

COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES – DAVIS COUNTY

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

December 3, 2019

The Board of Davis County Commissioners met for a special meeting at 6 p.m. on December 3, 2019, 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 Randy B. Elliott, Chair; Commissioner Lorene Miner Kamalu, Vice-Chair; Commissioner Bob J Stevenson; Curtis Koch, Davis County Clerk/Auditor; and Neal Geddes, Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney.

The meeting was an open dialogue. Critical points in the discussion have only been briefly summarized. All documents from this meeting are on file in the Davis County Clerk/Auditor's Office.

OPENING

The meeting convened at 6 p.m. and Neal Geddes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

BUDGET OVERVIEW

2020 Tentative Budget Overview — *Presented by Curtis Koch, Davis County Clerk/Auditor*

The Commission approved the 2020 Tentative Budget on Oct 29, 2019. The document provided for this meeting is a recap of the Tentative Budget as it was approved in October. It also includes a summary list of additional changes and requests that have been incorporated into the Tentative Budget after its approval. Curtis then read the list of initiatives introduced in the budget and then asked if there were any additional questions from the Commissioners; the Commissioners had none.
See Attachment A1-A42.

Commissioner Kamalu moved to open the Public Hearing. Commissioner Stevenson seconded the motion. All voted Aye.

PUBLIC HEARING

The public was invited to make comments to the Commission.

Bret Millburn, from Centerville and a former Davis County Commissioner, said he appreciates all the hard work that goes into creating the budget. As a previous Commissioner, he is fully aware of the time, effort, and challenges involved.

He then asked about the following points: the market adjustment initiative, the Memorial Courthouse Restoration project's scope, the Legacy Events Center improvements, updates on the donation to Farmington City for a proposed Station Park project, and the third quarter transportation tax.

The Commissioners or others on the dais gave the following answers:

- In response to the market adjustment initiative, the County continues to use the merit system ranging from 0 to 3 ½ percent, and it does not apply to any elected official.
- The Memorial Courthouse Restoration project includes updates to the entire courthouse campus to best meet the long-term needs of the County.
- The Commissioners are still reviewing the Victus Study about the Legacy Events Center's future. The plan, as of right now, is to upgrade the heating and cooling and to put down a concrete floor, saving the dirt if possible.
- Regarding the Station Park project, Farmington City has received a letter from the Miller Group saying they are not interested in coming to Farmington. The possibility of CenterCal [Properties, LLC] building an arena is still in discussion; a decision is expected in February of 2020. If the arena is built, part of the County's agreement involves adjusting a tax increment.
- For the third quarter transportation tax, according to State statute, a program had to be created for how the funds are put together. As of right now, only five months of the taxes have been collected and it is projected to receive \$6 million by the end of the year, with an additional \$12 million by the end of next year. The projects are still waiting to be reviewed and approved by the State legislature. The Commission met with them in October and were able to answer some questions about the proposals.

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Bret also asked, in general, how far in advance Davis County is looking at doing projects. There was some discussion on projects the County is currently researching, such as expanding the Davis Conference Center and the Legacy Events Center. The Commission said no final decisions have been made but they are exploring the different options to make the best decision.

Commissioner Stevenson moved to close the Public Hearing. Commissioner Kamalu seconded the motion. All voted Aye.

NEXT STEPS

Curtis Koch, Davis County Clerk/Auditor, said from this point forward, adjustments can still be made to the budget. He discouraged significant changes to keep the budget transparent to the public, but he fully anticipates small-dollar adjustments be made. If there are adjustments, the Clerk/Auditor department will update the budget on the County's website. Two weeks from today, on Dec. 17, 2019, the budget will be on the Commission Meeting agenda for final approval. Until the final budget is approved, comments are welcome and may be considered. Curtis explained the Tentative Budget had already been approved on Oct. 29. Also, that the budget process at a county level is different than at a city level because there is no separation between the Executive and Legislative branches. Additionally, Davis County decided in the name of transparency and to give the public time to review and/or comment on the budget, to not approve the Tentative Budget on the same night as the budget's public hearing.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

The Commission thanked those involved in putting together the budget; it is a huge undertaking.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The special meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

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

A1-A42. 2020 Budget Recap - Tentative to Final Budget Changes

Minutes prepared by:

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Minutes approved on: 1/7/2020

/s/ Curtis Koch

Curtis Koch

Clerk/Auditor

/s/ Lorene Miner Kamalu

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Commission Chair