**MINUTES**

**WEBER COUNTY COMMISSION**

Tuesday, October 3rd, 2023 – 10:02 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; Courtlan Erickson, of the County Attorney’s office; and Craig D. Brandt, of the County Clerk/Auditor’s office, who took minutes.

1. **Welcome:** Chair Froerer

**B. Pledge of Allegiance:** Ashley Thoman

**C. Invocation:** Courtlan Erickson

**D. Thought of the** **Day:** Commissioner Froerer: Tomorrow, October 4th, we all will get a test. Have you heard about this? The test deals with a FEMA national emergency test on every wireless device as required every three years. I hope you pass that test with an ‘A’ tomorrow.

**E. Public Comment: None.**

**F. Consent Items:**

1. Warrants #9078-9116 and #479449-479565 in the amount of $949,403.29.
2. Purchase orders in the amount of $309,468.27.
3. Summary of Warrants and Purchase Orders.
4. Minutes for the Commission meeting held September 26th, 2023.
5. New business licenses.
6. Surplus a 2009 Ford Escape for the Weber-Morgan Health Department.
7. Inter-local Agreement by and between Weber County and Huntsville Town for Code Enforcement Services.

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 A CONTRACT WITH UTAH CUTTING HORSE ASSOCIATION TO HOLD A UCHA FALL CUTTING COMPETITION AT THE GOLDEN SPIKE EVENT CENTER.**

Duncan Olsen (GSEC Director): This contract is one of our biggest annual shows with 10-12 days depending on the number of participants. We have traded some sponsorship and discounted some setup and tear down days.

Commissioner Harvey: Cutting horses is the second most lucrative equine competition behind thoroughbred racing. Cutting horses are well trained and expensive; all for two minutes and thirty seconds for the horse to cut a cow out of the herd.

Commissioner Harvey moved to approve a contract with Utah cutting Horse Association to hold a UCHA Fall Cutting Competition at the Golden Spike Event Center; Commissioner Bolos seconded.

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

2. **APPROVE CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON A REQUEST FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF THE ORCHARDS AT JDC RANCH PHASE 1, AND VILLAS AT JDC RANCH PHASE 1 LOCATED AT 2850 W 2600 N, PLAIN CITY.**

Steve Burton (Planning): Normally you don’t see preliminary subdivisions applications. The JDC Ranch development agreement was written to conform to changes being made by the state legislature. Currently the zoning is R1-10 and R3. The Villas at JDC have 108 attached patio homes and the Orchards at JDC have 64 clustered single family homes both as called out by the development agreement. Includes a two to three acre park. The Planning Commission recommended approval on September 19th and staff recommends approval. Water and sewer preliminary approval letters are in hand. Final plats will be approved during an administrative approval meeting with the Planning director.

Commissioner Bolos moved to approve consideration and action on a request for preliminary approval of the Orchards at JDC Ranch Phase 1, and Villas at JDC Ranch Phase 1 located at 2850 W 2600 N, Plain City; Commissioner Harvey seconded.

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

3. **APPROVE A CONTRACT WITH ROBERT S. & MARY K GRAVES REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST TO PURCHASE AN EASEMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BOX CULVERT UNDER 4000 NORTH AT APPROXIMATELY 3600 WEST.**

Ashley Thoman (Engineering): Contract to purchase an easement from the Graves living trust for about 1800 square feet. We are moving the box culvert further west to help mitigate flooding. Graves were affected by the floods and they see the need.

Commissioner Harvey moved to approve a contract with Robert S. & Mary K Graves Revocable Living Trust to purchase an easement for the construction of a box culvert under 4000 North at approximately 3600 West; Commissioner Bolos seconded.

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

4. **APPROVE A CONTRACT WITH WESTSIDE INVESTMENTS, L.C., TO PURCHASE AN EASEMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BOX CULVERT UNDER 4000 NORTH AT APPROXIMATELY 3600 WEST.**

Ashley Thoman (Engineering): Same culvert as Graves contract (Item G3 above). This is for 2400 square feet near the same land already approved. The landowners could not have been nicer in working with us. I am grateful they are willing to work with us on this.

Commissioner Harvey moved to approve a contract with Westside Investments, L.C., to purchase an easement for the construction of a box culvert under 4000 North at approximately 3600 West; Commissioner Bolos seconded.

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

5. **APPROVE A CONTRACT WITH LEON POULSEN CONSTRUCTION FOR SERVICES TO COLLAR ALL MANHOLES, VALVE COVERS, AND MONUMENT MARKERS FROM 3500 W TO 4300 W.**

Rylie Matthews (Roads Department): We recently did an overlay on 1800 South from 3500 West to 4300 West. This is basically to go through all valve covers, monuments and manhole collared.

Commissioner Harvey moved to approve a contract with Leon Poulsen Construction for services to collar all manholes, valve covers, and monument markers from 3500 W to 4300 W; Commissioner Bolos seconded.

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

**H. Commissioner Comments:**

1. October Stall of Fame Recipient:

Commissioner Froerer: The recipient this month is Courtlan Erickson. There is no one more professional who helps us make the right decisions.

Commissioner Harvey: Courtlan has been referred to as someone who is the salt of the earth. Salt is made in solutions of brine. Brine is often used with cucumbers and sometimes you take that brine solution and in the refinement of that you make what’s called, and most people don’t know but Courtlan’s favorite, is the gherkin so we have a jar of these baby dill pickles to go along with his award.

Chris Allred, County Attorney: I really thank you for this in part because he’s parking clear over at the Junction. We are going to lunch and my chief deputy criminal attorney says, “There’s a drug deal going on over there!” I looked and said, “No, that’s just Courtlan talking to some homeless guy.” At least for a time we can park him close to home. He is a great lawyer and even a better person. He’s very deserving of the award.

Chris Crockett, Lead Civil Attorney: Ten minutes before the meeting started, Courtlan came into my office handed me this piece of paper and said, “Please read this.” It included a list of awards, accolades, nominations, skills, merit badges, and he also wants me to issue a public apology to him that’s recorded. He is not only my colleague but also my friend. He is who I go to when the details really matter. He is quiet and he is kind with his quiet acts of service. We are all better for knowing him. Everyone needs a Courtlan. I tease him that he’s perfect. But Courtlan actually committed a crime in my presence once. We were in a conference in St. George that was so cold everyone is shivering except for Courtlan who had lined his jacket with baked potatoes from the buffet bar.

Courtlan Erickson: I appreciate the kind words. I work with such great people. It’s really been a joy working with the people I have gotten to meet here. I appreciate this, thank you.

1. Commissioner Harvey: When I think the definition of integrity, Courtlan, I look at you to see what a man is. You are incredibly well-deserving. It’s an honor to not just know you but work alongside you. You never complain and a fantastic definition of one who honors their parents.

**K. Adjourn**

Commissioner Bolos moved to adjourn at 10:35 am.; Commissioner Harvey seconded.

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

Attest:

Gage Froerer, Chair Ricky D. Hatch, CPA

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