

Beaver County Commission Meeting  
Beaver, UT 84713  
September 7, 2021

The Board of County Commissioners met on September 7, 2021, 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; Robert Pyles, Administrative Services Coordinator; Stephanie Laws, Commission Secretary and Von Christiansen, County Attorney.

Prayer was offered by Dennis Cox, Judge.

The Flag Ceremony was led by Beaver County Honor Guard in honor of the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 9-11.

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.

Consider Abatement & Tax Liens for Elk Meadows. Present were Ginger McMullin, Clerk; LeeAnn Dalton, Treasurer. Ms. Dalton discussed the Tax Liens for Elk Meadows and the reduction in liens throughout the years. Ms. McMullin discussed the low income circuit breaker property tax abatement applications received this year. Motion to accept the list of Low Income Property Tax Abatement applications and Tax Liens for Elk Meadows as presented was made by Comm. Pearson, seconded by Comm. Hollingshead and the vote was made unanimous.

Consider Signing CUP for Ormat Technologies. Present were Kyle Blackner, County Building Authority and Scott Nichols, Ormat Nevada Technologies. Mr. Blackner discussed a CUP application received from Ormat Nevada Technologies, for the exploratory drilling of 3-4 geothermal wells outside of Milford, over the course of 4 years. Motion to accept the CUP with additional stipulations for Ormat Technologies was made by Comm. Hollingshead, 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. 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.

B.I.G. Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Pyles shared an invitation to join a Garfield County, Iron County and Beaver County Chambers of Commerce. The Chamber is requesting a contribution of \$10,000, which would consist of \$5,000 from Economic Development and \$5,000 from Tourism. It was the consensus of the Commission to ask the chamber coordinator to come to the next Commission Meeting.

New Victim Advocate. Present were Von Christiansen, County Attorney and Mariella Harris, Victim Advocate Coordinator. Mr. Christiansen and Ms. Harris were present to do an informal introduction as she is now the new Victim Advocate Coordinator for Beaver County.

Letter to Department Heads regarding signing contracts. Mr. Pyles inquired if the language in the letter sent by the Attorney's Office was clear enough for the Elected Officials/Department Heads, when engaging with contracts.

Gravel Pit Progress. This will be discussed with the Road Supervisor in the morning.

HR Office Space. This discussion will be continued at a later date.

Minersville Town EWP Damage Assessments. Present were Caleb Evans, Minersville Mayor; Brad Eyre, Twin M Conservation. They were present to discuss the possibility of funding the cleaning of the damaged flood control outside of Minersville. This would consist of a partnership between several entities. It was stated that Natural Resource Conservation Service funding could finance 75 % (NRCS)/25 % (Local Entity) funding. It was decided to make application for funding to the NRCS for the repairs at the flood control. The Attorney's Office was assigned to draft a MOU with Twin M Conservation District, Minersville Town and Beaver County.

APRA Funding. Present was Max Anderson, Beaver City Housing Authority. This was a round table discussion for the uses of Federal ARPA Funds. The possible use of funds could be for public housing for public/county employees. It was decided to use the funds towards the housing shortage currently plaguing Beaver County, with the hiring shortfall of officers.

Old Courthouse Property. This item was tabled.

County Seat Contract. Commission discussed the County Seat contract between Chad Booth and Beaver County. It was decided with a signed contract, payment will be made to the County Seat with the follow up exit letter of future contracts. The payment will be paid this Friday.

Business Center Lease for after school food program. Ms. Laws discussed the after school program, and the need for a place to assemble bags. It was stated that if we have the space to rent, Ms. Laws will look into.

Beaver County Energy Tour. Mr. Pyles discussed future energy tours coming up and the participants involved. This tour is planned for October 7, which included NACO, Congressman Chris Stewart, Five County AOG, State Economic Development and staff of other visiting congressional offices.

Commission Items. Comm. Hollingshead discussed the recreation grants available for application. It was the consensus to apply for all of recreation grants discussed. Comm. Hollingshead discussed the Children's Justice Center (CJC) and the use of a room for counseling. It was the consensus of the Commission to allow the use of a room in the Auxiliary Service Bldg. Comm. Whitney discussed the cost sharing with FORGE for the Antelope Point Rd maintenance. Mr. Pyles will follow up on this matter.

Consider Signing FIG Grant Agreement. This is for the High Desert Trail in Beaver County, for the identification, creation and printing of pocket guides; creation and management of a mobile app, social media and cultural inventory of segments of the High Desert Trail. Motion to authorize signature on the

FIG grant award, was made by Comm. Hollingshead, seconded by Comm. Pearson, and the vote was made unanimous.

2022 Budget meetings. It was discussed to start scheduling pre- budget meetings for the next couple of meetings.

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Meeting adjourned.