

Beaver County Commission Work Meeting
Beaver, UT 84713
February 15, 2022

The Board of County Commissioners met on February 15, 2022, 10:00 a.m. for its regular Commission Work Meeting. Attending were: Commissioner Mark Whitney, Chairman; Commissioner Tammy Pearson; Commissioner Wade Hollingshead; Ginger McMullin, Clerk/Auditor; Rob Pyles, Administrative Services Coordinator; Stephanie Laws, Commission Secretary and Von Christiansen, County Attorney.

Prayer was offered by Rajan Zed, University Society of Hinduism via phone.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Stephanie Laws, Commission Secretary.

County Bills were reviewed for approval. Motion to approve County Bills was made by Comm. Hollingshead, and seconded by Comm. Pearson, and the vote was unanimous.

Consider Signing One Utah Opioid Settlement MOU. Present was Von Christiansen, County Attorney. Mr. Christiansen discussed the proposed settlement amount from the One Utah Opioid lawsuit, which will be \$18,000 for 18 year term. Mr. Christiansen expressed his opinion if the County should or should not enter into a MOU.

Consider Signing Tax Litigation MOU Cost Sharing Agreement. Present was Von Christiansen, County Attorney. Mr. Christiansen discussed the prepared MOU between the County and entities affected by Centrally Assessed Appeals for a cost sharing with the legal fees incurred. Motion to accept and authorize signature on the MOU for legal fees cost sharing was made by Comm. Pearson, seconded by Comm. Hollingshead, and the vote was made unanimous.

RRI Grant. Comm. Pearson stated that the RRI Grant is in progress. Ms. Evans and Ms. Marshall state they are currently working on writing the grant for this next year.

Comm. Pearson publicly recognized the Maintenance Department for their hard work and actions on several projects in the County.

Archive Social. Comm. Pearson reported on her discussion with UAC and how many other Counties actually participate in this program. She stated that no other Counties are currently participating. It was decided to decline the opportunity to participate with Archive Social for archiving social media posts.

Kent's Lake Road Improvements Next Phase. Present was Lyndon Friant, Jones & DeMille; Cory Beebe, County Road Supervisor. Mr. Friant discussed the new budget for the remaining phase of the Kent's Lake Road project. This will increase the project by \$455,000 for phase II, which will be paid by USDA Forest Service. Beaver County will continue to be the fiscal agent for this project. Phase I consisted of 4" gravel base for 4-5 miles from Little Res to Kent's Lake, which included Tushar Campground. Phase II will continue 3.5 miles of 4" gravel and go beyond Kent's Lake as far as the budget allows. Commission discussed the other turning lanes needing attention in the County, which include a turning lane into Minersville Lake.

Minersville Flood Basin. Present was Cory Beebe, Road Supervisor. Comm. Whitney expressed concern with participating on the clean out at the Minersville Flood Basin. This basin only protects Hwy 21, it does not include Minersville Town. Comm. Hollingshead expressed his concern as well. Comm. Whitney discussed with the other two Commissioners, his concern regarding the project size will be bigger than Beaver County can handle at this time. Mr. Beebe stated if the project is contracted out it could be a little cheaper to complete. It was the consensus of the Commission to not monetarily obligate Beaver County for the Flood Basin. Comm. Whitney expressed his appreciation to the Road Department and their efforts on the roads.

End of Year Real, Personal and Centrally Assessed Totals. Present was LeeAnn Franklin, County Treasurer. Ms. Franklin discussed with the Commissioners the year end values of Real, Personal Property and Centrally Assessed values.

ESRI Arc Map GIS Software. Present were Keven Whicker, GIS; Stephanie Laws, Commission Secretary. Mr. Whicker discussed the ESRI software that is currently being used for mapping in the County. Mr. Whicker is requesting additional single use software on the ESRI software, to assist in the Plat Map Creation project. Motion to allow the purchase a single use ESRI software was made by Comm. Hollingshead, seconded by Comm. Pearson, and the vote was made unanimous. It was also discussed to increase the weed spray bid to \$7000 from \$5000 that was originally bid. Mr. Whicker discussed the BLM Sage Grouse Management Plan currently being revisited, this will allow Beaver County to be a cooperating agency. It was the consensus of the Commission to be a cooperating agency on the BLM Sage Grouse Management Plan.

Break for Lunch.

Reconvene

Surplus Item. Commission discussed the calf roping chute to be declared as surplus. Motion to declare the calf roping chute with a minimum bid of \$10, from the fairgrounds as surplus, was made by Comm. Pearson, seconded by Comm. Hollingshead, and the vote was made unanimous.

Opioid Settlement. It was decided to use the Prevention Coalition Board that Commissioner Pearson sits on to discuss the needs in the County for the uses of funds from the Opioid Settlement.

Service Districts. Commission discussed the bylaws and the inconsistencies within the service districts. It was decided to review the bylaws and revisit the topic at a future meeting.

Senior Center Generators. Ms. Laws discussed with the Commission the grant timeline and the need to install the generators before the grant sunsets in June. It was stated that the generators were ordered and need concrete to place them on when they are installed.

ReConnect Program. Motion to authorize a letter of support for a ReConnect Program for rural broadband was made by Comm. Hollingshead, seconded by Comm. Pearson, and the vote was made unanimous.

Commission Updates. Comm. Pearson reported on a town hall for Rep. Chris Stewart and Sen. Mike Lee at a future date. Comm. Pearson discussed the Pine Valley DES comment period is set for Mar 11. Comm. Hollingshead discussed the tourism pie night set for Feb 22, to be held in Milford.

Motion to enter into closed session for the purpose of discussing the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual; discuss strategy for pending or reasonably imminent litigation, real property negotiation, was made by Comm. Hollingshead, seconded by Comm. Pearson, and the vote was made unanimous.

Closed session declared closed by Comm. Whitney.

Meeting Adjourned