

Beaver County Commission Meeting
Beaver, UT 84713
May 5, 2020

The Board of County Commissioners met on May 5, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. for its regular Commission Meeting. Attending were: Commissioner Michael Dalton, Chairman; Commissioner, Mark Whitney; Commissioner, Tammy Pearson; Ginger McMullin, Clerk/Auditor; Robert Pyles, Administrative Services Coordinator; Stephanie Laws, Commission Secretary; Leo Kanell, Deputy County Attorney and Von Christiansen, County Attorney.

Prayer was offered by Leo Kanell, Deputy County Attorney.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rob Pyles, administrative Services Coordinator

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

Surplus Items. The following items need to be listed as surplus: Water Distiller. Motion to declare Water Distiller as a surplus item was made by Comm. Whitney, seconded by Comm. Pearson, and the vote was made unanimous.

High School Graduation. Comm. Dalton suggested sending every graduate from Beaver High School & Milford High School a Graduation Card from the Commission wishing them good luck on their future plans. Motion to authorize signature on a Graduation Card to every senior graduating from Beaver & Milford High Schools was made by Comm. Pearson, seconded by Comm. Whitney, and the vote was made unanimous.

Tourism/Minersville Lake/Consider signing MOU for Mountain Bike Trail, Phase I & II. Present was Michelle Evans, County Tourism Director. Ms. Evans discussed Minersville Reservoir and the revenue snap shot for the past few years. Ms. Evans also discussed the parking situation with the need for social distancing, due to the Coronavirus pandemic. It was decided to create a 50 foot buffer from the high water mark, for primitive camping. Ms. Evans discussed the presented MOU from American Conservation Experience, for the work done on the Mountain Bike Trail Phase I & II, to meet the grant requirements. Motion to authorize signature on the ACE Contract to complete Mountain Bike Phase I & II was made by Comm. Pearson, seconded by Comm. Whitney, and the vote was made unanimous. Ms. Evans also discussed the VisaVue Travel Reporting Service Subscription Agreement. This will allow for a snap shot of the visitors and where they coming from, when recreating in Beaver County. Motion to authorize signature on the VisaVue Agreement was made by Comm. Whitney, seconded by Comm. Pearson, and the vote was made unanimous.

Building Department/Building permit fees for SSD #2/Plot Map for Eagle Point Condo. Present was Kyle Blackner, County Building Authority. Mr. Blackner shared the changes with the building permit process, and the increase web-based transactions since the COVID-19 pandemic began. Mr. Blackner discussed building fees for Special Service District #2, and the request for a reduction in fees for a building permit for a construction project for SSD #2. It was the consensus of the Commission to reduce the fees, and allow billing for time and travel or cut the permit fee in half. Motion to authorize the Building Authority to bill for time and travel was made by Comm. Pearson, seconded by Comm. Whitney, and the vote was made unanimous. Mr. Blackner discussed the need to gather signatures on a plat map for Golden Hollow subdivision at Eagle Point Ski Resort. Motion to authorize signature on Golden Hollow Plat Map was made by Comm. Whitney, seconded by Comm. Pearson, and the vote was made unanimous.

IT Department. Present was Aaron Teide, Contract IT Support, Mountain West Computers. Mr. Teide discussed with the Commission some equipment replacement scheduled for this calendar year. It was discussed holding off replacing a scheduled server until further into the year.

Statutory Fire Restrictions. Commission discussed a request from Mike Melton, State Fire Warden to impose a new statutory fire restriction to begin May 15, 2020. Mr. Melton stated in a letter to the leaders in the Southwest Utah area, that the current conditions are drier than normal. It was the consensus of the Commission to oppose this request. Motion to reject the State Fire Wardens statutory request was made by Comm. Pearson, seconded by Comm. Whitney, and the vote was made unanimous.

Recorder's Office. Present was Cindy Peterson, County Recorder. Ms. Peterson was present to discuss the conditions of her office through COVID-19. Since COVID-19 began, she does not foresee anything in her expenses to reduce this budget year.

GIS/Weed Department. Present was Keven Whicker, GIS. Mr. Whicker was present to discuss the conditions of his office. Mr. Whicker spoke of the surplus of weed chemical that can be used this summer, without purchasing new chemical.

Coronavirus Level Discussion. It was discussed that the County will remain at Orange Level for the time being. The State rejected the request to move to Yellow Level just yet. It was decided to allow the Commission Office to draft a letter requesting the shift from Orange Level to Yellow Level as of May 15th. Motion to authorize the Commission Office to draft a letter was made by Comm. Pearson, seconded by Comm. Whitney, and the vote was made unanimous.

Emergency CDBG Funding. Comm. Dalton discussed with the Commission the authorized charges allowed for COVID-19 application expenses that can be reimbursed for COVID-19 funding. This is the \$95,000 to be appropriated throughout Five Counties AOG for the purchases made due to the effects of COVID-19. It was the consensus of the Commission to authorize the application for COVID-19 expenditures through Five Counties AOG.

Break for Lunch

Justice Courts. Present were Judge Shad Bradshaw, Judge Jetta Robinson (Teleconference Call) & Judge Dennis Cox (Teleconference Call). Judge Cox reported via phone conference. Judge Cox discussed the functionality of his office during the Coronavirus, and the precautions they are observing. Commission discussed with the Judges any expenses they foresee that can be possibly pushed into the next year. All three Judges do not foresee any additional expenses this calendar year. Judge Robinson discussed the needs and function of her office during this COVID-19 time. Judge Bradshaw reported how his office is functioning.

Maintenance Department. Present was Darrel Davis, Maintenance Supervisor. Mr. Davis discussed with the Commission some expenses that may be rescheduled into another calendar year, one being the Muffin Monster Auger System that the State Water Quality has requested to be installed. It was decided to review the projects at a later time and see if it is possible to install at a later date.

Consider signing ENEL Green Power Grant Award. Present was Stephanie Laws, Commission Secretary. Commission discussed the possible signing of a Grant Award from ENEL Green Power Grant Award. Motion to authorize signature on Grant application upon review of Von Christiansen & Rob Pyles was made by Comm. Pearson, seconded by Comm. Whitney, and the vote was unanimous.

Commission Updates. Comm. Pearson updated on Fifth & Six County AOG briefing. Comm. Pearson spoke of the possible postponement of the Wild Horse & Burrow Summit. Comm. Pearson shared the plan with assisting the aging population with Grant money that has been received from ENEL. Comm. Whitney discussed the conservation fund work he is working on, this pertains to a Land & Water Use Conservation Fund. This will come before the WIR Board this coming Friday. Comm. Dalton discussed the volunteers used in the County and if the County opens the Museum to visitors. Comm. Whitney discussed the Multi-Use Event Center, this project has been permanently withdrawn from County consideration due to overall costs being prohibitive. The Commission expressed gratitude on the time and efforts the Task Force put forth to plan the possible event center, they appreciate everything they did in the planning process. This item will not be on the ballot in November.

Assessor's Office. Present was Trent Brown, County Assessor. Mr. Brown discussed a possible purchase of a drone to be used during COVID-19 period for assessing properties at a distance. Commission authorized the purchase of a drone to be used for assessing properties. Mr. Brown discussed the possible extension of the personal property deadline, it was decided to keep the deadline the same. Mr. Brown also discussed the issues with DMV and the increase in transactions through COVID-19.

Clerk/Auditor Department. Present was Ginger McMullin, County Clerk/Auditor. Ms. McMullin discussed the needs of the Clerk/Auditor's Office. The Clerk/Auditor's Office does not have an additional expenses in their office. Ms. McMullin discussed the staffing situation in the Clerk/Auditor's Office and the fact that the office is open daily to the public. Clerk staffing is alternating morning or afternoon, to reduce the exposure to COVID-19 prior to elections.

Attorney's Office/Victim Advocate. Present was Von Christiansen, County Attorney. Mr. Christiansen reported the Victim Advocate budget and will not have any additional capital outlay projects for this

budget year. Mr. Christiansen discussed the staffing in the Attorney's Office. The Attorney's Office is alternating staffing to protect from COVID-19 exposure.

Fair Budget. Present was Alison Webb, Fair Director. Ms. Webb discussed the status of other fairs around the State due to COVID-19 pandemic and the social gathering limits. Ms. Webb discussed the expenses and the deadlines to make decisions on this year's Fair, whether we keep on the same schedule, change the activities at the fair or postpone the fair for this year all together. It was decided to wait until the first meeting in June to make final decision whether to have the fair this year or postpone until next year.

Council on Aging. Present was Sheila Shotwell, Aging Services Director. Ms. Shotwell reported on her department and the expenses that may be postponed until the next calendar year. Ms. Shotwell spoke about postponing the COA Bus planned for CY2020 Budget. She talked of the meals and not seeing an increase in meals on wheels, prior to COVID-19 pandemic.

Extension Office. Present was Mark Nelson, County AG Agent. Mr. Nelson discussed the situation in the Extension Office, and spoke about the need for a projector, to replace the existing projector. Mr. Nelson discussed the plan for 4-H Camp for this coming June. Motion to authorize signature of nominated Conservation District members was made by, Comm. Pearson, seconded by Comm. Whitney, and the vote was made unanimous.

Road Department. Present was Cory Beebe, County Road Supervisor. Mr. Beebe discussed the projects proposed in his department. Mr. Beebe spoke of about some capital outlay that can be postponed until another budget year. Commission advised Mr. Beebe if he can locate a deal on an excavator, they authorized him to purchase the used equipment. Mr. Beebe talked about some road projects and some savings he has been able to capture, by way of materials. Mr. Beebe discussed the proposed acquisition of the Milford State Road Shed with some in-kind work to finish their new location. Mr. Beebe discussed the Indian Peaks Road and the maintenance on said road. It is the desire of the Road Department to increase to contribution the road maintenance receives from \$1200 to \$2000.

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. Pearson, seconded by Comm. Whitney, and the vote was made unanimous. Roll call vote Comm. Pearson "aye", Comm. Dalton "aye", Comm. Whitney "aye".

Closed session declared closed by Comm. Dalton.

No further business was discussed, meeting was adjourned.

