

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

on **Thursday, August 31, 2023, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**, at the Commission Conference
Room #365, 2380 Washington Blvd, Ste. #360, Ogden, UT and on Zoom

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Meeting ID: 898 9857 4373, Passcode: 890615

Members present: Commissioner Gage Froerer, Commissioner Jim Harvey, Commissioner Sharon Bolos

Discussion and/or action for approval of minutes for the Commission Work Sessions held on August 21, 2023

Commissioner Bolos made a motion to approve the minutes from the Commission Work Session held on August 21, 2023. Commissioner Froerer seconded the motion. All say Aye. The motion carries.

Discussion regarding Anselmi Sub Standard Road Agreement – Gary Myers, Tucker Weight, Courtlan Erickson, Sean Wilkinson, Rick Grover, Brad Brown, Steve Burton, Charlie Ewert, Chris Crockett
Gary Myers discussed the substandard road ordinance. This ordinance was created as a way for developers and the County to get the roads updated as development occurs. There have been different interpretations of the code, which have created questions on what should be charged to create the roads, including a question about the cost of what Brad Brown should pay for the roads of his Anselmi development. They are seeking clarification from the Commissioners. They discussed how the ordinance might be applied, considering the need for the developers to upgrade roads, but also the impact on the subdivision. They considered several factors, including the distance from the intersection and the potential for development along the road. Based on their calculations, they suggested asking Brad to pay approximately \$198,000.00 to upgrade the road. The discussion then centered around having an agreement that would involve the developer paying an agreed amount upfront, with the cost adjusted according to inflation. They discussed the concept of a pioneering agreement with a timeframe, and the possibility of holding the money in escrow for five years. The Commissioners liked that concept and would like it applied to future developments.

Discussion regarding Landscaping Ordinance Amendments for Weber Basin Incentives – Steve Burton, Rick Grover, Charlie Ewert, Gary Myers, Liam Keogh, Sean Wilkinson, Scott Paxman, John Perry
Steve Burton discussed they have written an ordinance for Weber Basin Landscaping Incentives. This is to provide the citizens in unincorporated areas can take advantage of those incentives. The Western Weber Planning Commission has approved this ordinance. The Ogden Valley Planning Commission recommended denial and stated this ordinance is not consistent with the General Plan and was not in the best interest of the general public. They would like to see the benefits of the program be applied without the restrictions. They are concerned about keeping green open space. Steve Burton discussed the implementation of water wise landscaping standards for new developments in Western Weber with restrictions on the amount of lawn allowed. He also discussed the reimbursement process for landscape improvements, which is also an incentive program through the State. This ordinance will be put on the Commission Meeting Agenda for the Commissioners to vote on.

Discussion regarding GSEC Lease – Marty Smith, Jennifer Graham, Duncan Olsen, Todd Ferrario, Courtlan Erickson, Scott Parke, Chris Crockett, Sean Wilkinson, Jill Dinsdale
Courtlan Erickson discussed the lease agreement for the fairgrounds with Ogden City. He stated that the lease agreement does allow the County the option to renew for up to 50 more years. The current lease does expire in 17 years, which means the County could lease the property for another 64 years. He recommended passing a resolution to send a letter acknowledging the lease agreement. The Commissioners would like to meet and discuss the lease and the future of the fairgrounds with the Ogden City Mayor, City Manager, and Gary Williams. Courtlan will have the letter and resolution drafted for this meeting.

Discussion regarding Paramedic Services Study – Lisa Schwartz, Eli Johnson, Scott Parke, Jason Horne, Robert Grow, Mike King, Cody Draheim, Britt Clark, Sean Wilkinson, Chris Crockett, Sean Wilkinson, Stewart Gary (City Gate) – On Zoom

On Zoom – AJ, JJones, DWade, Ryan Barker, Leonard Call, B.Storey, Cameron West, Bren Edwards, CoCo

Eli Johnson discussed the Paramedic Services Study. Stewart Gary with City Gate presented the findings and recommendations for improving the County's paramedic program. The project's scope included a review of the current paramedic service program and future service needs. This also included identifying growth patterns in the community that could impact service levels. He discussed the challenges faced by the paramedic services due to the growth and highlighted that this would result in additional calls per year. He noted the need for a constant 24/7 paramedic system. He presented data showing the diversity of demand on the system with Ogden, Roy, and the fire district breaking more than 1,000 calls per year. He discussed the incident performance times and the impact of including Ogden in a single county-wide measure. The number of incidents was seen to grow from midnight to early morning, peak in the late afternoon, and taper off in the evening. He discussed the response time and concluded that they were not yet at the critical level to add another unit. He suggested the county could either increase the expense subsidy to hire more paramedics, wait for growth to naturally increase the need, or split the cost with the departments. He also highlighted the regulatory approval process and clinical requirements needed to add paramedics. The Commissioners discussed the need to plan for potential funding needs over the next 3 to 5 years, specifically in relation to the requirement for an additional paramedic truck. This study will give them guidelines to follow to create a program and system that will keep up with the demands of a growing county.

Trails Foundation of Northern Utah Update – Aric Manning, Sean Wilkinson, Rick Grover, Charlie Ewert, Stephanie Russell – on Zoom, Gary Myers, Ashley Thoman, Chris Crockett

Aric Manning updated the Commissioners on the Trails Foundation progress and various trail projects, including funding for the trails, securing grants, obtaining easements, construction of new trails and bridges, and donations. He discussed the financial challenges faced by their organization, which primarily relies on donations, private foundation grants, and public funding channels like Prop 1. They have also started an endowment to help. He thanked the Commissioners for the Prop 1 funds as they have helped with many of their projects and maintenance. The Commissioners enjoy the trails and are happy to help out as the trails are a great asset to the County.

Discussion regarding 2024 Budget – Scott Parke, Steffani Ebert, John Bond, Ricky Hatch, Sean Wilkinson, Chris Crockett, Sean Wilkinson

Scott Parke discussed the 2024 budget focusing on compensation. He suggested a phased rollout plan of 3-2-2, which would cost about 7 million, with almost half coming from the General Fund and the rest with a 6.4% tax increase. The only decision to be made right now is whether to hold a truth and taxation hearing, and they can decide on the amount of the tax increase at a later date. John Bond needs to know how much paper to order to include the information about the truth and taxation hearing. Scott Parke will work on a presentation before the budget hearings of what the tax increase number should be. The Commissioners gave their consent to John Bond to order the paper needed for the advertising for the truth and taxation hearing. They discussed how to advertise the truth and taxation hearing, including holding Town Halls at different locations or electronically. The Commissioners agreed with this approach.

Closed session to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property

Commissioner Harvey made a motion to go into closed session. Commissioner Bolos seconded the motion. All say Aye. The motion carries.