

COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES – DAVIS COUNTY

WORK SESSION MINUTES

July 7, 2020

The Board of Davis County Commissioners met for a Work Session at 2:15 p.m. on July 7, 2020, in room 303 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.

ATTENDEES Davis County Commissioners in attendance: Lorene Miner Kamalu, Chair; and Randy B. Elliott. Bob J Stevenson, Vice-Chair, joined the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

Davis County Staff in attendance were: Mike Kendall, Sr. Civil Counsel; Jeff Oyler, Planning Manager; Curtis Koch, Clerk/Auditor; Shairise Bills, Deputy Clerk/Auditor; Tony Thompson, Property Manager; and Chad Monroe, Emergency Manager.

Members of the public in attendance were: Clint Drake, Bountiful City Attorney; Lance Kovel, Acting District Ranger, Forest Service; Jeff Bassett, South Davis Fire Chief; and Robert Sanders, Davis County Fire Warden.

AGENDA AS POSTED **2:15 p.m. Follow-up discussion regarding the proposed ordinance changes regarding fire restrictions for Farmington Canyon and Ward Canyon**

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. Timestamps have been noted in the minutes to aid in locating points of discussion in the audio record. The audio recording for this meeting is available based upon the County's current retention schedule.

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

The meeting commenced at 2:21 p.m.

WORK SESSION DISCUSSION **Follow-Up discussion regarding the proposed ordinance changes regarding fire restrictions for Farmington Canyon and Ward Canyon (Minute 01:57)**

This was a continuing discussion of the proposed ordinance changes regarding fire restrictions for Farmington and Ward Canyons. The appropriate wording to include in the ordinance was discussed at great length. The challenge is identifying the proper language to use as it pertains to the distance from roads or structures in which fires are permitted. The language needs to be transparent to make it easier for citizens to interpret and follow orders and for the law to be enforceable and withstand legal challenges. Ideally, the Forest Order and the County's Resolution should match up.

Problems remain in Mueller Park and North Canyons. Chief Bassett would like the fire restrictions to continue from Farmington to North Salt Lake. He said all the cities that face that side of the mountain are prepared to issue a brand new ordinance that will match this ordinance. He says if it is not restricted, there will be a considerable increase in fires in the Centerville bowl or North Canyon.

NEXT STEPS The County supported the Forest Service moving forward on the closure order of the Farmington and Ward Canyons with campfire restriction within 200 yards of either side of the roads. The County will issue a similar ordinance. There will be no restrictions in designated campsites. The Cities and County will work on developing new fire restriction ordinances for those areas that extend into North Salt Lake. Still, for the Forest Service to enact a closure order, they will first have to go through a scoping process that aligns with policy. It will take some time to go through that process, but it is possible.

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**CLOSED
SESSION**

For reasons permitted under Utah Code Annotated §52-4-205, Commissioner Elliot motioned to go into closed session, and Commissioner Stevenson seconded the motion. All voted aye.

**MEETING
ADJOURNED**

The open meeting resumed at 3:47 p.m., and no action was taken during the closed session. The meeting adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

**MATERIALS
PRESENTED**

All publicly distributed materials associated with this meeting are noted as the following attachments:

- A1-A8 FSH 5309.11 Special Order Policy
- B1-B2 DRAFT 04-19-452 Farmington and Ward Canyon Fire Restrictions
- C Map of Davis County Restricted Use Area

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Minutes approved on: 07/28/2020

/s/ Curtis Koch
Curtis Koch
Davis County Clerk/Auditor

/s/ Lorene Miner Kamalu
Lorene Miner Kamalu
Commission Chair