

**MINUTES  
OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WEBER COUNTY**

Tuesday, January 27, 2015 - 10:00 a.m.

Commission Chambers, 2380 Washington Blvd., Ogden, Utah

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**COMMISSIONERS:** Kerry W. Gibson, Chair, Matthew G Bell and James Ebert.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Ricky D. Hatch, County Clerk/Auditor; Chris Allred, County Attorney; Fátima Fernelius, of the Clerk/Auditor’s Office, who took minutes.

- A. WELCOME** – Chair Gibson
- B. INVOCATION** – Sylvia Salisbury
- C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Chad Meyerhoffer
- D. THOUGHT OF THE DAY** – Chair Gibson

**E. CONSENT ITEMS:**

- 1. Purchase orders for \$190,156.72
- 2. Warrants #317553 - #317758 for \$2,012,354.83
- 3. Minutes for the meeting held on January 20, 2014
- 4. Surplus an Age ID Band Machine from Weber County Recreation Facilities
- 5. Surplus five cash registers from Weber County Recreation Facilities
- 6. Set public hearing for February 17, 2015, 10 a.m., on a request to amend the County Land Use Code Title 110 (Signs) Chapter 1(Western Weber Signs) & Title 104, Chapter 25 (M-3 Zone), by increasing the size of Identification Signs in the M-3 Zone from 8 square feet to 20 square feet
- 7. Retirement Agreements with the following:
  - Thomas L. Hadley – Contract C2015-18
  - Wes Barfuss – Contract C2015-19
  - Michelle Singleton – Contract C2015-20
  - Debra Ann Beus Conely – Contract C2015-21
  - Ernest D. Rowley – Contract C2015-22
  - Kelly S. Hipwell – Contrac
  - Jan M. Zogmaister – Contract C2015-24
  - Dee W. Smith – Contract C2015-25

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

**F. ACTION ITEMS:**

- 1. **RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO TOURISM TAX ADVISORY BOARD (TTAB) – RESOLUTION 15-2015**

Todd Ferrario, with TTAB, gave an overview of this Board’s duties including that the members make recommendations to the Commission on the direction and future needs relating to tourism in our county and have \$20,000 (grant money) to seed new, smaller events. The Board created four different groups last year to address different parts of the county. He outlined the Board’s appointment recommendations.

Commissioner Ebert moved to adopt Resolution 15-2015 reappointing Mike Fenton, Kym Buttschardt and Todd Ferrario and appointing Will Shafer to the Tourism Tax Advisory Board pending the appropriate terms according to the by-laws with terms [beginning immediately and continuing through 12/31/2018]; Commissioner Bell seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Bell ..... aye  
Commissioner Ebert ..... aye  
Chair Gibson..... aye

**2. RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE WEBER COUNTY AUDIT COMMITTEE – RESOLUTION 16-2015**

Commissioner Ebert noted that the Committee recommends Matt Taggart. Ricky Hatch, Committee member, stated that Mr. Taggart serves as a manager with Eide Bailly (a fairly large local accounting firm), has great expertise in his field and is very involved in the community.

Commissioner Ebert moved to adopt Resolution 16-2015 appointing Matt Taggart to the Weber County Audit Committee with a term from 1/1/2015 – 12/31/2016; Commissioner Bell seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Bell ..... aye  
Commissioner Ebert ..... aye  
Chair Gibson..... aye

**3. CONTRACT WITH WEST HAVEN CITY TO FUND CAPACITY AND SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS FOR 4700 WEST IN WEST HAVEN CITY – CONTRACT C2015-26**

Douglas Larsen, Weber County Economic Development Partnership Director, stated that this is a standard transportation funding agreement administered by WACOG and the County Commission. It was part of the 2014 cycle of approved projects and will make improvements to 4700 W. from 4200 S. to 4800 S. to complete a major north-south corridor through West Haven, Roy, Hooper, and unincorporated Weber County. It will create a needed collector street for the area that is currently disconnected from 4600 S. to 4800 S. The project total is about \$3.9 million, and the improvements from 4600 S to 4800 S are \$1.38 million. The City plans to contribute \$200,000 towards the improvements and have garnered an additional \$2.5 million from Wasatch Front Regional Council. Local funds will be in the amount of \$80,000 from the quarter preservation fund and \$1.1 million from the third quarter cent sales tax.

Commissioner Bell moved to approve Contract C2015-26 with West Haven City to fund capacity and safety improvements for 4700 W. in West Haven City; Commissioner Ebert seconded.

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

**4. FINAL APPROVAL OF THE RETREAT AT WOLF CREEK A CLUSTER SUBDIVISION PHASES 2 & 3 WITH A FINANCIAL GUARANTEE FOR \$150,516.49 (PHASE 2-\$71,150.71, PHASE 3-\$79,365.78). THE FUNDS ARE HELD IN THE ENGINEERING ESCROW ACCOUNT.**

Jim Gentry, with the County Planning Division, stated that Phase 2 has 11 lots and Phase 3 has 16 lots. Most improvements are installed and this is more of a guarantee of improvements. The Planning Commission unanimously recommends final approval.

Commissioner Bell moved to grant final approval of The Retreat at Wolf Creek a Cluster Subdivision Phases 2 & 3 with a financial guarantee for \$150,516.49 Commissioner Ebert seconded.

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

**G. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Douglas Hansen, of West Weber, provided the Commission with a handout that included a map of the lower Weber River where it enters Ogden Bay. He spoke at Commission meeting last week and has since done more research. He said that a couple of years ago he had been informed that part of the flood control project was to improve the headgates at the Weber River’s South, Middle and North Forks. He found out this past week that a lot of work has been done on the South Fork and the others were improved but nothing was done structurally to the headgates. The south branch of South Fork carries little water, yet it has been the most improved. The other two forks carry a lot of water from the Weber River but the areas are still very narrow and when the Spring high water comes, these two branches are essentially dammed off. The dike put in the late 1960’s to push the water from the Middle and North Forks to the south did not work well and ditches were put in on the east and west sides of the dike, but this backs up/slows down the river, and the water at the bottom of the river flows more slowly and drops the silt which it is carrying, and slowly builds up the bottom and reduces the river’s capacity. He used a couple

of online services, including Auburn University and engineering.com, and, using the best information available, calculated that if the river was allowed to flow and clean itself, it would be better able to handle flood waters. If the river was allowed to flow naturally, and it could remove just one foot of silt from the bottom channel, which is about 40 feet (ft.) wide, it would provide 836 cubic ft./second additional water flow and over time it would substantially improve the river's capacity.

Mr. Hansen feels that the highest priority should be at the Middle Fork and the headgates need to be increased to more closely match the width of the river so that it will rush through the area and naturally help dredge itself. One of the proposed flood control projects to dredge a portion of the lower river would be very costly. This solution would be much less expensive and the river could "fix" itself naturally. However, it needs additional headgates at the end of the Middle Fork where the dike is and the majority of the river water flows.

Additionally, he had measured the existing waterway through his property and estimates that if the water goes through at 8.5 ft./second, which is about 5.8 miles per hour, its capacity would be over 1,011 cubic ft./second. The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) estimated the water flow through that waterway during flood at 15 mph. According to his calculations, the 30 ft. wide X 8 ft. deep concrete structure being put in will carry as a minimum over 3,000 ft./second, thus this is a huge structure exceeding the needed capacity of 1,000 ft./second, which is the county's objective. He asked that recalculations be done to find out how County Engineering obtained its information. He emphasized that the Weber River needs to fix itself, which would eliminate a large portion of the costs of the concrete canal and its significant detrimental impacts to his family and others' farming operations.

**H. ASSIGN PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & THOUGHT OF THE DAY FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2015, 10 A.M.**

**I. ADJOURN**

Commissioner Bell moved to adjourn at 10:50 am; Commissioner Ebert seconded.  
Commissioner Bell – aye; Commissioner Ebert – aye; Chair Gibson - aye

Attest:

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Kerry W. Gibson, Chair  
Weber County Commission

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Ricky D. Hatch, CPA  
Weber County Clerk/Auditor