

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
November 1, 2016

The Board of Davis County Commissioners met on November 1, 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 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 AM on Tuesday, November 1, 2016.**

OPENING

Pledge of Allegiance – By Invitation

RECOGNITIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- Opening of RFP – Davis County Administration Building Control Upgrade
- Public Notice – Commissioners will attend the Fruit Heights City Council meetings tonight, Nov 1st.

BUSINESS/ACTION

Curtis Koch, Davis County Clerk/Auditor, presenting:

Request approval of the Davis County 2017 Tentative Budget

Mike Moake, Davis County Legacy Events Center Marketing, presenting:

Agreement with Mettle Wrestling – youth wrestling tournament (receivable)

Agreement with Tobin Family Karate, LLC – Intermountain Karate Tournament (receivable)

Chief Deputy Kevin Fielding, Davis County Sheriff's Office, presenting:

Agreement with West Point City – provide law enforcement services (receivable)

Request approval of the Davis County Natural Hazard Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan

Commissioner Smith presenting:

Amendment with Utah Dept. of Human Services – Early Onset Psychoses Research Program - 1) additional funding and 2) replace the existing budget (receivable/pass-through to DBH)

Commissioner John Petroff presenting:

Contract summary list (12) – internet connection users for access to Recorder's Office information on REDI WEB (receivable)

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION:

Request approval of the Property Tax Register

CONSENT ITEMS:

Meeting Minutes: October 18, 2016

Check Registers

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 Minutes per Person)

Pledge of Allegiance

Heidi Voordeckers, Davis County Chief Deputy Clerk/Auditor, led the Pledge of Allegiance. All in attendance were invited to stand and join in.

RFP opening Admin Bldg control upgrade

Mack McDonald, Davis County Facilities Director, explained that this RFP is for a project to switch over the controls for the Administration Building which is currently it is on a Siemens control system that they can no longer access to monitor and control the HVAC. This project gets it back on track with the computer system so that it integrates with the Allerton Control System that is in all of the other facilities.

Project: Davis County Admin Building Controls Upgrade

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	BIDDER	AMOUNT
1.	Alliance Energy Integration	\$38,700.00
2.	HMS HVAC Mechanical Specialists	\$40,750.00 \$2,240.00 add on
3.	ATC Contractors	\$34,000.00 \$1,200.00 add on
4.	Aces Automated Control	\$20,042.00 \$8,065.00 add on

After analyzing the proposals, Mack will bring a recommendation before the Commission at a future meeting.

Commissioner attending Fruit Heights City Council meetings 11/1/16

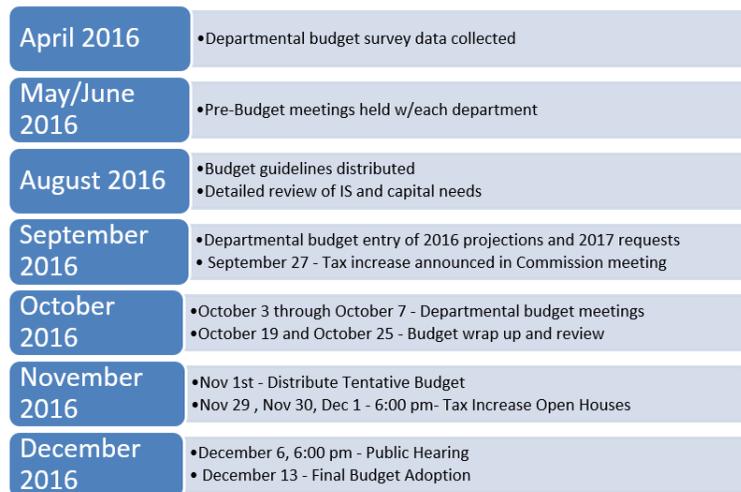
Notice was given that the commissioners will attend the Fruit Heights City Council’s work session and council meeting scheduled this evening, November 1, 2016, to receive information from citizens and to provide a question and answer forum for Davis County issues. The work session is scheduled for 6:30 pm and the Council meeting is scheduled to begin at 7 pm. Both meetings will take place at the Fruit Heights City offices.

“2017 Budget Message”

Curtis Koch, Davis County Clerk/Auditor, presented and read the following “2017 Budget Message” (handouts provided) requesting approval of the Davis County 2017 Tentative Budget:

Dear Davis County Board of Commissioners,

Utah State Law requires that this tentative budget be prepared and filed with the Legislative Body of Davis County by November 1st, to be followed by a public hearing and final adoption by December 31st. Special thanks to the budget committee, elected officials, department heads, and staff who have provided valuable insight in to the ongoing and future needs of the County. This budget has been prepared with an emphasis on core County functions combined with individual performance measures for each department. Below is a timeline of the process used for evaluating and compiling the attached tentative budget and accompanying schedules:



2016 BUDGET RECAP AND BUDGET OPEN SUMMARY

The 2016 budget presented several challenges. Initial departmental requests exceeded revenues by close to \$9,000,000. With these requests came the recognition of the growing reliance on the use of fund balance, or rainy day funds, to keep up with the inflationary costs of providing services in the County. While the final 2016 budget approved a spend-down of County-wide fund balances of over \$4,000,000 (\$2,710,309 of which was attributed to the general fund), current revenue and expenditures estimates have closed this gap to approximately \$1,155,000. Much of this is related to capital projects that will cross budget years as well as turn back in the following areas: non-departmental, sheriff’s department operations, corrections personnel, justice court personnel, health department operations, inmate services operations, and conference center improvements.

Additional public hearings to open and amend the 2016 budget occurred in March, May, August, September, and October of 2016. These were tied to the receipt of unanticipated revenue streams or requests for additional appropriations, including the following: New K-9 Truck (Sheriff), Honen Loader (Public Works), participation in 1100 West culvert project (Public Works), Roboto disc repair machine (Library), Addition of Shelter Tech FTE and increased overtime pay (Animal Control), Midtown Trolley participation (Prop 1), Additional building inspections (SSA), Books and Materials (Library), Donations (CED), Legal settlements (multiple), and Interlocal contributions (Tourism).

As anticipated, 2016 revenues project only minor increases in tax revenues. Specifically, General Fund property

tax revenues are expected to grow from \$30,528,554 in 2015 to \$31,078,899 in 2016 or by 1.8%, while sales tax revenues are estimated to increase from \$13,396,674 in 2015 to \$13,665,610, an increase of 2.01%. Alternately, jail fees, jail reimbursement, and sheriff fees represent a decline of over \$1.4M in 2016 over 2015 while administrative fees (e.g., recording fees, animal licensing) remain relatively flat. Overall general fund revenues are estimated at \$67,771,930, which is a \$647,500 (or .95%) decrease over 2015 actual revenues of \$68,419,446.

In addition, the health department experienced \$1,430,045 growth in outside funding, with increased revenues in immunization fees, the Nurse Family Partnership Grant, and WIC program. Other revenue fluctuations are largely related to the receipt of one time monies, as occurs from time to time.

2017 OUTLOOK AND RECOMMENDATIONS

For the 2017 budget year, departmental expenditure requests including transfers out total \$180,922,870. This exceeds 2016 projected expenditures including transfers by \$16,192,884. Correspondingly, projected revenues with transfers-in by departments for the 2017 budget total \$175,550,921 which is an increase of \$7,035,019 over 2016 projected revenues. This includes the addition of new revenues related to the proposed tax increase* of \$7,200,000 for the General Fund and \$1,250,000 for the Library Fund. With expenditure requests exceeding revenue by \$5,371,949, significant Auditor recommended reductions (with the input of the Budget Committee) were made to the following areas:

Department	2016 Projected	2017 Requested	2017 Recommended	Difference
Information Systems	\$4,935,133	\$6,536,246	\$6,103,953.63	(\$432,292)
Sheriff	\$12,565,505	\$15,120,610	\$13,524,605	(\$1,596,004)
Corrections	\$17,627,125	\$19,361,453	\$18,939,863	(\$421,591)
B Roads	\$1,443,184	\$2,307,429	\$1,387,429	(\$920,000)
Floods	\$4,411,811	\$5,104,543	\$4,766,947	(\$337,596)
Cap Projects – Gen Gov	\$247,000	\$636,871	\$492,285	(\$144,586)
Cap Projects - Health	N/A	\$450,000	\$153,000	(\$297,000)
Cap Projects – Tourism	N/A	\$1,176,955	\$74,000	(\$1,102,955)

A complete list of requests and reductions are included in the attached Appendix A.

*2017 Tax Increase. The General Fund is proposing a 23.37%, or \$7,200,000, increase in property tax revenues in 2017. Proposed use of the increase is as follows:

- 34% - Stop the spend down of General Fund reserves
- 21% - Adjustments to wages throughout various departments in the County
- 16% - Establishing reserves for large one-time capital equipment, repairs, improvements, and ongoing maintenance to County buildings and infrastructure.
- 11% - Revitalization of the historic Memorial Court House
- 10% - Additional funding in Information Systems in order to meet the county-wide demand for technology
- 5% - Additional funding for current operations of facilities maintenance.
- 3% - Various additions to staffing to meet needs of core government services

Fund 10 - General

General Fund expenditures are projected to increase by 7%, or \$5,417,149, in the 2017 tentative budget. The majority of this growth is tied to the tax increase and is explained in the initiatives above. Other areas of increased spending include capital equipment at the jail, accelerated investment in IS, and the upgrade of the County's fleet management system. Outside of the additional \$7,200,000 requested in property tax revenues, General Fund revenues are projected to increase by almost \$2,300,000 in 2017 with the most growth occurring in sales tax and personal property revenues. Modest increases in the amounts charged for contracted services with the cities also contribute to the year over year growth in revenues. The goal for the 2017 fund balance is to hold steady at just slightly over \$16,000,000.

Fund 15 – Health and Aging Services

Total expenditures in Fund 15 appear to decline in 2017 when compared to 2016 estimates (\$17,049,811 compared to \$17,838,247). This is largely due to a decrease in WIC food spending of \$1,000,000 (related to a similar decrease in WIC grant funding). Areas of increased expense in 2017 are related to both the wage market adjustment and the addition of 1.5 FTE's in senior services and 1 FTE in environmental health. The request for new staff is directly tied to critical needs in both of these divisions. An additional \$200,000 will be transferred to the health department capital reserve fund in order to address future capital needs.

The health department continues to receive 75-80% of its funding from outside sources, while relying on a transfer from the general fund to make up the difference. Of this outside revenue, 21% is projected to come from fees, 5% from state grants, and 44% from federal grants. The general fund is proposing to contribute \$3,700,000 to fund 15 in 2017, generating a projected ending fund balance of just over \$2,000,000. The health department is not proposing any changes to its fee structures in 2017.

Fund 18 – Tourism

The goal of the tourism department is two-fold – to increase local and regional tourism while maintaining positive working relationships with stakeholders. This department also oversees the operation at the Davis Conference Center. While tentative budget revenues have increased to \$7,031,158 from 2016 estimates of \$6,728,820, fund expenditures remain low due to a decrease in budgeted improvements in the Davis Conference Center. Additional transfers totaling \$5,300,000 are scheduled for future capital projects and/or debt service retirement, leaving fund 18 with a projected ending fund balance of \$961,916.

Fund 19 – 911 Emergency

An early finding of the budget survey indicated the critical need for additional dispatch staff. As part of the proposed tax increase, funding for one new dispatch FTE has been included in the 2017 budget. Also included is a one-time expenditure of \$150,000 for new recording equipment, increasing total expenditures for 2017 by approximately 9%. Revenues in the fund are fairly stable and consist of cellular fees and contract revenues for services provided to the cities. In 2017, the General Fund will contribute \$200,000 to fund 19, bringing fund balance to \$375,524.

Fund 21 – B Roads

The tentative budget indicates a slight decrease of roughly 4% in expenditures in B Road funds in 2017, attributed to a year-over-year decrease in operating expenditures. Revenues are anticipated to meet 2016 levels, generating a modest increase of \$47,000 in fund balance.

Fund 22 – Prop 1 Transportation Revenues

This fund was newly created in 2016 to recognize the additional transportation tax that was voted on and approved in November of 2015. Revenue collections began in April of 2016, with the majority of the monies being “passed-through” to Davis County cities and Utah Transit Authority. The formula for calculating the County portion of this revenue is still under review, and as such, revenues have been conservatively budgeted at \$1,000,000 with no new expenditures outside of the existing Midtown Trolley contract.

Fund 23 – Library

Community demand for library services continues to grow, with an increased emphasis in technology. Funded almost entirely by property tax revenues, current levels are enough to maintain basic operations, but does not allow for new technology or future capital building projects. The library is proposing a \$1,250,000 increase in property tax revenues in 2017, with an estimated 68% dedicated to future investment in aging buildings. Budgeted expenditures in 2017 have grown from \$6,661,423 to \$7,117,975, with increased investment in wages (based on the market survey), software, and equipment.

Fund 24 – Public Works

In 2016, the County identified 90 projects related to flood control, with an estimated cost of \$30,000,000. Currently, all funding for these services/projects are recognized in Fund 24 and are dependent on an annual transfer from the General Fund. The amount of this transfer in 2017 is \$4,800,000, with \$1,444,702 attributed to personnel, \$148,565 to operations, \$830,000 to capital projects, and \$2,228,786 in debt service. A portion of the proposed tax increase is incorporated in the transfer figure above and is tied to funding additional flood control projects in 2017. Estimated ending fund balance for 2017 is \$1,993,211 while the target ending fund balance is one-year of debt service obligation, or \$2.24 M.

Fund 25 – Special Service Area

The special service area fund is designed to appropriate and track expenditures related to municipal-type services that are provided to those that live in the unincorporated areas of the County. These services include public safety, fire protection, animal control, streets and roads maintenance, planning and engineering, and general administration. Revenues for these services are provided by individual mil levy (currently set at .000981), sales tax revenues, and user fees. Projected ending fund balance is \$1,509,411, representing a gradual spend down from the beginning balance of \$1,820,478.

Funds 26 and 27 – Tax Pass-Through

The County uses pass through funds 26 and 27 to record monies levied by the County but dispersed to another government agency. These include transportation taxes, corridor preservation funds, and tax increment to redevelopment and community development agencies. In Fund 26 the ending fund balance is attributed to reserves for future corridor preservation projects and Fund 27 ending fund balance is expected to be zero as money is received and dispersed within the same budget year.

Funds 45, 46, 47, 48 – Capital Projects

Beginning in 2016, the County created dedicated capital reserve funds to manage and plan for future capital improvement needs. Use of these funds is specifically tied to the purpose for which they have been committed, as further described below and the *attached Summary of Capital Requests*:

- **Fund 45 – General Governmental:** Revenues of \$1,024,000 (transfer in, tax increase and interest earnings), expenditures of \$492,285 for building improvements in animal control, public works, and the County Administrative building, projected ending fund balance of \$4,607,409.
- **Fund 46 – Health:** Revenues of \$200,000 (transfer in), expenditures of \$153,000 for building improvements to Autumn Glow, Golden Years, and the Health Department Administrative building, projected ending fund balance of \$ 1,047,000.
- **Fund 47 –Tourism:** Revenues of \$5,300,000 (transfers in), expenditures of \$74,000 for building

improvements at Legacy Events Center, projected ending fund balance of \$7,626,000.

- **Fund 48 – Library:** Revenues of \$1,625,000 (transfer in, tax increase), expenditures of \$369,300 for building improvements spread across several facilities, projected ending fund balance of \$2,212,175.

Fund 51 – Golf

Budgeted golf revenues for 2017 are expected to increase by 11%, from \$2,386,953 to \$2,649,037. This is in large part due to a proposed change in fee structure for green fees and punch tickets. Additional revenues, combined with the use of fund balance, will assist with the increasing capital demands on both courses. Capital expenditures in Davis Park are estimated to increase by \$26,000 while capital needs at Valley View increased by \$112,500. Projected ending fund balance is \$4,530,753 with a targeted fund balance goal of \$4,900,000. As with all enterprise funds, the Davis County golf courses are expected to operate independently from the government-wide funds.

Fund 52 – Commissary

The tentative budget recognizes an increase in commissary revenues of 12.7%, attributed to the continued growth in weekend co-pay revenue and anticipated growth in telephone revenues. Revenues generated from this area are utilized to offset funding for inmate programs, which have nearly doubled from 2016 estimates. Projected ending fund balance is \$1,196,440 with a target fund balance goal of \$500,000.

Funds 61, 62, 63 – Internal Services

The County continues to create efficiencies by centralizing key services, including Insurance, Telephone, Security, Email, and Facilities Maintenance. Increases in 2017 insurance allocations relate to both a 10% increase in general liability premiums as well as the change in calculation methodology from percent-total operating budget to FTE count. A minor increase in telephone allocations of approximately \$45,000 is attributed to server and voicemail upgrades, while the cost of security services remains flat. 2017 represents the first year that departments will be allocated a cost for email services, and is based on total email addresses assigned to each department.

Much of the change in fund 63 expenditures relates to the continued implementation of a County-wide facilities management program. Planned changes for 2017 include transferring additional charges (e.g., utilities) to Fund 63 so that these may be monitored for variances on a large scale. Departments will then be charged back based on actual costs through monthly allocations. In addition, 2017 building improvements are budgeted in their respective capital reserve funds to eliminate the need for inter-departmental transfers.

This concludes the tentative budget message for 2017.

Curtis indicated that the County reached out to several citizens and citizen groups that have an interest in tax increases. One of those groups is the Utah Taxpayers Association who they met with for 2 hours and went through the proposed tax increase. Curtis said, “We were pleased to find that we found common ground and thinking in a similar direction”. Last night Curtis received an email from the Utah Taxpayers Association with their permission to share the following quote:

“After meeting with Davis County officials and reviewing their budget for essential services, the Utah Taxpayers Association will not oppose the county’s proposed property tax increase. Over the course of a decade, it is wholly appropriate that a taxing entity impose a one-time increase in the certified tax rate to adjust for inflation. Davis County’s time to do this is now to ensure the county can appropriately fund the services it is currently providing.”

Curtis indicated that a lot of work by Heidi Voordeckers and his staff has gone into the proposed budget noting that there have been personal sacrifices made so that your “tax watchdog” would make that kind of acknowledgement. “With that, the tentative budget has been presented for consideration. I look forward to working with you as we move through the continued process that is outlined.”

Commissioner Smith asked for clarification of Fund 24. The balance shows it will end up just short of \$2 million while the target ending fund balance is \$2.2 million. Curtis indicated that was correct. Commissioner Smith confirmed that it was not a statutory requirement, that it was our own internal target. Curtis indicated that it is a goal that was placed, noting that there is a one-time large project that needs to take place in the upcoming year and that in the future it is anticipated that we wouldn’t have such a large capital expenditure and we would be able to meet that goal. “Goals are guiding point that we aim for.”

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the proposed 2017 Tentative Budget. Commissioner Millburn seconded the motion. All voted aye.

Utah Taxpayers Association’s quote regarding proposed 2017 tax increase

Clarification of Fund 24

2017 Tentative Budget approved.

Commissioner Millburn expressed his appreciation to all those that have worked very hard as pointed out by Curtis and others. “This has been a process that has taken a very long time, having started a couple of years ago by laying out the ground work for the intense work that has been done this year.” He commended Curtis, Heidi, the Budget Committee and all of the department for running their areas with as much efficiency as possible. And for their cooperation and participation in this process. He encouraged the public to attend the scheduled open houses.

Commissioner Smith said the quote from the Utah Taxpayers Association’s says “they will not oppose.” He has never seen wording come closer in support of a tax increase. His hat is off to Curtis, Heidi and the entire team as previously mentioned. He is very pleased with the direction the budgeting is going in the County. He thinks the process is becoming more robust, looking at things deeper and asking department heads to be more responsible. He thinks it is working.

Commissioner Millburn added, “We are not only looking deeper but further into the future and planning ahead to be more proactive than reactive.”

Commissioner Petroff said he wanted to make sure the golf courses stayed in good shape since he will have more time to play next year.

Mike Moake, Davis County Legacy Events Center Marketing, presented the following:

Agreement #2016-430 with Mettle Wrestling for a youth wrestling tournament that draws participants from California, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nevada, Utah, Washington and Wyoming to compete. Period of contract is December 30 - 31, 2016. Receivable amount is \$2,600.00.

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 #2016-431 with Tobin Family Karate, LLC for an Intermountain Karate Tournament that draws participants from all over the western United States to compete. Period of contract is March 16 – 18, 2017. Receivable amount is \$2,705.00.

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.

Chief Deputy Kevin Fielding, Davis County Sheriff’s Office, presenting:

Agreement #2016-432 with West Point City to provide law enforcement services. Period of contract is July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2021. Receivable amounts are as follows:

- 1) 7/1/16 – 6/30/17 = \$6,794.84/month,
- 2) 7/1/17 – 6/30/18 = \$9,658.63/month,
- 3) 7/1/18 – 6/30/19 = \$12,522.42/month,
- 4) 7/1/19 – 6/30/20 = \$15,386.21/month, and
- 5) 7/1/20 – 6/30/21 = \$18,250.00/month.

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.

Request for approval of the Davis County Natural Hazard Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan #2016-433. The Plan lists all those things we hope never happen and how they will be responded to. (Due to some of the information contained within the Plan it will be marked “Confidential”).

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.

Commissioner Smith presented amendment #2016-122A with the Utah Department of Human Services for additional funding for the Early Onset Psychoses Research Program and to replace the existing budget. Period of contract is March 15, 2016 through March 15, 2021. Additional receivable funding is

Agreement
#2016-430
Mettle Wrestling
rental at LEC

Agreement
#2016-431 Tobin
Family Karate
rental at LEC

Agreement
#2016-432 West
Point City for
law enforcement
services

#2016-433
Natural Hazard
Pre-Disaster
Mitigation Plan

Amendment
#2016-122A UT
Dept of Human
Services add
funding Early
Onset Psychoses

\$63,000.00 for a total amount of \$124,000.00.

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's Office.

Contract
summary
#2016-434
Internet
connection users
REDI WEB

Commissioner Petroff presented contract summary #2016-434 of internet connection users (12) for access to Recorder's Office information on REDI WEB. The agreements are low dollar amount receivables.

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's Office.

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:

- 4 Corrections
- 71 Stipulations to value prior to having a hearing
- 18 Denials due to lack of evidence
- 33 Hearing results:
 - 10 denials after the hearing
 - 23 approvals after the hearing
- 24 Late abatements for 2016

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.

Reconvene

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

Meeting minutes
approved

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Commission Meeting minutes for October 28, 2016. Commissioner Millburn seconded the motion. All voted aye. The document 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 were approved with a motion by Commissioner Smith. Commissioner Millburn seconded the motion. All voted aye. The documents are on file in the office of the Davis County Clerk/Auditor.

Commissioner
comments

Commissioner comments:

Commissioner Millburn encouraged the public to review the 2017 Tentative Budget that has been made available and welcomed any questions. Reminder of the final days of the election cycle and looks forward to seeing those results.

Commissioner Petroff related, having had his own business for a long time, that he always had the right number of employees. Half of the time there were too many and the rest of the time he didn't have enough. That is how government works. Sometimes you're just swamped and no matter how many people you have you don't have enough people. Other times you catch up and it may not look like you're as busy as you should be. He hopes that the citizens will realize that. By far the vast majority of the time the employees here are doing their jobs, doing them well and making sure the needs are met. Over the years he has appreciated the knowledge and understanding of the employees of the so many various things that get done at county government. It is amazing that people can be specialized in those areas. "We're very grateful for our employees that work here and the opportunity to give them a little bit of a raise, and for some of them that have fallen behind what they would be getting if they were working somewhere else. Even though we've cut some of their benefits and so forth this past year we are looking forward to, hopefully, be a small help to keep them up to where they were in the last few years. I appreciate them and wanted to make that comment about them for the record."

Commissioner Smith reiterated that there are peaks and valleys in the workflow. Our Clerk/Auditor's Office just went through a very extended high period (budget). This process that was presented is the next step of a very long and arduous process. "I whole heartedly support the changes being made in that process. Over the last couple of months, whenever I come or go from the building, early or late, I see Curtis and/or Heidi's cars still here. "I just want to formally and officially let everybody know how much we support and recognize the amount of work that goes into this budget that we did today."

Curtis Koch appreciated those kind words. Switching hats to the Clerk role, he indicated that the Lt. Governor's Office was going to have a press conference about voting. "I want to make public comments encouraging people to vote. Voting is how you make a difference. Right now we are not seeing the turnout we hoped. That could be for a lot of different reasons. Issues and candidates will drive the election as they have said from the beginning. I hope that people are not voting because they believe that it doesn't matter, that things are rigged or my vote doesn't matter. It does. The press conference will be focused on encouraging people to get out and cast votes because, a week from today, we really don't want to see long lines. We want to be able to get people through quickly. If people choose to cast their vote on November 8th, I would encourage them to "walk and drop" their vote by mail ballots. Every registered voter has received a ballot in the mail. You don't have to put it back in the mail if you have concerns about that. We would encourage them to fill out their ballot, seal it and follow the detailed instructions. Feel free to walk into any of the vote centers that we have and drop that ballot. If you choose to vote on the machines, we have done what we can to put out, what we believe is an appropriate number. If people don't use the ballot that has been provided to them, I can't guarantee that there won't be lines. Walk and drop is the way to go. We would love to have people continue to mail those ballots in. Currently they can be dropped off at any city office building or here at the Clerk's Office. We encourage people to vote. It does make a difference. It is important and your voice can be heard through that vote."

Neal Geddes: "GO VOTE!"

Commissioner Petroff remembered the last election that had a bond issue here in Farmington that was a 2 vote swing. There have been candidates that have been very close. One was determined by a coin flip when 2 were tied. So you really do need to think about your vote. "I think that people haven't voted early as they normally would have because on the national level it changes every day of what is going on up there. People are waiting to see who goes up in flames."

Public comments

Public comments:

Richard Maughan, Davis County Recorder, recently had a phone call from a neighboring county recorder who was asking about salaries and benefits. This recorder commented that they had been approached by their county commissioner about 15 minutes before their initial county budget hearing and asked, "What do you want?" Which was the full extent of preparation of hearing what their office's budget needs were. "I want to commend this group right here for the extensive preparation and consultation that they have been through, meeting with department heads, meeting with regular employees to get the input so that you have an educated evaluation of the needs of the county and not just 15 minute ahead of time, 'What do you want?' I think that is a real disservice to the county and to the departments when that happens. I thank you for the process."

Rhonda Perkes, Congressman Chris Stewart's Office, indicated that congress has been in recess the month of October. "All 435 are up for re-election every 2 years. Although they are in recess, they are still working. They have committee conference call and lots of emails. We have worked very hard . . . I take it very personal when I hear ads on TV talking about congress recessing all of the time and not working. We

pretty much schedule Congressman Stewart for 14-16 hour days every day that he is here. I wanted to thank Curt Koch and his team for giving us this information on the budget. I get emotional when I give birth after I worked on something for 9 months as well. This past month we have been able to get the congressman to a number of events here in Davis County. He has loved spending some time at home, here in Davis County (Farmington resident). He attended the Council of Governments (COG) meeting and really enjoyed that. He also had a brief meeting with Curtis and Brian McKenzie about elections and some of the other issues and concern facing their office. That was a good meeting. We didn't solve the world's problems but it was nice to bring the congressman up to speed on some of those things. He spoke at the Chamber last month. We had a Youth Council Town Hall for the Davis County youth councils. All of the Davis County cities have youth councils now that the city council's organize. Some of them have advisors from the city councils and some bring in advisors from the community. All of those youth councils are very involved in service. Congressman Stewart was very impressed with the questions and comments that were made that evening by the high school students in this community. We want to echo everyone's comments about getting out to vote. It may have been a little more difficult of an election season this time around than we've seen in the past but we are excited to have next Tuesday come and move forward with the things that we need to get done on the federal level. Thank you for all of your work."

Adjourned

Meeting adjourned.

Clerk/Auditor

Chair