

MINUTES
WEBER COUNTY COMMISSION

Tuesday, March 11th, 2025 – 10:00 a.m.

Via Zoom meeting + at Weber Center, 2380 Washington Blvd., Ogden, UT

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WEBER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS: Sharon Bolos, Gage Froerer, and James "Jim" H. Harvey

STAFF PRESENT: Ricky Hatch, County Clerk/Auditor; Chris Crockett, Deputy County Attorney; and Craig D. Brandt, of the County Clerk/Auditor's office, who took minutes.

A. WELCOME: Chair Bolos

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Sean Wilkinson

C. INVOCATION: Chris Crockett

D. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Harvey: We just wrapped up the state legislative session last Friday. We had some wins and not wins. OECC project is moving forward with an open house slated for August. Baseball started this week at the Fairgrounds. They just held the state's largest high school rodeo, the Ice Breaker Rodeo, with 19 states and 3 countries, including the US, Canada, and Australia. The upper valley parks are slated to be the fullest of our parks. Over 1000 students entered for the NASP archery program. The local Job Corps did a fantastic job cleaning up the Disc Golf course at the Fort. And a big thanks to Joe Hadley and the Roads Department helping with the big river cleanup.

Commissioner Froerer: We had some wins and some losses. The last couple of days were interesting. We made last minute changes to bills that otherwise might not have been kind to Weber County and the other counties in the state. The Ice Sheet received funding for \$3.7M. This year's Korn Fairy was appropriated. We are hopeful the IHC that the Public Defenders lobbied for was increased. Overall, we did as well as could be expected.

Stall of Fame for March and April goes to Marie Baltazar and Esperanza Tovar.

Bryce Taylor (Property Management): They start their day very early and work hard. They are outstanding employees who have worked here 10 years. They do a lot of work that goes unnoticed. As great of employees as they are, they are greater people. They always have a smile on their face. Everyone in this building just adores these two.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Mayor Mark Allen, Washington Terrace: I want to publicly thank Kevin Burns and his team of volunteers on the RAMP Board for how much work they do. I want to thank the county for getting RAMP back on the ballot for the last election. Washington Terrace was blessed this year to get funding for RAMP items.
2. Chris Crockett: During our staff meeting this morning, it came up how they were some bills in the last session that were influenced by the Commissioners. There is a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes. Thank you, Commissioners.

F. PRESENTATIONS:

1. Recognition of Duncan Olsen for earning his Certified Venue Executive (CVE) designation.
Marty Smith (Culture, Parks, & Recreation Director): The International Association of Venue Managers represents public assembly venues from around the globe. IAVM's nearly 8,000 active members include managers and Senior Executives from auditoriums, arenas, convention centers, exhibit halls, stadiums, performing art centers, university complexes, amphitheaters, and fairgrounds worldwide. IAVM's mission is to educate, advocate for, and inspire public assembly venue professionals worldwide. The Certified Venue Executive is an elite credential of the IAVM association and is highly regarded by industry professionals. An individual with a CVE designation possesses significant years of experience in the industry in addition to holding a top tiered position within a venue or organization. Earning your CVE acknowledges you as well versed in all areas of venue management, invested in your own professional growth and the growth of others, and dedicated to the advancement of the venue industry as a whole. I just wanted to explain a little bit the process to becoming a Certified Venue Executive; it's not an easy task. Before you can ever apply, to start the process you must acquire points through the association. The way you acquire those points or garner points is through serving in one of the top two leadership roles at a venue for a certain amount of time, attending Venue Management School, other educational tracks, serving on boards, volunteer hours, and numerous ways to gain points. Once you've earned enough points you can make an application to start the testing process. If you are accepted, your first step is to write an essay. That essay contains numerous questions regarding subjects within the venue management industry. If that essay is accepted, you're then invited to sit for a 250 question test that takes many hours to accomplish. If you pass the test, you have to go for an oral exam before a panel of Industry experts. Once you pass that you're given the Certified Venue

Executive. We're proud to announce that our very own general manager of the Golden Spike Event Center, Duncan Olsen, has earned his Certified Venue Executive and is the 15th in Utah to receive it.

Duncan Olsen: I want to thank Marty (Smith) and Todd (Ferrario) for supporting me and Jennifer Graham who pushed for me to start the process. I didn't really want to do it but as I got into it I kind of fell in love with gaining the knowledge and understanding of not just my venue but all venues throughout the county as well as the world. I've built some really good, really cool relationships with people and have learned a ton. I could not have done this if it wasn't for the support from my leadership as well as my team back at the Fairgrounds; they do such a great job and make me look far better than I am. And I appreciate the Commissioners for the support as well. Thank you.

Commissioner Harvey: This is not something you can go and do over a summer. Duncan has been working on this for 8 years. He joins Cassie and Marty who have earned their CVE and Jay who is working on his. We have great efficiency in our facilities in Weber County.

2. Presentation of GOAL's 2024 Annual Report.

Troy Callantine (GOAL Foundation Executive Director): For the GOAL Foundation, I just wanted to present our 2024 Annual Report and results of what we've been doing and give insight to where we're going next. I'm the new executive director at GOAL. I'm a local Weber County resident; grown up here, raised here, and plan to stay here for quite some time. Our mission is to inspire the greater Ogden community and its visitors to get out and live through participating, spectating, and volunteering through outdoor sports and recreation. There really is no better place than Weber County in its offerings to be able to facilitate that mission. We're really excited to be here and do the things we do.

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G. CONSENT ITEMS:

1. Purchase orders in the amount of \$728,154.13.
 2. Warrants #104502-104538, #489560-489660 and #420-421 in the amount of \$1,685,263.56 dated February 25, 2025.
 3. Warrants #104539-104603 and #489661-489817 in the amount of \$2,486,738.15.
 4. Summary of Warrants and Purchase Orders.
 5. Minutes for the meeting held on February 25, 2025.
 6. New business licenses.
 7. New beer licenses.
 8. Contracts with the following individual entities for services at the 2025 Weber County Fair:
 - Fremont High School -National Honor Society to wash tables
 - Ogden High School- Boys Basketball Team to do janitorial work
 - Magical Celebrations- Strolling Performances
 - Play with Gravity- Motorcycle Stunt Performances
 - Whitney Lusk- Concert Performance
 9. Deputy Sheriff Basic Training Agreements by and between Weber County and the following individuals:
 - Jacob Gottlieb Tagen Gard
 - Jaxon Clark Charles Sichz
 - Sierra Saunders
 10. Change Order #05R1 associated with the Wadman Corporation contract for the construction of the Weber-Morgan Children's Justice Center.
 11. Facility rental agreement with Weber County and Weber County GOP.
 12. Easement Encroachment Agreement by and between Weber County and the Bureau of Reclamation for the JDC Development, to install subdivision improvements over existing bureau drains.
- Commissioner Harvey moved to approve the consent items; Commissioner Froerer seconded.
Chair Bolos – aye; Commissioner Froerer – aye; Commissioner Harvey – aye

H. ACTION ITEMS:

1. **APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDED 2025 RAMP GRANT FUNDING.**

Kevin Burns (RAMP Chair): The Board consists of 15 volunteers who reviewed 80 grant applications. We would not accomplish anything without the amazing staff you have assigned to work with us – Chris Crockett and Kristy Bingham. We could not survive without our RAMP moms, Shelly and Stacy. You have the list of recommended RAMP awards this year. This year’s budget available was \$7M; \$2.3M went to Major grant applications. We are requesting to fund all but four of the submitted requests. We had \$669k leftover from our Parks & Rec, \$370k of that was transferred to Arts and Museums and \$299k was transferred to Major grants to fulfill a couple of more requests; the remaining \$5k will be moved over to Easy Grants that are still coming. There are some really cool projects on this list.

Commissioner Harvey: Thank you for representing all the volunteers that put so much time and love into this.

Commissioner Froerer: I appreciate you being the head of that effort and the extraordinary amount of work all of you do. And of course the RAMP moms. If it wasn’t for your efforts, I wouldn’t feel as secure in voting in the affirmative. But I know the time you put in to make sure these dollars are allocated in the best interest of our communities and citizens of Weber County. It’s important these dollars are spent wisely. You have done a great job in doing that.

Chair Bolos: I appreciate the work that goes into these projects. I appreciate Mayor Allen expressing his gratitude.

Commissioner Harvey moved to approve recommended 2025 RAMP grant funding; Commissioner Froerer seconded.

Chair Bolos – aye; Commissioner Froerer – aye; Commissioner Harvey – aye

2. **APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 14-2025 APPOINTING A TRUSTEE TO THE BOARD OF THE OGDEN VALLEY RECREATION/TRANSMISSION SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT.**

Stacy Skeen (Commission Office): Michael Zindel’s term expired. He is seeking reappointment

Commissioner Froerer moved to approve Resolution 14-2025 reappointing Michael Zindel to the board of the Ogden Valley Recreation/Transmission Special Service District; Commissioner Harvey seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Chair Bolos – aye; Commissioner Froerer – aye; Commissioner Harvey – aye

3. **APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 15-2025 APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE PUBLIC DEFENDER BOARD.**

Bryan Baron (Attorney Office): This would reappoint Judge W. Brent West for an additional three years.

Commissioner Froerer moved to approve Resolution 15-2025 appointing (name) to the Public Defender Board; Commissioner Harvey seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Chair Bolos – aye; Commissioner Froerer – aye; Commissioner Harvey – aye

4. **APPROVAL OF A FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 16-2-9 SOLID WASTE FEES OF THE WEBER COUNTY CODE.**

Sean Wilkinson (Community Development Director): This addresses the fees Waste Management. This will be a 5% increase based on the CPI for water, sewer, and trash collection services. This will reduce the County’s monthly administrative fee from \$2 to \$1.50 per month resulting in a cost increase to Ogden Valley residents with one container of \$2.41 per month.

Commissioner Harvey moved to approve a First Reading of an ordinance amending Section 16-2-9 Solid Waste Fees of the Weber County Code.; Commissioner Froerer seconded.

Chair Bolos – aye; Commissioner Froerer – aye; Commissioner Harvey – aye

I. PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Request for a motion to adjourn public meeting and convene public hearings.

Commissioner Froerer moved to adjourn the public meeting and convene public hearings, 10:46 a.m.; Commissioner Harvey seconded.

Chair Bolos – aye; Commissioner Froerer – aye; Commissioner Harvey – aye

2. Public Hearing to discuss amendments to the operating and capital budget of Weber County for the 2025 calendar year.

Steffani Ebert (Clerk/Auditor's Office): I am here today to discuss amendments to the operating and capital budgets for 2025. We meet in the fall of 2024 to consider the budget and pass the budget. We try to meet with you once a quarter to go over any changes to that budget that are necessary. We did meet in a work session a couple of weeks ago to discuss the items being considered this quarter. The majority of the list come from projects and purchases that were intended to be made in 2024 but either weren't completed or didn't get all the way finished. So the majority of the lists are those rollover requests from 2024 into the 2025 budget and then there are a couple of additional requests. If you want to review that list and let me know if you have any questions, I'd be happy to answer them.

Commissioner Bolos: I do have one question on jail building improvements. Was that the Kiesel facility?

Ms. Ebert: We removed the Kiesel facility purchase out of the list originally brought to you. So the amount that's on here is for the remaining evidence room, some equipment for the kitchen, and some control room upgrades in the 12th Street facility. There's nothing in there for the Kiesel facility.

Commissioner Bolos: What had been on the list for the Kiesel facility?

Ms. Ebert: I believe largest item had to do with a boiler. That's all I can remember; it was \$170k I think. That item was removed from the list.

Commissioner Bolos: Can you check with Bryce Taylor as he mentioned the boiler may have been purchased already.

Ms. Ebert: Yes, I will check with him.

3. Public Comments: None.

4. Request for a motion to adjourn public hearings and reconvene public meeting.

Commissioner Harvey moved to adjourn the public hearings and reconvene public meeting, 10:50 am; Commissioner Froerer seconded.

Chair Bolos – aye; Commissioner Froerer – aye; Commissioner Harvey – aye

5. Action on public hearing:

H2: Discussion and/or action on Resolution 16-2025 amending the operating and capital budget of Weber County for the 2025 calendar year.

Commissioner Harvey moved to approve Resolution 16-2025 amending the operating and capital budget of Weber County for the 2025 calendar year; Commissioner Froerer seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Chair Bolos – nay; Commissioner Froerer – aye; Commissioner Harvey – aye

I. ADJOURN

Commissioner Froerer moved to adjourn at 10:51 am; Commissioner Harvey seconded

Chair Bolos – aye; Commissioner Froerer – aye; Commissioner Harvey – aye

Attest:

Sharon Bolos, Chair
Weber County Commission

Ricky D. Hatch, CPA
Weber County Clerk/Auditor