

Beaver County Commission Work Meeting
Beaver, UT 84713
June 10, 2022

The Board of County Commissioners met on June 10, 2022, 3:00 p.m. for its Emergency Meeting. Attending were: Commissioner Mark Whitney, Chairman; Commissioner Tammy Pearson; Commissioner Wade Hollingshead; Ginger McMullin, Clerk/Auditor; Stephanie Laws, Commission Secretary; Cody Black, Undersheriff; Les Whitney, Milford City Councilman; Nolan Davis, Milford City Mayor; Matt Robinson, Beaver City Mayor; Todd Burke, BCSD Business Administrator; Kalie Stringer, Minersville Town Council and Leo Kanell, Deputy County Attorney.

Comm. Chairman Whitney welcomed everyone to a Special Commission Meeting. Comm. Whitney read a Declaration of Emergency addressing the economic impact of the announcement of the closure of Smithfield Foods, which will impact 250 families in Beaver County. Motion to accept the Proclamation of Local State of Emergency was made by comm. Pearson, seconded by Comm. Hollingshead, and the vote was made unanimous. Comm. Pearson "aye", Comm. Hollingshead "aye". Comm. Pearson addressed the public with the impacts of the closure. It was stated that 95% of the pork produced comes from Milford, UT. The County Commission will be meeting with the Department of Agriculture and the Governor's Office next week to address this issue and explore solutions. Comm. Hollingshead addressed the public with his thoughts on the announcement. Mayor Robinson addressed the public with his thoughts on the announcement as he has been employed at Smithfield for many years. Mayor Davis addressed the public with his thoughts on the announcement of the closure of Smithfield Foods. Councilwoman Stringer addressed the public with her thoughts as well. Comm. Whitney stated that this impact will shut down 2/3 of Beaver County if there is not a solution reached. Deputy Attorney Leo Kanell shared the history of the Smithfield coming into Beaver County and the changes to the policy and ordinances that took place. Comm. Pearson clarified the purpose of a State of Emergency. Capt. Black addressed the public with the concerns and the affects to our County. Mr. Les Whitney addressed the public as he was involved in the beginning and the great partnering Smithfield has been over the years, and the devastation of this announcement is to our County. Mr. Burke addressed the public with impacts to the School District and the good fiscal shape the School District is currently in, even with the devastating news. Mayor Robinson responded to the question of the timeline, which he responded to possibly news in couple of weeks. The public asked several questions, which were answered to the best of their knowledge at that moment in time.

Meeting adjourned.