

**MINUTES OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WEBER COUNTY**

on **Monday, July 10, 2023, 11:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.**, at the Commission Conference Room  
#365, 2380 Washington Blvd, Ste. #360, Ogden, UT and on Zoom

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**Discussion and/or action for approval of minutes for the Commission Work Sessions held on June 26, 2023.**

Commissioner Harvey made a motion to approve the minutes from the Commission Work Session held on June 26, 2023. Commissioner Bolos seconded the motion. All say Aye. The motion carries.

**Discussion regarding ARPA Funds** – John Bond, Chris Crockett, Lynelle Jensen, Brooke Stewart, Scott Parke, Brandon Quinney

Scott Parke discussed that there are 15 million dollars of ARPA funds that have yet to be allocated. Brooke Stewart went over the project applications and some of their details, including the projects that may need additional funding. Scott Parke discussed the funding of the CJC building. He is asking for approval from the Commissioners to move forward with this project and award the additional 3 million dollars they are asking for. The Commissioners signed an internal agreement with the stipulation upon what the State will match once the Legislative session is over.

They discussed many different projects, including Greenhills Water, Little Mountain Service Area projects, PMWISD projects, Eden Sewer Service Area projects, Youth Impacts, and Wolf Creek Water and Sewer District projects. Scott Parke's proposal is that they put a lot of money into one project and no money into the other projects that way they are funding a project that is clearly eligible and has a defined timeframe, and they are not managing 3 or 4 different projects at the same time.

- The committee is proposing fixing of the line at PMWISD and fully funding that project.
- The committee is proposing fully funding one of the Wolf Creek Water and Sewer District projects, but first meeting with John Lewis, Miranda Menzies, and Weber County Engineering Department, Gary Myers, on how better to do this project and figure out the needs. They discussed giving the total 8 million and have them decide where the money would be best spent. Gary Myers will take this direction and report back to the Commissioners.

Scott Parke had the Commissioners sign internal agreements for the auditors regarding the CJC building, the Coal Canyon water project, and the Weber Housing Authority 9<sup>th</sup> and Wall project. They will wait for Gary Myers to come back with the agreements from Wolf Creek Water and Sewer and John Lewis.

Commissioner Harvey made a motion to saunter for 10 minutes. Commissioner Bolos seconded the motion. All say Aye. The motion carries.

**Discussion regarding Weber River Riparian Corridor Setback** – Charlie Ewert, Bill Cobabe, Chris Crockett, Stephanie Russell, Gary Myers

Charlie Ewert discussed the ordinance regarding the setbacks. The ordinance states that the setback is 300 feet setback. It has been suggested that the text in the ordinance be changed to state the setback will be 100 feet instead of the 300 feet, and then review each development on a case by case basis. They would like to keep the Weber River corridor as natural and preserved as much as possible. It was also suggested the ordinance state that there will be no development in the setback areas. Charlie Ewert's recommendation is to leave the ordinance as is at 300 feet, but look at this issue case by case through the development agreements. The Commissioner's agree that the ordinance should stay at a 300 feet setback, but to look at each development agreement on a case by case basis.

**Discussion regarding location and design of pathways in the Cobabe Ranch project as part of a rezone and development agreement** – Steve Burton, Gary Myers, Charlie Ewert, Courtlan Erickson, Stephanie Russell, Shane Dunlevy, John Lewis, Ashley Thoman, Chris Crockett

Steve Burton discussed the pathway details and how they will look for the Cobabe Ranch project. John Lewis discussed having the trails in an open space from Trappers to Eden Village for people to walk or bike on. He suggested they take the trail down past the townhomes and then into green space. The trail would possibly be 10 feet of concrete until the green space, which would then be at least 9 feet of asphalt depending on what is decided by the Commission and Planning Departments. The Commissioners liked the idea of having the trails in more open spaces and agree to how the trails were presented.

**Discussion regarding pathway requirement for the new high school and the development agreement for rezone on the west side of the school** – Tammy Aydelotte, Charlie Ewert, Chris Crockett

Weber County is requiring per the development agreement that Singletree Subdivision, which is west of the new high school, create a connection/pathway from the subdivision to the high school. Tammy Aydelotte discussed that the school district has no plans to help put this connection in. The Planning Commission gave approval to the site plan to install the pathway. The Commissioners also had a previous meeting with the School District Administration, and they all agreed that this pathway should be there. Chris Crockett suggested they meet with the new Weber School District Administration and discuss this issue with them again. The Commissioners agreed.

Commissioner Harvey made a motion to saunter until 12:30 p.m. Commissioner Bolos seconded the motion. All say Aye. The motion carries.

**Discussion regarding Attorney Budget** – Chris Crockett, Branden Miles, Chris Allred, Scott Parke, Sarah Swan

Chris Allred discussed the Weber County Attorney's salaries. Their salaries are much lower than the attorneys in other counties. This has created the Weber County Attorney's office to lose good attorneys, as they move into higher paying positions, and also makes it harder to higher new, qualified attorneys. They are coming to the Commissioners to ask them to increase the starting salaries and current salaries of the attorneys to keep up with the trend. Branden Miles discussed the differences in salaries in different counties and the pay differences between them

and the Weber County attorneys. They are not getting new people interested in working for the County. Scott Parke stated that as of right now Weber County can do the increases, but sales tax is down, there will be an increase in insurance, ongoing costs, etc. They are trying to find anywhere in the budget where they can save money, but he is worried that there might not be enough money come budget time. Scott Parke suggested they ask the attorneys to stay until January 1<sup>st</sup>, then they would get a onetime bonus to give them time to come up with a solution. This is something they did for the Sheriff's office. Commissioner Froerer would like a recommendation of where they need to start with the salaries. He would like Scott Parke and Sarah Swan research what would be the best option. Sarah Swan also asked Chris Allred to structure the positions in the Attorney's office and what it would look like as entry level, mid-level, and senior level.

**Sheriff's Office Update** – Sheriff Ryan Arbon, Stephanie Russell, Scott Parke, Jason Horne, John Bond, Chad Averett, Chief Josh Gard

Sheriff Arbon discussed the community service that the inmates do, including helping at the animal shelter, fairgrounds, etc.

The kitchen floor is completed at the jail. The trailers are gone. There are a few small things that need to be added, and then it will be 100% operational.

The American Corrections Association will be offering accreditation to the Weber County Sheriff's Department.

They are getting ready to do a very heavy recruitment push as they are down 43 deputies.

Chad Averett, Director of the Animal Shelter, discussed doing a Motors and Mutts event to secure some funding. He asked the Commissioners to be judges if possible. It will be on August 26, 2023. They have been doing an adoption push where costs are reduced since July 6<sup>th</sup>, and will got through the 17<sup>th</sup>.

Chief Gard discussed the body cams and dash cams. Their server is full. Their cameras are not downloading. IT is working on transitioning the information to a new server. The CSI Dim servers are dying. He has reached out to Lens Lock, which have told them they will help and will hold off payment until January. He updated the Commissioners regarding a Motorola contract versus a contract with Lens Lock. Jason Horne stated that going with Lens Lock would save money in the long run. The Commissioners directed Chief Gard to use Lens Lock.

**Discussion regarding remodeling costs of the OECC** – Jennifer Graham, Marty Smith, Kassi Bybee, Scott Parke, Jason Horne, Stephanie Russell

Kassi Bybee presented the final costs for the remodel of the OECC. After adding HVAC and few other things, it will cost 16 million dollars. Weber County has committed 12 million dollars. Kassi separated the theater costs as she is confident that they can save money in different areas, get grants, etc. Scott Parke discussed what the budget would look like. He proposes that they do an interfund loan. He would ask John Bond for a line of credit of up to 8 million dollars. They wouldn't give them the whole 8 million up front, but only lend them what they would need. This

is a legally binding loan and would be paid back. The Commissioners gave permission to Scott Parke to do a loan through John Bond for the 8 million.

**Discussion regarding update on the Ice Sheet** – Stephanie Russell, Jennifer Graham, Mariko Rollins, Marty Smith, Scott Parke, Liam Keogh

Marty Smith discussed that he received an estimate for the Ice Sheet project of 36 to 48 million dollars. Mariko Rollins discussed the first estimate was 12 million dollars, but they knew that was a low estimate. She gave the Commissioners a breakdown of the cost of the equipment. They will receive another estimate after scaling back the design. Liam Keogh stated there shouldn't be an issue to cancel the DFCM contract as they have not signed it. Mariko discussed they need to get updated costs regarding remodeling for the Olympics, finding someone to go to the Legislature, and reaching out to Weber State University to help with costs. The Olympic organizers are looking to have events at the Ice Sheet. The infrastructure does need HVAC and mechanical updating whether or not the Olympics will be there. Commissioner Froerer will meet with Jim Russell to discuss the costs of this remodel on the Ice Sheet. They are also looking into selling the Ice Sheet.

**Discussion regarding Weber Housing Authority** – Scott Parke, Brandan Quinney, Andi Beadles, Robert Bischoff, John Bond, Chris Crockett

Scott Parke discussed how Weber Housing Authority is considered as being part of Weber County Corporation, but it does work as its own entity. He discussed what it would look like if WHA was part of Weber County and what it would like if the WHA was on its own, but it most likely would not survive on its own. John Bond discussed that if they bring the WHA to the County, the Commissioners would have to be in charge of the WHA and the Board, which would mean they would be in charge of the projects, property management, being landlords, etc. Brandan Quinney discussed that they can create an Interlocal agreement to get the WHA sustainable without actually absorbing it into the County. Scott Parke stated they need to create separate accounts from the County for the WHA to avoid risk, and that they need additional staff and resources to be sustainable. Robert Bischoff discussed that he could present more information on the ongoing projects to the Commissioners. Commissioner Harvey and Commissioner Bolos would like more time to think about the decision to absorb the WHA into Weber County or keeping it as is. The WHA does need additional staffing, and Scott Parke stated the Commissioners can appropriate some money for additional staff. Commissioner Harvey is okay with that, and they will come back with a presentation on how much money they would need for additional staff. The Commissioners will also look at all the information regarding whether to make the WHA a Weber County entity or let them go on their own.

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