

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
April 12, 2016

The Board of Davis County Commissioners met on April 12, 2016 at 10 am in room 303 of the Davis County Administration Building, 61 South Main Street, Farmington, Utah. Members present were: Commissioner John Petroff, Jr. - Chair, Commissioner Jim Smith, Commissioner P. Bret Millburn, Clerk/Auditor Curtis Koch, Chief Deputy Civil County Attorney Neal Geddes, and Deputy Clerk/Auditor Janet Hanson.

Agenda as posted

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PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the Board of Davis County Commissioners, Farmington, Utah, will hold a Commission Meeting at the Davis County Administration Building, 61 South Main Street, Room 303, Farmington, Utah, commencing at **10:00 a.m. on April 12, 2016.**

OPENING

Pledge of Allegiance – By Invitation

RECOGNITIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- Opening of sealed bids No. 7-2016 received for purchase of Surplus Tax Sale Property located at 368 N Redwood Road, NSL (Tax ID 01-083-0053) / **Tony Thompson, Davis County Property Manager**
- Public notice of Special Commission Meeting on April 12, 2016 at 7 p.m. in connection with Clinton City Council Meeting

BUSINESS/ACTION

Commissioner Petroff, presenting:

Proclamation declaring the second week of April of each year as
“ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL APPRECIATION WEEK” in Davis County
Recognition of representatives of Davis County Animal Care & Control

Clint Thacker, Davis County Animal Care & Control Director, presenting:

Summary list – March 2016 animal adoptions (75) (receivable)

Chris Sanford, Davis County Library Director, presenting:

Agreement with Creative Empire, LLC dba Mango Languages – database of languages (payable)

Barry Burton, Davis County Community and Economic Development Director, presenting:

Change order with Ascent Construction – repairs to various electrical & mechanical systems due to power over voltage event at Kaysville Library (payable)

Brian Hatch, Davis County Interim Health Director, presenting:

Community grant application to the Church of Jesus Christ of L.D.S. – participation in the Deseret Industries Voucher Program for clients’ in-need (receivable)

Commissioner Petroff, presenting:

Contract summary of rentals at the Legacy Events Center (14) (receivable)

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Request approval of the Property Tax Register

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 Minutes per Person)

CONSENT ITEMS

Meeting Minutes: March 29, 2016
Check Registers

Clint Thacker, Davis County Animal Care & Control Director, led the Pledge of Allegiance. All in attendance were invited to stand and join in.

Opening of sealed bid for TAX ID 01-083-0053 in NSL

Tony Thompson, Davis County Property Manager, indicated letters were sent out to abutting property owners of surplus property located at 368 N Redwood Road, North Salt Lake (Tax ID 01-083-0053) for sealed bid No. 7-2016. One bid was received. Curtis Koch, Davis County Clerk/Auditor opened the following bid:

	BIDDER	AMOUNT
1.	Summit Leasing	\$200.00

Tony will bring a recommendation before the Commission at a future meeting.

Public notice of Special Meeting

Public notice was given that the Commissioners will be attending the Clinton City Council Meeting tonight, April 12, 2016 at 7 p.m. located at 2267 N 1500 W. This is the Commissioners’ opportunity to

engage with the city council and members of the general public who attend to have an informational discussion of what is going on at the county and city levels. Commissioner Millburn has a conflicting meeting and will be excused from attending.

Proclamation
#2016-129
2nd week of April
of each year as
"Animal Care &
Control
Appreciation
Week"

Commissioner Petroff presented and read proclamation #2016-129:

**DECLARING THE SECOND WEEK OF APRIL OF EACH YEAR AS
"ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL APPRECIATION WEEK"
IN DAVIS COUNTY, UTAH**

WHEREAS, there are a number of caring and dedicated animal care and control professionals within Davis County, who are committed to providing great animal care and control services to the residents of Davis County, afford animals within Davis County with compassionate care, enforce animal control laws, support public safety, procure and place homeless animals in new homes, and educating the residents of Davis County about animals, their needs and responsible pet ownership; and

WHEREAS, Davis County, through this proclamation, desires to increase awareness within the community regarding the services provided by the caring and dedicated animal care and control professionals within Davis County; and

WHEREAS, Davis County, through this proclamation, further, and most importantly, desires to thank and honor the caring and dedicated animal care and control professionals within Davis County, especially during the second week of April of each year.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Davis County Board of County Commissioners designates and/or proclaims the second week of April of each year as "**ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL APPRECIATION WEEK**" in Davis County, Utah, to thank and honor the caring and dedicated animal care and control professionals within Davis County.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve. Commissioner Millburn seconded the motion. All voted aye. The document is on file in the office of the Davis County Clerk/Auditor.

Recognition of
AC&C staff and
accomplishments

Clint Thacker, Davis County Animal Care & Control Director, said there have been many changes during the last 5 years since he has been in his position. He indicated he has not done this alone, crediting the staff at the animal shelter for implementing the following changes:

- **Working with rescue organizations** who take animals that would have been euthanized and hold them for a longer period in hopes of them being adopted out. In 2015, there were 1,173 animals that would have been euthanized that were sent to rescue organizations.
- **Education in the field**; Animal Control Officers are out in the field to educate the public. They educate owners as to the reasons why they might be cited for an offense. Officers work to allow animals to stay with the owner rather than having to be taken to the shelter, yet the owner being required to pay the associated penalty fees.
- **Adoptions**; partnering with community partners such as Best Friends Animal Society who has provided grants, created opportunities and stipends to adopt animals out. In 2016, there were 1,173 animals adopted. The same number as rescues.
- Officers responded to over *10,000 calls* in 2015.
- *Over 4,300* animals went through and were cared for at the shelter.

Commissioner Petroff said that when you really think about the numbers, there is a lot of work and effort that goes in to taking care of every single one of those animals. Clint agreed that it is a tremendous amount of work.

Clint introduced and recognized the following Animal Care & Control employees in attendance:

- Joni Peterson, representing the front-line staff who greets clients and takes a lot of grief from them, i.e. having to pay a ticket for their animal having been on the loose. Joni represents the 3 "incredible" woman at the front desk who work with and educate the public as well.
- Wendy Seely, representing the shelter staff. Clint feels the shelter staff has some of the hardest work in animal control. They are the ones that get the animal, set-up the kennels, take the kennels down, clean the kennels, care for the animals and help them receive their vaccinations. He said the amount of work these individuals do is amazing. He gave special thanks to Wendy.

Clint also noted that they receive many comments on the cleanliness of their shelter. They have been compared to and surpass the Human Society. He said the Davis County animal shelter smells better, looks better and feels better than some of the other larger organizations.

- Rod Logan, representing the animal control officers. There are currently 8 officers and 1 supervisor. Clint reiterated that the officers' responded to over 10,300 calls last year, which is an astounding amount for that few of officers. Not only do they do calls, but they are also on-call. Animal Care & Control provides 24-hour coverage at all times, which can be demanding. Commissioner Millburn attested to that from a personal experience his family had with a stray dog they had found on a weekend and the city could not respond, but Davis County did. Clint said that dog went right back to its home and did not spend any time at the shelter. To which Commissioner Millburn said, "You guys are great!"

Clint also introduced the Animal Care & Control managers: Cathy Nash, Office Supervisor; Tracy Roddam, Assistant Director. Excused from the meeting was Brian Smith, Field Supervisor, as he was in a training for his wildlife responsibilities. Clint gave the managers credit for implementing his "crazy ideas," saying "their support is a huge factor" of the shelters success.

"Best In State"
award

Clint said that 2015 was such an incredible year for Animal Care & Control. They had just been notified that they won the "*Best of State*" award for Community Development, which was a HUGE accomplishment! Clint said he couldn't be more thrilled about the award. He knew he always worked at the best place, but now it is official. They can say they have the best place in the State of Utah for animal control.

Commissioner Petroff said the award is a tribute, knowing that they're going to take the heat if it is bad and get the credit if it is good. He knows it is everyone working together that makes it so great. Because it is National Animal Care & Control Appreciation Week, the concern he had for them right now was their diets because the public was bringing them treats. There are many in the community who want to recognize you and to thank you for the job you're doing. Clint said, "It feels good!"

The Commissioners provided Davis County coins, on behalf of themselves and the citizens to Joni, Wendy and Rob (Cathy and Tracy were previous recipients) in appreciation of their work and dedication. The Commissioners shook their hands and pictures were taken.

Commissioner Smith indicated that due to his animal allergies he would probably not have oversight of Animal Care & Control or the Legacy Events Center. He took this opportunity to thank Animal Care & Control for what they do saying that this is one of those things that people have no idea of what it takes to run a county.

Commissioner Petroff addressed the complaints that are received regarding Animal Care & Control which he indicated are more than any of the other departments, because they are dealing with over 10,000+ animals annually, we're bound to have them. He will receive complaints via telephone calls or emails after which he will contact Clint and get "the rest of the story" which is usually different than what has been related to him. With a couple of exceptions in the 7 years he has worked with them, the officers have been very professional in the way they have tried to handle situations. He went on to say, "You can't always make people happy and that is what you run into. Overall, by far, 99% of the time, they do a great job! The fact that we have rescued or adopted out all those animals is just a tremendous thing." He surmised what it would be like if it were your job to euthanize animals noting that several years ago that would be about 2,000 to 3,000 animals per year being euthanized and emphasized that would be 10-12 animals per day. That would not be good for an employee's moral. All of these efforts are making things so much better. He gave his sincere appreciation to Clint, Tracy and their employees for all the work they perform. They do a great job!

Commissioner Millburn echoed the comments. He indicated there is an added level of complexity and compassion when it comes to individuals and their animals. In some instances, he thought the love and compassion for a pet or an animal is greater than your own children to some degree. Commissioner Petroff

joked saying especially if they are teenagers. Commissioner Millburn said that this is what makes this job even more difficult for the officer on the street. They get the complaints and their nuances, but they also have to know the rules and ordinances and how to deal with the animals, but the human nature and interaction and communication that you have to have is tremendous. He commended them for the tremendous turn-around that has been made with more animals being adopted, and the partnerships that have been established with other entities. He also mentioned the additional effort they have made with feral cats. He applauded them and the opportunity they provide other members of the community to perform service, i.e. eagle scout projects and birthday parties. He related his daughter's birthday party and having invited her friends to bring things for the animal shelter rather than gifts for her. In turn, the shelter brought animals to the party and provided an educational experience. Commissioner Millburn said that Animal Care & Control is so much more than picking up stray dogs on the street. "Great Job!"

Summary list
#2016-130 of
animal adoptions
in March

Clint Thacker presented a summary list #2016-130 of March 2016 animal adoption (75) agreements. They are receivables.

Commissioner Millburn made a motion to approve. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. All voted aye. The document is on file in the office of the Davis County Clerk/Auditor.

Agreement
#2016-131
Mango
Languages
database

Chris Sanford, Davis County Library Director, presented agreement #2016-131 with Creative Empire, LLC d/b/a Mango Languages for access to a website database of 12 major foreign languages: Spanish, French, German, Italian, Mandarin Chinese, Japanese, Russian, Arabic, Portuguese, Dutch, Greek, and English for Spanish speakers. Chris indicated there were over 1,360 users in 2015. It is also mobile friendly. She also noted that it does not diminish the use of their print foreign language materials having had over 5,900 uses. Contract period is April 1, 2016 through March 31, 2017. Payable amount is \$11,090.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve. Commissioner Millburn seconded the motion. All voted aye. The document is on file in the office of the Davis County Clerk/Auditor.

Changer order
#2014-199H
Ascent
Construction
Kaysville Library

Barry Burton, Davis County Community and Economic Development Director, presented change order #2014-199H with Ascent Construction for repairs to various electrical and mechanical systems due to 2 power over-voltage events at the Kaysville Library. He said they still do not know what exactly happened. The result was that there were quite a few electronic devices that were fried; the air handlers, the HVAC, the fire alarm panel and several other things. The events were within days of the opening of the library. It was critical that it was fixed right away in order to open the building on time. He felt the contractor and sub-contractors performed amazing feats to get it corrected in time to be up and operational for the scheduled opening. Payable amount is \$44,935.79. Contract period has expired.

Commissioner Millburn asked if this was covered by anyone's insurance. Barry indicated that it was not. It was a situation where, if there had been a builder's risk policy in-place it might have covered it, but there was not. He felt it was an oversight. When it was being originally contracted it wasn't clear who would be carrying that policy and it wound up no one did.

Barry indicated they met with Kaysville City, since they knew the event occurred outside the building, but have not been able to identify where exactly, or what happened. No one is claiming responsibility. Kaysville may relent and help cover some of the cost. Commissioner Millburn encouraged continued discussion with Kaysville City. He felt that the County should move forward with the payment to Ascent Construction and their sub-contractors, who did a yeoman's job in making sure the library was able to open as scheduled.

Commissioner Millburn made a motion to approve. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. All voted aye. The document is on file in the office of the Davis County Clerk/Auditor.

Health Dept.
partnership with
AC&C
appreciated

Brian Hatch, Davis County Health Interim Director, expressed his appreciation to Animal Care and Control for their special partnership. They do great work to protect the health of not only animals but people that are involved with that interaction.

Grant application
#2016-132
CJC of LDS for
Deseret
Industries
Voucher Program

Brian presented community grant application #2016-132 to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints for the Health Department to participate in the Deseret Industries Voucher Program for clients in-need. He explained the vouchers (\$20-\$30) would be disseminated by nurses to clients participating in the Nurse Family Partnership Program if deemed appropriate. The receivable amount would be \$1,000.00. Period of grant would be from signing date for 12 months.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve. Commissioner Millburn seconded the motion. All voted aye. The document is on file in the office of the Davis County Clerk/Auditor.

Summary
#2016-133 of
rentals at LEC

Commissioner Petroff presented contract summary #2016-133 for small dollar rentals (14) at the Legacy Events Center. They are receivables. Contract dates are various.

Commissioner Millburn made a motion to approve. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. All voted aye. The documents are on file in the office of the Davis County Clerk/Auditor.

BOE

Commissioner Millburn made a motion to convene as the Board of Equalization. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. All voted aye.

Property Tax
Register
approved

Curtis Koch, Davis County Clerk/Auditor, presented the Property Tax Register which reflected 5 veteran abatements and 1 small dollar write-off.

Commissioner Millburn made a motion to approve. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. All voted aye.

Reconvene

Commissioner Millburn made a motion to reconvene Commission Meeting. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. All voted aye.

Meeting minutes
approved

Commissioner Millburn made a motion to approve the Commission Meeting minutes for March 29, 2016 with 1 minor spelling correction. Janet Hanson, Davis County Deputy Clerk/Auditor, indicated that the correction had been made. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. All voted aye. The documents is on file in the office of the Davis County Clerk/Auditor.

Check registers
approved.

Check registers as prepared by the Davis County Clerk/Auditor's Office were approved with a motion by Commissioner Millburn. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. All voted aye. The documents are on file in the office of the Davis County Clerk/Auditor.

Commissioner comments:

Neal Geddes, Davis County Chief Deputy Civil County, said that he had a lot of comments about the complexity of animal owners, but Clint left so they will have to share their stories about Mufasa, the jumping dog, another time.

No public comments.

Meeting adjourned.

Clerk/Auditor

Chair