

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

Tuesday, December 17, 2013 - 10:00 a.m.

Commission Chambers, 2380 Washington Blvd., Ogden, Utah

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

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

A. WELCOME – Chair Gibson

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – David Wilson

C. THOUGHT OF THE DAY – Commissioner Bell

D. PRESENTATION OF GOLDEN SEAL OF SERVICE AWARD TO GARY KIMBER OF THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Chair Gibson read the nomination submitted by Mr. Kimber's peers that spoke highly of his character and work ethic. John Ulibari, County Assessor, echoed the sentiments and added that Mr. Kimber epitomizes the employee that the county desires. Mr. Kimber was presented with a plaque and \$100 for his excellent customer service.

E. CONSENT ITEMS:

1. Purchase Orders for \$193,024.55
2. Warrants #304491-#304730 for \$1,757,456.41
3. Minutes for the meeting held on November 10, 2013
4. Severance Benefit Agreement with Rob Scott – Contract C2013-288.1
5. Set public hearing for January 7, 2014, 10 a.m., to consider vacating any general public interest in private road at Powder Mountain Ski Resort, recorded on 11/24/1982 in Plat Book 24, Pages 80, 81 and 82
6. Set public hearing for January 7, 2014, 10 a.m., to consider vacating the "Buildable Area" designation from Lot 5 of River Ranch

Commissioner Bell moved to approve the consent items, holding the minutes; Commissioner Zogmaister seconded, all voting aye.

F. ACTION ITEMS:

8. **CONTRACTS WITH ACORN ANTIQUE PRODUCTIONS FOR THE ACORN ANTIQUES SHOW & SALES TO BE HELD AT THE GOLDEN SPIKE EVENT CENTER (GSEC):** Contract C2013-288, 2/15 & 16/2014; Contract C2013-289, 5/10 & 11/2014; Contract C2013-290, 11/1 & 2/2014

Jim Harvey, with GSEC, presented these contracts.

Commissioner Bell moved to approve Contracts C2013-288 - 290 with Acorn Antique Productions for the Acorn Antiques Show & Sales to be held at the Golden Spike Event Center as listed; Commissioner Zogmaister seconded, all voting aye.

9. **CONTRACTS WITH THE UTAH GUN COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION TO HAVE THE GUN SHOW & SALES AT THE GOLDEN SPIKE EVENT CENTER (GSEC):** Contract C2013-291, 1/11 & 12/2014; Contract C2013-292, 3/8 & 9/2014; Contract C2013-293, 10/11 & 12/2014

Jim Harvey, with GSEC, presented these contracts.

Commissioner Zogmaister moved to approve Contracts C2013-291 - 293 with the Utah Gun Collectors Association to have the Gun Show & Sales at the Golden Spike Event Center as listed; Commissioner Bell seconded, all voting aye.

10. CONTRACT WITH WASATCH SLOPES/BEEHIVE/SKYLINE/BEAR RIVER/GOLDEN SPIKE/NEBO CHARIOT RACING ASSOCIATIONS TO HOLD THE 2013-2014 CHARIOT RACING SEASON AT THE GOLDEN SPIKE EVENT CENTER – CONTRACT C2013-294

Jim Harvey, with GSEC, presented this contract.

Commissioner Bell moved to approve Contract C2013-294 with Wasatch Slopes/Beehive/Skyline/Bear River/Golden Spike/Nebo Chariot Racing Associations to hold the 2013-2014 Chariot Racing Season at the Golden Spike Event Center; Commissioner Zogmaister seconded, all voting aye.

11. CONTRACT WITH TRADER’S ROW FOR VENDING SPACE AT FORT BUENAVENTURA–CONTRACT C2013-295

Jennifer Graham, County Recreation Facilities Director, presented this contract renewal.

Commissioner Zogmaister moved to approve Contract C2013-295 with Trader’s Row for vending space at Fort Buenaventura; Commissioner Bell seconded, all voting aye.

12. CONTRACT WITH UTAH NORDIC ALLIANCE/OGDEN NORDIC FOR NORDIC GROOMING AT THE NORTH FORK PARK – CONTRACT C2013-296

Jennifer Graham, County Recreation Facilities Director, presented this contract renewal.

Commissioner Bell moved to approve Contract C2013-296 with Utah Nordic Alliance/Ogden Nordic for Nordic Grooming at the North Fork Park; Commissioner Zogmaister seconded, all voting aye.

1. APPROVE THE OFFICIAL VOTING MAP OF WEBER COUNTY - 2014

Jennifer Morrell, County Elections Director, stated that there were three successful elections this year, which is unprecedented. Boundaries for three voting precincts have been altered due to annexations.

Commissioner Bell moved to approve the 2014 official voting map of Weber County; Commissioner Zogmaister seconded, all voting aye.

2. ADD COMMUNITY BLOCK GRANT PROJECT TO COUNTY’S CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR 2014-2018

Chad Meyerhoffer, with County Engineering, stated that Weber Housing Authority requested the county to sponsor them for down-payment assistance for first-time homebuyers and for emergency rental assistance programs. A proposed county project is to install ADA compliant sidewalk curb ramps at the Wheat Ridge Subdivision. Additional needs include stormwater flood control, ADA standards/upgrades, pedestrian facilities around schools, upgrades at Weber Memorial Park and the North Fork Park Water Systems and implementing a program to assist low income or families at risk.

Commissioner Zogmaister moved to add the Community Block Grant project to Weber County’s Capital Improvements for 2014-2018; Commissioner Bell seconded, all voting aye.

3. FINAL APPROVAL OF THE SUMMIT AT SKI LAKE NO. 12, INCLUDING A \$402,301.20 ESCROW FOR SUBDIVISION IMPROVEMENTS – CONTRACT C2013-297

Sean Wilkinson, with the County Planning Division, stated that the Summit at Ski Lake was preliminarily approved in 1999. This is the 12th phase (consisting of 6 lots) of 13 phases. Lot 45 is restricted, all roads are private and there is an agreement with the County Commission that gives the developer until 1/22/2016 to complete all phases or the zoning reverts to the 3-acre zoning. All review agency requirements have been completed.

Commissioner Bell moved to approve Contract C2013-297, Subdivision Improvement Agreement, and to grant final approval of the Summit at Ski Lake No. 12, including a \$402,301.20 escrow for subdivision improvements; Commissioner Zogmaister seconded, all voting aye.

4. INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH NORTH OGDEN CITY FOR THEIR ABILITY TO PROCESS LAND USE APPLICATIONS, SITE PLAN, SUBDIVISION AND BUILDING PERMITS ACTING ON BEHALF OF WEBER COUNTY ON A PARCEL OF LAND THAT IS CURRENTLY IN UNINCORPORATED WEBER COUNTY, APPROXIMATELY 130 EAST PLEASANT VIEW DRIVE – CONTRACT C2013-298

Rob Scott, County Planning Division Director, stated that North Ogden is pursuing development of a public works facility. This agreement is for that parcel, which they are in the process of annexing and wish to move forward with land use approvals. There is no financial obligation to the county. Ron Chandler, City Manager, stated that this only affects the city’s property and that the new administration is onboard with this action.

Commissioner Bell moved to approve Contract C2013-298, Interlocal Agreement with North Ogden City to process land use applications, site plan, subdivision and building permits acting on behalf of Weber County on a parcel of land that is currently in unincorporated Weber County, approximately 130 East Pleasant View Drive; Commissioner Zogmaister seconded, all voting aye.

5. INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING DEPARTMENT TO CONDUCT A DESIGN CHARRETTE WITHIN THE OGDEN VALLEY – CONTRACT C2013-299

Rob Scott, County Planning Division Director, noted that on 9/6/2013 a joint work session was held to discuss developing plans for the Ogden Valley node/Village Center project. It was discussed in that meeting to move forward with this project, which is to work with Utah State University students in developing a design charrette. The cost is \$3,500.

Commissioner Bell moved to approve Contract C2013-299, Interlocal Agreement with Utah State University, Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning Department to conduct a design charrette within the Ogden Valley; Commissioner Zogmaister seconded, all voting aye.

6. RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO ROY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT – RESOLUTION 36-2013

Brooke Stewart, of the County Commission Office, stated that the application process was followed according to statute. One application was received. This is a 4-year term from 1/1/2014 to 1/1/2018. Rodney Banks, new General Manager, introduced himself and outlined the board’s membership. Jay Cottle feels blessed to give service.

Commissioner Bell moved to adopt Resolution 36-2013 appointing Jay L. Cottle to the Roy Water Conservancy District; Commissioner Zogmaister seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

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

7. RESOLUTION APPROVING/AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A 6TH AMENDED INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF UTAH COUNTIES INDEMNITY POOL RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT, FUNDING & OPERATION OF UCIP – CONTRACT C2013-300, RESOLUTION 37-2013

David Wilson, Deputy County Attorney, stated that this is to bring the existing interlocal agreement into compliance with State Code, such as nomenclature, and it adds a 13th member to the board.

Commissioner Zogmaister moved to adopt Resolution 37-2013 approving Contract C2013-300 approving/authorizing the execution of a sixth amended Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with other members of Utah Counties Indemnity Pool relating to the establishment, funding and operation of the Utah Counties Indemnity Pool; Commissioner Bell seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

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

13. CONTRACT WITH ZION’S BANK PUBLIC FINANCE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES FOR SUMMIT MOUNTAIN SPECIAL ASSESSMENT AREA – CONTRACT C2013-301

Dan Olsen, County Comptroller, noted that special assessment bonds were issued in 9/2013. The owners of this Special Assessment Area have agreed to repay the debt over 20 years through an assessment on their properties. The expected build out is well over 500 units. Managing the Special Assessment Area administrative requirements will become burdensome and Zion’s Bank will fulfill the tasks, which includes sending out bills to property owners, collecting payments, and notifying the county of any defaults. The contract is for \$30,000/year. The county does not pay tax dollars toward this agreement (the administrative fee is included on the property owners’ assessment bill and paid by them).

Commissioner Zogmaister moved to approve Contract C2013-301 with Zion’s Bank Public Finance for administrative services for Summit Mountain Special Assessment Area; Commissioner Bell seconded, all voting aye.

14. RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING JOE RITCHIE AND KIM DOHRER TO THE WEBER HUMAN SERVICES GOVERNING BOARD – RESOLUTION 38-2013

15. RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF ELIZABETH LATER TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF WEBER HUMAN SERVICES – RESOLUTION 39-2013

David Wilson, Deputy County Attorney, presented these two items together. He noted that this board, an interlocal entity between Weber and Morgan counties, was created in 1992. It provides mental health services, substance abuse services and aging services. The board consists of the three Weber County commissioners, two Morgan County council members, and three citizens and at the last board meeting they discussed the possibility of short-circuiting the current cumbersome appointment process for the citizen appointments. They recommended that Mr. Ritchie and Ms. Dohrer be reappointed. Commissioner Zogmaister said that they are serving very well. Mr. Wilson noted that Ms. Later will be appointed to a 4-year term, Mr. Ritchie to a 2-year term and Ms. Dohrer to a 3-year term, which will get them on the yearly expiration schedule.

Commissioner Zogmaister moved to adopt Resolution 38-2013 reappointing Joe Ritchie and Kim Dohrer to the Weber Human Services Governing Board; Commissioner Bell seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Commissioner Bell moved to adopt Resolution 39-2013 confirming the appointment of Elizabeth Later to the Board of Directors of Weber Human Services; Commissioner Zogmaister seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

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

16. CONTRACT WITH GARY BARR TO PROVIDE LEGAL REPRESENTATION TO INDIGENT PERSONS IN THE SECOND DISTRICT COURT WHEN APPOINTED BY THE COURT – CONTRACT C2013-302

17. CONTRACT WITH JASON RICHARDS TO PROVIDE LEGAL REPRESENTATION TO INDIGENT PERSONS IN THE SECOND DISTRICT JUVENILE COURT WHEN APPOINTED BY THE COURT – CONTRACT C2013-303

David Wilson, Deputy County Attorney, presented these two items together. Mr. Barr will be working for Davis County part time and will keep a half contract with Weber County. Mr. Richards will now be working a full contract with Weber County.

Commissioner Bell moved to approve Contract C2013-302 with Gary Barr to provide legal representation to indigent persons in the Second District Court and Contract C2013-303 with Jason Richards to provide legal representation to indigent persons in the Second District Juvenile Court when appointed by the courts; Commissioner Zogmaister seconded, all voting aye.

18. RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING DR. FRANK BROWN TO THE WEBER MORGAN BOARD OF HEALTH – RESOLUTION 40-2013

Commissioner Bell said that Dr. Brown is very knowledgeable and does a great job.

Commissioner Bell moved to adopt Resolution 40-2013 reappointing Dr. Frank Brown to the Weber Morgan Board of Health; Commissioner Zogmaister seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

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

G. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. Commissioner Zogmaister moved to adjourn the public meeting and convene the public hearings; Commissioner Bell seconded, all voting aye.

2. **PUBLIC HEARING ON A REQUEST (ZTA 2013-07) TO AMEND TITLE 104 (ZONES), CHAPTER 9 (FORESTRY ZONES F-5, F-10, AND F-40) OF THE WEBER COUNTY LAND USE CODE BY ADDING AGRITOURISM TO THE LIST OF CONDITIONAL USES ALLOWED IN THE FOREST-5 (F-5) ZONE**

Scott Mendoza, of the County Planning Division, stated that the applicant, Mr. Dailey, requested adding agri-tourism to conditional uses in the F-5 Zone because it has a lot of agricultural activities and scenic open space. The Planning staff and the Ogden Valley Planning Commission recommend approval. Commissioner Zogmaister had met with Mr. Dailey and said that this proposal makes sense and omitting this zone when the ordinance was adopted may have been an oversight.

3. **AMENDMENTS TO THE OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS OF WEBER COUNTY FOR THE 2013 CALENDAR YEAR**

Dan Olsen, County Comptroller, gave highlights of budget adjustments that have occurred throughout the year, including these within the General Fund: the addition of 3 employee positions, the accounting of by-mail election costs, changing the accounting method for Engineering costs provided to the unincorporated area, the additional contract for the Jail from the State Juvenile Court, and providing \$1.3 million to purchase land near the Jail. Other adjustments include: Library projects started in 2012 but carried into 2013, the Health Department’s receipt of numerous grants, the Municipal Services Fund accounted for a federal flood grant to reimburse the Roads Department, purchasing a grader for the Roads Department; creating a new Debt Service Fund for Special Assessment bonds, issuing bonds for the Library, adjusting the Public Works budget to account for the costs associated with the Summit Mountain Special Assessment Area project, accounting for the cost of design for the Library phase 1 project, accounting for a couple of RAMP grants for the Golden Spike Event Center and Parks, final adjustment for the Ice Sheet expansion, and several RAMP grants awarded in prior years that were paid out this year.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

Linda Pipkin, of North Ogden, asked the commissioners to slow down on the library projects and be fiscally responsible with the citizens’ money, that we all have to tighten our spending.

5. Commissioner Bell moved to adjourn the public hearings and reconvene the public meeting; Commissioner Zogmaister Bell seconded, all voting aye.

H. ACTION ON PUBLIC HEARINGS:

G.2.-AMEND TITLE 104 - ADDING AGRI-TOURISM TO THE LIST OF CONDITIONAL USES IN THE FOREST-5 (F-5) ZONE – ORDINANCE 2013-33

Commissioner Zogmaister moved to adopt Ordinance 2013-33 amending Title 104, Land Use Code, Chapter 9, by adding Agri-Tourism to the list of Conditional Uses in the Forest-5 (F-5) Zone; Commissioner Bell seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

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

G.3-AMENDMENTS TO THE OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS OF WEBER COUNTY FOR THE 2013 CALENDAR YEAR – RESOLUTION 41-2013

Commissioner Bell moved to adopt Resolution 41-2013, amendments to the Operating and Capital budgets of Weber County for the 2013 calendar year; Commissioner Zogmaister seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

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

K. PUBLIC COMMENTS: (All spoke regarding the resolution supporting the convention-primary System)

Linda Pipkin, of North Ogden, spoke against the “Count My Vote” ballot initiative petition stating that under the current convention-primary system she has a voice, can participate and is able to stay in touch with her elected officials who listen to her. If we lose this system, they will not listen to her any longer but will be listening to the lobbyists who can give them the money that they need because the way they will succeed is through spending big money in the media to come into our homes. She is in favor of keeping our current system.

Bruce Anderson spoke of accountability, which is mentioned in the resolution. He noted that at one time he and a few others saw what appeared to be corruption or poor judgment and they printed 5,000 leaflets and passed them out at State Convention. This made a difference in the State of Utah on a national election. This is the kind of difference that citizens can have in Utah, which is very unique and we do not want the California or Chicago way of handling elections. He expressed concerns with the proposed system of a direct primary in that a person could be a nominee with much less than 50% of the vote. He referred to a function where there was a request for \$25 donation for the food and present were U.S. senators and congressman, State Governor, Lt. Governor, and all local elected officials. A New York reporter stated that this would not happen in other states, that for this type of access to elected officials one may have to pay \$25,000 each. He appreciates the type of access we have to our elected officials. He expressed appreciation to the commissioners for putting this item on the agenda and requested their support for this resolution.

Dan Deuel thanked the Commission for placing the resolution on the agenda stating that what makes America great has been the fact that every adult has been eligible to run for office but the initiative presents a barrier to someone being able to get on the ballot. In America there is supposed to be no barriers to this—whether one is rich or poor, known in political circles or not. The initiative for state-wide and local races would require a candidate to obtain 13,000 signatures just to get on a ballot (but the convention-primary system preserves it). One would need to have a significant amount of money, the ability to hire/recruit volunteers or employees to obtain those signatures, and this is just to get started. It would prevent regular people from getting in front of candidates once they are on the ballot because they will be interested in wooing those who can help them raise money to obtain those 13,000 signatures. He asked the Commission to support this resolution to preserve our caucus-convention system and the great American way.

James Humphreys, of Ogden, expressed thanks for putting this item on the agenda. He stated that taking a stand is critical because every resident of the county will be negatively affected by any changes to the current nominating process. The races would be affected from a financial, ideology and general human services aspects. Any change that has potential to increase the costs should be weighted heavily. Accountability is critically important. Currently, in Utah there is an effort to balance giving of money and time, which creates a unique situation and that Utah is the envy of the country. Others want our unemployment rate, our diversity in economic base, and to understand how Utah comes up with policy. Utah determines policy with good candidates who have been thoroughly vetted by the broadest range of people as possible. He thanked the Commission's willingness to consider taking a stand to preserve this.

Noall Knighton, Weber County Republican Party Chair, spoke in favor of the resolution stating that Utah produces outcomes in our political system that is different than other states, that we are the best managed state, the best state to live in, the best state for business—continually ranked high in those areas—and that the process of how we elect officials and how they are held accountable is very important to those outcomes. Currently candidates and politicians are accountable to delegates, which is significant. We have the best result, which is worth keeping the current system.

Loretta Supe, of North Ogden City, supports the resolution and is adamant about protecting the current system, which works well. She referred to the last caucus and her ability to participate and serve.

Janice Christensen, of North Ogden, expressed appreciation for the previous comments and to the Commission for putting forth this resolution. She said that those attempting to change our electoral system were initially required to have public meetings before proceeding with their petition. She attended a meeting in Salt Lake City and of significance to her was the number of people who have lived in various states and who said that we have no idea of the value of our current system, how restricted their access to elected officials is, how distant they are from any eventual candidate and how money plays a huge role because they have to be able to advertise. She said that these remarks were consistent. She finds that Utah is envied by the nation, that we are considered one of the most fiscally responsible state and she believes we go back to our grass roots and the people who become our candidates are known well by those who support them, they are not just a distant person to whom money is contributed for their candidacy—that the current system is the core of our success. She stated that it behooves each of us to educate those around us not to sign the petition because those collecting signatures are saying that by signing it their vote will count when in fact the opposite is true.

Justin Fawson, North Ogden City council member, voiced his support of the resolution. He stated that the previous comments are valid and that he agrees with them.

James Ebert, of Farr West, expressed appreciation for the previous comments. One of his concerns is that if the caucus system is eliminated it reduces the number of the regular citizenry that will be a part of the election process. He asked each commissioner to give their opinions on this issue.

Laura Warbuton, of Huntsville, thanked the Commission for considering this resolution. She appreciates the caucus process, which gives someone like her a voice. She has studied this initiative and is extremely disappointed because it is also a power grab to centralize power for a small group. The caucus process allows her and other citizens to be in front of elected officials and look them in the eye and ask questions. In campaigns, focus groups put together certain phrases to catch people's attention and people are subject to hundreds of commercials repeating rhetoric. She said that we are controlled and told what to believe through sound bites. She said that the "Count My Vote" would be using more money to run their primary campaign. She cautioned people to be careful and strongly requested adopting this resolution against this very deceptive initiative.

Shayne Pearce, of Ogden, agreed with the previous comments. He read it and after due diligence, finds that the current caucus system is superior and that we should stay with it.

I. ACTION ITEMS CONTINUED:

1. RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CONVENTION-PRIMARY SYSTEM OF SELECTING CANDIDATES FOR POLITICAL OFFICE – RESOLUTION 42-2013

Chair Gibson expressed gratitude for our constitutional republic, a well thought-out form of government, which has been the model for all that want to be successful. We hear repeatedly that Utah is the best managed state in the nation, the best place to live and do business, we balance our budgets every year, etc., which is a clear reflection of the way we nominate candidates. He asked how people could be well informed with 100+ people on a primary ballot—except that they would vote for those who have money and are known in the media. Utah’s convention-primary system is a great hybrid if we believe that there should be less opportunity for money to influence elections. It is a grassroots political involvement system. The current system allows people to participate at their level of choice.

Commissioner Bell said that we constantly hear our elected officials state how great Utah is, and changing the system is where we would get into trouble. He is concerned that under the proposed system, people will not be held accountable for the needs of the people. He referred to the meeting spoken of by Bruce Anderson and stated that the reporter could not believe that the delegates were from all walks of life and that it only cost \$25 to participate. This petition’s proponents say that their goal is voter turn out. However, Utah already has non partisan elections that are run like primaries. He said that just the title “Count My Vote” makes the general public believe that their votes are not counting, which is totally false.

Commissioner Zogmaister said that she agrees with many of the things that have been said but she represents all the people in Weber County and does not feel it is appropriate to discuss a resolution supporting one or the other side of a very political issue in this forum. Chair Gibson feels that this is exactly the place; they have been elected to represent every person in this county. Commissioner Zogmaister said that an invitation was made by the Republican Party for everyone to support the resolution. She did not believe this was publicly announced. Chair Gibson responded that it was announced on the agenda, that this is for all parties, which had the same opportunities. There are those in both parties that agree and disagree with this issue, but regardless of what party one belongs to, as a representative of every voter in this county it matters how candidates are nominated. The commissioners are here to do the public’s business and it is their responsibility to look out for individuals’ rights. Signatures are being gathered in support of the current convention-primary system.

Commissioner Bell moved to adopt Resolution 42-2013 stating the County Commission’s position concerning the convention-primary system of selecting candidates for political office; Chair Gibson seconded. Commissioner Zogmaister said a resolution item relating to county government states that the Commission believes that the county may see increased costs paid by all taxpayers who hold elections for political parties. The State asked the Commission to provide information regarding the cost of changing this process and County Elections feels that they currently have sufficient workers to complete verification of extra signatures, that most of the processes and associated costs that occur during an election remain the same regardless of turnout, and the paper ballot production/mailing costs will remain the same.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Bell aye
Commissioner Zogmaister.....abstained
Chair Gibson..... aye

J. ASSIGN PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & THOUGHT OF THE DAY FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2014, 10 A.M.

L. ADJOURN

Commissioner Bell moved to adjourn at 12:04 p.m.; Commissioner Zogmaister seconded, all voting aye.

Attest:

Kerry W. Gibson, Chair
Weber County Commission

Ricky D. Hatch, CPA
Weber County Clerk/Auditor