

Beaver County Commission Meeting
Beaver, UT 84713
Jan 4, 2022

The Board of County Commissioners met on Jan 4, 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. Rob Pyles, Administrative Services Coordinator was excused for the meeting as he was ill.

Prayer was offered by Lonnie Laws, Deputy Sheriff.

Pledge of Allegiance by Stephanie Laws, Commission Secretary.

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

Business Center Lease. Ms. Laws discussed the lease agreements at the Business Center, which are currently being occupied by leases. Ms. Laws stated that the monthly rent will increase from \$50 to \$175. The Commission made a request to discuss this issue further in a future meeting.

Old Business

*Service Districts. Commission requested the by-laws from all of the Service Districts for the review of the County. Ms. Laws will work closely with the Attorney's Office to review the by-laws already in the possession of the Attorney's Office.

County Business Licenses. Present was Kyle Blackner, County Building Authority. Mr. Blackner was present to discuss the creation of Business Licenses for some qualifying businesses. Mr. Blackner discussed the creation of a business license issuance committee to protect the health and safety of the citizens of the County. This will be brought back before the Commission prior to issuing any licenses. Comm. Whitney inquired to Mr. Blackner the number of building permits currently open for new homes being built. Mr. Blackner stated that there are currently 141 open building permits, with 57 of those assigned to new construction. Mr. Blackner discussed the two vacant positions on the Planning & Zoning Board. He expressed the challenge of finding a willing applicant to fill the vacancies.

Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations Ordinance. Present was Kyle Blackner, County Building Authority; Keven Whicker, GIS. Mr. Blackner was present to discuss the draft version of the revised ordinance required by recent legislation. Mr. Whicker discussed the defined areas referred to in the amended ordinance and the map created to define the CAFO areas. The Commission commended Mr. Blackner & Mr. Whicker on the work they have done thus far, amending the ordinance. It was decided to follow up with the ordinance language at the next Commission Meeting.

Travel Council Board Member Appointee. Present was Michelle Evans, Tourism Director. Ms. Evans discussed the vacancies on the travel council board. She stated that there are 4 vacancies currently

open on the board. Ms. Evans shared that 3 board members have expressed interest of returning to serve on the board. Ms. Evans recommended Amy Caldwell, Reza Kia and Jordan Oswald, as returning board members. Motion to accept the recommendation by the Travel Council as follows: Amy Caldwell, Jordan Oswald and Reza Kia was made by Comm. Hollingshead, seconded by Comm. Pearson, and the vote was made unanimous. Ms. Evans shared a presentation regarding the High Desert Trail project and cost requested from the State Division of Recreation.

Break for Lunch.

Reconvene

Winter Trails/Parking and Road Access. Present were Michelle Evans, Tourism Director; Tommy Smith, Klancey Ashworth, Lee Babbs and Jake Alldredge, UDOT; Wayne Monroe, State Parks & Recreation; Jared Whitmer(phone), Kourtney Bradshaw and Cory Norman, USDA Forest Service; George Humphreys, County Fire Warden; Dee Draney, SSD #6; Craig Wright and Larry Weaver, Beaver County Search & Rescue; Sgt. David Barriett, UHP; Captain Cody Black, BCSO. Comm. Pearson addressed the entities with concerns regarding the recent snow storm Beaver experienced and the snow removal issue on Hwy 153 and the impassable road over the holiday weekend. This discussion was an open dialogue between all of the entities involved. Commission discussed the winter trails and the parking and road access needed for winter recreation in the Beaver Canyon on Hwy 153. The members of the Commission decided to discuss with the Legislative leaders at this year's Legislative Session, the usage issues in Beaver Canyon.

Consider Signing Yearly Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement. Motion to accept the signed annual conflict of interest disclosure statement from all Commissioners was made by Comm. Pearson, seconded by Comm. Hollingshead, and the vote was made unanimous.

Forest Service Request for Weigh Station Usage. Present were Kourtney Bradshaw and Cory Norman, USDA Forest Service. They were present to discuss the access to Beaver County's weigh station owned by SSD #5 Beaver County Waste Management, for the use when selling timber and other materials. This will be discussed with Service District #5, Comm. Pearson committed to facilitate the conversation with the service district.

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 Business. Comm. Pearson reported on the advisory board regarding Land, Air & Water; Public Lands Committee organizational planning meeting; Legislative Rural Caucus planning meeting. She reported on the Grazing Permittee meeting next week. Comm. Hollingshead reported on the Elk Meadows Service District activity with snow removal. Comm. Hollingshead also reported on the

National Conference on Mental Health, he is planning on attending in Washington, DC. Comm. Whitney discussed the Legislative Session and requested any items needing attention while attending the legislative session. Commission reviewed the Commission Assignments for 2022, and made appropriate changes to the assignments. Motion to accept the changes to the Commission assignments were made by Comm. Hollingshead, seconded by Comm. Pearson, and the vote was made unanimous.

Meeting adjourned.