

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

on **Monday, December 18, 2023, 12:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.**, at the Commission Conference
Room #365, 2380 Washington Blvd, Ste. #360, Ogden, UT and on Zoom

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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 December 11, 2023

Commissioner Bolos made a motion to approve the minutes for the Commission Work Session held on December 11, 2023. Commissioner Harvey seconded the motion. All say Aye. The motion carries.

Discussion regarding Inland Port – Stephanie Russell, Sean Wilkinson, Chris Crockett, Scott Parke, John Bond, Steffani Ebert, Brandan Quinney, Chris Roybal, Scott Wolberg, Stephanie Pack, Ben Hart, Jessika Clark

Scott Wolberg with Inland Port Authority would like the Commissioners to consider amending the initial resolution as there has been a significant interest from approximately nine property owners to be included in this project. He is here today to ask the Commissioners to remove the parcel ID numbers off the resolution and would like to negotiate the boundaries of the project area. This will benefit the property owners and would allow the Inland Port Authority to be the administrative agent for this project. Chris Roybal suggested the Commissioners make a due diligence advisory committee that would be able to make recommendations on a project by project basis so that gives the Commission the local control. Ben Hart stated that the Port Authority will agree to an advisory committee and are willing to present each development/project idea(s) to the Commission. An amended resolution will be put together and presented to the Commissioners at the January 2nd Commission Meeting.

Discussion regarding Pineview Design Project – Sean Wilkinson, Sean Harwood, Todd Ferrario, Ashley Thoman, Chris Crockett, Stephanie Russell, Jessika Clark

Ashley Thoman proposed extending a contract with the Forest Service for three more months to finalize the Pineview redesign project. There will also be a financial modification. There was \$209,000 allocated to cover the design costs with Weber County contributing \$100,000 and the Forest Service contributing \$109,000. This will go towards the bathrooms, clean up, etc. Sean Harwood also discussed getting funding from the State, possibly \$50 million, to help fix Pineview. He will hear on the State funding after the first of the year. The money from the State will be coming from the Outdoor Recreation Initiative.

Discussion regarding changes to the County Campaign Finance Ordinance – Lauren Shafer, Ricky Hatch, Brandan Quinney, Billy Hatch, Jessika Clark

Lauren Shafer discussed there is a precinct that has gone over their voters in West Haven. Per State Law, they need to create a new precinct. This will have no impact to the county whatsoever and the ballot will stay the same. They have used a canal as the boundary to create

the new precinct. The Commissioners agreed to these changes. This will be presented to them at the Commission meeting on January 2nd.

Lauren also discussed that they need to make a couple of clarifying changes to the campaign finance ordinance. They want to add two additional reports, including a convention report and a pre-election report. The other clarifying change will be for the penalties. Right now, the disqualification rules are clear, but they want to clarify the interim report. This would only apply to county candidates. Also, if there is a failure to pay a fine or file a report, it will preclude the individual from applying for future elections. The Commissioners agree that this will help the voters during the elections.

Commissioner Harvey made a motion to saunter until 2:00 p.m. Commissioner Bolos seconded the motion. All say aye. The motion carries.

Discussion regarding Vehicle Use Policy and Employee Communication Document about URS Contribution Rate – Emily Wilde, Chris Crockett, Jessika Clark

Emily Wilde discussed the Vehicle Use Policy. They have revised the policy regarding types of equipment requiring a driver's license. The clarification will be motor vehicles that will be driven on the roads will require a valid driver's license, but the equipment such as farm vehicles, forklifts, etc., will not require a valid driver's license. They have also defined what a motor vehicle is and what equipment/machinery is in the policy.

Emily also discussed the URS mandatory contribution rate. They will start to auto deduct this contribution in January even though it officially won't start until July to make it an easier transition for the employees. The employee will be able to opt out until July. The Commissioners agreed.

Discussion regarding Existing Financial Guarantees for Private Landscaping

Improvements – Steve Burton, Courtlan Erickson, Chris Crockett, Jessika Clark, Scott Parke, Rick Grover, Charlie Ewert, Chad Meyerhoffer

Steve Burton discussed the issue of financial guarantees for private landscaping improvements in various developments. Per the State code that was just passed, counties can no longer require a developer to post financial guarantees for private landscaping. He discussed they have existing money for private landscaping in escrow and would like to know how the Commissioners would like to proceed. Courtlan Erickson discussed that since the money was put in escrow before the law was passed that they can use the money. Commissioner Froerer discussed possibly releasing the money to an HOA of the developments, but some of these developments are in default and have been for a long time. The Commissioners agreed that the developers should be contacted regarding the money in escrow and/or wait until someone asks for the money to be released if they are not in default, but if the development is in default, the developer is to come in and amend the contract.

Discussion regarding West Weber Development – Stephanie Russell, Pam Juliano, Kyle Robe, Jessika Clark

Pam Juliano and Kyle Robe with Rio Grande Pacific, which is a short line railroad that has been a family owned business for 40+ years, are here to discuss the possible need and the potential for

short line rail services for West Weber developments. Kyle highlighted the advantages of having multiple rail service options for businesses. Commissioner Froerer discussed that Weber County isn't looking for any rail services at this time as it is still early days in the developing of West Weber and that there is also the possibility they might enter into a partnership with the Inland Port Authority, which could take over the logistics in that area. Stephanie Russell also discussed they are in the process of adding the infrastructure for water and sewer. The Commissioners discussed that Weber County doesn't own any land and that that area will be developed by private property owners. It was suggested that Pam and Kyle reach out to Chris Roybal with EDC Utah.

Discussion regarding Snow Removal Agreement at Powder Mountain – Sean Wilkinson, Courtlan Erickson, Bill Ross, Jessika Clark

Sean Wilkinson discussed an agreement the County has with Powder Mountain regarding snow removal. Powder Mountain signed a licensed agreement with the County to be able to plow the snow on the county roads when the county snow plows are unavailable. This will most likely happen at night. Chris Crockett suggested they put in a mandatory reporting requirement in case there is any damage done to the guardrail, etc. The Commissioners like that idea, but agree that since it has already been signed they will also sign the agreement as is.

Adjourn

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