**MINUTES**

**WEBER COUNTY COMMISSION**

Tuesday, January 17th, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.

Via Zoom meeting + at Weber Center, 2380 Washington Blvd., Ogden, UT

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**Weber County Commissioners:** Gage Froerer, James “Jim” H. Harvey, and Sharon Bolos

**Staff Present:** Ricky Hatch, County Clerk/Auditor; Christopher Crockett, Deputy County Attorney; and Lynn D. Taylor, of the County Clerk/Auditor’s office, who took minutes.

1. **Welcome:** Commissioner Froerer
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Rick Grover
3. **Invocation:** Sean Wilkinson
4. **Thought of the** **Day:** Commissioner Bolos: Yesterday, we celebrated Martin Luther King Jr Day. One of my favorite of his quotes that I think about every year is “Darkness cannot drive out darkness. Only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate. Only love can do that.” It just reminds me that if we want to change anything, we need to make a change. If we don’t make a change, things will remain the same.
5. **Public Comment:** None
6. **Recognitions:**

1. Recognition of Ricky Hatch for being named the Utah Association of Counties Clerk of the Year.

Commissioner Harvey: For a lot of years, you have done not just a good job but just an exceptional job. You represent not only Weber County but the state and the country as you testify before Congress. Weber County is exceptionally blessed to have you. Your team upstairs is wonderful and your election team is top notch. And more importantly you exemplify the word good man.

Commissioner Bolos: One of the things I like about Ricky is his openness. With the controversies that swirl about us we are fortunate to have you in Weber County.

Commissioner Froerer: I don’t know if most appreciate what Ricky has done in our elections and showing integrity. You lead in the state of Utah.

Ricky Hatch: It has to flow through me to my staff. I couldn’t testify before Congress or participate at the state level without things being right at home in our office. The team we have is phenomenal. They are hard workers and understand public service.

1. Recognition of John Ulibarri for being named the Utah Association of the Counties Assessor of the Year.

Commissioner Harvey: I thought I knew John pretty good when they moved down here six years ago. There are a lot of questions regarding the assessment process and John has been incredibly patient with me as I’ve learned this process. He has always been good to me and concerned citizens. He is a great leader. The staff is incredibly helpful and great at their job. He’s a good man and a good friend.

Commissioner Bolos: He helped us navigate West Haven’s first property tax when I was mayor. We invited John down to our open houses and he took all the bullets. I am thrilled to continue to be working with the best assessor in the state.

Commissioner Froerer: I’ve known John for a number of years. He used to come to the Legislature. He always has a calm demeanor. He understands the business of appraisal very well. Which helps answer the very difficult questions from citizens in a very diplomatic way. Congratulations!

John Ulibarri: It’s easy to lead when you have a great team behind you. It enables a certain amount of freedom to do work to promote the interests of Weber County at the state level. It’s really the Weber County Assessor’s office that deserves the recognition. I really want to defer any applause to this team.

1. Recognition of Tucker Weight for receiving his Professional Engineering License.

Gary Myers (Engineering): I get an opportunity to brag on one of my guys. We are super excited and proud of Tucker. He recently passed his Professional Engineer exam. This is not an easy feat that requires months and sometimes years to prepare and pass this test. We are excited Tucker accomplished this.

Commissioner Harvey:

Commissioner Bolos: Thank you for taking the initiative to do this. It makes you an even more valuable employee. We appreciate that effort.

1. Recognition of Kelly Janis for receiving the International Code Council 2022 Trailblazer Award.

Stan Berniche (Building Inspection): International Code Council develops building codes worldwode. This award is for anyone willing to step up and promote the next generation of code officials. Kelly has been to local junior high and high schools promoting what we do and why we do it. In 2022, Kelly also completed her Masters degree in Public Administration.

Kelly Janis: I think it’s important for our younger generation to know there are alternatives to going to college and they can have a solid career in government and learning the trades. One thing children don’t know is receiving a national certificate can help you get college credit for prior learning assessment and helps them save on college tuition.

Commissioner Harvey: Your road has not always been easy but you have always chosen the high path and made things work. But to care enough to perpetuate what you love doing, I don’t know if I can pay a higher compliment to anyone that gives back like that. Congratulations on your choice doing what you’ve done.

Commissioner Bolos: Kelly, you speak to me when you say you go into the high schools and junior highs and talk to the students there. I think there are so many that graduate high school and feel like if they don’t want to go to college there is no place for them. It means a lot for those students who sees someone succeeding in a career they may not have known even existed.

Chair Froerer: I appreciate your passion you have for your job and the service you provide for Weber County. It takes a fine diplomat to work with code enforcement. I am very impressed with what you have been able to accomplish and for what you do.

Chair Froerer: I talk on different occasions on winning in Weber. You have seen this morning four perfect examples of why we continue to win in Weber. I am very proud to be associated with this group of people that helps us accomplish what we aim to do which is winning in Weber.

1. **Presentation:**
2. Presentation of a check to the Weber Community Foundation/COE from Rocky Mountain Power, (Pacificorp).

Melissa Freigang (Executive Director, Weber Prosperity Center of Excellence): We are presenting today on

the Weber Community Foundation. Huge kudos to Chris Crockett for the original idea to have a

governmental non-profit. It allows the Center of Excellence to do the deep dive work required to build the

social services delivery system. Every championship team I have been a part of had great athletes with great

talent, work really hard, and have great ethics. But they also had great coaches and support staff. It’s great

to have wonderful partners Rocky Mountain Power who helped us put on reentry simulation.

Commissioner Froerer: Melissa we want to give thanks for being the driving force behind the Weber

Community Foundation. We appreciate your work. As we look in the future this is something that will help

the citizens.

Kirk Nigro (Regional Business Manager, Rocky Mountain Power): Rocky Mountain Power is humbled to be

partnering with Weber County in the capacity of social issues. The Commissioners have fully supported

tackling not only the easy decisions but some of the most difficult decisions with intergenerational poverty.

These difficult solutions require the entire community. I’m completely blown away with the CoE is working

on synergies between all these groups bringing a multiplied effect. We are excited to be the first corporate

donation to the foundation.

1. **Consent Items:**
2. Warrants #7083-7118, #473814-473966 and #236 in the amount of $1,791,793.72.
3. Purchase orders in the amount of $346,545.27.
4. Summary of Warrants and Purchase Orders.
5. ACH payment to US Bank in the amount of $25,161.58.
6. Cooperative Agreement amendment with Utah State University for the USU Extension Services.
7. Declare Parcel Number #17-092-0016 as surplus property.
8. Donation agreement with Trails Foundation of Northern Utah in the amount of $46,615.44 for construction and maintenance of trails in North Fork Park.
9. Right of Way contracts for 2200 North with:

Mitchell & Katie Butler

Brett & Kristen Ferrin

Young C. & Su O Pak

John D. & Sherilyn Clark

Commissioner Bolos moved to approve the consent items; Commissioner Harvey seconded.

Commissioner Harvey – aye; Commissioner Bolos – aye; Chair Freorer – aye

**I. Action Items:**

1. **APPROVE RESOLUTION 04-2023 APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE FRIENDS OF THE FAIRGROUNDS ADVISORY BOARD.**

Duncan Olsen (GSEC): These are proposed members for the new Friends of the Fairgrounds Advisory Board created a few months ago.

Commissioner Harvey moved to approve Resolution 04-2023 appointing members to the Friends of the Fairgrounds Advisory Board, with removal of Millie Stewart and Monte Stewart from the Voting Member’s Name list; Commissioner Froerer seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Harvey – aye; Commissioner Bolos – aye; Chair Freorer – aye

1. **APPROVE RESOLUTION 05-2023 APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE PUBLIC DEFENDER BOARD.**

Jim Retallick (Attorney): This is to replace Scott Jenkins with Gage Froerer.

Commissioner Bolos moved to approve Resolution 05-2023 appointing Gage Froerer to the Public Defender Board; Commissioner Harvey seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Harvey – aye; Commissioner Bolos – aye; Chair Freorer – aye

1. **APPROVE RESOLUTION 06-2023 APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE OGDEN VALLEY PLANNING COMMISSION.**

Rick Grover (Planning Director): One opening on the Ogden Valley Planning Commission with seventeen

applicants.

Commissioner Bolos moved to approve Resolution 06-2023 appointing Jeffrey Barber to the Ogden Valley Planning Commission; Commissioner Harvey seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Harvey – aye; Commissioner Bolos – aye; Chair Freorer – aye

1. **APPROVE RESOLUTION 07-2023 APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE WEBER-MORGAN BOARD OF HEALTH.**

Brian Cowan (Weber Morgan Health Department, Director): Reappointment of three board members whose terms expired at the end of 2022.

Commissioner Harvey moved to approve Resolution 07-2023 appointing Sharon Bolos and reappointing Dr. Ken Johnson, Kevin Eastman, and Leonard Call to the Weber-Morgan Board of Health; Commissioner Bolos seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Harvey – aye; Commissioner Bolos – aye; Chair Freorer – aye

5. **APPROVE RESOLUTION 08-2023 APPOINTING A WEBER COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE TO THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE UTAH COUNTIES INDEMNITY POOL.**

Chris Crockett (Lead Civil Attorney): Board of Directors is comprised from member counties.

Commissioner Bolos moved to approve Resolution 08-2023 appointing Gage Froerer to the Governing Board of the Utah Counties Indemnity Pool; Commissioner Harvey seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Harvey – aye; Commissioner Bolos – aye; Chair Freorer – aye

6. **APPROVE RESOLUTION 09-2023 APPROVING PARTICIPATION OF THE TAYLOR WEST WEBER PARK DISTRICT IN THE UTAH COUNTIES INDEMNITY POOL AS A SEPARATE COUNTY RELATED ENTITY MEMBER.**

Brandan Quinney (Attorney): County related entities can participate in UCIP if approved by the sponsoring county. This Resolution endorses Taylor West Weber Park District as a member of UCIP.

Commissioner Harvey moved to approve Resolution 09-2023 approving participation of the Taylor West Weber Park District in the Utah Counties Indemnity Pool as a separate county related entity member; Commissioner Froerer seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Harvey – aye; Commissioner Bolos – aye; Chair Freorer – aye

1. **APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT WITH RURAL COMMUNITY CONSULTANTS FOR THE WEBER COUNTY PRE-DISASTER MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE.**

Lisa Schwartz (Sheriff Department): Item held until future date.

Commissioner Harvey moved to hold a contract with Rural Community Consultants for the Weber County Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan Update; Commissioner Bolos seconded.

Commissioner Harvey – aye; Commissioner Bolos – aye; Chair Freorer – aye

1. **APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT WITH BROKEN HEART RODEO COMPANY TO HOLD THE INTERMOUNTAIN ICEBREAKER HIGH SCHOOL INVITATIONAL RODEO AT THE GOLDEN SPIKE EVENT CENTER.**

Duncan Olsen (GSEC): This year we have added a few things. A team driven event for the different participating states; 19 states and plus Canada were represented last year. This year we have $30k in added money for 28 saddles and 296 buckles that will be up for grabs. The event will be held from March 1st through March 4th.

Commissioner Harvey moved for approval of a contract with Broken Heart Rodeo Company to hold the Intermountain Icebreaker High School Invitational Rodeo at the Golden Spike Event Center; Commissioner Bolos seconded.

Commissioner Harvey – aye; Commissioner Bolos – aye; Chair Freorer – aye

1. **APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT WITH JONES AND ASSOCIATES CONSULTING FOR CONCEPTUAL DESIGN.**

Ashley Thoman (Engineering): Contract is for conceptual design services with Jones and Associates to help layout two left turn lanes from north on Rulon White Blvd to head west on 2700 North. This is a ‘not to exceed’ contract of $3500 that is proposed to come from Prop 1 funds.

Commissioner Bolos moved for approval of a contract with Jones and Associates Consulting for conceptual design; Commissioner Harvey seconded.

Commissioner Harvey – aye; Commissioner Bolos – aye; Chair Freorer – aye

**J. Commissioner Comments:**

1. Stall of Fame recipient: Tucker Weight from Engineering.

**K. Adjourn**

Commissioner Bolos moved to adjourn at 11:04 a.m.; Commissioner Harvey seconded.

Commissioner Harvey – aye; Commissioner Bolos – aye; Chair Freorer – aye

Attest:

Gage Froerer, Chair Ricky D. Hatch, CPA

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