

Beaver County Commission Meeting
Beaver, UT 84713
May 2, 2023

The Board of County Commissioners met on May 2, 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.

Commissioner Hollingshead called the meeting to order.

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. 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.

RMA Escalante Desert Resources, LLC. Attending via ZOOM was Paul Conrad, Escalante Desert Resources, LLC. Mr. Conrad was present to discuss a Road Maintenance Agreement which was a stipulation of the FERVO Energy Conditional Use Permit. Motion to accept the RMA Agreement was made by Comm. Pearson, seconded by Comm. Yardley, and the vote was made unanimous. Mr. Conrad shared a video, shot prior to starting the project. The images were showing the condition of the road being used prior to the RMA.

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.

Farm Bureau Report. Present were Don Noyes, Jen Marshall, Troy Henrie and Kade Coombs representing Farm Bureau Board. Mr. Noyes addressed the Commission and thanked them for their support. Mr. Noyes spoke of the concerns coming from the Farm Bureau Board and the water optimization and loss of livestock concerns. Mr. Henrie shared the 2023 Legislative changes that occurred. Hayden Ballard, PLPCO, joined the meeting addressing Landscape Health Evaluation and the public land use changes that came out of the Legislature. It was said that comment letters will be drafted and sent to the BLM for the June 20 deadline.

Watershed Report with Langdon Group. Attending via ZOOM was Andy Rasmussen. Mr. Rasmussen was present to discuss a Watershed Report prepared by the DNR. Mr. Rasmussen described the creation of a Local Watershed Council currently being organized.

Consider Surplus Items. A desk and other office equipment were presented to surplus. Motion to declare a desk and office equipment as surplus was made by Comm. Pearson, seconded by Comm. Yardley, and the vote was unanimous.

Ratify the signing of Tamra Mine Tax Deferral Payment Contract. Motion to ratify the signature on the tax deferral agreement between Tamra Mine and Beaver County was made by Comm. Pearson, seconded by Comm. Yardley, and the vote was made unanimous.

ATV Jamboree Update. Jen Wakeland updated the Commission of the date changes of the ATV Jamboree Event from May to July due to the potential flooding and impassable trails.

Commission Update. Comm. Pearson reported on the UAC Management Conference held last week. Comm. Pearson shared the grant awards to Beaver County from the Outdoor Recreation Committee. Comm. Yardley reported on the Energy Tour that he attended through Beaver County last week.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.