

Beaver County Commission Meeting
Beaver, UT 84713
February 2, 2021

The Board of County Commissioners met on February 2, 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; Robert Pyles, Administrative Services Coordinator; Stephanie Laws, Commission Secretary and Von Christiansen, County Attorney.

Prayer was offered by Comm. Wade Hollingshead.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Stephanie Laws, Commission Secretary.

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.

Ratify Maintenance Worker/Parks & Recreation Hire. Ms. McMullin, HR Director described a newly hired position requested by the Maintenance Department for the Minersville Lake/Fair Grounds, as it is growing and sees increasing maintenance issues. It was the consensus of the Commission to approve the hiring of David Cartwright as the Maintenance Worker/Parks & Recreation.

PILT Payment from DNR. Present was Kevin Bunnell, DNR; Curtis Roundy, DNR; Richard Hepworth, DNR. Mr. Bunnell was present to present the annual State PILT payment, in the amount of \$4760. Mr. Roundy spoke of the habitat rehabilitation and the proposed controlled burning on Indian Peak, as well as lop and scatter in the Indian Creek area to increase the habitat and water table. Mr. Hepworth briefly described the excellent fishing at Minersville Lake. Mr. Hepworth commented that Minersville Lake is in the best shape it's been in a long time.

Old Courthouse Clock Winding Contract. Present for the discussion was Michelle Evans, Tourism Director; Paula Spencer, Museum Director; Walt Kerksiek, Contractor. Ms. Evans was present to discuss the clock at the Old Courthouse. Mr. Walt Kerksiek has wound the clock for several years. Mr. Kerksiek will be entering into a contract to wind the clock on the Monday and Thursday or Friday. Ms. Evans is recommending that the contract should be amended to adjust the per time amount to \$20 per winding. Motion to pay Walt Kerksiek \$20 per winding for the winding of the clock at the Old Courthouse was made by Comm. Pearson, seconded by Comm. Hollingshead, and the vote was made unanimous.

Minersville Reservoir Expansion Update. Present were Darrel Davis, Maintenance Supervisor; Jennifer Marshall, Minersville Lake Facilities Manager. Mr. Davis briefly updated the Commission on the progress of the Minersville Lake expansion project. It was discussed and decided to reach out to the architect that has already prepared architectural drawings of the Minersville Lake area, and request her to do a

revision of the project area and put it to scale. Motion to authorize Darrel Davis to contact Axis Architect for a revision of a landscape architect design as well as authorize up to \$1,000 for a retainer and was made by Comm. Hollingshead, seconded by Comm. Pearson, and the vote was unanimous.

Lunch with Tourism Director

Consider Approving Indigent Burial Request. Ms. McMullin briefly described a request from the State Medical Examiner's Office of an indigent they had received in their office residing in Beaver, stating the decedent has no next of kin. It was determined that this indigent has no next of kin. Motion to authorize the payment to Southern Utah Mortuary for the cremation of the indigent was made by Comm. Pearson, seconded by Comm. Hollingshead, and the vote was made unanimous.

Beaver County Broadband Service. Present were Robert Pyles, Economic Development Director; David Long & Lane Limb, Beaver County School District; Scott Langford, Beaver Valley Hospital. Mr. Pyles facilitated a zoom call with Carl Blake from the broadband company assisting in this project. Economic Development has requested funds in the amount of \$3.4 million for 800, 1.6 Gig capability broadband transmission, from the Utah State Legislature for the implementation of broadband capability in Beaver County and outlying areas. Mr. Pyles discussed the possible options with the Beaver County School District, Beaver Valley Hospital and Milford Hospital and how it could help and assist their services. Mr. Pyles has contact with a member of Congressman Stewart, Senator Lee and Senator Romney's Office and requested a letter drafted in support for the FCC Licensure.

Old Business:

Health Department Building. Commission briefly described the issue with the Health Department and the capacity of their building, with the administering of the COVID-19 vaccine. Beaver City has offered the use of their City Center facility to administer the vaccine to Beaver County residence. Commission briefly discussed that there was no need to move to another facility. The Health Department has adapted and can easily handle more patients.

Council of Government Meetings. Commission briefly discussed the need to start holding meetings either quarterly or semiannual. It was decided to hold these meetings quarterly on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

Letter of Support for Carbon County. Motion to authorize letter of support for Carbon County for their Inland Port Process was made by Comm. Pearson, seconded by Comm. Hollingshead, and the vote was made unanimous.

Meeting adjourned.