

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

The Board of County Commissioners met on March 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 Stephanie Laws, Commission Secretary.

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. Hollingshead, 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.

Declare Surplus Property. The Sheriff's Department has four vehicles that will be traded for newer vehicles. Motion to declare two 2019 Dodge Rams, one 2016 Ford Interceptor and one 2013 Dodge Charger was made by Comm. Hollingshead, and seconded by Comm. Pearson, and the vote was made unanimous.

Economic Development Meeting Update. Mr. Pyles discussed the recent Economic Development meeting held last week. American Beef Producers requested monetary assistance from Economic Development for an application for a sewer study, to assess the sewer impact on Minersville Town. Pending outcome of the sewer study, and an upgrade is necessary there is potential grant funding available through GOED. Motion to authorize a payment of \$4500-\$6000 to assist the payment for the sewer study for American Beef Producers was made by Comm. Pearson, seconded by Comm. Hollingshead, and the vote was made unanimous.

Old Business:

Business Center Leases. It was discussed and decided to create a policy to address rules for leasing the spaces at the Business Center. This will be created and presented before the next Commission Meeting.

BLM Degraded Range Conditions. Present were Keven Whicker, GIS; Adam Snow, Congressman Stewarts Office; Michelle Evans, Tourism Director. Ms. Snow discussed a proposal of a creation of a Wild Horse Park in Beaver County. This has been done in other areas and has not been successful. The Commission is not in support of this idea. This has never been managed well in other areas. Comm. Pearson discussed the 1971 Wild Horse and Burrow Act and the established management rules that should be adhered to. Mr. Snow will report back to Congressman Stewart, Beaver County is not in support of this action. Mr. Whicker reported on the Pine Valley Water Project, and the lack of

organization carried out. Mr. Pyles reported on a phone conference with the BLM, and the laws already in place. Ms. Evans reported on the High Desert Trail planning progress. Comm. Pearson commented that she has a meeting set with Greg Sheehan (State BLM Director) on Thursday and will bring up the High Desert Trail project and the obstacles they are encountering. The High Desert Trail System is an economic driver to all the small communities, and would benefit the communities from one end of the state to other.

BLM Updates. This was rescheduled for another date.

Public Hearing on Ordinance 2021-03, Amending an Easement in the West Village Unit #1 Subdivision. This public hearing is to amend and easement at West Village. Motion to enter into a public hearing was made by Comm. Hollingshead, seconded by Comm. Pearson, and the vote was made unanimous. Present were Kyle Blackner, Building Authority; Matt Clark, Property Owner. No Public Comment was received. Motion to leave the public hearing was made Comm. Pearson, seconded by Comm. Hollingshead, and the vote was made unanimous. Motion to grant the abandonment in the West Village Subdivision was made unanimous. Mr. Blackner discussed a private easement for the ski in and ski out access at Aspen Crest Subdivision, presented for the Commissioner's approval, this approval was granted.

American Beef Producers LLC CUP. Present were Paul Davis, American Beef Producers; Scott Albrecht, Consultant; Kyle Blackner, County Building Authority. Mr. Blackner discussed the Conditional Use Permit application received from American Beef Producers LLC. Mr. Albrecht and Mr. Davis presented a PowerPoint describing the process of the operation. Questions were taken and answered by American Beef Producers regarding their operation by members of the Commission and the public in attendance. Comments was received from Dave Fairhurst, Tammy Fairhurst, Mark Nelson, Kallie Stringer, Dave Griffiths, Ward Dotson and Thane Marshall; Brett Albrecht spoke in favor of the operation and the economic opportunity for Beaver County. Motion to grant the CUP with conditions to American Beef Producers LLC was made by Comm. Hollingshead, seconded by Comm. Pearson, and the vote was made unanimous.

Beaver County Livestock participants. The entire Beaver County Livestock participants were present to thank the Commissioners for their support the prior year.

Break for Lunch

Outdoor Recreation Grants/RTP Grant. Present was Michelle Evans, Tourism Director. Ms. Evans was present to discuss the priorities of the pending grants. Ms. Evans recommended the County apply for the Outdoor Recreation Grant for the completion of the 2nd phase of the mountain bike trail at the mouth of the canyon. It was the consensus of the Commission to authorize Ms. Evans to apply for the Outdoor Recreation Grant, which is due by March 19th. Ms. Evans commented that she will be applying for a RTP Grant, as this will assist in the construction of the other trail head for the Paiute Trailhead.

FIG Grants. Present were Michelle Evans, Tourism Director; Phil Bolstrom, ATV Club President. Ms. Evans discussed with the Commission a couple of options for a staging area to the Paiute Trail, as the

Four Plex parking lot has become increasingly busy. Ms. Evans recommended building two proposed staging areas for the Paiute Trail, one at the North East side of Beaver City property on Main Street, the other would be constructed at the North Creek Gravel Pit area. She also requested the purchase of a mini excavator as well as personnel to install trail signage. The Commission was in support of applying for this grant.

Tushar Campground Rates. Ms. Evans discussed the differences in the campground rates at the other campgrounds in the area. It was Ms. Evans recommendation that the County should make small market adjustment on the day use fee.

DUP Items. Present were Michelle Evans, Tourism Director; Paula Spencer, DUP Director. Ms. Spencer spoke of the Old Courthouse Museum clock and the scheduled maintenance and training in the April. Ms. Spencer also discussed the docents pay and the arrangement for the payroll of the docents at the museum. It was briefly discussed the partnering with the County and DUP, for the costs of the operations at the Old Courthouse Museum. Ms. Spencer will calculate the requested increase for the docent pay and the operations of the museum and come back to the Commission for approval.

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.

Ratify New Hire. Motion to ratify Ofelia Padilla-Madina as a new hire to work in the kitchen at the Jail was made by Comm. Pearson, seconded by Comm. Hollingshead and the vote was made unanimous.

Meeting adjourned.