

Beaver County Commission Meeting
Beaver, UT 84713
August 2, 2022

The Board of County Commissioners met on August 2, 2022, 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; Jen Wakeland, Strategic Development Director; Stephanie Laws, Commission Secretary and Leo Kanell, Deputy County Attorney.

Prayer was offered by Cindy Peterson, County Recorder.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Stephanie Laws, Commission Secretary.

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.

National Day of Service Donation. Present was Cindy Peterson, Event Coordinator. Ms. Peterson was present to speak about the National Day of Service planned for September 10, 2022. The Committee is requesting a \$200 donation towards trash bags and other items needed for the service project. Motion to authorize a \$200 donation towards the National Day of Service was made by Comm. Pearson, seconded by Comm. Hollingshead, and the vote was made unanimous.

Museum Statue. Present were Paula Spencer, DUP Museum Director; Darrel Davis, County Maintenance Supervisor. They were present to update the Commission on the progress of the Pioneer Statue in route to be delivered to old Courthouse Museum. The DUP will receive the statue, and in turn donate the statue of the Pioneer Family to the County, as it will be affixed to the property.

Surplus Items. Stephanie Laws discussed a couple of surplus items which were a 2020 Dodge Ram and a copier for disposal. Motion to surplus the 2020 Dodge Ram at a later date, and dispose of the copier was made by Comm. Pearson, seconded by Comm. Hollingshead, and the vote was made unanimous.

Commission Updates. Comm. Pearson updated the Commission on the status of the cement to be poured at the Fairgrounds prior to the Fair in August. Comm. Pearson proposed donating a Fun Tag, Cabin Rental and Lake Entry for the Passport prizes for the Drug Coalition has been requesting donations. Comm. Whitney also requested consent to donate a couple of fun passes at the Milford Car Show on Aug 6th. Motion to donate Fun Passes for the Lions Club Car Show was made by Comm. Pearson, seconded by Comm. Hollingshead, and the vote was made unanimous. Comm. Hollingshead discussed the Ramblers branding change. It was suggested to change the branding away from Ramblers and create a new branding. Ms. Wakeland commented on a process to create a possible adjustment with the branding. This will be an ongoing topic of discussion as changes may be made with the branding. Comm. Hollingshead reported on the status at the Health Department and the staffing issues they are facing. Comm. Whitney requested Ms. Wakeland look for grant options for a railroad crossing

at the Roundhouse Rd, as the train has become so long the railcars are getting backed up and interfering with the crossing at the Roundhouse Rd location. This will propose a movement of the crossing to approximately ¼ miles south of the current location. Comm. Whitney also discussed the Hay Springs diversion project that is being proposed, this is moving forward with the planning. Comm. Whitney discussed the contract with Lincoln Hill Partners for consulting services. A motion to authorize signature on the Lincoln Hill Partners contract for \$5000/month was made by Comm. Pearson, seconded Comm. Hollingshead, and the vote was made unanimous. Comm. Whitney recommended a memo to go out to Department Heads/Elected Officials asking for a 10% decrease in next year's budgets, due to uncertain times with the Smithfield reduction in force and the impact that it could potentially have on the County revenue. Comm. Pearson shared the Shared Stewardship Tour scheduled for August 11. The following week will be the 5 & 6 County Congressional Briefing Tour to be held on August 15-17. The County Fair will be August 25-27. Comm. Pearson updated the Commission on the Smithfield closing and the activity with Congressional Leaders and Governor's Office. Comm. Pearson is encouraging Job Fairs with the reduction in jobs at Smithfield.

Ratify New Hires. Present was Heidi Eyre, HR Director. Ms. Eyre was present to ratify a few new hires, which include: Emberlyn Willden, Jen Wakeland, Wade Netto, Eric Lepe, Sean Brannon and Quade Nichols. Motion to ratify the listed new hires was made by Comm. Pearson, seconded by Comm. Hollingshead, and the vote was made unanimous.

Minersville Reservoir Report. Present was Jennifer Marshall, Park Manager. Ms. Marshall was present to report on the Campground revenues. It was stated that the current fuel costs are discouraging some stays this summer. Ms. Marshall reported on the progress of the restoration project at Minersville Lake. The Commission recognized Ms. Marshall for her efforts at all of the facilities.

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. Hollingshead, seconded by Comm. Hollingshead, and the vote was made unanimous. Roll call vote Comm. Pearson "aye", Comm. Whitney "aye", Comm. Hollingshead "aye".

Closed session declared closed by Comm. Whitney.

Break for Lunch.

American Beef Producers. Present were Paul Davis, Henry Barlow; American Beef Producers. Mr. Davis was present to gain approval from the Commission to begin construction on a building for a beef production operation. There has been a concern on the impact to the Beaver City sewer lagoons. The Commission recommended that Mr. Davis create a strong partnership with Beaver City and address any concerns they have with the impacts to the sewer lagoons, as this is not a County issue or concern.

Livestock Show Donation Request. Present were McKinlee Yardley, FFA President; Livestock Booster Club. The Livestock Booster Club as well as the FFA were present to request a donation for the Beaver County Livestock Show to boost the auction price, when sell their livestock. Motion to authorize a donation of \$1500, for an in-kind donation by the Livestock Booster Club was made by Comm. Hollingshead, seconded by Comm. Pearson, and the vote was made unanimous.

Bid Opening for Trail Signage. Present was Keven Whicker, County GIS. Two bids were received for trail signage for OHV County trails from Exist Industries, LLC for \$19,800 and Hochay Contracting for \$49,800. Motion to award the bid to Exist Industries, LLC for \$19,800, was made by Comm. Hollingshead, seconded by Comm. Pearson, and the vote was made unanimous.

Contract for Mapping Services. Present were Keven Whicker, GIS; Cindy Peterson, Recorder. Mr. Whicker requested from the Commission to extend the contract for the mapping service by Sandy White. This would be for an additional \$10,000 worth of work to update the County mapping. Motion to authorize an additional contract amount of \$10,000 for mapping services was made by Comm. Hollingshead, seconded by Comm. Pearson, and the vote was made unanimous.

Employment Contract for Jen Wakeland. Motion to accept the employment contract for Jen Wakeland as the Strategic Development Director was made by Comm. Hollingshead, seconded by Comm. Pearson, and the vote was made unanimous.

Water Protest discussion (Other business). Commission discussed the notice from the State Water Engineer regarding Enterprise Valley Partners permit request for water right. It was stated that Beaver County has protested the request for a ground water well, to be drilled 5000 ft. This is on the addenda to be heard February 2023.

Meeting Adjourned.