

Beaver County Commission Work Meeting
Beaver, UT 84713
March 21, 20223

The Board of County Commissioners met on March 21, 2023, 9:00 a.m. for its Commission Work Meeting. Attending were: Commissioner Wade Hollingshead, Chairman; Commissioner Tammy Pearson; Commissioner Brandon Yardley; Ginger McMullin, Clerk/Auditor; Jen Wakeland, Strategic Development Director and Leo Kanell, Deputy County Attorney.

Prayer was offered by Comm. Brandon Yardley.

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

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

Legislative Update. Present were Lincoln Shurtz and Kasey Hill, Lincoln Hill Partners. Mr. Shurtz was present to report on the lobbying efforts made at this year's Legislative Session. Lincoln Hill Partners shared some grant opportunities with transportation funding and a Tax Incentive Finance mechanism. SB175 was discussed. As it will benefit 23 Counties with a one-time funding for B & C Road Funds. Mr. Shurtz spoke on the Water Ag-Optimization Funding for grant opportunities, as well as Housing and Economic Development. Sen. Evan Vickers and Rep. Carl Albrecht were present and recognized for their efforts at this year's Legislative Session, as they worked so hard representing Rural Southern Utah. Comm. Pearson requested a rural leadership meeting with the Legislative Leaders before the Interim Legislative Session with the entities affected in rural Utah.

Paylocity County Payroll Presentation. Present were Finley Saint, Paylocity via Zoom conference and joined by Heidi Eyre, HR Director. Mr. Saint was present to share a PowerPoint presentation from Paylocity, a payroll processing system for Beaver County. This product is something Beaver County is extremely interested in. The Commission discussed the advantages of having a payroll system and the time savings it will bring to the HR Department. This item will be brought before the Commission when a contract is ready for execution.

County Assessor Update. Present was Trent Brown, County Assessor. Mr. Brown was present to share things happening in the Assessor's Office. Mr. Brown commented on the market and the slow movement he is seeing.

County Recorder Update. Present was Cindy Peterson, County Recorder. Ms. Peterson was present to share things happening in the Recorder's Office. Ms. Peterson shared some information with a bill brought before the Legislature this year, affecting the Recorder's Office, which could have changed the requirements of a County Elected Office.

County Attorney Update. Present was Leo Kanell, Deputy County Attorney. Mr. Kanell share the activity in the Attorney's Office, they have had a recent staffing change and will hire a new secretarial position.

Sheriff's Office Update. Present were Sheriff Cody Black; Chief Deputy Kiley Maycock; Paul Marshall, Project Success. Sheriff Black reported on the activities at the Sherriff's Office and Corrections/Jail. Sheriff Black discussed with the Commission the staffing shortage affecting the Jail area. McKensie Barney (Sheriff Office) spoke of the issues with the GRAMA requests and the volume of requests, as the caseloads has increased. Paul Marshall discussed the need for an additional therapist to assist with programming in the Jail. Which will included a 10hr/wk. therapist for mental health/substance abuse therapy at the rate of \$40/hr., 10/hrs./wk.

Consider Signing Large Assembly Permit for Stetson Wright Invitational. Present for discussion was Sharee Wright, Event Organizer; Jennifer Marshall, Fairgrounds Manager. Ms. Wright was present to request a large assembly permit. This event will be held May 13, 2023. Motion to authorize signature on the Large Assembly Permit for the Stetson Wright Invitational was made by Comm. Pearson, seconded by Comm. Yardley, and the vote was made unanimous.

Consider Signing Ordinance 2023-02; An Ordinance Enacting Section 7-4-5 Purposes, County Fairgrounds Building. Commission spoke of the uses change for the Fairgrounds. Motion to table Ordinance 2023-02, for further review was made by Comm. Pearson, seconded by Comm. Yardley, and the vote was made unanimous.

Consider Signing Beaver County Ordinance 2023-03; An Ordinance Enacting Section 7-3-7 Purposes, Minersville Lake Park. Commission spoke of the uses change for the Minersville Lake Park. Motion to table Ordinance 2023-03, for further review was made by Comm. Pearson, seconded by Comm. Yardley, and the vote was made unanimous.

FORGE Update. Present were Chris Katis & Gosia Skowron, FORGE. FORGE was present to update the Commission of the activities at the FORGE site.

Consider Accepting BEAD Grant Contract. Ms. Wakeland presented a grant regarding broadband. This a planning application for broadband planning, which is a \$30,000 award if approved. Motion to authorize signature on a BEAD Grant application was made by Comm. Yardley, seconded by Comm. Pearson, and the vote was made unanimous.

County Clerk/Auditor Update. Ms. McMullin presented the final financial statement with prior year revenues included and discussed the financial health of the County.

Consider Signing Letter of Commitment for UORG Grant. Present was Jennifer Marshall, Minersville Lake Manager. Ms. Marshall discussed a grant opportunity for an Outdoor Recreation Grant. This will be for a bridge below the Minersville Lake spillway. Motion to authorize a letter of commitment for an Outdoor Recreation Grant was made by Comm. Pearson, seconded by Comm. Yardley, and the vote was made unanimous.

Job Fair. Ms. Wakeland updated the Commission on the postponed Job Fair from the prior month. The Job Fair has been rescheduled for April 5, from 3-7p.

DWS Intern Program. Commission discussed for Ms. Wakeland and the opportunities with Department of Workforce Services.

Commission Updates. Comm. Yardley reported on the water legislation and how it fits for our area. Comm. Pearson reported on the Legislative Session and the upcoming UAC Management Conference to be held in April at the Salt Palace in Salt Lake. Comm. Hollingshead reported on the Elk Meadows Special Service District and the water issues they are currently facing.

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.