

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

on **Monday, September 16, 2024, 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 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

Excused Member: Commissioner Gage Froerer

Discussion and/or action for approval of minutes for the Commission Work Sessions held on September 9, 2024

Commissioner Bolos made a motion to approve the minutes for the Commission Work Session held on September 9, 2024. Commissioner Harvey seconded the motion. All say aye. The motion carries.

Paramedic Service Discussion – Mayor Leonard Call, Mayor Michelle Tait, Mayor Neal Berube, Bryan Baron, Jessika Clark, Ashlyn Tuckett

This discussion centered on the structure of Northview Fire and the proposal for paramedic services. Concerns have been raised about response times in the north end of the valley and the need for a new paramedic service. Per a recent study, there is only 1 paramedic per 22,463 residents in Weber County. Mayor Berube discussed how Northview could obtain a license without additional financial burden on the county and potentially shorten the time for obtaining their own license. He expressed a preference for Northview to be part of the county's program rather than applying for their own license. He also expressed concern about the current response times and the potential health risks for citizens as the area grows. He suggested reallocating resources to better serve the growing population, especially in West Haven, and proposed a trial period in the county's program. All three Mayors would like to accelerate the timeline and are willing to do it on their own dollar. Both Mayor Leonard Call and Mayor Michelle Tait expressed their hope that the approval for the paramedic license would be given soon, as the department is ready to start the program within 30 days. They are asking for the Commissioners support, and both Commissioner Bolos and Commissioner Harvey agreed to consider a trial basis for these proposed changes.

Discussion regarding rezone from A-1 to R-115 zone for two lots in Sunset Equestrian Subdivision on 4300 West – Charlie Ewert, Sean Wilkinson, Rick Grover, Jessika Clark, Ashlyn Tuckett

Charlie Ewert discussed a concept plan for the Sunset Equestrian subdivision on 4300 West, which includes making lots larger, incentivized development, and a road connection to the north. This will tie in with the other properties that are asking for the R-115 rezone. The Planning Commission is in favor of this rezone. The developer is also willing to make a park donation to the Park District. The Commissioners will vote on this at a Commission meeting.

Commissioner Bolos made a motion to saunter until 1:30 p.m. Commissioner Harvey seconded the motion. All say aye. The motion carries.

Methane Mitigation Project Agreement Qnergy Discussion – Stephanie Russell, Lauren Thomas, Chris Crockett, Ashlyn Tuckett, Sean Wilkinson, Jessika Clark

Stephanie Russell discussed a contract for a second pilot project with Qnergy for methane harvesting at the C&D landfill. Chris Crockett presented the agreement for this second pilot project, including a few different changes from the first contract, which are the length of the term, compensation, which will be 20% of the proceeds from the harvesting, different options regarding termination of the contract, etc. Qnergy would like a

10 year contract. Commissioner Harvey would like this contract to have the same term length of time as the Molding and Sons' contract. Chris will reach out to Qnergy regarding finalizing the contract.

Assistant Fire Warden Vehicle Presentation – Rick Cooper, Jason Horne, Sheriff Ryan Arbon

This meeting was canceled.

Sheriff Office's Updates – Sheriff Ryan Arbon, Chief Phillip Reese, Jessika Clark, Ashlyn Tuckett

Sheriff Arbon discussed the challenges of the receiving center. He mentioned that despite efforts to improve the center, the numbers are not good. There is an issue of the center not providing the necessary social detox assistance and mental health crisis support. He proposed the idea of creating an educational video to help law enforcement understand the center's role and how to utilize it effectively. The team will reach out to Jessika Clark.

Chief Reese discussed the challenges faced by the Sheriff's Office due to staffing issues. He also discussed the increasing prevalence of drugs like Fentanyl and Xylazine among the inmates, and because of this the Sheriff's Office has stopped allowing community service inmates to leave the 12th Street facility due to these safety and security concerns. He expressed his concern about the rising liability and the need to protect the County and the Sheriff's Office from potential legal issues.

Sheriff Arbon discussed the animal shelter. The Sheriff's Office does do the financial oversight and overtime to help the animal shelter. Chad Everett has arranged a meeting with the Mayors regarding the Enterprise Fund. Commissioner Bolos had also mentioned to the Mayors that they need to attend this meeting as there will be budget changes, etc.

Sheriff Arbon discussed that right now there are 29 positions from where they used to be last year open in corrections. He also discussed deputies are leaving for more money. Commissioner Bolos would like more information on the most recent resignations and how much money they will be making from other entities. In Enforcement there are a total of 13 vacancies. They do have 3 new people, but they are training and unable to go on their own for 7 to 9 months. He also discussed the drone program and the success of the program.

Sheriff Arbon asked for a closed session to discuss personnel.

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

Commissioner Bolos made a motion to go out of closed session. Commissioner Harvey seconded the motion. All say aye. The motion carries.

Discussion regarding Development in Unincorporated Island in West Ogden – Charlie Ewert, Rick Grover, Gary Myers, Sean Wilkinson, Jessika Clark, Felix Lleverino

Charlie Ewert discussed the development of an unincorporated island in West Ogden. DR Horton has applied for a rezone to create a residential area to build town homes. Ogden City would like to annex this area for manufacturing as it is mostly an industrial area and not a good residential area. This is in their annexation policy plan. Both Commissioner Bolos and Commissioner Harvey agree that this should be annexed into Ogden City, and that the Commission's goal is to get rid of the unincorporated islands throughout the county. Rick Grover had met previously with Commissioner Froerer regarding this item, and mentioned that Commissioner Froerer is also in favor of Ogden annexing this area as it is a more industrial area rather than residential.

Adjourn

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