

COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES – DAVIS COUNTY

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

January 14, 2020

The Board of Davis County Commissioners met for their regularly scheduled meeting at 4:00 p.m. on January 14, in room 303 of the Davis County Administration Building, 61 South Main Street, Farmington, Utah. Required legal notice of this meeting was given.

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 4:00 p.m.

Commissioner Kamalu introduced Davis County School District Superintendent Reid Newey as a special guest and invited him to share information about Davis County Schools. He spoke of the recent accreditation of Davis School District through Cognia, an international accreditation company that rates schools using an index of educational quality. Every district has to undergo accreditation of its secondary schools or universities won’t accept credits from those schools. Most districts have secondary schools accredited individually every five years. Davis is the only district in Utah to achieve system-wide accreditation, which includes its 62 elementary schools.

The first year Davis School District was accredited system-wide was 2014. The district received an average score of 286 that year, which is higher than the average range of 278 to 283. In 2019, the district achieved an increase of 53 points for a score of 339. District officials are elated with the results. An accreditation team of 18 people targeted 27 schools for site visits, in addition to evaluating data submitted by the district. The team gave six commendations, including the commendation that students seem engaged and happy.

In response to a question about why other districts haven’t undergone a system-wide accreditation, Superintendent Newey said it is an arduous process and takes a year to accumulate data. Most districts haven’t put forth the effort to organize a system-wide accreditation and don’t want elementary schools to go through the same scrutiny as high schools.

Superintendent Newey also noted that graduation rates were released before Christmas break. Davis School District had the second highest rate with 96 percent of students graduating. Juab had 97 percent, but it only has one high school compared to Davis School District’s 10 high schools. Davis schools make a special effort to help every student at risk of not graduating.

Commissioners clarified for citizens that Davis School District is not a department of the County but is its own large and complex entity. They noted that many people choose to settle in this County because of the reputation of Davis County Schools.

Following his remarks, Superintendent Newey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognitions,
Presentations &
Informational
Items

Written Notice, and Acceptance, of Termination of Services Agreement with Trinity Services Group, Inc.
— *Presented by Commissioner Kamalu*

Commissioner Kamalu presented a written notice, and acceptance, of a Termination of Services Agreement with Trinity Services Group, Inc. The letter, signed by Commissioner Kamalu, was sent on Jan. 8, 2020, to Mr. Miller and other representatives of the company.

**PUBLIC
COMMENTS**

Members of the public were invited to make comments to the Commission.

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Ben Toone, of Farmington, addressed the Commission to request they consider changing from a three-member commission to a larger council form of government.

Mr. Toone has lived in Davis since May of 2010. He used to be a resident of Weber County and said a three-member commission there sold a piece of public property without proper notice. He challenged the Weber County Commission through a lawsuit and prevailed at the [Utah] Supreme Court. Afterward, he said, a bill was introduced to change the statute on which the case was built.

Other counties have successfully moved to a council form of government, and many did so through referendums that let citizens vote on it. A referendum in Weber County was “sabotaged,” he said, by placing it on the ballot after the section for voting on judges, resulting in more than 8,000 ballots with the referendum section not voted.

This year, Utah County is going to put this initiative on their ballot. He suggested Davis County consider a council with between 5 and 9 members, each from a different legislative district, and gave his opinion that the County administrator should be elected rather than hired.

Commissioners said they have had very informal discussions about the pros and cons of both forms of government. Davis County has 900 full-time employees and a budget of over \$200 million, and the electorate is essentially hiring Commissioners to manage day to day operations; they don’t do much with zoning or creating ordinances. Commissioners said there are only 26 miles of county road in Davis, compared to 275 miles of city road in Layton. There is not a lot of county ground that exists in Davis, and the land mass is very small if Antelope Island and parts of the Wasatch Front are excluded. The County population is around 360,000 people, but those living in unincorporated areas number less than 2,500. The County has one position on the North Davis Sewer Board to represent 26 houses compared to Layton City representing 25,000 houses. It is expected that all unincorporated areas will be annexed to cities within 15 years. Davis County is the most urban and smallest county in Utah.

Mr. Toone said a three-person commission is a two-person dictatorship because two could create any rules. Commissioners said most cities have a five-member council and only require three votes. They also noted that in addition to the three-member Commission, there are seven other elected officials representing all citizens in Davis County. Weber County put the question to voters again in 2019 and they voted no, Commissioners pointed out, and two years ago the State Legislature ran a bill requiring Counties to look at a different form of government when their population hits 500,000.

Commissioners said they, or people with a referendum, can put the form of government on the ballot, but Davis County has been running smoothly. They are open to listening, but Mr. Toone is the first person to suggest to the current Commission that they’d like a change.

Commissioners assured Mr. Toone they will function, with regards to property, as they are supposed to do and information about property will be posted in public notices.

**BUSINESS/
ACTION**

Memo of Understanding #2020-09 with Davis County Health Dept., Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)

Memo of Understanding #2020-09 with Davis County Health Dept., Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) — Presented by Brian Hatch, Davis County Health Director

A summary list of multiple contracts within the RSVP program was presented. The County provides volunteers to multiple agencies through the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program known as RSVP. The contract period is 06/01/2019 to 09/08/2022. Contracts in this summary are neither payable nor receivable.

Motion to Approve: Com. Elliott
Seconded: Com. Stevenson
All voted Aye

Summary List #2020-10 of rental agreements (12) at the Davis County Legacy Events

Summary List #2020-10 of Dec 20, 2019, rental agreements (12) at the Davis County Legacy Events Center — Presented by Dave Hansen, Davis County Legacy Events Center Director

A summary list of low-risk, low-dollar contracts with the Davis County Legacy Events Center was presented. The majority of the agreements are for concession vendors and RV spots, however, there is one agreement

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Center for a party and another for karate practice. The contract period is 11/08/2019 to 12/21/2019. The receivable amount is \$1,387.32.

Motion to Approve: Com. Elliott
Seconded: Com. Stevenson
All voted Aye

Agreement #2020-11 with See Source, LLC to receive monthly Davis County visitor insight reports

Agreement #2020-11 with See Source, LLC to receive monthly Davis County visitor insight reports —
Presented by Jessica Merrill, Davis County Tourism Division Director

An agreement with See Source, LLC was presented. Under the agreement, the company will provide monthly visitor insight reports to Davis County. The reports will include information about the duration of stay and where visitors go. The contract includes analysis of two special events of the County's choosing. Data received should drive County decisions. The company works with Bluetooth data, tracking cell phones and credit card spending through MasterCard. Data going back to 2017 will be available. The County is testing this program for six months. If any cities want to participate, they can buy in at a lower rate because of the County's contract. The contract period is 02/01/2020 to 01/31/2021. The payable amount is \$12,000.

Motion to Approve: Com. Stevenson
Seconded: Com. Elliott
All voted Aye

Agreement #2020-12 with Prism Systems Corp. for 2020 Davis County Jail Touch-Screen Maintenance

Agreement #2020-12 with Prism Systems Corp. for 2020 Davis County Jail Touch-Screen Maintenance —
Presented by Chief Deputy Susan Poulsen, Davis County Sheriff's Office

An agreement with Prism Systems Corp. was presented. It is the 2020 maintenance contract for the jail touch-screen service. The contract period is 01/01/2020 to 12/31/2020. The payable amount is \$28,800.

Training Reimbursement Agreement #2020-13 with Brooklyn Ashby for Basic Corrections Academy

Training Reimbursement Agreement #2020-13 with Brooklyn Ashby for Basic Corrections Academy —
Presented by Chief Deputy Susan Poulsen, Davis County Sheriff's Office

A training reimbursement agreement with Brooklyn Ashby, for Basic Corrections Academy and special functions, was presented. This agreement represents a two-year commitment from the date she graduates from the academy – specifically, it's for two years or 4,160 hours. The contract period is 01/21/2020 to 01/21/2022. The receivable amount is \$13,678.

Motion to Approve Items: Com. Elliott
Seconded: Com. Stevenson
All voted Aye

Amendment #2015-102-E with Davis Behavioral Health for substance abuse and mental health services for the 2020 year

Amendment #2015-102-E with Davis Behavioral Health to provide comprehensive substance abuse and mental health services in Davis County for the 2020 year —
Presented by Curtis Koch, Davis County Clerk/Auditor

An amendment to a contract with Davis Behavioral Health was presented. The contract is for the provision of mental health services and substance abuse services. The amount noted provides funding for the 20-percent match required by State statute to receive State funds. It also provides jail substance abuse treatment, jail mental health treatment, and the mental health court supplement. The contract period is 01/01/2020 to 12/31/2020. The payable amount is \$1,817,600.

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Amendment #2019-26-B with Utah State University Extension to provide services to the citizens of Davis County for the 2020 calendar year

Amendment #2019-26-B with Utah State University Extension to provide services to the citizens of Davis County for the 2020 calendar year — Presented by Curtis Koch, Davis County Clerk/Auditor

An amendment to a contract with Utah State University Extension was introduced. The contract period is 01/01/2020 to 12/31/2020. The payable amount is \$234,116 in cash and \$14,025 in in-kind use of County facilities.

Motion to Approve Items: Com. Stevenson
Seconded: Com. Elliott
All voted Aye

Profit Sharing Contract #2020-14 with Dustin Volk

Profit Sharing Contract #2020-14 with Dustin Volk to share revenues of Valley View Golf Course Pro Shop and the Men's Association — Presented by Commissioner Stevenson

This contract is for the annual increase for the golf pro at Valley View Golf Course, Dustin Volk. Nothing is changed with this contract, other than extending the agreement for one year. The contract period ends 12/31/2020.

Motion to Approve: Com. Elliott
Seconded: Com. Stevenson
All voted Aye

Commissioner Elliott moved to recess to the Board of Equalization. Commissioner Stevenson seconded the motion. All voted Aye.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Property Tax Register

Property Tax Register matters were presented by Curtis Koch, Davis County Clerk/Auditor.

Commissioners were asked to consider the following Auditor's Adjustments:

Appeals

- A report recommending approval of several appeals totaling \$280,241.
- A Hearing Findings report for several appeals.

Corrections

- Nine Veteran Exemptions to abate taxes for year 2019.

Under Treasurers Adjustments, there was one recommended adjustment totaling \$300.29.

Under Assessor's Adjustments, there was a report with various Assessor-initiated corrections.

Motion to Approve: Com. Stevenson
Seconded: Com. Elliott
All voted Aye

Commissioner Elliott moved to reconvene Commission Meeting. Commissioner Stevenson seconded the motion. All voted Aye.

CONSENT ITEMS

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Check Registers

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Check Registers were approved.

Motion to Approve: Com. Elliott

Seconded: Com. Stevenson

All voted Aye

Indigent
Hardship
Abatement
Register

Indigent Hardship Abatement Register

The Indigent Abatement Hardship Register for Kaylene Stevenson was presented for approval.

Motion to Approve: Com. Elliott

Seconded: Com. Stevenson

All voted Aye

Commission
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Meeting Minutes

Meeting Minutes for December 10, 2019, and December 17, 2019, were presented for approval.

Motion to Approve: Com. Elliott

Seconded: Com. Stevenson

All voted Aye

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Elliott attended the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the library in Bountiful. He also announced that the 80th anniversary of Hill Air Force Base will be celebrated at Hill Aerospace Museum on Jan. 18. The event kicks off at 10 a.m. and continues to 3 p.m. with various speakers and presentations. The community is invited.

Commissioner Kamalu announced that Davis County is hosting its second annual Community Resilience Symposium. The conference, which focuses on adverse childhood experiences and trauma, was full last year. It has been moved to the Davis Conference Center this year so more people can attend and become informed. It's an uplifting and encouraging event that includes information about protective factors and self-care. The conference is open to all citizens of Davis County, and there is a registration link on the Davis Behavioral Health website. The \$30 registration fee includes a continental breakfast and lunch. The presenters are renowned in Utah and the U.S. as experts in prevention and being trauma-informed as a community. It's a big event for the Davis County Health Department, Davis Behavioral Health, and collaborating entities who work with Human Services. The conference date is Friday Jan. 31; registration closes three days prior.

Commissioner Kamalu also discussed the County's health priorities. The priorities are mental health, safety, and stability. She defined those items to mean: Health – Every resident of Davis County is mentally healthy; Safety – The County is working to decrease incidents of interpersonal violence; and Stability, which includes education, employment, housing, and basic needs – The County would like to continue having low-income residents become economically stable. She said the Davis County Health Department put a great deal of work into getting community input to select the priorities, and thanked the County's public health officials and all who work in Human Services.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Commission meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

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Deputy Clerk/Auditor

Minutes approved on:

Curtis Koch

Clerk/Auditor

Lorene Miner Kamalu

Commission Chair