## MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WEBER COUNTY

for **Monday, March 17, 2025, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.,** at the Commission Conference Room #365, 2380 Washington Blvd, Ste. #360, Ogden, UT and on Zoom

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Meeting ID: 873 4734 6572 Passcode: 226857

**Members Present:** Commissioner Sharon Bolos, Commissioner Gage Froerer (Zoom), Commissioner Jim Harvey

# Discussion and/or action for approval of minutes for the Commission Work Session held on March 10, 2025

Commissioner Harvey made a motion to approve the minutes for the Commission Work Session held on March 10, 2025. Commissioner Froerer seconded the motion. All say aye. The motion carries.

#### **Sheriff's Office Updates** – Sheriff Ryan Arbon

This meeting was canceled.

**Discussion regarding County Escrow Agreements** – Sean Wilkinson, Scott Parke, Courtlan Erickson, Chad Meyerhoffer, Gary Myers, Rick Grover, Chris Crockett, Jessika Clark, Charlie Ewert

Sean Wilkinson discussed the county's escrow agreements, specifically those pre-dating 2015. He stated they have escrow funds from developers that did not complete their projects or there was extra money left over, and the developer never came back for it. Scott Parke stated that there is almost \$900,000 unclaimed in escrow. Both Sean and Scott suggest the money be sent to the State unclaimed property funds, as they have been unable to locate the property owners. Commissioner Harvey is concerned that the projects left behind will fall on the taxpayers to pay to have them completed. Chad Meyerhoffer explained that the funds left were mostly for landscaping, and that they are working with current property owners to make sure sidewalks, road improvements, etc. are being done. Chris Crockett also explained that there are more flexible contractual provisions to ensure developers fulfill their obligations, but pre-dating 2015, those provisions were not in the development agreements. The Commissioners agree that these funds should be sent to unclaimed property funds at the State as it is State law. Sean and Scott will move forward with transferring the pre-2015 escrow funds to the State.

#### Closed Session to discuss imminent or pending litigation

Commissioner Harvey made a motion to go into a closed session to discuss imminent or pending litigation. Commissioner Froerer seconded the motion. All say aye. The motion carries.

Commissioner Harvey made a motion to come out of the closed session and go into the work session. Commissioner Bolos seconded the motion. All say aye. The motion carries.

**Discussion regarding Employee's Personal Use of County Vehicles** – Scott Parke, Emily Wilde, Steffani Ebert, Jessika Clark, Stephanie Russell, Sean Wilkinson, Chris Crockett

Scott Parke discussed that the personal use of county vehicles by employees is now a taxable event according to the IRS. There are 11 employees that take vehicles home, excluding public safety officers and unmarked vehicles. The IRS rules require employees to report the value of the vehicle use on their W-2s. He mentioned that there are two options: not allowing employees to take vehicles home or reporting the value on their W-2s. The IRS does accept that if the vehicle is a requirement for the job that the taxes will have less of an impact at \$3 a day versus 70 cents a mile. The decision was made to identify positions that require employees to take vehicles home for legitimate business reasons, and for positions that don't meet this criteria, employees will have the option to either give up their vehicle or pay taxes on its use as a benefit. The policy will be based on positions rather than individual employees, and personal use of vehicles will remain prohibited.

**Discussion regarding proposed vacation of Nordic Valley Way** – Tammy Aydelotte, Rick Grover, Sean Wilkinson, Bill Ross, Gary Myers, Charlie Ewert, Ashley Thoman, Tucker Weight Chris Crockett, Stephanie Russell

Tammy Aydelotte discussed the proposed vacation of Nordic Valley Way. The proposal from Nordic Village Ventures, owners of the resort, is that they will vacate a section of the road that runs across the east side of the resort. It also includes language stating that the vacation won't take effect until the new road has been platted, installed, and accepted by Weber County. This proposal has been noticed for a public hearing on the 25<sup>th</sup> of March. The Commissioners will vote on the proposed vacation of Nordic Vally Way at the public hearing on March 25, 2025.

**Discussion regarding BFP Program Change Order** – Gary Myers, Ashley Thoman, Sean Wilkinson, Stephanie Russell, Tucker Weight, Chris Crockett, Charlie Ewert

Gary Myers discussed a change order for the BFP program, which involves the bridge on 5900 W. This is a \$2,300 change order. Essentially, during the design process, they left out a water stop, which is what they need to put in between the concrete slabs, which will prevent water leakage along with erosion of the concrete slabs. The total cost of the change orders for the bridges is expected to be around \$30,000, which is covered by the contingency amount of \$1.3 million. This change order will be on an agenda at a Commission meeting.

### Adjourn

Commissioner Harvey made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Bolos seconded the motion. All say aye. The motion carries.