

Beaver County Commission Work Meeting
Beaver, UT 84713
March 16, 2021

The Board of County Commissioners met on March 16, 2021, 10:00 a.m. for its regular Commission Work Meeting. Attending were: Commissioner Mark Whitney, Chairman; Commissioner Tammy Pearson; Commissioner Wade Hollingshead; Ginger McMullin, Clerk/Auditor; Rob Pyles, Administrative Services Coordinator; Stephanie Laws, Commission Secretary and Leo Kanell, Deputy County Attorney.

Prayer was offered by Lonnie Laws, Beaver County Deputy Sheriff.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rob Pyles, ASC.

County Bills were reviewed for approval. Motion to approve County Bills was made by Comm. Hollingshead, and seconded by Comm. Pearson, and the vote was unanimous.

GRAMA Request Denial Appeal (Brady Request). Present was Rob Pyles, ASC; Leo Kanell, Deputy County Attorney; (attended via phone) Nate Carlisle, FOX 13 News. Mr. Carlisle is appealing the denial of a GRAMA request originally sent to Beaver County, dated January 7, 2021 for a Brady List of Beaver County. This is requesting a list of officers involved in disciplinary action in cases within Beaver County. This request was denied based on the classification of protected records. Mr. Carlisle was urging the Commission to respond to the denial and made an argument against the action taken. Motion to deny the GRAMA Appeal made by Mr. Carlisle of FOX 13 News, was made by Comm. Pearson, seconded by Comm. Hollingshead, the vote was made unanimous.

Museum Docent Pay. Present was Paula Spencer, DUP Director; Michelle Evans, Tourism Director. Ms. Spencer discussed the possible increase of wages for the Museum docents. This was briefly discussed with the Commission. Motion to authorize the docent pay to \$10/hr. was made by Comm. Hollingshead, seconded by Comm. Pearson, and the vote was made unanimous.

Beaver County Fairground Arena Chutes. Present was Jennifer Marshall, Fairground Facilities Manager. Ms. Marshall discussed the bid presented for the bucking chutes at the Fairgrounds. Commission discussed with Ms. Marshall the essential needs of the bucking chutes at the Fairgrounds. It was the consensus of the Commission to accept Steel Creations proposal. Ms. Marshall will return with a contract next meeting to be ratified prior to accepting the proposal.

Old Business:

Broadband Update. Mr. Pyles updated the Commission on the progress of the Broadband in Beaver County. Mr. Pyles discussed some GOED options for funding. There may be Federal Funding available for application in the near future. This will be an ongoing pursuit of funding for this project. Mr. Pyles also discussed the possibility of creating a new Special Service District.

Winter Trail System. Present were Craig Wright, Search & Rescue; Michelle Evans, Tourism Director; Jordan Hillock, Outdoor Enthusiast. Mr. Wright described the winter usage on the mountain and the problems Search & Rescue Members are encountering while participating in rescues. Ms. Evans described the concerns with the winter enthusiast, and the concern of Beaver County turning into Moab and the issues that comes with the people using the mountain in our area. Commission spoke of the need to partner with UDOT, USDA Forest Service, and create some winter parking areas on the roadway along Hwy 153. It was suggested to create a plan with the USDA Forest Service, UDOT and Beaver County, this will allow for a better accessibility on our mountain. Ms. Evans discussed and recommended a winter trail system proposal for winter enthusiasts, she also commented the State Parks should be grooming in our area with State appropriated funds. It was stated that this trail has been groomed once the entire season. Ms. Evans proposed entering into an agreement with State Parks Service. Mr. Hillock spoke of the obstacles when inquiring about the State Parks groomer currently being housed in Piute County. It was decided to invite State Parks, USDA Forest Service and UDOT to the COG meeting.

Consider Approving SSD #5 Letter for Suggesting Board Member. This is a request to fill a vacant seat in Service District #5. The Service District has recommended Kade Blackner fill the vacant seat. Motion to accept Kade Blackner as the at large member of Special Service District #5, was made by comm. Pearson, seconded by Comm. Hollingshead, and the vote was made unanimous.

Open Oil Bids. Present was Cory Beebe, Road Supervisor. Mr. Beebe was present to open and award the road oil bid for this year. Motion to accept and award the three oil bids for three different projects for the roads to be made by Comm. Pearson, seconded by Comm. Hollingshead, and the vote was made unanimous.

Open Electrical Contractor Bids. Present was Darrel Davis, Maintenance Supervisor. Mr. Davis discussed the two bids received for electrical contractor bids. Mr. Davis recommended R.E.D. Electrical as our electrical contractor. Motion to award the electrical bid to R.E.D. for their electrical service was made by Comm. Hollingshead, seconded by Comm. Pearson, and the vote was made unanimous.

Minersville Lake Park Well. Present was Darrel Davis, Maintenance Supervisor. Mr. Davis presented the timeline for the Lake expansion project. Mr. Davis discussed with the Commission the placement of the new restrooms and septic system closer to the dock.

Break for Lunch.

Tushar Mountain ATV Club. Present was Phil Bostrom, Club President. Mr. Bostrom was present to discuss a possible land purchase by Tushar Mountain ATV Club for a staging/parking area near the Paiute Trail #5, with the use of a FIG Grant. Mr. Bostrom requested a letter of support for the purchase of land by Tushar Mountain ATV Club. Motion to sign a letter of support for Tushar Mountain ATV Club, was made by Comm. Pearson, seconded by Comm. Hollingshead, and the vote was made unanimous.

Surplus Items. Brief discussion of a microfilm machine currently housed at the Old Courthouse Museum. It was determined that there is no longer a need for the equipment. Motion to declare a microfilm machine as surplus was made by Comm. Hollingshead, seconded by Comm. Pearson, and the vote was unanimous.

UARC Letter Regarding Ordinance 2010-06. Present was Rob Pyles, Economic Development. Mr. Pyles discussed a letter requesting an update of our Ordinances regarding animal retention period of five days. Mr. Pyles has agreed to draft letter stated that the County has amended their ordinance as of 2013, with the correct retention period of 5 days.

Outdoor Rec/Minersville Reservoir. Present was Rob Pyles, Economic Development. Mr. Pyles discussed some of the funding options for outdoor recreation projects in rural Utah. The Commission would like someone to present in front of their board. Mr. Pyles agreed to present on behalf of Beaver County.

Piute County Resolution. Present was Rob Pyles, Economic Development. Commission has been asked to support a resolution drafted by Piute County. Motion to draft a resolution opposing the condemnation of the restriction on public lands was made by Comm. Pearson, seconded by Comm. Hollingshead, and the vote was made unanimous. Motion to draft a resolution regarding the overreach on Oil, Gas & Mining in Beaver County was made by Comm. Hollingshead, seconded by Comm. Pearson, and the vote was unanimous.

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

Closed session declared closed by Comm. Whitney.

Motion to amend the Tourism & Recreation Director job description to include the Chief Recreation & Tourism Grant Writer in the job description was made by Comm. Pearson, seconded by Comm. Hollingshead, and the vote was made unanimous.

Meeting adjourned.