**MINUTES**

**WEBER COUNTY COMMISSION**

Tuesday, April 18th, 2023 – 5:30 p.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; Chris Crockett, Deputy County Attorney; and Craig D. Brandt, of the County Clerk/Auditor’s office, who took minutes.

1. **Welcome:** Chair Froerer

**B. Pledge of Allegiance:** Stacy Skeen

**C. Invocation:** Ricky Hatch

**D. Thought of the** **Day:** Commissioner Harvey: In preparation for the thougth of the day today, I have this 3170 counties in this great United States. But I’ll save that for another time. Jane and I believed aswe watched our kids get older, what shpaes a child to advance into adulthood. To me, the common denominator is grandparents. Later we will recognize a granddaughter of grandparents and great-grandparents that are here today. At age five my family split up, and families came to our rescue. I have memories of the Boyington home where I felt safe and loved. I want to say thank you to Jen and Carl for the love you’ve shown me my whole life.

**E. Public Comment: (moved to the end of the agenda)**

1. Gloria Froerer: I wanted to take a moment to talk about the Boyington and Redd families. Being from the world of rodeo, I have had an interest and envious of the queens. Addison, your mom has been a wonderful queen. Keep working hard at it, Miss Addi!
2. Jim Ebert: Being a spouse of someone who has worked in the county for many years, I want to say thank you! I think you may underestimate the value of a slap on the back. Thank you for being leaders to our community and staff and for being good friends to people.

**F. Consent Items:**

1. Warrants #7737-7782, #475720-475849 and #260-261 in the amount of $1,505,815.84.
2. Purchase orders in the amount of $346,298.40.
3. Summary of Warrants and Purchase Orders.
4. Minutes for the meeting held on April 11, 2023
5. Contract with Ben Pulver for Deputy Sheriff Basic Training Reimbursement.

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

Commissioner Harvey – aye; Commissioner Bolos – aye; Chair Froerer – aye

**G. Action Items:**

1. **APPROVE AN INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT WITH WEBER FIRE DISTRICT FOR PURCHASE AND USE OF A PORTABLE RESCUE BOAT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE ON CAUSEY RESERVOIR AND ANY OTHER APPLICABLE BODIES OF WATER IN WEBER COUNTY.**

Sgt. Kyley Slater (Sheriff’s Office): Sheriff’s office contacted by the Fire District. In the past five years there were 17 medical incidents where this boat could have been used. The public’s use at Causey Reservoir has increased 1000% in the last eight years. The interlocal agreement addresses maintenance, use, and insurance and licensing responsibilities.

Commissioner Harvey moved to approve an Inter-local Agreement with Weber Fire District for purchase and use of a portable rescue boat for law enforcement and emergency response on Causey Reservoir and any other applicable bodies of water in Weber County; Commissioner Bolos seconded.

Commissioner Harvey – aye; Commissioner Bolos – aye; Chair Froerer – aye

2. **APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT WITH GSBS ARCHITECTURAL FIRM FOR THE JAIL EXPANSION SCHEMATIC DESIGN.**

Sheriff Ryan Arbon (Weber County Sheriff): This contract is an important step to the future of jail expansion.

A few years ago we identified the need for future expansion but Covid hit and those plans were put on hold.

We do not yet know how much expansion is needed. This contract will show schematics and designs addressing what we need based on data, including crime rates, and what is needed in Weber County. Special

appreciation to Chief Reese for leading this effort.

Commissioner Bolos: I want to thank the Sheriff and his staff for the work on this project. I appreciate their

willingness to be flexible in educating us on what you need.

Commissioner Bolos moved for approval of a contract with GSBS Architectural Firm for the Jail Expansion Schematic Design; Commissioner Harvey seconded.

Commissioner Harvey – aye; Commissioner Bolos – aye; Chair Froerer – aye

**H. Public Hearings:**

1. Request for a motion to adjourn public meeting and convene public hearings.

Commissioner Bolos moved to adjourn the public meeting and convene public hearings, 5:46 p.m.; Commissioner Harvey seconded.

Commissioner Harvey – aye; Commissioner Bolos – aye; Chair Froerer – aye

2. Public hearing for consideration of an ordinance and applicant driven text amendment to amend the

Ogden Valley Signs ordinance to allow a neighborhood identification sign to be placed on a retaining wall - ZTA 2022-03.

Steve Burton (Planning): This is an applicant driven request by Wolf Creek Utah. Currently the

Ogden Valley sign code does not allow subdivision or neighborhood signs on retaining walls. The

Applicant’s proposed language is two sentences. Subdivision entry signs may be placed on a

retaining wall. Signage should not exceed a height of 4.5ft and width of 40ft. A 4-2 vote by the

Ogden Valley Planning Commission on February 7th, 2023 to recommend approving the applicant’s

Proposed language. Via the proposed Ordinance, staff recommends changing terms to

“neighborhood entry sign” in lieu of “subdivision entry sign”. Staff also recommends allowing

neighborhood entry signs installed on a monument sign or retaining wall. Staff also adjusted the sign

height limitation to 5ft while retaining 40ft width. The Ordinance also specifies allowance between

retaining wall or monument signs where only one can be implemented, not both.

3. Public Comments:

Ron Gleason, Eden, UT: I have no objection with signs on retaining walls. I ask that lighting either

not be allowed or capped at a specific number of lumens. There is no definition for material of

retaining walls, reflective or non-reflective. With the current sign ordinance and the number of

lumens that can be used. The proposed sign moves the sign into a category allowing 100 lumens.

This is the International Dark Sky Week.

Mr. Burton: The way the ordinance is written right now requires Dark Sky compliance for all signs.

4. Request for a motion to adjourn public hearings and reconvene public meeting.

Commissioner Harvey moved to adjourn the public hearings and reconvene public meeting, 5:56 pm; Commissioner Bolos seconded.

Commissioner Harvey – aye; Commissioner Bolos – aye; Chair Froerer – aye

5. Action on public hearing:

H2: Consideration of Ordinance 2023-07 and applicant driven text amendment to amend the Ogden Valley Signs ordinance to allow a neighborhood identification sign to be placed on a retaining wall- ZTA 2022-03.

Commissioner Harvey moved to approve Ordinance 2023-07 and applicant driven text amendment to amend the Ogden Valley Signs ordinance to allow a neighborhood identification sign to be placed on a retaining wall- ZTA 2022-03; Commissioner Bolos seconded.

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

1. **Presentations:**
2. Presentation of the Weber County Department Reports. [Click [here](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m19dS0I8Ess&t=346s) to view the video presentations beginning at the 35:48 mark.]

Commissioner Bolos: You will see these great videos from the departments I work with. When I was elected, Commissioner Harvey said “This will be the best gig you will ever have.” I really loved being mayor. I won’t say anything publicly…but it’s pretty good here. The staff from the county continues to impress me every day.

Commissioner Harvey: I’ve got the really fun group. Anything to do with education and buildings outside of this building falls in my portfolio. You’ll first hear from a couple of elected officials, Ricky Hatch of the Clerk/Auditor’s Office and Chris Allred of the Attorney’s Office; then Lynnda Wangsgard, what a great Library Director, I want to thank the library staff for being here tonight, thank you for your support; our Culture, Parks, and Recreation department led by Marty Smith; and then our Convention Visitors Bureau.

Chair Froerer: I get to deal with two elected officials who rarely get to hear from the public except for certain times of the year, Mr. John Ulibarri who assess your property for taxes and Mr. John Bond to whom you pay your taxes; two very competent individuals who do occasionally hear from the public. My portfolio also includes Sean Wilkinson, Community Development Director who deals with things like roads, the landfill, planning and zoning, engineering which includes flooding. You’ll see the dedication these employees have for the county.

1. Presentation of the State of the County. [Click [here](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m19dS0I8Ess&t=346s) to view the video presentation beginning at the 1:14:00 mark.]

Chair Froerer: I am going to take a couple of minutes to look back at some of the challenges we faced in

Weber County but also opportunities we see as a Commission moving forward as a county working with this great team.

1. Presentation of the Crystal Bowl Awards:

Chair Froerer: Crystal has the ability to amplify and produce a pure and powerful sound that resonates for a long period of time. It is comparable to the generous people in our community that volunteer their time and resources. Their actions resonate throughout the community of Weber County. Tonight we have the opportunity to recognize three worthwhile individuals and community advocates.

Commissioner Bolos: I am going to introduce you to the first county employee to receive this award, Steffani Ebert. She has been an employee for the county for 29 years. I had the pleasure of working with Steffani while I was Mayor of West Haven when Steffani was at the Sheriff’s office and I’ll never forget her taking a beating from our council while she presented numbers for our Sheriff’s contract. I received a text message from her husband saying “she is taking a beating for you guys.” And he was right. And she did it with grace, courage, and correct numbers. I will never forget that while she held her own and presenting things as they were and answering questions. I am blessed to work with her again. Congratulations Steffani, we appreciate everything you do for the county.

Commissioner Harvey: Steffani has turned out to be a wonderful friend. She has always been a person of great character and always brings the atmosphere up.

Chair Froerer: When Steffani first came to Ricky’s office, I was told she would do the work of one and a half people. Well, she has proven to do the work of two people. There is no better person I have seen around budgets and making sure we stay on the right path. We couldn’t do this without you.

Commissioner Harvey: The next award goes to Beehive Cheese. There is a wonderful bio online that I am going to divert from. I went to high school with Pat Ford, we were great friends that always kept in touch. I remember asking Pat about 18 years ago what he was doing these days and he said, “I am working with my brother-in-law and we want to make cheese! We went to USU and they make all of these fantastic recipes they didn’t know what to do with and nobody wanted them so we got them and then we took the greatest milk on the planet which is from Weber County.” They didn’t just make regular cheese; they made the fine cheese, the ‘fromage’ of cheese. Sure enough they started winning local, national, and international competitions, including recently winning the “Finest Cheese of North America”. They are a great small company nestled in the mouth of Weber Canyon that has been able to grow and expand and they give and give and give. Tim will spend weeks or even months overseas learning from cheese artisans. One of the world’s finest cheeses is made right here in Weber County with Weber County products. Tim, Carrie, you have made Weber County a better place to live.

Chair Froerer: The final award goes to Addison Redd, the National High School Rodeo Association Queen. Before I talk about her background, I want to talk her family. We have known her parents for quite a while as well as her grandparents Carl and Jan Boyington. When I worked in real estate, I had the opportunity to work as the Weber School District Site Locator; Carl was assigned that position from the school district side. Most of the properties bought came at a substantial savings compared to buying today, thanks to Carl. Addison, congratulations! You probably got a lot of your horse capabilities from your rodeo queen mom. Some of your hobbies include a love of hunting, going to your family cabin, offroading, surfing while in Hawaii with her family, and a love of camping. She is fluent in Mandarin Chinese after taking Chinese for nine years. Her favorite quote is “You can’t go back and change the beginning but you can start from where you are and change the ending.” Addison, congratulations!

**J. Commissioner Comments**

1. Commissioner Bolos: We have seen tonight how big this puzzle is…it’s huge. It takes a lot of people.
2. Commissioner Harvey: It takes a lot of effort to pull together a State of the County. Can we give a round of applause for our Chair, Gage Froerer?
3. Chair Froerer: I am very much a team guy. We know it’s a team that gets things done. Everyone is pulling their weight, everyone is pulling together, and that is why we continue to win in Weber. I look forward to that for the next number of years.

**K. Adjourn**

Commissioner Bolos moved to adjourn at 7:17 pm.; Commissioner Harvey seconded.

Commissioner Harvey – aye; Commissioner Bolos – aye; Chair Froerer – aye

Attest:

Gage Froerer, Chair Ricky D. Hatch, CPA

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