

Beaver County Commission Work Meeting
Beaver, UT 84713
September 21, 2021

The Board of County Commissioners met on September 21, 2021, 10:00 a.m. for its regular Commission Work Meeting. Attending were: Commissioner Mark Whitney, Chairman; Commissioner Tammy Pearson; Commissioner Wade Hollingshead; Ginger McMullin, Clerk/Auditor; Rob Pyles, Administrative Services Coordinator; Stephanie Laws, Commission Secretary and Von Christiansen, County Attorney.

Prayer was offered by Stephanie Laws, Commission Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Von Christiansen, County Attorney.

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.

Kimball & Roberts Audit Report. Present were Rick Roberts and Gabe Miller, Kimball & Roberts, CPA. Kimball & Roberts delivered the findings of the most recent audit. Mr. Miller went through the audit report with the Commission for their full understanding. Mr. Miller commented on the debt reduction that took place last year by the paying off of the Jail Bond and the good financial position the County is in. Motion to accept the audit as presented was made by Comm. Pearson, seconded by Comm. Hollingshead, and the vote was made unanimous.

Beaver Conservation and Twin M Districts Report. Present were Tyce Palmer, Trent Brown, Brad Eyre and Darrel Yardley; Representing the Conservation Districts. Mr. Palmer reported on the two Conservation Districts in the County and the projects they participated in this past year. Mr. Eyre reported on the ground squirrel and the baiting that took place. Mr. Eyre spoke about the flood control that needs improving near Minersville. Mr. Yardley made comment on the spreaders that were acquired to spread bait for weeds and crickets. Mr. Yardley also spoke to the water conservation they are focused on this current year. Mr. Palmer requested a \$3000/District contribution. Commission thought the amount requested was doable. Commission expressed their gratitude towards the conservation efforts of the Districts.

B.I.G. Chamber of Commerce Presentation (Beaver, Iron & Garfield Counties) Present were Chris McCormick, Cedar City Chamber of Commerce; Kaden McBride, Southwest Technical College. Mr. McCormick was present to invite the County to participate in a B.I.G. Chamber of Commerce to assist in enhancing the communities to develop business. Mr. McBride shared the education programs the B.I.G. Chamber could offer to business prospects and owners. Mr. McCormick is requesting 5 year commitment from the County in the amount \$10,000, \$5000 from the Tourism Department and \$5000 from the County.

Break for lunch

Reconvene after lunch

Consider Signing Resolution for UCIP Meeting. Motion to appoint the representative member to vote on the membership appointment, Comm. Mark Whitney, first, Comm. Tammy Pearson, as alternate was made by Comm. Hollingshead, seconded by Comm. Pearson, and the vote was unanimous.

Consider Signing Co-Op Grant MOU. Commission considered the signing of the Co-Op Grants for \$47,280 and \$153,510 for the Rambler marketing campaigns. Motion to authorize signature on the MOU for a Co-Op Grants was made by Comm. Hollingshead, seconded by Comm. Pearson, and the vote was made unanimous.

Old Business:

Gravel Pit Progress. Signs are currently being ordered for proper signage at the County Gravel Pit.

HR Office Space. This is being tabled for further research and possible relocation.

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

County Seat Letter. Mr. Pyles has drafted a letter as an exit letter addressed to the County Seat. Motion to authorize signature on a letter to be sent with the check to the County Seat, was made by Comm. Hollingshead, seconded by Comm. Pearson, and the vote was made unanimous.

Beaver County Housing. Mr. Pyles discussed the grants that the County has made application for matching funding with GO Utah. This will be for a housing shortage that has plagued Beaver County and to provide rental opportunities for recruiting new County Employees.

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

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

Pre-Budget GIS/Weed Department. Present was Keven Whicker, County GIS. Ms. Whicker was present to discuss the requests for next year's budget.

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

Pre-Budget HR Director. Present was Heidi Eyre, HR /Director. Ms. Eyre was present to discuss the requests for next year's budget.

Commission Updates. Mr. Pyles shared a Community Reinvestment Act opportunity from Pacific Corp for \$1000. The Commission will review an area for a good use of the funds. Comm. Pearson debriefed the Commission on the USACC Meetings held last week at Midway, Utah. Comm. Whitney discussed an ongoing debate on the current vehicle leases held by Horsepower Leasing. This discussion will continue until the leases are resolved. Comm. Hollingshead shared a discussion he had with the Sheriff over a

raise requested for himself. Comm. Whitney stated that "Sheriff is an Elected Official if he wants an increase for himself, the elected officials need to present it in the budget, as they are voted for by the people and he answers to the people, he does not answer to the County Commission, nor do we answer to them. If he wants a raise and he is deserving of that raise and has it in his budget then he will have to give it to himself, I as a Commissioner am not at liberty to give him that. It's not fair to the other elected officials. If he wants that he can give it to himself."

Meeting adjourned.