condition. It was decided to move forward with a new building at the new location, to accommodate the large equipment the Road Department maintains.

Commission Updates. Comm. Pearson discussed some of the bills being presented in this year's Legislative Session, and the concerns with the content of some of the bills. Comm. Whitney discussed the content in the Governmental Immunity Act, which is being discussed in the Legislative Session.

Meeting adjourned.