

Beaver County Commission  
Beaver, UT 84713  
September 20, 2022

The Board of County Commissioners met on September 20, 2022, 10:00 a.m. for the Commission Meeting. Attending were: Commissioner Mark Whitney, Chairman; Commissioner Tammy Pearson; Commissioner Wade Hollingshead; Ginger McMullin, Clerk/Auditor; Jen Wakeland, Strategic Development Coordinator; Stephanie Laws, Commission Secretary and Von Christiansen, County Attorney.

Prayer was offered by Pastor Mark Dupont, First Baptist Church of Beaver.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Comm. Tammy Pearson.

**County Bills were reviewed for approval.** Motion to approve County Bills was made by Comm. Hollingshead, and seconded by Comm. Pearson, and the vote was unanimous.

**BRIC FEMA Funding Minersville Diversion.** Present was Jen Wakeland, Strategic Development Coordinator. Ms. Wakeland shared a conference call she attended with information on the BRIC FEMA Funding opportunity for the Hay Springs Minersville Diversion. Ms. Wakeland shared it would be for a feasibility study for the hazard mitigation and water retention issues during high water years. This would be at a cost to the County for \$13,500, which is a cost share of 75/25% breakdown, to be completed by 8/25/2025. Motion to authorize signature on a BRIC FEMA application was made by Comm. Hollingshead, seconded by Comm. Pearson, and the vote was made unanimous.

**County Business Licenses.** Present was Kyle Blackner, County Building Authority. Mr. Blackner was present to discuss the progress of considering issuance of Business Licenses in Beaver County. Mr. Blackner discussed the other agencies, around the regions requirements, that currently issue Business Licenses in their respective jurisdictions. It was decided to proceed with a recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Board, to create a proposed Business License policy, as soon as the first meeting in November.

**New Business.** Present was Jen Wakeland, Strategic Development Director. Ms. Wakeland discussed with the Commission a proposed Job Fair to be held at the Fairgrounds on October 13<sup>th</sup> from 11a-7p. This will be a partnership with Workforce Services, which will focus on teaching skill sets to aid with the job seekers looking for new employment.

**Girls and Boys State Report.** Present were Jonathan Webb, Lindie Williams, Hallee Hawkins and Tawni Eyre; Boys/Girls State Participants. They were present to report on their experience at Boys/Girls State this past summer, as Beaver County sponsored these students while they attended the event. It was stated that all students were quite involved in the activities of the event, and learned a lot about how government works.

**Clerk's Office Budget requests.** Present was Ginger McMullin, Clerk/Auditor. Ms. McMullin was present to discuss the requests for next year's budget.

**Commission Updates.** Comm. Hollingshead reported on Fire District #1 and the acquisition of the Fire Protection Service at EMSSD, it was stated that SSD Fire #1 has agreed to provide fire protection to Special Service District #6. Comm. Pearson reported on the Wild Horse Burro advisory board meeting to be held the first week of October. Comm. Pearson reported on the Rural Summit to be held at Southern Utah University the following week. Comm. Whitney reported on the PILT fly in held in Washington DC. Ms. Wakeland discussed the vacant seats coming up on the Tourism Board and the need to refill a few of board member seats.

**Highway 153 Winter Concerns.** Present was Keith Meinhardt and Darrel Friant, UDOT; George Humphreys, County Fire Warden; Craig Wright, SAR; Nyk Farrer, USFS; Wayne Monroe, State Parks; Dave Bairett, UHP. All members present discussed the various issues with the different agencies and the contracts and issues with Beaver Canyon on Hwy 153, for the uses in the canyon in regards to snow removal and parking lot and pull outs. It was stated that the snow removal priority level on Hwy 153 is

already high due to the for-profit business, due to the ski resort location. This topic will further discussed at another date.

**Recorder's Office Budget requests.** Present was Cindy Peterson, County Recorder. Ms. Peterson was present to discuss her requests for next year's budget.

**Assessor's Office Budget requests.** Present was Trent Brown, County Assessor. Mr. Brown was present to discuss the requests for next year's budget.

**Attorney's Office Budget requests.** Present was Von Christiansen, County Attorney. Mr. Christiansen was present to discuss the requests for next year's budget.

**Children's Justice Center changes and funding.** Tracey Tabet, Administrator at the Utah Attorney General's Office via Zoom. Teresa Wood, Beaver County CJC Director. It was discussed that Iron County will be separating from Beaver and Garfield Counties as the fiscal agent of the Children's Justice Center in Beaver County. Beaver County will be partnering with Garfield County and Beaver County will become the fiscal agent for Garfield County's CJC.

**Extension's Office Budget requests.** Present was Mark Nelson, Supervisor. Mr. Nelson was present to discuss next year's budget requests.

**Vistaworks contract with addition of Social Media Management.** Jen Wakeland, Strategic Development Director. Ms. Wakeland spoke of a recommendation made by the Travel Council to shift the management of the social media management from Bob & Mark (Intermountain Consulting Development) to Vistaworks. Motion to authorize signature on the contract with Vistaworks was made Comm. Hollingshead, seconded by Comm. Pearson, and the vote was made unanimous.

**UDAF, Utah Department of Agriculture and Food Conservation District.** Present was Tyce Palmer and Jake Bensen, Utah Department of Agriculture. Mr. Palmer discussed the activities with the programs from Beaver & Twin M Conservation Districts, with the acquisition of Truax rangeland drill and herbicide/pesticide sprayers and spreaders. Mr. Palmer discussed the other water shed opportunities offered to the farmers within Beaver County.

**Minersville Lake Park Deceleration Lanes.** Present was Cory Beebe, Road Supervisor. Mr. Beebe discussed the proposal from UDOT to create a deceleration lane in a UDOT road near Beaver County Minersville Lake. After much discussion it was decided that it was not the responsibility of the County to create a deceleration lane within UDOT roadways. This proposal was denied by the Commission.

**Beaver Walking Path.** Present was Cory Beebe, Road Supervisor. Mr. Beebe discussed the meeting with Beaver City and UDOT and the review of the walking/biking path owned by the County. UDOT sent the County a letter with the determination of the drainage they felt would correct the ongoing situation at the walking path. UDOT expressed interest to split the cost 50%/50%. The Commission declined this request.

**Road Department's Budget Requests.** Present was Cory Beebe, Road Supervisor. Mr. Beebe was present to discuss next year's budget requests.

**Motion to leave Beaver County Commission and convene as Board of Equalization was made unanimous.**

Attending were: Commissioner Mark Whitney, Chairman; Commissioner Tammy Pearson; Commissioner Wade Hollingshead; Ginger McMullin, Clerk/Auditor; Trent Brown, County Assessor; Jen Wakeland, Strategic Development Coordinator; Stephanie Laws, Commission Secretary and Von Christiansen, County Attorney.

**Consider appeal on Parcel #03-0031-0041.** Assessor Brown discussion the appeal of the value for the property located 305 W 1425 N, Beaver. After discussion of the issues with the property, the Board agreed to reduce the value from \$514,143 to \$390,000.

**Consider Appeal on Parcel #03-0023-0033.** Assessor Brown spoke of the extension request from Paradigm Tax Group representing parcel #03-0023-0033. The request for an appeal extension request was granted. A meeting for Tuesday September 27<sup>th</sup> was scheduled to hear the appeal.

**Motion to leave Board of Equalization and reconvene as Beaver County Commission was made unanimous.**

Motion to accept the authorization to reduce in value for parcel 03-0023-003 was granted, the value was reduced to \$390,000, and the motion 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.

**Highway 153 concern.** Present was George Humphreys, County Fire Warden. Mr. Humphreys was present to express his concerns on the drainage issues on Hwy 153. Commission allowed Mr. Humpheys a public comment period.

Motion to authorize signature on a NDA was made by Comm. Pearson, seconded by Comm. Hollingshead, and the vote was mad unanimous.

No further business was discussed meeting was adjourned.

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Chairman

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Clerk/Auditor

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