

MINUTES
WEBER COUNTY COMMISSION
Tuesday, February 24th, 2026 – 10:00 a.m.
at Weber Center, 2380 Washington Blvd., Ogden, UT

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WEBER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS: Gage Froerer, James "Jim" H. Harvey, and Sharon Bolos
STAFF PRESENT: Ricky Hatch, County Clerk/Auditor; Bryan Baron, of the County Attorney's office; and Craig D. Brandt, of the County Clerk/Auditor's office, who took minutes.

A. WELCOME: Chair Froerer

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All in attendance were invited to recite the Pledge.

C. INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE: Marty Smith

D. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

1. Chair Froerer: Commissioner Harvey, welcome back from your excursion to the Olympics. We very much appreciate your efforts representing Weber County. And it was a great Olympics. I'm going to admit publicly I'm a Olympic addict. I watched just about every event I could. I've had ties to Olympics for a number of years. My boys and I got to skate in the opening and closing ceremonies in 2002 Winter Olympics, which was a very special event. I want to recognize our USA hockey teams, both the men's and the women's teams. They both played and won in overtime, anybody that watched those games that wasn't standing on their feet might have had a problem because they were great games. Both of those were great games and it really brings us together as a country, in my opinion, to see that happen. Not unlike in 1980 when we last won a hockey gold medal at Lake Placid with a bunch of amateur college kids going against the Soviet Union. Even though pro players were not allowed in the Olympics at that time, the Soviet hockey players were by all accounts pro players. They had jobs in the military but they were paid by the Soviet government and their whole job was to skate. The USA team in 1980 Lake Placid ended up winning the gold. That was impressive to all of us in 1980 but just as impressive was the wins both women men's and women's had this past week. It's a great event. We appreciate you being there for us, Commissioner Harvey.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE.

F. RECOGNITION:

1. Recognition of the Ogden Eccles Conference Center along with Hogan Construction and VCBO Architects for receiving two awards for the Conference Center remodel project:

Associated General Contractors of Utah – Interior/Tenant Improvement Project of the Year Award.

Utah Construction & Design Magazine – Outstanding Project Awards Publishers Pick

Kassi Bybee (Ogden Eccles Conference Center & Peery's Egyptian Theater General Manager): (Presentation) Ogden Eccles Conference Center was built in 1997 and due for a technology upgrade and a facelift. Through an RFP process VCBO Architecture was chosen to design the project with Phil Haderlie as Principal, Marilee Vicencio the associate principal and lead designer, and Corine Crouch as Principal. And Hogan construction was selected as the Construction Management General Contractor with Rob Birch as Principal, Carissa Miller as Project Manager, Kelli Munoz as Superintendent, and Jose Garcia as Foreman. Together they managed all the sub-contractors, with Britany Punjabi as Sr Marketing Manager. There were 18 phases in the project with the balcony being first. It was really a unique project as events were being held during the renovation, which included a new RGB lighting system, a new audio/video system, the terrace, the courtyard, the socializing spaces in the hallway, the custom skylights in the Garand, all along with the HVAC, carpet, tile, and paint. Over the period of the remodel, over 500 events were held. I am grateful to the community that decided to still hold their events with us during the remodel. Flexibility, problem solving, creativity, work ethic, accountability, trust, and friendship are what earned these awards. We worked together to solve the problems that arose.

Phil Haderlie (Principal & Architect, VCBO): VCBO has been involved with the County on this project since our selection in 2022. It's been a fantastic project and we really loved working with your people in the County. Remodels are messy and complicated. We are grateful for the partnership, the Commissioners, and for being recognized for some nice awards. Our goal is to create spaces for people to thrive. This is an amazing amenity you already had in the County. We added some shine so it can continue to sparkle and function for many more years. We are grateful to have been part of the project.

Rob Birch (VP Hogan Construction): The best way to describe this project is a big dance. If you can imagine, we had... Our biggest concern was keeping the public and our crew safe. There is a lot you can't anticipate when remodeling an old building and this one had its setbacks and challenges. The thing I am most proud of

are the relationships we built. I feel like our team got stronger with each setback and challenge. Thank you for trusting us with this project.

Commissioner Bolos: A couple of impressive things about this project. First, the fact you were able to stay open during the project. And I love the tie-ins to the theater and its architecture. I appreciate the work by everybody.

Commissioner Harvey: Why do we do this? Why would put \$20M into this facility? The answer is tourism. With all the Weber County facilities, operationally, tourism pays for all of the parks and facilities. Every man, woman, and child would have to pay \$2,200 a year to make up the difference tourism brings to this County. Only Weber County can say it breaks even on its parks. I want to thank Jason Horne from Purchasing, and Sean and his team, and Kassi especially you and your team for making this work. You brought economic impact during the project. You still made a difference in tourism and it's absolutely phenomenal. I have been in the event space for over three decades now and you did a wonderful job. To Rob, Carissa, Britney, and especially Kelly and Jose...holy cow! I'd come over and stop by during the project and never did I see people misbehave, ever. They represented you really well. There a million more things I can say. But great job! The only thing I could say is we would hire you again.

Chair Froerer: I have to admit when Kassi proposed this idea years ago I was concerned how they would be able to stay open during the renovation. Kassi looked at us and said, "We will get it done." And they did. This is a facility that entertains people from around the world. It is a facility we can be proud of. If we had gold medals, I would give one to each member of the team today.

G. CONSENT ITEMS:

1. Purchase orders in the amount of \$259,947.90.
2. Warrants #107294-107332 and #495354-495414 in the amount of \$1,489,563.78.
3. Summary of Warrants and Purchase Orders.
4. New business licenses.
5. Minutes for the meetings held on January 27th and February 3rd, 10th, and 17th, 2026.
6. Surplus Library equipment.
7. Contract with Oracle to engage Oracle's assistance in converting the benefits module and recruiting module to the newly supported Redwood design.
8. Contract with Weber State University for use of the Marquardt Field House during the LGT Men's World Curling.

Commissioner Bolos moved to approve the consent items; Commissioner Harvey seconded.
Chair Froerer – aye; Commissioner Harvey – aye; Commissioner Bolos – aye

H. ACTION ITEMS:

1. **APPROVAL OF FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 2026-02 OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WEBER COUNTY CHAPTER 2 OF THE WEBER COUNTY FEE ORDINANCE, SEC. 16-2-2 CLERK/AUDITOR FEES.**

Mona Wald (Clerk/Auditors Office): No changes from First Reading (*discussed and approved February 17th, 2026 Weber County Commission meeting, Item G1*).

Commissioner Harvey moved to approve Final Reading of Ordinance 2026-02 amending Chapter 2 of the Weber County Fee Ordinance, Sec. 16-2-2 Clerk/Auditor Fees; Commissioner Bolos seconded.
Chair Froerer – aye; Commissioner Harvey – aye; Commissioner Bolos – aye

2. **APPROVAL OF FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 2026-03 OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WEBER COUNTY ALLOWING APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL ALTERNATE MEMBERS TO THE GRAMA APPEALS BOARD.**

Courtlan Erickson (Attorney's Office): No changes from First Reading (*discussed and approved February 17th, 2026 Weber County Commission meeting, Item G2*).

Commissioner Harvey moved to approve Final Reading of Ordinance 2026-03 allowing appointment of additional alternate members to the GRAMA Appeals Board; Commissioner Bolos seconded.
Chair Froerer – aye; Commissioner Harvey – aye; Commissioner Bolos – aye

3. **APPROVAL OF FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 2026-04 OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WEBER COUNTY AMENDING PART OF SECTIONS 45, 16-2-12, AND 106-8-1; TO UPDATE REFERENCES IN THE COUNTY CODE TO MATCH THE NEWLY**

RENUMBERED TITLE 17, CLARIFY FINAL LOCAL ENTITY PLAT PROCESSING AND CORRECT SIGNATURE BLOCK LANGUAGE.

Brad Cragun (Parks and Recreation Director): No changes from First Reading (*discussed and approved February 17th, 2026 Weber County Commission meeting, Item G3*).

Commissioner Bolos moved to approve Final Reading of Ordinance 2026-04 amending certain fees to the Weber County Culture, Parks, and Recreation Department; Commissioner Harvey seconded.
Chair Froerer – aye; Commissioner Harvey – aye; Commissioner Bolos – aye

4. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 09-2026 MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO THE PUBLIC DEFENDER BOARD.

Jim Retallick (Public Defender Director): Commissioner Gage Froerer was elected as new Board Chair and Richard Mauro was elected as Vice Chair.

Commissioner Bolos moved to approve Resolution 09-2026 appointing Gage Froerer as Chair and Richard Mauro as Vice Chair to the Public Defender Board; Commissioner Harvey seconded.
Roll Call Vote: Chair Froerer – aye; Commissioner Harvey – aye; Commissioner Bolos – aye

I. ADJOURN

Commissioner Harvey moved to adjourn at 10:43 am.; Commissioner Bolos seconded.
Chair Froerer – aye; Commissioner Harvey – aye; Commissioner Bolos - aye

Attest:

Gage Froerer, Chair
Weber County Commission

Ricky D. Hatch, CPA
Weber Country Clerk/Auditor