

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

on **Monday, January 17, 2024, 2:00 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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**Members Present:** Commissioner Gage Froerer, Commissioner Sharon Bolos, Commissioner Jim Harvey

**Discussion Regarding Prioritization of Capital Projects** – John Bond, Sean Wilkinson, Scott Parke

John Bond discussed the upcoming countywide capital projects and the plans for these projects over the next few months. Scott Parke stated there is \$63,881,805.58 in the Capital Projects Fund with \$46,243,750.30 that is not allocated to a specific project yet. He went through the cost of each project that has been allocated, and would like the Commissioners to prioritize the importance of the unallocated projects as there is not enough funds to do them all. He estimated that it will grow by an average of \$3 to \$5 million per year due to budget savings and scheduled transfers. He concluded that by 2028 there will be \$55 million available for capital projects to fund \$280 million worth of projects. The projects in question are the Weber Center Parking Structure, Weber Center remodel, Ice Sheet renovation, Golden Spike renovation, Ogden Eccles Conference Center parking, North West Library, and Jail expansion.

The Commissioners discussed the potential use of sales tax bonding and raised the idea of using transportation dollars for specific projects. They discussed focusing on a new parking structure due to commitments made to Ogden City. Commissioner Harvey discussed the fairgrounds, suggesting that the cost of any renovations should not fall on the county taxpayers, but rather on a developer. He suggested contacting Ogden City regarding the lease of the fairgrounds and suggested they buy them out and relocate the fairgrounds. The Commissioners agreed that as of right now the fairgrounds are not as much a priority as some of the other items on the list. The Ogden Eccles Conference Center parking and trying to utilize the Weber Center parking for evening events were discussed. Ogden City does owe Weber County 100 stalls, but most likely this will not happen due to the financial struggles Ogden City is having.

The Weber Center remodel is a concern for Commissioner Bolos regarding public perception. They discussed the attorneys and public defenders needing more office space. The general idea is to move them to the third floor and move the other offices that see the public to the second floor to make it more user friendly for the public. Security is also another issue and need for the Weber Center. Right now, they are waiting for EDA to present them with three different proposals with different costs and ideas regarding the remodel. The possibility of doing two projects concurrently, such as the parking structure and the Weber Center remodel, was also raised by Commissioner Froerer.

The Ice Sheet will be put on hold for right now in order to wait and see what the State will do with the Olympics, etc., and also if Weber State University will let them use their geothermal

heating and air conditioning or maybe take over the Ice Sheet. They won't know on the Ice Sheet until after the Legislative Session.

The Sheriff Department's need for a mental health facility was discussed and how they could create funds to do this project. The Commissioners agreed that they need to wait for the Sheriff's revised plan before making a final decision.

John Bond discussed that he will list these projects as short, mid, and long term projects. The short term projects included the parking terrace, Weber Center remodel, Ice Sheet, and the Jail expansion. The midterm projects would be the Ogden Eccles Conference Center parking with the long term projects the library and Golden Spike/fairgrounds. He will also consider possible funding solutions such as sales tax and lease revenue. He will summarize the meeting and send out questions for further discussion. A follow-up meeting will be scheduled in March to reassess the progress of prioritizing these projects.