

MINUTES
WEBER COUNTY COMMISSION

Tuesday, January 30, 2018 - 10:00 a.m.
Commission Chambers, 2380 Washington Blvd., Ogden, Utah

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WEBER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS: James H. "Jim" Harvey, Kerry W. Gibson and James Ebert.

OTHER STAFF PRESENT: Christopher Crockett, Deputy County Attorney, and Fátima Fernelius, of the Clerk/Auditor's Office, who took minutes.

- A. WELCOME – Chair Harvey**
- B. MOMENT OF SILENCE**
- C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Jared Andersen**
- D. THOUGHT OF THE DAY – Commissioner Gibson**

E. PRESENTATION - WEBER COUNTY BUSINESS STUDY.

Matt Hilburn, Research & Marketing Vice President of edcUtah, reported on the in-depth process started about a year ago regarding the data/research to identify key characteristics of Weber County businesses, the primary barriers to growth, the county's value proposition to existing businesses and potential solutions that stakeholders can help solve. He stated that Weber County, compared to other Utah counties in economic development, does an excellent job. The process included edcUtah sending an online survey to all businesses in the county with a valid email address (1,153 businesses completed the survey) and statistical analysis to evaluate responses and create predictive models. There was a lesser response of construction/architectural/engineering companies and a greater sampling of professional/business service companies but a close distribution by industry. The findings, which he reported were quite normal, included that 44%-79% of the companies in the county would choose to expand within the county. The analysis included how the county is doing with the companies that want to remain here, where it is not scoring well with those that wish to leave and where the county would want to market/educate/make policy changes. The most important metrics to businesses was transportation services. The summary solutions of things to consider included a pro-business environment, arts/entertainment scene, affordability/cost of living, and ability to attract talent. Mr. Hilburn addressed the commissioners' questions.

F. CONSENT ITEMS:

- 1. Warrants #1334-1339 and #425019- 425310 in the amount of \$2,707,488.59.
- 2. Purchase orders in the amount of \$1,420,118.19.
- 3. Minutes for the meeting held on January 23, 2018.

Commissioner Gibson moved to approve the consent items; Commissioner Ebert seconded.
Commissioner Gibson – aye; Commissioner Ebert – aye; Chair Harvey - aye

G. ACTION ITEMS:

- 1. **RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO WEBER-MORGAN BOARD OF HEALTH – RESOLUTION 8-2018.**

Chair Harvey read the resolution that includes these WACOG and Health Board appointment recommendations.

Commissioner Gibson moved to adopt Resolution 8-2018 appointing Mayors Leonard Call and Lee Dickamore and reappointing Dave Holmstrom and Ken Johnson to the Weber-Morgan Board of Health with terms expiring 12/31/2020; Commissioner Ebert seconded.

Commissioner Gibson – aye; Commissioner Ebert – aye; Chair Harvey - aye

- 2. **CHANGE ORDER WITH STAKER PARSONS FOR RESTOCKING FEE INCURRED AS A RESULT OF CHANGES TO THE PLANS.**

Jared Andersen, County Engineer, explained that due to the pre-ordering of items for large projects such as this one a change order is typically needed.

Commissioner Ebert moved to approve the change order with Staker Parsons for restocking fee incurred as a result of changes to the plans; Commissioner Gibson seconded.

Commissioner Gibson – aye; Commissioner Ebert – aye; Chair Harvey - aye

- 3. **REDUCTION OF IMPACT FEES.**

Craig Browne, with County Building Inspection, stated that Wolf Creek Resort is building a new pro-shop on a 25-acre parcel, which makes the stormwater impact fee quite expensive and the resort requested a reduction. Mr. Browne listed other entities for which the county has reduced impact fees on large parcels when constructing new buildings and the parameters for granting that reduction.

Commissioner Gibson moved to approve the reduction of impact fees; Commissioner Ebert seconded.

Commissioner Gibson – aye; Commissioner Ebert – aye; Chair Harvey - aye

4. **RESOLUTION CREATING THE WEBER COUNTY VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE – RESOLUTION 9-2018.**

Commissioner Gibson recognized the veterans present and stated that as a community we owe veterans for their tremendous sacrifice and have a responsibility to support them. He outlined the advisory committee’s purpose, board composition, terms, etc. Veterans Terry Schow and Frank Maughan had approached him with this idea to put a structure in place to help understand their challenges and needs. Mr. Schow said that because of the George E. Wahlen Ogden Veterans Home, millions of dollars’ flow into Weber County and help the veterans and their families. Utah is below the national average in the percentage of veterans enrolled in the VA healthcare and for receiving compensation and pension for service-connected injuries, and that it is a constant quest to get the word out. Frank Maughan, of Pleasant View, said that Mr. Schow involved him in this process stating there is a problem—that veterans do not know what they do not know.

Commissioner Ebert moved to adopt Resolution 9-2018 creating the Weber County Veterans Advisory Committee; Commissioner Gibson seconded.

Commissioner Gibson – aye; Commissioner Ebert – aye; Chair Harvey - aye

5. **CONTRACT WITH WEBER COUNTY DAIRY DAYS TO HOLD THE 2018 WEBER COUNTY DAIRY DAYS AT THE GOLDEN SPIKE EVENT CENTER.**

6. **CONTRACT WITH UTAH QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION TO HOLD THE 2018 FLAT TRACK RACES AT THE GOLDEN SPIKE EVENT CENTER (GSEC).**

Duncan Olsen, with the GSEC, presented these contracts. He outlined future events coming to the GSEC.

Commissioner Ebert moved to approve the contracts with Weber County Dairy Days to hold the 2018 Weber County Dairy Days and with the Utah Quarter Horse Racing Association to hold the 2018 Flat Track Races at the Golden Spike Event Center; Commissioner Gibson seconded.

Commissioner Gibson – aye; Commissioner Ebert – aye; Chair Harvey - aye

4. **RESOLUTION APPROVING WEBER AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS RECOMMENDATION OF TOBY MILESKI AS NEW REPRESENTATIVE ON UTAH TRANSIT AUTHORITY'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES – RESOLUTION 10-2018.**

Commissioner Ebert noted that this item was discussed last week and State statutes have been met. He said that the majority of mayors have signed the joint agreement.

Commissioner Ebert moved to adopt Resolution 10-2018 approving the Weber Area Council of Governments recommendation of Toby Mileski as the new representative on Utah Transit Authority's Board of Trustees; Commissioner Gibson seconded.

Commissioner Gibson – aye; Commissioner Ebert – aye; Chair Harvey - aye

H. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Lori Brinkerhoff, of the Hooper City, said that jobs of the future do not currently exist and that farms are diminishing. She encouraged cities/counties to work together and the UTA restructuring, expressed support for today’s adopted resolutions, and spoke of being in the public eye and the controversy that can arise from it.

Shelly Halacy loves living in Weber County, appreciates that Weber Center dedicates a hallway to showcase the arts, and is grateful for these three commissioners who genuinely care about our community and thanked them.

Toby Mileski, of Pleasant View, thanked the Commission for the appointment to the UTA board.

Commissioner Gibson referred to public comments in Commission meetings and requested that Chair Harvey, as the chair, research what is appropriate for the commissioners to respond to. He spoke of some mindsets about agriculture stating that it is not any less important because it has been around a long time but rather is a changing industry and is more important than ever.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Ebert moved to adjourn at 11:40 a.m.; Commissioner Gibson seconded.

Commissioner Gibson – aye; Commissioner Ebert – aye; Chair Harvey – aye

Attest:

James H. “Jim” Harvey, Chair
Weber County Commission

Ricky D. Hatch, CPA
Weber County Clerk/Auditor