

COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES – DAVIS COUNTY

COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

December 8, 2020

The Davis County Commission met for a special meeting on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 6:00 PM at the Davis County Administration Building, 61 South Main Street, Room 303, Farmington, Utah to hold a public hearing for open discussion related to the adoption of the proposed Davis County 2021 Budget.

Present on the dais were: Commissioner Lorene Miner Kamalu, Chair; Commissioner Bob J Stevenson, Vice-Chair; Commissioner Randy B. Elliott; Curtis Koch, Davis County Clerk/Auditor; and Neal Geddes, Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney.

All documents from this meeting are on file in the Davis County Clerk/Auditor's Office. The agenda for this meeting is incorporated into the minutes as item headers.

OPENING

The meeting convened at 6:00 p.m. and Jesse Barrosio led the Pledge of Allegiance.

DISCLAIMER

The meeting was an open dialogue. Critical points in the discussion have only been briefly summarized. The reader may refer to the audio recording and the publicly distributed materials for further clarification of content. The audio recording for this meeting is available based upon the County's current retention schedule.

BUDGET OVERVIEW

2021 Tentative Budget Overview - Presented by Curtis Koch, Davis County Clerk/Auditor

The Commission approved the Tentative Budget on October 27, 2020. The document provided for this meeting is a recap of the Tentative Budget as it was approved. It is also a summary list of additional changes and requests that have been incorporated into the Tentative Budget after its approval. Mr. Koch read the list of initiatives, introduced in the budget and then asked if there were any additional questions from the Commissioners; the Commissioners had none.

See attachments A1-A87

Motion to open the Public Hearing: Com.Elliott

Seconded: Com. Stevenson

All voted Aye

PUBLIC HEARING

The public was invited to make comments to the Commission.

Mr. Jesse Barocio commented that as he was reviewing the budget he is always amazed at how much work goes into preparing it each year. He then thanked the Commission and staff for doing such a great job. He commented that he had previously spoken with Commissioner Stevenson on the phone about the public notice for this hearing where it indicated that there was going to be some salary adjustments for some elected officials, but that the budget message he had read in the tentative budget report said nothing about that increase. So he was hoping to get some clarification on that item.

Commissioner Kamalu answered that all elected officials' wages were included in the 2021 salary survey and that it was determined that the Sheriff's salary was significantly under market. Therefore that salary was increased by 17% to match market equity, and all other elected officials salaries will stay the same.

Mr. Barrosio asked what other agency's salaries were used to compare and if the Sheriff's salary increase was part of the merit increase that is budgeted for county employees.

Commissioner Kamalu answered that elected officials are not eligible for merit increases and that official wages from Salt Lake City, Salt Lake County, Sandy City, Summit County, Layton City, Weber County and

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Utah County were used as comparisons for elected official wages.

Mr. Barrosio followed up with a comment that he has noticed other entities include within their budget the salaries of all elected officials and wondered if the Commissioners would be willing to consider adding those to the tentative budget.

Commissioner Kamalu responded that it is certainly something that can be discussed and Commissioner Stevenson added that elected officials' salaries are public record so there should be no problem with adding them.

Mr. Barrosio asked for more information on the agricultural heritage project. Commissioner Elliott responded that the project will be funded with tourism funds in partnership with Utah State University (USU) as an equestrian and agricultural heritage site to preserve the agricultural heritage in Davis County. He added that since the Davis County fairgrounds has been turned into a sports complex there has continued to be a desire within the community to have a place to hold equestrian and agricultural activities so that is where this project and partnership with USU has come from. Commissioner Stevenson added that one of the hopes with this project is for it to be a multi-use center including equestrian, agricultural and education purposes. Commissioner Elliott added that it will also be used for events such as a winter festival.

Mr. Barrosio asked if there is a timetable for the project to be built and Commissioner Elliott responded that the hope is to start in January with initial groundwork and the outdoor arena so that by springtime there will be a place available for practicing.

Commissioner Kamalu stated that Mr. Barrosio's email was the only one the Commission received. She then asked if there was anyone else that would like to comment; there were none.

Motion to close the Public Hearing and set Tuesday, December 15, 2020 as the date of the regularly scheduled Commission meeting to approve the 2021 budget: Com.Stevenson

Seconded: Com. Elliott

All voted Aye

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Kamalu invited other comments from the dais.

Clerk/Auditor

Curtis Koch expressed his gratitude for the hours of selfless work that has gone into preparing the 2021 budget. There have been hours of hard work from department heads, the budget committee and in particular Chief Deputy Auditor Heidi Voordeckers. He would like to publicly thank Heidi on the record for her integrity and drive to constantly improve the budget process.

Commissioner Kamalu commented that so much conscientious work has gone into the 2021 budget and added gratitude to Heidi for her expertise and class with which she directs the budget process. She encouraged all citizens to read the budget and commended the work of the Davis County staff for their work in preparing the budget and added that the County is fortunate to have a well-managed and well-run county financially.

Commissioner Elliott thanked Curtis and his entire staff for all of their hard work.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Commission meeting was adjourned at 6:23

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