

Beaver County Commission Meeting  
Beaver, UT 84713  
May 4, 2021

The Board of County Commissioners met on May 4, 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 Pastor Mark Dupont, First Baptist Church of Beaver.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Robert Pyles, ASC

Review and Approve County Bills. Motion to approve County Bills was made by Comm. Hollingshead, seconded by Comm. Pearson, 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.

USDA Farmers to Families. Comm. Pearson discussed the USDA Food Truck arriving in Beaver County on Beaver on May 6th & May 20th. It was discussed the County Road Department will assist with the unloading of the pallets of food boxes. It was stated that it will be first come first serve.

Indigent Burial Request. Ms. McMullin brought before the Commission the request for indigent burial for Melissa Ann Young of Minersville. Motion to authorize the payment to Southern Utah Mortuary for the indigent burial was made unanimous.

American Beef Producers Conditional Use Permit. Present were Paul Davis, American Beef Producers; Danny Yardley, Land Owner; Kyle Blackner, County Building Authority. Mr. Blackner discussed with the Commission the CUP for the American Beef Producers, which was discussed previously in 2019. This Conditional Use Permit was represented to the Planning Commission and voted unanimously in Planning and Zoning. Mr. Davis discussed the bonding potential to move forward with the funding of the project. Motion to authorize the CUP to American Beef Producers was made by Comm. Pearson, seconded by Comm. Hollingshead, the vote was unanimous.

Consider P & Z Rezoning Application. Present were Kyle Blackner, County Building Authority; Mitch and Terry Bunting Family Trust, Property Owner. Mr. Blackner discussed the rezoning on the Bunting property from A20 to A5 parcels. This parcel borders A5 parcels. It was stated by Mr. Blackner that the property has a recorded easement for an access road. The Planning & Zoning recommended the approval to the Commission. Motion to authorize the rezoning from A20 to A5 was made by Comm. Hollingshead, seconded by Comm. Pearson, and the vote was made unanimous.

Consider P & Z Rezoning Application. Present were Kyle Blackner, County Building Authority; Steve Gale, Property Owner. Mr. Blackner and Mr. Gale were present to discuss and rezone an A5 to RE1 on

the Gale property. Planning and Zoning Board recommended this rezonement to the Commission. Motion to authorize the rezonement of the Steve Gale property from A5 to RE1 was made by Comm. Pearson, seconded by Comm. Hollingshead, and the vote was made unanimous.

Tourism Department Director. Present was Michelle Evans, Tourism Director. Ms. Evans update the Commission of the ATV Jamboree planned for May 11-14. Ms. Evans updated the Commission on the FIG (Fiscal Incentive Grant) application, Ms. Evans will be attending the grant release meeting. Ms. Evans discussed with the Commission the marketing approaches the County is currently taking. Ms. Evans will follow up with the results of the grant applications.

Paiute ATV Trail System Update. Present was Fred Christensen, Paiute ATV Member. Mr. Christensen was present to update the Commission on the activity the Paiute ATV Trail System has done in the past year. Mr. Christensen recognized the Commission for their support with the Paiute ATV Trail System and the grant money awarded to them during the COVID-19 pandemic. Mr. Christensen discussed the "Helmets in Gear" program he is involved with, encouraging helmet wearing for everyone.

Bureau of Land Management Update. Present were Paul Briggs, BLM; Hayden Ballard, PLPCO; Dave Jacobsen, BLM. Mr. Briggs gave a High Desert Trail update and the progress, which includes the inventorying of routes, approximately 30-50 miles of trails. Mr. Jacobsen updated the Commission on the next phase of the mountain bike trail, which will extend the current mountain bike trail, to build additional trails towards the "B" Mountain. Mr. Briggs discussed the Granite Peak Campground, which used to be Rock Corral Picnic Area. It was stated that they will open up a comment period, for the final completion in the fall. Mr. Briggs commented on improvements made at Hanging Rock, near Minersville. Mr. Briggs also updated the Commission on the grazing permits and how the allotments are operating. Mr. Christiansen inquired if the BLM has an online reservation system. Mr. Briggs updated the Commission on the wild horse litigation with the gather at the Sulphur Mountain.

Break for Lunch

Reconvene at 1:00p

Eagle Point Large Assembly Permit Application. Present was Shane Gadbow (via phone). Brett Rueben, Don't Trip, LLC; Shawn (Mongo) Darling, Eagle Point. Mr. Gadbow discussed an upcoming "Don't Trip Campout" planned for June 11-14, which is music and wellness festival, hosted at Eagle Point Resort. Eagle Point is interested in acquiring a large assembly event permit. Motion to authorize the large assembly permit to Eagle Point was made by Comm. Hollingshead, seconded by Comm. Pearson, and the vote was made unanimous.

Geographic Information System Director. Present was Keven Whicker, GIS. Mr. Whicker was present to update the Commission on the activities in the GIS Office. Mr. Whicker made comment that he will be assisting Michelle Evans with the ATV Jamboree, the following week.

Council on Aging Coordinator. Present was Sheila Shotwell, Council on Aging Director. Ms. Shotwell discussed the need for a new Meals on Wheels truck. It was stated that Five County AOG will assist with funding source available for the purchase of 2 new trucks to deliver meals to the seniors.

Road Department Supervisor. Present was Cory Beebe, County Road Supervisor. Mr. Beebe updated the Commission on the activities in the Road Department. Commission discussed with Mr. Beebe, trees in the road right-of-ways, and whose responsibility is it to maintain the debris in the right-of-ways. It was decided to send a letter to the property owners, requesting they maintain the trees in the County road right-of ways on their properties. Mr. Beebe discussed the areas that will have mag-chloride application this year.

Maintenance Department Supervisor. Present was Darrel Davis, Maintenance Supervisor. Mr. Davis updated the Commission on the projects in the County. Mr. Christiansen addressed the Commission regarding the lack of landscaping at the Correctional Facility. Mr. Davis discussed the Muffin Monster auger system for the sewer, which needs to be upgraded and installed at the Correctional Facility, as per Beaver City's request. Mr. Davis updated the Commission on the Minersville Lake project and the progress of the improvements.

Economic Development Coordinator. Present was Rob Pyles, Economic Development. Mr. Pyles discussed the activities in the Economic Development Department. Mr. Pyles discussed possible GOED Grant that can be applied for. He briefly discussed broadband funding options, through grants and other funding sources, which is of high importance in the County.

Letter Regarding Grove Water. Mr. Pyles briefly discussed the letter drafted by the Beaver City Attorney for the Grove residents, which the Commission feels is somewhat misleading. It was decided to revise the letter to the satisfaction of the Commission and resend it to the City for their approval.

Commission Updates. Comm. Pearson shared an update on the Shared Stewardship for this summer. Comm. Whitney discussed the Victim Advocate positions and the status of it, it was decided to follow up on the hiring of the 2 Victim Advocates. Comm. Whitney discussed the need to add to the agenda the General Plan, and update the General Plan. Comm. Whitney requested a letter to be drafted to UAC in disappointment of the decisions of the board within the input of the rural counties. It was the consensus of the Commission to authorize the Commission Office to draft the letter.

Meeting adjourned.