

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

on **Monday, August 19, 2024, 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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**Members Present:** Commissioner Jim Harvey, Commissioner Sharon Bolos, Commissioner Gage Froerer

**Discussion and/or action for approval of minutes for the Commission Work Sessions held on August 12, 2024**

*Commissioner Froerer made a motion to approve the minutes for the Commission Work Session held on August 12, 2024. Commissioner Harvey seconded the motion. All say aye. The motion carries.*

**Discussion regarding North Ogden Divide Traffic Camera and 12<sup>th</sup> Street Pathway – Gary Myers, Sean Wilkinson, Bill Ross, Scott Parke, Rob Wight – UDOT, Chris Crockett**

Gary Myers explained Weber County was given a grant from UDOT four years ago for innovative ideas and engineering. The grant covered the installation and purchase of the equipment for an online CCTV and weather station, which is located on the top of Ogden Divide. The grant did not cover maintenance and replacement of equipment. UDOT would like Weber County to have a line item to cover any costs to replace the equipment, which would be around \$27,000.00. Scott Parke discussed that it would be easier to use the contingency fund than to add a line item. The Commissioners agreed to transfer the funds when needed to repair or replace the equipment from the contingency fund and create a contract with UDOT for 10 years regarding the same.

The Commissioners would like UDOT to add a pedestrian pathway along 12<sup>th</sup> Street when UDOT widens the road. Rob Wight with UDOT discussed that they are still in the planning process and right away acquisition, going over safety measures for the road, and have not acquired all the funding needed. He will look into adding a pathway to the 12<sup>th</sup> Street project, and then meet with the Commissioners again with this information. Commissioner Harvey suggested possibly doing a joint project with Weber County and using Prop One funds. Rob will keep the Commissioners informed on how UDOT is proceeding with this project.

**Discussion regarding TEFRA Hearing Preparation – Stephanie Russell, Chris Crockett, Ashlyn Tuckett, John Hutchinson**

John Hutchinson works with a group where a 501c3 entity is acquiring a number of memory care facilities in various locations in the United States. They are acquiring The Lodge in North Ogden. They will be using tax exempt bonds to facilitate this purchase. One of the requirements of this bond is to get approval from the local jurisdiction. There is no commitment to the bonds or repayment of the debt from Weber County. This hearing will be to let the citizens weigh in on this project and satisfy the Federal requirement of the bond. Stephanie Russell explained that the

TEFRA Hearing would be during one of the Commission meetings, and that Weber County would just be a host to provide the community to make any comments regarding this project.

### **Closed session to discuss pending or imminent litigation**

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

### **Changes to the Sub-Recipient Monitoring Policy and Sales Tax Reimbursements – Scott Parke, Sean Wilkinson, Chris Crockett**

Scott Parke discussed changes to the sub-recipient monitoring policy and tax reimbursement procedures. The Sub-Recipient Monitoring Policy was updated to meet the requirements of the Department of Justice, with no major significant changes. The sales tax reimbursement procedures were clarified to require approval for any reimbursement, with exceptions for legitimate convenience-related expenses. Scott also discussed an unplanned \$15,000 expense for upgrading radios for the Roads Department, which will deplete most of the remaining funds in the Municipal Services Fund. Commissioner Harvey asked that they explore options for repurposing the old radios for other departments to mitigate this expense. Sean Wilkinson will contact Todd Ferrario with Parks and Recreation about using the old radios before they are sent to surplus.

*Commissioner Bolos made a motion to saunter until 2:15 p.m. Commissioner Froerer seconded the motion. All say aye. The motion carries.*

### **Closed session to discuss pending or imminent litigation**

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

*Commissioner Bolos made a motion to come out of the closed session and into the public meeting. Commissioner Froerer seconded the motion. All say aye. The motion carries.*

### **Discussion regarding Ogden Valley Incorporation Voter Information Pamphlet – Lauren Shafer, Lauren Thomas, Chris Crockett**

Lauren Shafer discussed that they have certified with the Lt. Governor's Office that they've met all of their thresholds, and should get their certification sometime this week. The next step is to post a notice for the Border Information pamphlet, which is already prepared and ready to go as soon as the certification comes in. Ricky Hatch will be in charge of gathering all the arguments for the incorporation. They will have people submit their request to submit an argument either for or against, which will be on the Utah Public Notice website and social media. The earliest all of this will be done will be around September 27, 2024. Chris Crockett will verify if there is a provision under the corporation code that states if an election is successful that the County should be reimbursed the election costs. He also discussed that he has been asked to go to a community meeting to answer legal and informational questions about how the incorporation works. The Commissioners agreed that it would be beneficial he meet with the community to discuss the incorporation.

## **Sheriff's Office Updates** – Sheriff Ryan Arbon, Chief Josh Gard, Chris Crockett

Sheriff Arbon discussed meeting with Senator Mike Lee's staff regarding law enforcement. He also met with lobbyists regarding ICE and the potential of Keisel Jail becoming an Ice facility, which doesn't look like this is something the community wants as they don't trust the Fed's. He also learned a lot at the American Corrections Associated Conference to help improve operations and the direction of the Sheriff's office.

He discussed the Animal Shelter. There is no Board per se that guides or directs the Animal Shelter. There is an advisory board, but it is basically under the control of the County. There is a lack of interest and a lack of care from the advisory board. There are 13 seats, and only 2 seats usually show up. It is very minimal. Sheriff has asked Chief Perry to work on a slow withdrawal from the shelter until Chad Averett, Director of the Animal Shelter, will have everything under control. Commissioner Bolos suggested going to the advisory board regarding hiring an assistant using the Enterprise Fund. The Commissioners agreed that the cities need to step up and help out. Sheriff Arbon will get a breakdown of the contributions from each city from Chief Perry and bring this information back to the Commissioners.

Chief Josh Gard discussed they have been forced to reassign their Street Crimes Unit due to staffing issues. He highlighted that the environment at the Sheriff's Department is good, but the wages are not competitive compared to other agencies. They are losing officers to other counties/cities due to higher wages. Due to State legislature and two new schools, they are short SROs for the schools. They have six SRO positions to fill with only nine applicants applying, but four applicants pulled their applications due to better wage offers. They are three SROs down. He will have to pull their desk officer and will be pulling Deputy Chatelain and Midas from the Weber Center to fill these positions. They do have people going through the academy, but they will not be active officers and on their own until January 2025. As of right now, starting wages are 11.5% below OPD and are 31% below UHP's starting wage. The officers they do have are working many hours of overtime, and the lieutenants have also stepped up to help out on these shifts. The traffic division is on modified shifts and are down to three traffic cars. They are pretty much reactive at this point versus proactive, which means there is no crime prevention it's just reacting to the crimes. When they have the proper staff, they are able to be proactive versus reactive. The Commissioners discussed different options on how to approach this situation, but nothing was decided upon.

The Sheriff requested a closed session to discuss the character and competence of an individual(s).

*Commissioner Froerer made a motion to go into a closed session to discuss the character and competence of an individual(s). Commissioner Bolos seconded the motion. All say aye. The motion carries.*

## **Adjourn**

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