

**Commission MINUTES OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WEBER COUNTY**  
on **Monday, September 23, 2024, 12:00 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

**Health Insurance Discussion** – Scott Parke, Emily Wilde, Steffani Ebert, Jessika Clark, Ashlyn Tuckett, Chris Crockett

Emily Wilde led a discussion on health insurance options for the employees for the upcoming year. She presented two options from Select Health and one option from PEHP, with potential costs and savings discussed. Scott Parke highlighted the risks of switching carriers, such as increased costs and disruption costs for employees. Both Emily and Scott recommend sticking with Select Health and focusing on wellness initiatives to keep health claims down. The Commissioners agreed to stay with Select Health.

**Causey Access Project Update** – Bill Ross, Gary Myers, Scott Parke, Joe Hadley, Sean Wilkinson, Ashlyn Tuckett, Jessika Clark, Tammy Eggers

Tammy Eggers, project manager of the Causey Access Project, presented an update on the Causey Access Project. This project involves increased funding commitments from the County and the other partners. Weber County's commitment would go from \$375,000 up to \$575,000 with \$20,000 of it being an in kind match for the County's right of way acquisition. This project is part of the Flap program, which involves improvements and realignment to improve access to the reservoir. One of the big priorities for this project is safety, including adding walls and making the road and bridge wider along with adding a parking lot. The Forrest Service is also making sure this project is ADA compliant and will be adding a trail. The project's funding is being sought through a grant, but if they are not selected for the funds, they won't do the bridge replacement, and just work on everything west of the bridge. Tammy discussed different schedules for the project, breaking them down financially and what each schedule entails. This is essentially a 28 million dollar project based on the scheduling. The Commissioners will vote on this at the Commission meeting tomorrow.

**Discussion regarding Replacement of Scale at Transfer Station** – Bill Ross, Sean Wilkinson, Scott Parke, Ron Brown, Jessika Clark, Ashlyn Tuckett, Chris Crockett, Wendie Glass

Sean Wilkinson discussed the main inbound/outbound scale at the Transfer Station is past its useful life and needs to be replaced. It's to the point where there are major issues with it. It needs to be replaced in the near future, and they would like to get the bid out sooner rather than later as the scale will soon be out of compliance. Scott Parke discussed the money would come from the Enterprise Fund. They are estimating around \$500,000 to replace the scale, which would be completed by March. While it is being installed, they will be able to use the other

scales. Scott Parke discussed that there will most likely need to do a rate adjustment in the spring to help pay for the new scale. The Commissioners agreed to move forward with a new scale.

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

**Assistant Fire Warden Vehicle Presentation** – Rick Cooper, Jason Horne, Sheriff Ryan Arbon, Jessika Clark, Ashlyn Tuckett, Chris Crockett

Rick Cooper discussed the need for staff vehicles for himself and his two assistant fire wardens to improve their response time and efficiency in handling wildland fires across Weber County. He is asking the Commissioners if they would be willing to purchase these vehicles to alleviate some of the financial burden. He expressed concerns about potential breakdowns during emergencies. Jason Horne discussed the possibility of swapping surplus vehicles, with the aim to maintain better vehicles. He unfortunately surplused and sold 6 or 7 F150s two weeks ago, and so he doesn't think there are any available right now, but in the future this would be something they could do to help out. He will find out if any will become available and let the Commissioners and Rick know what he finds out. Jason will also add Rick to the list of the departments he calls when there are surplus vehicles that come available.

**Discussion regarding Ant Flat Gate and Asphalt Budget** – Joe Hadley, Sean Wilkinson, Bill Ross, Mark Horton, Kyle Slater, Gary Myers, Ashlyn Tuckett, Jessika Clark, Chris Crockett

Joe Hadley has been asked by Cache County to install gates at Ant Flat Road as people are damaging the road during the winter/early spring and causing maintenance issues. The gates would be closed from December 1<sup>st</sup> to May 15<sup>th</sup> and a sign would be posted at the gate to notify users of the closure dates. They will work with Cache County to coordinate the installation of the gates. Both Commissioner Harvey and Commissioner Bolos support the idea of adding a gate.

Additionally, Joe discussed that there is only \$75,000 left in the County's asphalt budget. He is proposing that they add \$90,000 to the budget to pave some neglected roads in Uintah. The additional money would come from the Municipal Services Fund. Joe will let Scott Parke know the Commissioners approved this budget transfer.

**New Open Meetings Legal Updates** – Chris Crockett, Ashlyn Tuckett

Chris Crockett provided an update on the recent changes to the open meetings law, explaining that the new definition of a "relevant matter" allows for more flexibility in what is subject to law. He explained that a meeting means a gathering of a public body or specified body with a quorum present, and that is convened by an individual with authority to convene the public body or specified body and following the process provided by law for convening the public body or specified body, and for the express purpose of acting as a public body, to receive public comment about a relevant matter, deliberate about a relevant matter, or take action on a relevant matter. Relevant matter means a matter that is within the scope of authority of a public matter or specified body, and that it does not include for a public body with both executive and legislative responsibilities and managerial or operational matter.

*Commissioner Bolos made a motion to saunter until 3:00 p.m. Commissioner Harvey seconded the motion. All say aye. The motion carries.*

**Discussion regarding Children’s Justice Center Change Orders** – Scott Mendoza, Sean Wilkinson, Bill Ross, Rod Layton, Shane Sanders, Steve Lund, Ashlyn Tuckett

Scott Mendoza discussed the CJC’s change orders. He presented a summary of the project, highlighting the proposed changes and change orders. He explained that some items had been revised multiple times to benefit the County. The main focus was on the soil issues and the costs associated with the over-excavation within the building’s footprint. Scott also discussed the progress of this project and mentioned that the project is nearing completion and is still under budget by \$302,000. Rod Layton discussed that additional funds may also be coming from the State.

**Discussion regarding a proposal to amend the residential zones to add an R1-5 single family zone and to amend the R3 zone to create R3-A and R3-S zones to provide for a multifamily attached zone and a multifamily stacked zone, and to amend the site development standards for all R1, R2, and R3 zones, and related clerical and administrative amendments** – Charlie Ewert, Rick Grover, Sean Wilkinson Gary Myers, Jeff Meads, Kameron Spencer, Greg Magelby

Charlie Ewert discussed a proposal to amend residential zones, including the introduction of new zones and the adjustment of existing ones. He emphasized the importance of efficient land use and promoting attainable housing options. He also discussed the concept of private versus public streets in a community, highlighting the benefits of private streets such as allowing garages and better staging for utilities. He presented various cross-sections of roadways and emphasized the need for varied designs to suit different types of developments. The ideas of integrating housing within existing single-family home neighborhoods and the importance of planning for a community’s future 30 years ahead were discussed. The discussion also centered on smaller, more manageable homes, senior living communities, and “flex type housing” along with cost-effectiveness in designing the homes.

## **Adjourn**

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