

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

February 23, 2010

The Board of Davis County Commissioners met in room 236 of the Davis County Courthouse, Farmington, Utah on February 23 at 10:00 a.m. Members present were Chairman John Petroff Jr., Commissioner Louenda H. Downs, Commissioner P. Bret Millburn, Clerk/Auditor Steve S. Rawlings, Chief Deputy Civil Attorney Gerald E. Hess, and Deputy Clerk/Auditor Linda May.

Ross Bartholomew, Davis County Tax Administration Director, led the Pledge of Allegiance. All were invited to stand and join in.

Acknowledge
Services of
Davis County
Volunteers

The Davis County Commissioners praised the unselfish work performed by hundreds of volunteers who routinely help fellow citizens while serving in numerous unpaid roles throughout Davis County Government. Several county officials explained the valuable services provided to county government by volunteers.

According to the Davis County Health Department director, Lewis Garrett, “We could not begin to serve our senior citizen population with the services they need and deserve without the creativity, talent, and can-do attitude of our many volunteers.” The health department has 279 volunteers specifically helping seniors in various capacities and another 622 volunteers performing important functions in other areas.

Chris Sanford, director of the Davis County Library, said, “Without our volunteers, many services that our citizens expect in a timely and professional manner just wouldn’t be possible. We’ve come to rely on these individuals as an integral part of our team.” 116 volunteers provide 6,494 hours of work per year throughout the county’s seven libraries.

Other departments presented thanks to volunteers for work with the Davis County Fair (Legacy Events Center); volunteers who provide marshalling during tournaments and grounds work (Valley View Golf Course); DATC and Eagle Gate college students who provide paralegal services as internships (Attorney’s Office); volunteers for the Great Salt Lake Bird Festival and Moonlight Bike Ride (Community and Economic Development); and volunteers through the Sheriff’s Office who offers services (including personal expenses such as gear, required clothing and fuel costs) for Search & Rescue, Mounted Posse, Bountiful Jeep, Amateur Radio Emergency Services. Volunteers provide educational programs and religious support to jail inmates. Also one “lost & found specialist” with Animal Control Services.

Chairman Petroff stated “Davis County Government strives to provide county-level services to our residents in an efficient and friendly manner. We’re able to do this only because we have a vast cadre of willing volunteers able to assist in a variety of roles, both publicly and behind the scenes. The county’s 1,426 volunteers have provided approximately 80,411 hours of work since the beginning of 2009.”

“Not only do these volunteers help us make our county run smoother,” said Commissioner Louenda Downs, “they provide a virtual tax break for all of us.” She estimated that county government would cost an estimated \$1,346,080 more every year if each volunteer was paid \$16.74 per hour – equal to the Utah rate used by organizations such as VISTA and AmeriCorps to calculate the financial value of a volunteer’s hours. “Even if we conservatively figured the volunteers’ time only using the minimum wage of \$7.25, the county still saves approximately \$582,979 in a year. We truly appreciate our volunteers willingness to help their fellow citizens where needed.”

Commissioner Bret Millburn stated, “Davis County realizes both the monetary savings provided as well as the benefits that county citizens reap from having a trained and enthusiastic volunteer workforce. We

couldn't do many of the things that Davis County Government does every day without our staff of volunteers helping others – all without receiving a wage for their considerable time and effort.” Millburn highlighted one critical example. “A majority of the county’s Senior Activity Centers’ programs and activities run extremely well because of our concerned and caring volunteers,” Millburn said.

On behalf of the Davis County Commission, Commissioner Petroff asked the assembled county elected officials and department heads to personally thank as many volunteers as possible within their agencies. “Our county is very fortunate to have these good people volunteering their personal time to assist others in a variety of functions. Please pass on our ‘thanks’ and heartfelt appreciation for sharing their talents with the county’s citizens,” Petroff said.

Individuals wanting to find out more about volunteering with Davis County Government should contact the county’s Office of Personnel at (801) 451-3415.

Presentation
Regarding Miss
Davis County
Pageant and
Introduction of
Bridgett Sulser,
currently Miss
Davis County

Chairman Petroff welcomed Bridgett Sulser, Miss Davis County; Natalie Murray Miss Davis Scholarship Pageant Director; and, Renee Cowley, Committee Member (formerly Miss Rodeo Utah) from West Point.

Natalie stated that she has a passion for the organization and the opportunities it provides for young women. Davis County is pleased to announce it will be hosting the 2010 Miss Davis County Scholarship Pageant to be held August 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the Davis High School auditorium. This pageant will showcase talented young ladies by judging them in interview, evening wear, swimsuit, on-stage question, and their community service platform. It is a great opportunity for Davis County young women to develop life-long skills, talents, and build self-confidence.

Bridgett Sulser, Miss Davis County, was crowned for 2009 – 2010. Bridgett said, “Competing in this pageant has been an amazing experience for me. I have had the opportunity to serve as a spokesperson and advocate while representing Davis County and my platform of A.D.A.P.T to Life, It’s Full of the Unexpected.”

The Miss Davis County pageant is a precursor to the Miss Utah and Miss America Pageants. The Miss America Organization is the largest provider of scholarships for young women totaling \$45 million last year, and provides over 400,000 hours every year in community service

The franchise fee is \$875.00. In June the Miss Utah Pageant is to be held in Provo. Costs include hotel accommodation. The request for contribution today is for \$5,800.00 to assist with expenses as mentioned as well as flowers, music, ads, program books etc. Davis County has been well represented. Entities can contact the organization to request appearances by Miss Davis County. Commissioner Downs made a motion to approve the donation. Commissioner Millburn seconded the motion. All voted aye.

The commissioners thanked Bridgett for her service and presented her with a Davis County Coin of Recognition for her outstanding service. Her father, Kent Sulser, presented Bridgett with a bouquet of flowers stating, “She has an inner beauty as well as being beautiful on the outside and has served well.”

Special
Commission
Meeting

Chairman Petroff announced the commissioners will hold a special meeting tonight at 6:00 p.m. at the Syracuse City Hall. The commissioners will be available for the purpose of receiving information from citizens and providing a question and answer forum for discussion of Davis County matters.

West Davis
Corridor Open
Houses

Chairman Petroff gave a reminder of the West Davis Corridor EIS Open Houses 4:30 – 8:30 p.m. on February 23 at Syracuse High School and February 24th at the Legacy Events Center.

Utah Saves
Week

Commissioner Millburn stated Utah Saves Week is February 21 – 28, 2010. The event is organized by United Way of Salt Lake, Utah State University Extension and other community organizations across the

State of Utah. The goal of Utah Saves Week is to generate targeted activities from a variety of organizations and businesses across the state to reach all Utahns with messages about and opportunities to increase savings.

Approval of Revisions to Davis County Library Volunteer Program

Chris Sanford, Davis County Library Director, presented a request for approval of revisions to the policy regarding the Davis County Library Volunteer Program. Revisions bring the documents into conformity with similar Davis County policies and with current thinking regarding law and risk management. Significant changes are: (1) Under the revised program, the Library will not accept court-ordered volunteers. (2) Volunteers must be at least 14 years of age. Volunteers under the age of 16 will only be permitted to volunteer limited hours. (3) Prospective volunteers under the age of 18 must have the Davis County Volunteer Application signed by a parent or legal guardian. (4) The libraries will offer the SISL (Students in Service to Libraries) option (three phases for the program) for youth ages 14-18. We saw some success with the program in the late 90's but had little interest expressed in the past few years. We have revised the program and think this new approach will appeal to our youth in the community. Commissioner Downs thanked Chris for the valuable experiences to the youth and made a motion to approve the policy revisions. Commissioner Millburn seconded the motion. All voted aye.

Agreement #2010-54 J. Willard Marriott Library for Digitizing of Davis County Clipper

Chris Sanford, Davis County Library Director, presented agreement #2010-54 with J. Willard Marriott Library – University of Utah, Digital Technologies Division. The library will assist with the digitizing the Davis County Clipper from 1/1/1967 through 12/31/1971. It is a payable of up to \$10,300.00. Commissioner Downs made a motion to approve. Commissioner Millburn seconded the motion. All voted aye. Document on file in the office of the Davis County Clerk/Auditor.

Agreement #2010-55 UT Telehealth Network for Video Conferencing

Lewis Garrett, Davis County Health Director, presented agreement #2010-55 with the Utah Telehealth Network. The company will provide video conferencing and media services for up to 20 hours per month for the Health Department. The contract period is February 2, 2010 thru August 31, 2010 for a fee of \$250.00/monthly. Commissioner Downs made a motion to approve. Commissioner Millburn seconded the motion. All voted aye. Document on file in the office of the Davis County Clerk/Auditor.

Notice of Award Wolff Excavating, Inc. for Parrish Creek Project

Kirk Schmalz, Davis County Public Works Director, presented the Notice of Award for Wolff Excavating, Inc. for the 1250 West – Parrish Creek Culvert Replacement, Centerville, in the amount of \$66,729.00. Commissioner Millburn made a motion to approve. Commissioner Downs seconded the motion. All voted aye. Document on file in the office of the Davis County Clerk/Auditor.

Change Order #2009-278A ESI Engineering, Inc. for Btfl. Road Project

Kirk Schmalz presented change order #2009-278A with ESI Engineering, Inc. The engineering contract is for 775 West in Bountiful and will now include the 4050 South cul-de-sac. It is a payable of \$12,320.00. Commissioner Millburn made a motion to approve. Commissioner Downs seconded the motion. All voted aye. Document on file in the office of the Davis County Clerk/Auditor.

Agreement #2010-56 Steward Specialty Services for Floor Improvements at Legacy Events Center Buildings

Marshall Scott, Davis County Facilities Management Director, presented agreement #2010-56 with Steward Specialty Services. The company agrees to provide and perform the following specific material and services: (a) Floor grinding to remove existing epoxy and apply one coat of Seal-Hard concrete sealer in Building #3 at the Legacy complex; and (b) Clean up and re-polish existing floors in men and women restrooms in the Legacy Center. It is a payable of \$18,847.50. Dave Hansen, Davis County Legacy Events Center Director has also reviewed the contract. Commissioner Downs made a motion to approve. Commissioner Millburn seconded the motion. All voted aye. Document on file in the office of the Davis County Clerk/Auditor.

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

Property Tax
Register
Approved

Ross Bartholomew, Davis County Tax Administration Director, presented the property tax register. The register reflects 19 property tax appeals for approval, 6 property tax appeals for denial, as well as 3 Auditor's Adjustments for abatements, and 2 Assessor's adjustments for escapements and 1 correction. Commissioner Millburn made a motion to approve. Commissioner Millburn seconded the motion. All voted aye.

Commissioner Millburn made a motion to reconvene the regular commission meeting. Commissioner Downs seconded the motion. All voted aye.

Commission
Minutes
Approved

Commissioner Millburn made a motion to approve the commission meeting minutes of February 2 and 9, 2010. Commissioner Downs seconded the motion. All voted aye.

Check
Registers
Approved

Check registers as prepared by the Davis County Clerk/Auditor's Office were presented. Commissioner Millburn made a motion to approve. Commissioner Downs seconded the motion. All voted aye. Documents are on file in the office of the Davis County Clerk/Auditor.

No commission comments.

No public comments.

Meeting adjourned.