

Beaver County Commission Meeting  
Beaver, UT 84713  
June 6, 2023

The Board of County Commissioners met on June 6, 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 Pastor Marty Flood, Faith for Life Church.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by The Boy Scouts of Beaver County, TP #323.

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.

Commission recognized Daughters of Utah Pioneer members. Present were Leah Glenn, Mary Ann Banks, Jean Banks, Beverly Abbott, Marilyn Anderson, Maxine Cox, Mary Wiseman, Sherry Yardley, Pat Harris, Bonnie Ames, Connie Smith, Mary Ann Bailey, Natalie Rollins, Stacey Elwell, Debbie Hollingshead, Glenna Bradshaw, Dorothy Raddon and Sonya Busby. Comm. Pearson asked the DUP members to stand and introduce themselves and tell which Camp they represent. A picture was taken of the current members of the DUP. The DUP has been very instrumental in the restoration of the Old Courthouse and the beauty that is enjoyed today.

Predator Control. Present was Preston Nowers and Kevin Dustin, USDA Predator Control. Comm. Yardley invited the Predator Control flyers to explain the Predator Control Program for the predator prevention in Beaver County. Beaver County has participated in the Predator Control Program and would like to continue participation. Beaver County will get on the list for a future contract in November.

Ratify May Tax Sale. Ms. McMullin give the list of bid awards to the Commission. Six parcels were auctioned for back taxes. An online platform was used for the first time this year. Motion to ratify the sale of parcels in the May Tax Sale was made by Comm. Yardley, seconded by Comm. Pearson, and the vote was made unanimous.

Consider Debate Team Donation requests. Present were Joshua Christiansen, Sadie Carter, Luke McEwan, Aria Dominique, Brady Simmons, Greta Davis and Kiley Davis. They were present to request an in-kind return service and volunteer at the County Fair. The Debate Team will attend State Debate in

Phoenix, AZ. Motion to award Philo T Farnsworth Donation Account for \$700 was made by Comm. Pearson, seconded by Comm. Yardley, and the vote was made unanimous.

Consider Approving Indigent Burial Application. Ms. McMullin has received several calls for indigent burial requests. Many requests have been satisfied by members of next of kin. There will be one indigent that will need County Funds to cover partial costs of burial. Motion to accept application for Jaime Cruz Saenz indigent burial request was made by Comm. Pearson, seconded by Comm. Yardley, and the vote was made unanimous.

Flooding Update: Comm. Pearson made comment on the productive water shed that has happened this year. Comm. Yardley commended the Road Department on their efforts on the flood mitigation.

Commission Updates. Comm. Pearson will be attending the 150 year Anniversary of Bryce Canyon on Thursday, June 8. Comm. Pearson will be attending the National Advisory Board to be held June 27-30 in Reno, NV. August 8 will be the date set for the Congressional Briefing Tour tentatively to be held at Bryce Canyon.

WahWah Valley Dam Proposal. Present were Mark Wintch, property owner in WahWah; Kyle Wheeler, NRCS of USDA. Mr. Wintch was present to discuss a potential Dam as a holding pond in the WahWah Valley. The PL-566 Watershed Program was discussed as an option for funding to create a holding pond in the Wah Wah Valley to preserve the water in the valley. Mr. Wintch would like the County to be a fiscal agent for this project, as it is a requirement of the funding. This will be researched to determine the feasibility of the project and the impact to the County. Mr. Wheeler will send an application and information to Clerk/Auditor McMullin for review. No decision was made at this time.

Consider Signing Grant for Minersville Reservoir Sewer Upgrades. Present were Jennifer Marshall, Park Manager; Tyler Fails, Maintenance Supervisor. Ms. Marshall was present to discuss a grant application to upgrade the sewer at Minersville Lake. Mr. Fails shared a map of the area where the sewer project will be installed. Mr. Fails will need to meet with an engineer to discuss the application requirements. Motion to authorize signature on the grant application was made by Comm. Pearson, seconded by Comm. Yardley, and the vote was made unanimous.

Consider Victim Advocate MOU with Garfield County. Present were Shanna Fails and Mariella Harris, Victim Advocates for Beaver; Sheriff Cody Black. Sheriff Black, Ms. Fails, Ms. Harris and Clerk/Auditor McMullin recently traveled to Garfield County to sit down and discuss the use of Beaver County's Victim Advocates for a short time to get a Victim Advocate Program up and running in Garfield County. Garfield County has been awarded funding for a program and Beaver County is willing to share an advocate for 1 year while they determine the needs for Garfield County to provide Victim Services for their citizens. Sheriff Black asked to utilize Mariella Harris in the Sheriff Office when needed. Mr. Christiansen will explore the costs of renovating the South end of Auxiliary Services Building to adapt the building as a temporary shelter for victims of violent crimes.

Consider Items for Surplus/ Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Black has been awarded some seizure money through the Federal Government. These funds can be used for purchase of equipment, training etc.

Sheriff Black would like to allow the officer's for opportunity to purchase their service weapons for \$350, in turn, the Sheriff will using the seizure funding to purchase new service weapons. Sheriff Black will complete a detailed transfer of the weapon from Beaver County to the officer's name. Motion to declare the Beaver County Certified Officer's weapons as surplus was made by Comm. Pearson, seconded by Comm. Yardley, and the vote was made unanimous.

Updated Emergency Succession Plan/Promulgation Statement. Present was Les Whitney, Emergency Manager; Sheriff Cody Black. Mr. Whitney discussed an updated chain of command in the event of an emergency. Which will go as follows: 1- County Emergency Manager; 2-Beaver County Commission Chairman; 3- Most tenured Commission Member of the Commission; 4- Chief Law Enforcement/Sheriff. Motion to authorize the Emergency Succession Plan and Promulgation Statement was made by Comm. Yardley, 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. 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.

No Further business was discussed, meeting adjourned.