

Beaver County Commission Meeting
Beaver, UT 84713
February 7, 2023

The Board of County Commissioners met on Feb 7, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. for its regular Commission Meeting. Attending were: Commissioner Wade Hollingshead, Chairman; Commissioner, Tammy Pearson; Commissioner, Brandon Yardley; Ginger McMullin, Clerk/Auditor; Stephanie Laws, Commission Secretary and Von Christiansen, County Attorney.

Prayer was offered by Commissioner Brandon Yardley.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ginger McMullin, Clerk/Auditor.

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

Stephanie Laws reported on the Job Fair planned for February 15, from 3-7:00pm, which will involve several local businesses. This will be held at the Beaver County Fairgrounds Building. This will include an invitation of local food trucks while the event is happening.

Pinnacle Pines Subdivision Amended Plat. Present were Kyle Blackner, Building Authority. Mr. Blackner shared the changes with the subdivision that took place last year. This new change will allow for a road easement, which this change will correct the road right-of-way, to what is already in existence. Motion to authorize signature on the amended plat was made by Comm. Pearson, and seconded by Comm. Yardley, and the vote was made unanimous.

Business Licenses. Present for the discussion were Kyle Blackner, Building Authority; Jen Wakeland, Strategic Development Coordinator. Mr. Blackner discussed the neighboring jurisdiction language on their Ordinances. It was decided to continue the discussion at a later meeting.

Smithfield Presentation. Present was Matt Robinson, Smithfield. Mr. Robinson was present to update the County on Smithfield Hog Production. Mr. Robinson explained the changes from June 9, 2022 at Smithfield Hog Production Operation. Smithfield is classified as an idol facility, excluding some of the existing barn locations. Smithfield has started implementing an Idle Farm Checklist, for the emptying of the idle facilities. A continued monitoring of the ground water and reporting to DEQ and DWQ. Comm. Yardley asked "if they plan on doing a change in use for the water and will it be leased out?" The answer is "Yes". It was stated that Smithfield has 250 employees currently. It was stated that the herd is healthy and a high priority. Comm. Pearson shared some information on a new bill, which will close the loophole of the value of the livestock, which was the essence of the court case. The Commission thanked Mr. Robinson for coming and sharing the information on Smithfield.

Consider Signing Minersville Deep Well MOU. Present was Tyler Fails, Maintenance Supervisor. Mr. Fails was present to discuss the proposed MOU for the use on a small area at the Fairgrounds in Minersville, for a deep well drilling. Motion to authorize signature on the exclusive MOU for an exclusive right-of-way was made by Comm. Pearson, seconded by Comm. Yardley, and the vote was made unanimous.

Courthouse Museum Elevator Repair. Mr. Fails discussed the contract for a 5 year maintenance with TK Elevator for a load test. Motion to accept the contract was made by Comm. Yardley, and seconded by Comm. Pearson, and the vote was made unanimous.

Consider Signing BCSO 24/7 Sobriety Program Cooperative Agreement. Mr. Von Christiansen discussed a potential sobriety program for monitoring when an inmate is released. Motion to authorize signature on the 24/7 sobriety program was made by Comm. Pearson, seconded by Comm. Yardley, and the vote was made unanimous.

Legislative Discussion/Updates. Comm. Pearson reported on the Jail Contract Funding legislation that is happening this Legislative Session. HB114 has been sponsored by Rep. Carl Albrecht and is moving this the legislature. Comm. Pearson recommended that Beaver County text all the Senators to vote in support of HB114. SB175 is the B&C Road Funding, this will create a one-time funding source, with the Hold Harmless Funds, and this has traveled slowly in the legislature. SB61 (S1), this will force the Railroad to be accountable for livestock collisions. Beaver County is working on an Agri-Park for the Inland Port. HB407 regarding the solar tax credits. HB351 regarding the Recorders Office and a State Office.

BLM Recreation Fee Increase Proposal. Present was Paul Briggs, BLM Color Country Field Office; Dave Jacobsen, BLM Recreation. They are present to share the fee schedule changes and proposed upgrades. This is not a reservable site at Hanging Rock Recreational site and Bear Rock site, this will be a first come first served. This will be a \$12 use fee for camping. They also will be collecting a donation on a couple of sites on BLM sites in Beaver County. Commission received updates on various BLM sponsored projects in Beaver County.

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. Yardley, and the vote was made unanimous. Roll call vote Comm. Pearson "aye", Comm. Yardley "aye", Comm. Hollingshead "aye".

Closed session declared closed by Comm. Hollingshead.

Meeting adjourned.