

Beaver County Commission Work Meeting
Beaver, UT 84713
June 20, 2023

The Board of County Commissioners met on June 20, 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; Stephanie Laws, Commission Secretary and Leo Kanell, Deputy County Attorney.

Comm. Hollingshead called the meeting to order.

A prayer was offered by Stephanie Laws, Commission Secretary.

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

Consider Approving Bills. Motion to approve the bills was made by Comm. Pearson, seconded by Comm. Yardley, and the vote was made unanimous.

Utah Department of Agriculture and Food Presentation. Present were Comm. Craig Butters and Asst. Comm. Kelly Pearson, UDAF. Mr. Butters and Mr. Pearson were visiting all of the Counties in the State. Comm. Butters discussed agriculture and food, which is the area they oversee. UDAF has put together a strategic plan and has set goals within the department. Some of the area highlighted are Preserving Ag Land, Food Supply Chain, Ag Education, Customer Service and the Benefits of Agriculture in Utah. Comm. Butters and Comm. Pearson shared Water Optimization and Mental Health Vouchers are some of the programs available for local farmers. Asst. Comm. Pearson encouraged the Beaver County Commission to preserve as much Ag Land and adopt ag-friendly zoning ordinances in Beaver County as they can.

Consider Signing Victims Advocate MOU with Garfield County. This item was tabled.

Consider Signing UDOT Agreement for Manderfield Road Improvements. Motion to authorize signature on the UDOT agreement was made by Comm. Yardley, seconded by Comm. Pearson, and the vote was made unanimous.

Consider Signing ROW Easement with RMP/PacifiCorp. Motion to authorize the Right-of-Way Easement with PacificCorp for the deep well near the fairgrounds, was made by Comm. Yardley, seconded by Comm. Pearson, and the vote unanimous.

Consider Signing RMA with Blue Core Labs. Present were Cory Beebe, Road Supervisor; Dave Wheeler, COO for Blue Core Labs. Mr. Wheeler was discussing a RMP, which will include paving of Pine Creek Hwy (Old Hwy 91). Mr. Beebe discussed with Blue Core Labs the Pine Creek Hwy and the improvement of the road currently and the requested change to the road to improve the road for commercial use. Mr. Wheeler asked Beaver County to make application for the funding from the State to improve the road, no decision was made on this request. Motion to authorize signature on the RMA with Blue Core

Labs with the requested changes was made by Comm. Pearson, seconded by Comm. Yardley, and the vote was made unanimous.

Consider Signing OHVR Grant. Present was Jennifer Marshall, Park Manager. Ms. Marshall was present to discuss the High Desert Trail and a bridge to expand the current bridge at Minersville Lake. This will be for a pre-fabricated and engineered bridge for the High Desert Trail. Mr. Beebe agreed to help Ms. Marshall facilitate the project. Motion to authorize signature on the OHVR Grant application, was made by Comm. Pearson, seconded by Comm. Yardley, and the vote was made unanimous.

Kickoff meeting for County Master Plan. Present were Jen Wakeland, Strategic Development Director; Lance Evans and Randy Smith, Sunrise Engineering. Mr. Evans discussed the master plan feasibility study awarded as a Technical Planning Assistance Grant. Sunrise Engineering will take the comments from the Commissioners and apply this towards a transportation plan. A work group meeting be established by Sunrise Engineering and Jen Wakeland for this planning process.

VISA Insite Project. Present was Jen Wakeland, Strategic Development Director. Ms. Wakeland discussed the VISA Insite agreement for gathering data on the travelers using VISA cards coming to Beaver County. This would be a one year contract for service. Motion to authorize signature on VISA Insite agreement was made by Comm. Pearson, seconded by Comm. Yardley, and the vote was made unanimous.

Children's Justice Center Budget. Present was Teresa Wood, CJC Director. Ms. Wood was present to discuss the new budget and a couple of requests for the new budget, for the Children's Justice Center. Ms. Wood is asking for a pay increase as her duties have increased since she has taken over the Children's Justice Center as the new Executive Director. The Commission granted the request of Ms. Wood and the request for wage increase, phone allowance and mileage reimbursement. Motion to accept the FY2024 CJC Budget was made by Comm. Pearson, seconded by Comm. Yardley, and the vote was made unanimously.

Old Courthouse Museum Storage. Present was Paula Spencer, DUP Director. Ms. Spencer was present to discuss the Old Courthouse Museum storage. Ms. Spencer talked about the means of advertising the artifacts in the Old Courthouse Museum. She updated the Commission of the changes in the museum and some display areas they are changing and the artifacts they would like to add to the display areas. A room at the Auxilliary Services Building was offered to the museum, as an offsite storage location. The DUP will be applying for a grant for archiving the artifacts.

Commission Updates: Comm. Yardley reported on Council on Aging Department and Water Optimization Board he's been appointed to. Comm. Pearson reported on her schedule in the next week. She will be attending the Wild Horse and Burro Conference in Reno NV, as well as NACO to be held in Texas. Commissioner's discussed the minimal damage to one of the cabins at Minersville Lake with the high water this year. Fairgrounds are in fair condition as they are getting ready for the Fair in August. Comm. Hollingshead discussed the fire hazard that is following the high water areas.

Auxiliary Building Plans. Commission discussed the plans for the center of the Auxiliary Building, as this building has damage to the center structure from lack of use. Comm. Hollingshead assigned Stephanie Laws to contact JWO Engineering to update the original assessment.

No further business was discussed meeting adjourned.