

Beaver County Commission Work Meeting
Beaver, UT 84713
March 15, 2022

The Board of County Commissioners met on March 15, 2022, 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; Stephanie Laws, Commission Secretary and Von Christiansen, County Attorney.

Rob Pyles was excused due to family illness.

Prayer was offered by Von Christiansen, County Attorney.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Nolan Davis, Milford City Mayor.

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

Opioid Settlement Allocation. Present was Ronda Hutchings, Southwest Behavioral Health. Ms. Hutchings discussed the usage of the Opioid Settlement allocation and suggested using it for the creation of a drug coalition in Milford. Ms. Hutchings stated that the settlement funds could be used as matching funds to create a coalition in Milford with the hiring of a part-time employee. This would be facilitated through Southwest Behavioral Health Department and Beaver County.

Service District By-Laws. It was stated that Leo Kanell will be meeting with the Service Districts to address the by-laws, and review them with the boards for any needed amendments.

COG (Council of Government). The COG Meeting will be set for first week of the month of each quarter. Ms. Laws will send out invitations and follow up with all elected officials and service district Chairman to make sure there is a good attendance.

Tax Participation Agreements. It was briefly discussed that the County Attorney has tried to schedule a time and date with the School District's agenda, this has not been successful.

Commission Updates. Commission had a discussion with Mayor Davis regarding the creation of a by-pass road outside of Milford City. Milford is seeing an increase amount of truck traffic through Milford City. This discussion will continue with the appropriate leadership and agencies. Comm. Pearson stated that the State Legislative Tour is scheduled for July 13th in Sanpete County. Comm. Pearson also stated that the Congressional Briefing Tour will be scheduled for Aug 15-17th. It was stated that the County Fair will be held Aug 25-27th.

BLM and Forest Service Updates. Present were Jared Whitmer, USDA Forest Service; Paul Briggs, BLM Color Country Field Office; Kevin Whicker, GIS. They were present to update the Commission on the progress on the Shared Stewardship Project at Fishlake National Forest. The Forest Service reported that they will be improving the area near Three Creeks. They discussed the challenge of winter recreation and the lack of adequate parking on Hwy 153. The Commission reviewed with the BLM some

areas on the north end of Milford that would allow for the installation of a by-pass road, this would be through a Title 5 BLM application. Mr. Briggs reported on the Wild Horse removal, and the 318 head of horses, from the Sulphur Herd Management Area, which have been removed. As well as some other BLM projects being improved in Beaver County. Mr. Whittmer reported on the treatment areas being improved by the Forest Service on the main corridors of the roads.

UDOT Updates. UDOT was not able to attend. This will be rescheduled for another date.

FORGE Update. Present was Christopher Katis and Gosia Skowron from FORGE. Mr. Katis reported on the FORGE project and the current progress on the stimulation research at the drilling site. They discussed the international team as well as the University of Oklahoma members that will arriving in the next couple of months. Senator Evan Vickers joined the meeting and discussed the progress of the energy site and research. Also attending were Beaver City Manager Jason Brown as well as Beaver City Council members Alison Webb and Owen Spencer; Sen. Evan Vickers and Cindy Bulloch from Representative Chris Stewarts Office.

Break for Lunch.

Maintenance, Bids for Proximity Cards. Present was Darrel Davis, County Maintenance Supervisor; Ryan Wunderlich, Maintenance Department; Jared Oldroyd, JWO Engineering. Mr. Davis was present to discuss bids received for new proximity card installation at the Beaver Admin Bldg. Ms. McMullin shared the fact that the LG's Office is awarding Beaver County with \$38,000 of HAVA Grant funding of election security. Motion to accept the bid from Geneva Communications and Control for \$39,501 was made by Comm. Pearson, seconded by Comm. Hollingshead, and the vote was made unanimous. Mr. Davis also discussed the Auxiliary Services Building and the condition of the building. Mr. Oldroyd presented 4 different options and possible plans for possible demolition and rebuild of the Auxiliary Building. Commission suggested getting cost breakdown from a structural engineer involved for the feasibility of demolition and relocating of office space.

Crushing and Chip Seal Bid Opening. Present was Cory Beebe, County Road Supervisor. Mr. Beebe discussed the received bids for the Chip Seal bids and the Gravel Crushing bids. Motion to award NU Rock Asphalt Coatings the chip seal bid; Progressive Contracting was awarded the crushing bid; J & T was awarded the transportation bid, was made by Comm. Hollingshead, seconded by Comm. Pearson, and the vote was made unanimous.

Consider Signing Large Assembly Permit Application for Crusher in the Tushar Bike Race. Present was Burke Swindlehurst, Lifetime. Mr. Swindlehurst was present to request a permit for the Crusher in the Tushar Bike Race, this will take place on July 9th, 2022. It was stated that this will be the 11th Annual Tushar in the Crusher Bike Race. Motion to accept the large assembly permit, was made by Comm. Pearson, seconded by Comm. Hollingshead, and the vote was made unanimous.

Consider Signing Large Assembly Permit Application for Diesel Days Truck Show. Present was Jalen Hardy, Diesel Days Truck Show. Mr. Hardy was present to request a large assembly permit for a truck show to be held at the Beaver County Fairgrounds. It was said that this will be the first year for this

event, this will held April 30th, 2022. Motion to accept the large assembly permit was made by Comm. Hollingshead, seconded by Comm. Pearson, and the vote was made unanimous.

Consider Appointing Citizen at Large Board Member for Beaver Fire #1. Present was Jack Erwig, SSD #1 Chairman. Commission received an email from SSD #1 Beaver Fire recommending Paul Elieson as new at large board member. Motion to accept Paul Elieson as the recommended citizen at large member of the Beaver Fire District #1 Board, was made by Comm. Pearson, seconded by Comm. Hollingshead, and the vote was made unanimous.

Old Business:

Business Licenses. Tabled for a future date.

Commission Corner. It was discussed and decided that they would continue with publishing an article monthly in the Beaver County Journal.

Surplus Item. Commission briefly discussed the surplus of a computer and tablet. Motion to declare the computer and tablet as county surplus for \$833.34 was made by Comm. Hollingshead, seconded by Comm. Pearson, and the vote was made unanimous.

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. Hollingshead, seconded by Comm. Pearson, 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.

Meeting adjourned.