

Beaver County Commission Meeting  
Beaver, UT 84713  
July 18, 2023

The Board of County Commissioners met on July 18, 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 Leo Kanell, Deputy County Attorney.

Prayer was offered by Comm. Yardley.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Comm. Hollingshead

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. Pearson, seconded by Comm. Yardley, the vote was unanimous.

USU Beaver Study Location. Comm. Hollingshead discussed a request for the use of a study room in the Business Center for the USU Beaver location. Beaver High School has exceeded their space for students attending college classes. It was agreed to allow the USU Beaver the use of vacant office space Beaver County has available.

Consider Signing Ordinance 2023-06; An Ordinance Enacting Title 9, Chapter 21. Accessory Dwelling Units and Removing Section 9-13-25. Guest House. Present for the discussion was Kyle Blackner, County Building Authority. Mr. Blackner discussed a new law enacted by the State of Utah for Accessory Dwelling Units of a Primary Residence. This will allow for an existing Accessory Dwelling Units/Guest House/Basement Apartment rental, etc., excluding nightly rentals. A Public Hearing was conducted at the Planning & Zoning Board meeting held in June. Motion to authorize Ordinance 2023-06; An Ordinance Enacting Title 9, Chapter 21, was made by Comm. Yardley, seconded by Comm. Pearson, and the vote was made unanimous.

Consider Signing Granicus Contract. Present was Jen Wakeland, Strategic Development Director. Ms. Wakeland presented a contract for approval. This contract is designed to track short term rental data and address tracking. This will pay for implementation of the Granicus data base. This cost will be \$6000, which will be covered by a grant. Motion to authorize signature on a Granicus Contract was made by Comm. Pearson, seconded by Comm. Yardley, and the vote was made unanimous.

NICA Course Update. Present were Ginger Hall, Utah High School Cycling League; Keven Whicker, GIS; Jen Wakeland, Strategic Development Director. Ms. Hall presented the NICA Course Program and the impact to the community. There is a NICA Event scheduled for September 16 on the new course,

located on the Beaver Bench. It is expected to host 3500 people, with High School cyclist and families, when an event comes to our community.

Truth in Taxation Beaver Fire #1/Elk Meadows. Present was George Humphreys, SSD Beaver Fire #1. Mr. Humphreys met with the Commission to gain approval to move forward with a Truth in Taxation to adjust their mill levy rate up to .0004 for both Beaver Fire #1/Elk Meadows. Motion to authorize SSD #1/Elk Meadows to move forward with the TNT process was made by Comm. Pearson, seconded by Comm. Yardley, and the vote was made unanimous.

Beaver River Diversion Study Jones & DeMille. Present was Lyndon Friant and Justin Telfair, Jones & DeMille; Cory Beebe, County Road Supervisor. Mr. Friant was present to discuss the feasibility study for the Beaver River Diversion study. Mr. Telfair reported on diversion study and the results of the feasibility study. The report showed there are issues with the channel and diversion with challenges with a FEMA or State of Utah funding. Comm. Pearson suggested contacting Rep Albrecht and seeking his advice to utilize the funding to repair and correct the channel in the Beaver River Diversion. Jones & DeMille will share the feasibility study with the County. Mr. Friant reported on the Manderfield Road progress on the project to improve the Manderfield Road, seems to be going okay. Mr. Beebe will take a ride with Jones & DeMille to make sure they are on the same page with the scope of the project. Mr. Friant updated the Commission on the Kent's Lake Road project, this is scheduled to begin July 17.

Consider Signing Forestry & Fire State Lands Cooperative Agreement. Present was George Humphreys and Danon Hulet, State Forestry & Fire. Mr. Hulet presented the cooperative agreement that is up for renewal. This cooperative agreement covers fuel mitigation, prevention and education for wildfire mitigation. Motion to authorize signature on the cooperative agreement for the mitigation of wildfires, was made by Comm. Yardley, seconded by Comm. Pearson, and the vote was made unanimous.

A standing motion was made by Comm. Pearson to accept the chair from Comm. Hollingshead for voting purposes, since Comm. Pearson signed the contracts in Comm. Hollingshead's absence. Pursuant to the standing motion, the chair was passed to Comm. Pearson throughout the voting process.

Ratify Signing of Indigent Defense Contract. Motion to ratify the Indigent Defense Contract was made by Comm. Hollingshead, seconded by Comm. Yardley, and the vote was made unanimous.

Ratify Signing of Administrative Public Defense Contract. Motion to ratify the Public Defense Contract with Candace Reid was made by Comm. Hollingshead, seconded by Comm. Yardley, and the vote was made unanimous.

Ratify Signing of CJC Contract. Motion to ratify the Indigent Defense Contract was made by Comm. Hollingshead, seconded by Comm. Yardley, and the vote was made unanimous.

A motion to pass the chair back to Comm. Hollingshead was voted unanimously.

Consider Signing of UAGO CJC Contract. Motion to authorize signature on the UAGO CJC Contract was made by Comm. Yardley, seconded by Comm. Pearson, and the vote was made unanimous.

Consider Signing MOU for Mammoth Bridge Installation. Present was Leo Kanell, Deputy County Attorney. Motion to authorize signature on the Mammoth Bridge Installation Agreement, that previously discussed at the May 16 Commission Meeting was made by Comm. Pearson, seconded by Comm. Yardley, and the vote was made unanimous.

Ratify Signing of COA Grant and Contract. This is a renewal contract with Five County AOG for Council on Aging meal reimbursement. Motion to ratify the COA Grant and Contract was made by Comm. Yardley, seconded by Comm. Pearson, and the vote was made unanimous.

Paiute Trail Update. Present was Fred Christensen, Paiute Trail Committee. Mr. Christensen shared a trails report on the Paiute Trail and the usage of the trail. Mr. Christensen has used grant money to add picnic tables on the Paiute Trail. He presented certificates for Beaver County to use to distribute helmets for the youth lacking helmets for safety. The Trail Committee has replaced maps on the trails system. Comm. Pearson commended Mr. Christensen and the efforts of the Paiute Trail Committee.

PL566 Watershed Program Assistance. Present was John Wintch, Wintch Farms; Kyle Wheeler, NRCS; Jason Dodds, NRCS. Mr. Wintch from Wah Wah Ranch is requesting a letter of support to move forward with a creation of a dam in Wah Wah Valley. The Commission agreed to move forward with a feasibility study. Motion to request assistance from the NRCS for the preliminary investigation and feasibility report from the NRCS for the Wintch project was made by Comm. Pearson, seconded by Comm. Yardley, and the vote was made unanimous.

Commission Updates. Comm. Pearson will be attending NACO July 20-23 with meetings with State Leaders before she departs for NACO. Aug 8<sup>th</sup>, the Commission will be attending the Congressional Briefing held at Ruby's Inn in Bryce Canyon.

Alarms at Old Courthouse. Ms. Laws discussed the alarm that has been going off at the Old Courthouse. They also have not had Wi-Fi access in museum. This will be addressed with the Maintenance Department.

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.

Meeting was adjourned, and the Commission will attend the NICA Course Ribbon Cutting at 1pm.

