

Beaver County Commission Meeting
Beaver, UT 84713
March 1, 2022

The Board of County Commissioners met on March 1, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. for its regular Commission Meeting. Attending were: Commissioner Mark Whitney, Chairman; Commissioner, Tammy Pearson; Commissioner, Wade Hollingshead; Ginger McMullin, Clerk/Auditor; Stephanie Laws, Commission Secretary and Von Christiansen, County Attorney.

Robert Pyles was absent due to illness in the family.

Prayer was offered by Pastor Marty Flood, Faith for Life Church.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kevin Bunnell, DWR.

Review and Approve County Bills. Motion to approve County Bills was made by Comm. Pearson, seconded by Comm. Hollingshead, and the vote was made unanimous.

Previous minutes were presented by Ginger McMullin, Clerk/Auditor. With minor adjustments and edits, motion to authorize minutes was made by Comm. Hollingshead, seconded by Comm. Pearson, the vote was unanimous.

DWR PILT Payment. Present was Kevin Bunnell, DWR. Mr. Bunnell was present to award the County with the annual State PILT, which was \$4,760. Mr. Bunnell shared the WIR projects that have been completed in the past 25 years. Mr. Bunnell also shared the fact that WIR has invested \$360 million in the State of Utah. Comm. Whitney inquired about sage grouse, Mr. Bunnell responded by stating that the State has a good plan in place. Mr. Bunnell briefly discussed delisting the prairie dogs in the State.

Ratify signing of Capital Indigent Defense contract. Motion to ratify the signing of the Capital Indigent Defense contract, to provide indigent defense council for Mike Allen Miller (defendant) was made by Comm. Pearson, seconded by Comm. Hollingshead, and the vote was made unanimous.

Indigent Burial Request. The Commission has received a request from an indigent family to provide burial for Eldean Purdy. Motion to authorize proper burial was made by Comm. Hollingshead, seconded by Comm. Pearson, and the vote was made unanimous.

Consider Signing Resolution 2022-01; A Resolution of Broadband Reconnect Loan and Grant Program Support. Motion to authorize the signature on the grant request application to support the Reconnection Loan and Grant Support was made by Comm. Hollingshead, seconded by Comm. Pearson, and the vote was made unanimous.

Consider Signing Opioid Settlement MOU. Mr. Christiansen discussed with the Commission the Memorandum of Understanding regarding the Opioid Settlement. Comm. Whitney publicly commended Ronda Hutchings with the Beaver County Drug Coalition, and her efforts with the youth of

County. Motion to authorize signature on the Opioid Settlement MOU was made by Comm. Pearson, seconded by Comm. Hollingshead, and the vote was made unanimous.

Rodeo Contract. Comm. Whitney discussed the Broke (n) Heart Rodeo contract presented today. Motion to authorize signature on the Broken Heart Rodeo contract for the fair was made by Comm. Pearson, seconded by Comm. Hollingshead, and the vote was made unanimous.

Service District Boards. Commission will discuss the content of the bylaws at a future meeting.

RRI Grant. Comm. Pearson discussed the progress of the RRI Grant that has been submitted for a \$300,000, to assist with the improvements at Minersville Lake.

Tax Participation Agreements. This will be tabled for later in the meeting.

COG Meeting. Comm. Hollingshead discussed the importance of the Council of Government Meetings. It was stated that the Commission would like to start having the COG Meeting with the local government officials.

Pine Valley Letter. Ms. Laws discussed the activity with the Pine Valley Water Letter and the comment period. The comments will be presented to the BLM at the end of the month.

CIB Funding. Comm. Pearson discussed possible funding activities for CIB Funding. Ms. Laws will contact leaders involved with possible CIB Funding and alert them to the process of making application and attending the required workshops prior to application.

Break for Lunch

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. Roll call vote Comm. Pearson "aye", Comm. Whitney "aye", Comm. Hollingshead "aye".

Closed session declared closed by Comm. Whitney.

Commission Updates. Comm. Pearson discussed the Congressional Tour scheduled for Aug 16th, 2022. As well as, the State Legislative Tour July 12 or 13th. Comm. Pearson discussed the ground squirrel and the baiting period. The briefly discussed the Energy Tour is scheduled March 9, 2022.

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Closed session declared closed by Comm. Whitney.

Meeting adjourned.