

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

Tuesday, April 16, 2013 - 10:00 a.m.
2380 Washington Blvd., Ogden, Utah

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COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Kerry W. Gibson, Chair, Jan M. Zogmaister, and Matt G Bell.

OTHERS PRESENT: Ricky D. Hatch, County Clerk/Auditor; David C. Wilson, Deputy County Attorney; and Fátima Fernelius, of the Clerk/Auditor’s Office, who took minutes.

- A. **WELCOME** - Chair Gibson
- B. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - Ben Hatfield
- C. **THOUGHT OF THE DAY** - Commissioner Zogmaister

D. CONSENT ITEMS:

- 1. Purchase Orders for \$112,150.31
- 2. Warrants #296718 - #296908 for \$2,181,675.28
- 3. Minutes for the meeting held on April 9, 2013
- 4. Surplus a Sharp Copy Machine from the Weber Morgan Narcotics Strike Force
Commissioner Zogmaister moved to approve the consent items; Commissioner Bell seconded, all voting aye.

E. ACTION ITEMS:

- 1. **PRESENTATION AND RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE 2012-2013 WEBER STATE UNIVERSITY MEN’S BASKETBALL TEAM AND COACHES – RESOLUTION 9-2013**

Chair Gibson welcomed the team and coaches. He read the resolution extending the Commission’s gratitude and appreciation for the team’s outstanding achievements, athleticism, and sportsmanship. Commissioner Bell moved to adopt Resolution 9-2013 recognizing the outstanding achievements of the 2012-2013 Weber State University men’s basketball team and coaches; Commissioner Zogmaister seconded.

Roll call vote:

Commissioner Bellaye
Commissioner Zogmaister.....aye
Chair Gibson.....aye

- 2. **CONTRACT WITH LEAVITT’S MORTUARY - INDIGENT CREMATION SERVICES – CONTRACT C2013-131**

Annette Jacobs, County Purchasing, stated that a Request for Proposal was issued and Leavitt’s was the low bidder at \$325/cremation.

Commissioner Zogmaister moved to approve Contract C2013-131 with Leavitt’s Mortuary for indigent cremation services; Commissioner Bell seconded, all voting aye.

- 3. **PRESENTATION AND RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TRANSFER OF PUBLIC LANDS ACT (HB148 2012) – RESOLUTION 10-2013**

Representative Ken Ivory showed a slide presentation. At statehood the federal government promised all states that it would transfer title to the public lands within the newly created states and the U.S. Supreme Court has called these promises bilateral agreements that must be handled timely, however, Utah and other western states are still waiting for the federal government to follow through.

Federally controlled public lands prevent states from generating tax revenues to educate their children, growing their economies, and managing their abundant natural resources. The federal government controls nearly 65% of Utah's lands.

In the 2012 session, the Utah Legislature passed by super-majorities the Transfer of Public Lands Act and Joint Resolution on Federal Transfer of Public Lands to establish a deadline for the orderly transfer of public lands to the State. Representative Ivory spoke of the need to build leverage together as counties in moving forward in this effort stating that the structure of the American Lands Council focuses on the county as the principal organizing unit. He just returned from Colorado, and just like here, the roads are being closed, hunting, fishing, and recreation accesses are being shut down, access to School Trust Lands is being shut down, and people are losing jobs by the month with the federal policies. He introduced Kane County Commissioner Doug Heaton, and Commissioner Demar Dahl, of Elko County, Nevada, founders of American Lands Council.

Commissioner Dahl stated that the American Lands Council started last May and substantial efforts are underway in eight states because states want their resources, not government money. He encouraged the Commission to be part of this effort.

Commissioner Heaton spoke of the need for intervention in this matter. He finds that there is a great deal of enthusiasm, even east of Colorado because they, too, are being oppressed by the federal government agencies, and there is a lot of support by the eastern states.

Burt Smith has a ranch in Nevada and stated that over 35 years ago he became aware of this terrible condition because of unbearable treatment by the BLM and the U.S. Forest Service. He expressed his support in this effort and encouraged the Commission's support.

Commissioner Bell moved to adopt Resolution 10-2013 supporting the implementation of the Transfer of Public Lands Act (HB148 2012); Commissioner Zogmaister seconded. Chair Gibson thanked those involved in this important issue, which he supports.

Roll call vote:

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| Commissioner Bell | aye |
| Commissioner Zogmaister..... | aye |
| Chair Gibson..... | aye |

F. ASSIGN PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & THOUGHT OF THE DAY FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2013, 10 A.M.

G. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Grant Gerber, Attorney and County Commissioner in Elko, Nevada, stated that he has been involved with American Lands Council from the beginning. He thanked the Commission for their support.

H. ADJOURN

Commissioner Bell moved to adjourn at 11:06 a.m.; Commissioner Zogmaister seconded, all voting aye.

Attest:

Kerry W. Gibson, Chair
Weber County Commission

Ricky D. Hatch, CPA
Weber County Clerk/Auditor