

Beaver County Commission Work Meeting  
Beaver, UT 84713  
January 18, 2022

The Board of County Commissioners met on January 18, 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; Stephanie Laws, Commission Secretary and Von Christiansen, County Attorney.

Rob Pyles was excused for this meeting.

Prayer was offered by Commissioner Wade Hollingshead.

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.

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.

Social Media Archiving. Commission discussed possible subscription participation, which would handle archiving social media. It was decided to task Comm. Pearson with inquiring with UAC as well as ask other counties how they handle social media archives. By consensus the Commission decided to turn off the comments on social media posts.

Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations, Ordinance 2021-09. Present for the discussion was Kyle Blackner, County Building Authority. Commission discussed with Mr. Blackner, the aquifer element missing from the ordinance, which could be added to the language or by way of a map overlay. Mr. Blackner asked the Commission to review the ordinance prior to adopting. This ordinance is set for public hearing the first meeting in February for adoption.

P & Z Board Member Vacancies. Mr. Blackner discussed the interested applicants to fill two vacancies on the Planning & Zoning Board, which are Kolby Blackner, Mitch Dalton and Sid Marshall. Motion to appoint Kolby Blackner and Mitch Dalton as Planning and Zoning Board Members was made by Comm. Pearson, seconded by Comm. Hollingshead, and the vote was made unanimous.

Consider signing USU Extension Office Agreement. Present was Cindy Nelson, USU Extension. Ms. Nelson was present to discuss the renewal agreement of the USU Extension Office. Motion to authorize signature on the Co-Operative Agreement for USU Extension was made by Comm. Pearson, seconded by Comm. Hollingshead, and the vote was made unanimous.

Consider Signing Opioid Settlement Agreement. Present was Von Christiansen, County Attorney. Mr. Christiansen discussed the proposed opioid settlement agreement. It was decided, this will be discussed at a later date.

Consider signing Indigent Defense Application. Present was Von Christiansen, County Attorney. Mr. Christiansen discussed the Indigent Defense Application for the indigent case currently being litigated in Beaver County. Motion to authorize signature on the Capital Defense Fund application was made by Comm. Hollingshead, seconded by Comm. Pearson, and the vote was made unanimous.

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.

Lunch

Short Term Military Leave. Present was Heidi Eyre, HR Director. Ms. Eyre discussed the policy on Short Term Military Leave and the lack of language in County policy regarding accrued leave time usage during military leave time. It was the consensus of the Commission to allow short term military leave to include the language for accrued leave time usage and in-lieu, this will include at least 32 hours leave usage for benefits coverage. Motion to allow an exception to the personnel policy to allow for usage of leave time to be paid while on military leave was made by Comm. Pearson, seconded by Comm. Hollingshead, and the vote was unanimous.

Update on Minersville Reservoir Upgrade. Present were Darrel Davis, Maintenance Supervisor; Jennifer Marshall, Lake Manager. Mr. Davis was present to update the Commission on the improvements made on the Minersville Lake project. Mr. Davis discussed the paint bids received for the cabanas and pay station, these items will be contracted out for painting. It was also stated that David Cartwright will paint the new cabins. Commission discussed the improvements with Mr. Davis & Ms. Marshall at the fairgrounds, and the new installation and upgrade of the bleachers and overhang cover.

Economic Development Update. Mr. Pyles was excused for this meeting. Ms. Laws reported on the economic development activity, in regards to grants that has been applied for, which included County housing and broadband expenditures.

Tourism Update. Ms. Evans was excused for this meeting. Comm. Hollingshead reported in Ms. Evans absence. Comm. Hollingshead reported on Vista Works activity; TRT and Restaurant Taxes and the increase in revenue from 2021. Comm. Hollingshead shared the event scheduled for Thursday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, which will be pie and a town hall meeting regarding tourism marketing.

County Roads Update. Present was Cory Beebe, Road Supervisor. Mr. Beebe reported on the activity in the Road Department, which includes the Geothermal (Blundell) Road; Laho Road; Thermo Road; culvert replacement on the creek bed in Beaver and bar ditch spraying on the right-of-ways.

Minersville Flood Debris Basin. Present was Cory Beebe, County Road Supervisor; Brad Eyre, Conservation District; Ward Dotson, Minersville Town Mayor and Jason Dodds, NRCS. Comm. Pearson reported on a conversation with the BLM in regards to the Flood Basin by Minersville Town. Beaver County has agreed to be the fiscal agent on this project, with the 25% participation as in-kind contribution, and the remaining amount will be 75% reimbursement by the NCRS. They discussed the complexity of the project and the equipment needed for the removal of the material that has collected in the basin. It was decided to explore every funding option, prior to signing a participation agreement for the work.

Meeting Adjourned.