

COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES – DAVIS COUNTY

Work Session Minutes

February 26, 2019

The Board of Davis County Commissioners met for a Work Session on February 26, 2019, at 1:30 p.m. in room 306 of the Davis County Administration Building, 61 South Main Street, Farmington, Utah. Notice of this meeting was given under the requirements of UCA § 52-4-202.

Staff in attendance were: Commissioner Randy B. Elliott, Chair; Commissioner Lorene Kamalu, Vice-Chair; Curtis Koch, Clerk/Auditor; Neal Geddes, Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney; Mike Kendall, Civil Deputy County Attorney; Rhett Nicks, Animal Care and Control Director; and Shairise Bills, Deputy Clerk/Auditor.

There was no public in attendance.

All documents from this meeting are on file in the Davis County (DC) Clerk/Auditor's office.

AGENDA

Animal Care and Control

OPENING

The meeting convened at 1:37 p.m.

Commissioner Stevenson joined the meeting at 1:38 p.m.

INTRODUCTION

The meeting discussion was open dialogue. Key points in the discussion have only been briefly summarized. The reader may also refer to the audio recording and the publicly distributed materials for further clarification of content.

WORK SESSION DISCUSSION

The Commissioners discussed the status of Animal Care and Control (ACC) contracts and how best to administer the program. The facility is in dire need of improvements, or a possible relocation, to be in line with national standards. Under the department's current budget, it is neither feasible nor sustainable to meet the present or future needs.

Currently, Davis County contracts ACC services with each city in Davis County and costs are split 50/50. The county uses roughly 0.2% of these services, so it is questionable whether the split is equitable considering the price of service per call. For perspective, Woods Cross City is contracted to pay \$28,000 for ACC services, and West Bountiful pays \$13,000, neither of which equates to the cost of a full-time employee. Salt Lake County charges the city of Herriman \$254,000, with a population of approximately 29,000 people as compared to the \$250,000 that Layton pays with a population of over 76,000 people. The ACC operational costs for the county are roughly \$2.5 million, but reasonably they need \$3.5 million to function

See Attachment A.

Suggested solutions were discussed and included renegotiating the contracts with the cities at a more equitable rate, and the possible creation of a special service district for municipal services like Animal Care and Control. Rhett also explained his ultimate vision of the program. If nothing changes, it could result in a countywide tax increase or a decrease in municipal services.

See Attachments B, C, and D.

NEXT STEPS

The Commissioners plan to meet with the city managers to discuss these concerns between now and April. Rhett will update the numbers on the pie chart to reflect current statistics.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

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All publicly distributed materials associated with this meeting are noted as follows:

- A. Animal Care and Control 2014 Calls for Service
- B. 2017 Local Entity Comparison Table
- D. Pocatello Larimer Animal Care and Control Facility Floor Plan
- E. Fort Collins Animal Care and Control Facility Floor Plan

Minutes prepared by:
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Minutes approved on: 3/26/19

Curtis Koch
Davis County Clerk/Auditor

Randy B. Elliott
Commission Chair