

Beaver County Commission Meeting  
Beaver, UT 84713  
October 3, 2023

The Board of County Commissioners met on October 3, 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 Von Christiansen, County Attorney.

Comm. Wade Hollingshead called the meeting to order.

Prayer was offered by Von Christiansen, County Attorney.

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

Review and Approve County Bills. Motion to approve County Bills was made by Comm. Yardley, 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. Yardley, the vote was unanimous.

Thank you to the County Fair Director. Commissioners invited Alison Webb, Fair Chairman, to thank her for all of her 15 years of service and dedication with the Fair. She expressed her love for the Fair and the family support she has to be able to produce and outstanding Fair every year. Ms. Webb estimated \$20,000 of volunteer hours annually, contributes to the successful of the Fair. Ms. Webb thanked the Commission for their continued support with the Fair.

Consider signing CUP FORGE. Present were Clay Jones, Geologist for FORGE; Kyle Blackner, County Building Authority. Dr. Jones was present to gain approval for a Conditional Use Permit at the FORGE site, for a surface treatment facility to strip the oxygen from the well. After a brief update on the activities currently at the FORGE location. This was a unanimous decision from the Planning & Zoning Board. Motion to authorize signature on the CUP request by FORGE was made by Comm. Pearson. Seconded by Comm. Yardley, and the vote was made unanimous.

A5 Zone clarification Ordinance 2023-07. Present was Kyle Blackner, County Building Authority. Mr. Blackner followed up on a prior meeting with a definition clarification that arose in the meeting. Grazing definitions have been included in this ordinance. Comm. Pearson brought up the need to revisit the Resource Management Plan of Beaver County, as well as updating the State RMP. This will be amended and brought before the Commission for approval on Oct 17.

Consider Signing Building Inspection Agreement. Present was Kyle Blackner, County Building Authority. Mr. Blackner discussed the Building Inspection Agreement that has been brought before Beaver and Milford Cities for their approval. Beaver City will agree to pay \$15,000 per year and Milford City will

agree to pay \$8,000 per year, with Minersville Town continuing to collect building permit fees and pass it to Beaver County. The Cities have signed and agreed to the conditions of payment allocation. Motion to authorize signature on the Building Inspection Agreements with Beaver City and Milford City was made by Comm. Yardley, seconded by Comm. Pearson, and the vote was made unanimous.

Extension Office 2024 Budget Request. Present and Mark Nelson, County Extension Agenda. Mr. Nelson was present to request 2024 Budget requests.

Consider Outdoor Recreation Grants. Present was Jen Wakeland, Strategic Development Director; Jennifer Marshall, Park Manager. They were present to discuss grants for recreation needs of the County. There are three projects the County is looking at for grant opportunity. They are as follows: 1- LWCF Grant/Outdoor Recreation Grant for the well at Minersville Lake, 2- Tushar Campground; for a retaining wall behind the bathrooms, picnic tables, road base on the campground road, 3- Fairgrounds Grant upwards of \$6 million.

Snow Cat Agreement. Present was Jen Wakeland, Strategic Development Director. Ms. Wakeland was present to gain the signature authorization to purchase a Snow Cat. Motion to ratify the signature on the Snow Cat Grant agreement and move forward with the purchase of a Snow Cat machine was made by Comm. Pearson, Commissioner Yardley did not support the purchase of the snow cat. Roll call vote was Comm. Pearson voted "aye". Yardley voted "nay", and Comm. Hollingshead voted "aye", and the motion passes.

Special Merit Increases. Present was Heidi Eyre, HR Director; Cory Beebe, Road Supervisor. Ms. Eyre was present to represent the Departments in need of Special Merit Increases. This will be for Stetson Parkinson and Cutler Edwards for a \$1.56/hr. increase, which will be applied to the Road Department Budget to be effective immediately. Motion to authorize the increase in the Road Department was made By Comm. Yardley, seconded by Comm. Pearson, and the vote was made unanimous. The Sheriff's Department is needing a special merit increase for Taylor Gillins in the amount of \$1.00/hr. Motion to authorize the increase in the Sheriff's Department was made by Comm. Pearson, and seconded by Comm. Yardley, and the vote was made unanimous.

New Employee Ratifications. Present was Heidi Eyre, HR Director. Ms. Eyre was present to discuss the ratifying of the new hires of Beaver County. They are as follows: Mayra Alvarez (Treasurer's Office), Skip Brown (Corrections Officer), Kenadee Carter (Nurse/Jail) and Scott Fails (Bailiff). Motion to ratify the listed new hire was made by Comm. Pearson, seconded by Comm. Yardley, and the vote was made unanimous.

Consider Signing Resolution 2023-07. Appointment of a Beaver County Rep & Alternate Rep for the UCIP Annual Membership Meeting. After discussion, Comm. Hollingshead will be the voting member, with Comm. Pearson as the alternate. Motion to authorize signature on Resolution 2023-07 was made by Comm. Pearson, seconded by Comm. Yardley, and the vote was made unanimous.

Commission Updates. Comm. Pearson shared some meeting dates that are coming up. The Calendar was discussed for the next month's meeting schedule.

Utah Rock Art Research. Present are Steven Acerton, Utah Rock Art. He shared dates for the coming year's symposium. This will be held in Beaver County in 2024, which will bring 250-300 people to Beaver County. Mr. Acerton was present to request the grading of the Navajo Trail Rd at 2600 East.

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 adjourned.