

Beaver County Commission Work Meeting
Beaver, UT 84713
January 19, 2021

The Board of County Commissioners met on January 19, 2021, 10:00 a.m. for its regular Commission Work Meeting. Attending were: Commissioner Mark Whitney, Chairman; Commissioner Tammy Pearson; Commissioner Wade Hollingshead; Ginger McMullin, Clerk/Auditor; Rob Pyles, Administrative Services Coordinator; Stephanie Laws, Commission Secretary and Von Christiansen, County Attorney.

Prayer was offered by Stephanie Laws, Commission Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Rob Pyles.

County Bills were reviewed for approval. Motion to approve County Bills was made by Comm. Pearson, and seconded by Comm. Hollingshead, and the vote was unanimous.

Paid internship County Attorney's Office. Present was Von Christiansen, County Attorney. Mr. Christiansen requested a paid intern for the Attorney's Office for the remainder of the school year. Mr. Christiansen is willing to reduce his travel budget to account for the expenses of hiring a summer intern. Comm. Hollingshead suggested reaching out to the School to ensure this is appropriate with the policies of the high school. It was the consensus of the Commission to shift the funds from County Attorney line items titled Travel Expenses to Wages & Benefits.

Consider signing High Desert Trail Agreement. Present was Michelle Evans, Tourism Director. Ms. Evans was present to request the signing of the High Desert Trail Agreement between Beaver County and the BLM, for the trail and designate the trail as the High Desert Trail. This is for a categorical exclusion of the High Desert Trail. Motion to authorize signature on the High Desert Trail agreement was made by Comm. Pearson, seconded by Comm. Hollingshead, and the vote was made unanimous.

Old Courthouse Museum Clock. Present were Paula Spencer, DUP Captain; Michelle Evans, Tourism Director. Ms. Evans discussed the ongoing issue with the Old Courthouse Clock, and the lack of timely winding of the clock. This is causing damage to the clock, and the potential state of ill repair to the clock. It was decided to assign two substitutes to assist with the schedule of winding of the clock and the reduction of the damage caused to the clock cogs. A new agreement will be brought before the Commission for signatures next Commission Meeting.

Extension Office Annual Contract. Present was Mark Nelson, Beaver County Extension Agent. Mr. Nelson discussed the agreement between USU Extension and Beaver County. Motion to authorize signature on USU Extension agreement was made by Comm. Hollingshead, seconded by Comm. Pearson, and the vote was made unanimous.

Forest Service Road Project. Present were Cory Beebe, Road Supervisor; Lyndon Frint, Jones & DeMille Engineering. Mr. Beebe discussed the awarding of the Forest Service Road Project to Jones & DeMille Engineering. Mr. Frint discussed the options the County could participate in for the design of the road

and the full scope necessary to complete the project for the Forest Service Road. This project will start at Little Res and extend to Big Flat. Motion to accept Jones & DeMille's design alternative #3 was made by Comm. Hollingshead, seconded by Comm. Pearson, and the vote was made unanimous.

County Five Year Road Plan. Cory Beebe, Road Supervisor. Mr. Beebe shared ideas for a five year maintenance plan for annual repairs and maintenance. Lyndon Frait with Jones & DeMille shared ideas with working with UDOT and the major collector systems within the County Roads in Beaver County. It was decided to add the Roundhouse Road for the next big highway project to be upgraded. Comm. Pearson requested an update on the Imperial Road and the maintenance planned for improvements. Mr. Beebe will review the road and follow up on the plan.

Lunch with County Elected Officials

Beaver County Emergency Management chain of command. Present was Les Whitney, County Emergency Manager. The Commission briefly discussed the assignments of Emergency Interim Successors for Beaver County. These assignments would go into effect in the event of an emergency. The assignments will be as follows: 1- County Emergency Manager, Les Whitney; 2- Beaver County Commission Chairman, Comm. Mark Whitney; 3- Most Tenured Commission Member, Comm. Tammy Pearson; 4- Chief Law Enforcement, Sheriff Cameron Noel.

Southwest Utah Public Health/Mental Health Board. Comm. Hollingshead reported on his recent board meeting. Southwest Utah Public Health/Mental Health is considering combining the Mental Health Board and the Public Health Board into one. Comm. Hollingshead briefly discussed with the Commission the vaccine distribution he has had with the Public Health officials. The vaccine will start to distribute to the 70+ age group category.

Surplus Items. Ms. Laws updated the Commission on the current surplus items. It was decided to donate the remaining items not bought through surplus.

Organize Council of Government. Commission briefly discussed the organization of the COG, and the meeting schedule. It was also discussed to rotate the meetings around the County to include the other entities.

Consider Service District #5 Minersville Town Representative request. Minersville Town wrote a letter requesting the reappointment of Jack McMullin as the representative on the Waste Management Service District. Motion to re-appoint Jack McMullin as the Minersville representative to the SSD #5 Waste Management Board, was made by Comm. Pearson, seconded by Comm. Hollingshead, and the vote was made unanimous.

Economic Development Updates. Mr. Pyles briefly discussed an economic development agreement that has been breached by Mr. Paul Davis, American Beef Producers. Mr. Pyles reported that an alternate location was selected for American Beef Producers. It was also discussed that an alternate contract was executed in place of the economic development agreement.

Conflict of Interest Statement. Commission discussed the Conflict of Interest statements that were filled out and collected by each Commissioner, this accomplishes the mandatory disclosure annually.

Meeting adjourned.