

COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES – DAVIS COUNTY

WORK SESSION MINUTES

November 22, 2022

The Board of Davis County Commissioners met for a Work Session at 8:30 a.m. on November 22, 2022, 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.

AGENDA AS POSTED

Roll Call

8:30 a.m. Update and discussion regarding the increased child abuse occurring in Davis County— Presented by Julie Stephenson, Interim Director/Victim Services MDT Coordinator

Adjournment

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 the content. The audio recording 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.

ROLL CALL

Davis County Commissioners in attendance: Randy B. Elliott, Chair; Lorene Miner Kamalu, Vice-Chair; and Bob J Stevenson.

Davis County Staff in attendance: Shairise Bills, Deputy Clerk/Auditor; Neal Geddes, Chief Civil Deputy Attorney; Josh Johnson, Library Director; Brian Hatch, Health Director; Curtis Koch, Clerk/Auditor; Chris Bone, Human Resource Director; and Julie Stephenson, Interim Director/Victim Services MDT Coordinator.

There was no public attendance.

The meeting commenced at 8:35 a.m.

WORK SESSION DISCUSSION

Update and discussion regarding the increased child abuse occurring in Davis County— Presented by Julie Stephenson, Interim Director/Victim Services Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) Coordinator

Julie showed a video that introduced the Children's Justice Center (CJC) and what they do. Their mission is to respond to allegations of child abuse within the community effectively and help minimize trauma for the child. The multi-disciplinary approach provides a complete understanding of case issues, creating responses that coincide with the child's best interest.

There were 482 reported and treated cases in 2022 thus far. In 2020, the Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) received 40,364 child abuse and neglect reports. Of those reported, 20,713 of the reports were accepted for formal CPS assessment. Spanking is not considered physical abuse unless it leaves a mark and if there is intent to harm. Over 90% of sexual offenders are known and trusted by the child. Utah ranks in the top five nationally for sexual abuse and 8th for combined sexual and physical abuse. There is a confirmed case in Utah every 38 minutes. The Financial impact of sex abuse in Utah equates to \$2.4 million per day or \$1 billion annually. Approximately 85% is spent on perpetrators, 15% on victims, and less than 1% of funding goes toward child abuse prevention. There are significant short-term and long-term impacts on victims. Pornography and sex abuse are directly tied together. Utah is #1 in the nation for households with a computer and online paid porn subscriptions. More legislation needs to happen to help increase prevention funding.

(See Attachments A1-A22.)

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ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

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

A1-A22 Children's Justice Center Child Abuse Presentation

Minutes prepared by:
Shairise Bills
Deputy Clerk/Auditor

Minutes approved on: 12/20/2022

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

/s/ Randy B. Elliott
Randy B. Elliott
Commission Chair