

COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES – DAVIS COUNTY

WORK SESSION MINUTES

September 1, 2020

The Board of Davis County Commissioners met for a Work Session at 1:00 p.m. on September 1, 2020, 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.

ATTENDEES

Davis County Commissioners in attendance: Lorene Miner Kamalu, Chair; and Randy B. Elliott. Bob J Stevenson, Vice-Chair, joined the meeting at 1:08 p.m.

Davis County Staff in attendance: Bas Bouwmeester, Surveyor's Office; Curtis Koch, Clerk/Auditor; Shairise Bills, Deputy Clerk/Auditor; Neal Geddes, Chief Civil Deputy Attorney; Mike Kendall, Sr. Civil Counsel; Kent Andersen; Community & Economic Development (CED) Director; Jeff Oyler, Planning Manger; Bas Bouwmeester, Surveyor's Office; and Tony Thompson, Property Manager.

Members of the public in attendance: McKay Winkle; Matt Laurie; Ron Mortensen; Jeff Bassett, South Davis Metro Fire Chief; Gary Hill, Bountiful City Manager; and Francisco Astorga, Bountiful City Planning Director .

AGENDA AS POSTED

1:00 p.m. North Canyon Trailhead

1:30 p.m. Davis County's North Boundary

2:15 p.m. CLOSED SESSION for reasons permitted under UCA § 52-4-205

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 1:01 p.m.

WORK SESSION DISCUSSION

North Canyon Trailhead (Minute 04:09)

Bountiful City has requested improvement to the North Canyon trailhead, the road, and the addition of a mile of single-track trail. COVID-19 has had a substantial impact on trail use throughout the county, but improvements were needed even before the pandemic hit, hence the timely request. This trail connects Mueller Park and the future Bonneville Shoreline Trail.

Kent gave an overview of the Bonneville Shoreline Trail Project and its progress, including the trail resources from monies set aside in the 2020 Tourism budget, a \$150K Outdoor Recreation Grant, community partnerships, and the possibility of accessing some Outdoor Recreation Bonds. Davis County has submitted several projects to the state, including the Bonneville Shoreline and the North Canyon trailhead. The bond gives preference to those shovel-ready projects.

Gary Hill gave an overview of the improvements to the North Canyon trail proposed to be done through a partnership between Bountiful City and the County. The project consists of the acquisition of 1.5 acres, construction of trailhead parking and restrooms, development of a one mile single-track adjacent to the existing unpaved 4X4, and the grading of dirt road and removing fuelwood to create fire access up to the Forest Service property.

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Currently, the North Canyon trail dead ends. It was initially supposed to be a part of a subdivision that never materialized and won't ever.

The total cost of the project is \$935,800. The breakdown is \$500,000 for property acquisition, \$290,000 for trailhead construction, \$75,000 for single-track construction, and \$70,800 for dirt road improvements. It was requested the County contribute \$680,000 and Bountiful City match funds of 29 percent or \$255,000. Some conceptual designs were shown and discussed. Chief Bassett explained how necessary the project is for public safety.

The first step will be property acquisition, followed by constructing the single-track trail using City funds. Next would be building the parking area and restrooms, which could be done in phases. The trail committee is ready to go, and ideally, the project will begin in the spring of 2021.

NEXT STEPS All three Commissioners support the project and will meet individually with the Community & Economic Development department to identify resources that can be used toward the acquisition right away. Another Work Session will likely follow.
(See Attachments A1-A14)

Davis County's (DC) North Boundary (Minute 43:33)

A while back, Weber County (WC) invited Davis County to attend one of their Work Sessions to discuss issues relating to Davis County's north boundary line. One of which is a plan to develop some land located in South Weber City. The majority of this property lies within Davis County, but a piece of it extends into Uintah City in Weber County, creating a conflict.

The property lines were surveyed and recorded in 1894 and went along the Weber River through the center of the channel. Since then, a few areas were realigned due to construction along Interstate 84. A more recent survey was performed independently, by Weber County, in 2002. The Davis County Surveyor asked them how it fit in with the properties, and he was told it fit well with no problems, but that has proven not to be the case. The DC Surveyor addressed the matter in a written statement and said his signature was used on the face of Weber County's survey, but he performed none of the work. He stated the original survey is correct and that Davis County disagrees with the Weber County Surveyor's retracement of the ancient Weber River as the common boundary.

State laws have been enacted, giving guidance to counties on disputed boundaries. The current UCA§ 17-50-204(1) reads: If a dispute or uncertainty arises as to the true location of a county boundary described in this part, the surveyors of each county whose boundary is the subject of the dispute or uncertainty may determine true location. Davis County has never previously had a conflict of its northern boundary line. Weber County is planning to present a draft resolution for a proposed boundary adjustment.

Mike Kendall offered some solutions to resolve the issue. He favors moving forward with the joint resolution with Weber County, including a joint public hearing. This action would meet the immediate need to resolve the property dispute. The Commissioners agreed. Mike said that there needs to be more permanent action taken to resolve any long-term issues and asked the Commission to commit to resolving the boundary lines. The Commission is committed to a global resolution.

NEXT STEPS Mike will craft a motion to modify the property lines for the Commission to adopt. The Commission will take part in noticing and holding a joint hearing with Weber County, and follow the law and any provisions for clarifying those boundary changes with the Lt. Governor's office. This action will resolve the property dispute short-term. Additionally, the Commission will provide staff guidance on creating a global resolution with Weber County on the remaining disputed boundary lines created by the 2002 survey.
(See Attachments B1-B14, C, D, E, and F1-F3)

CLOSED SESSION **CLOSED SESSION for reasons permitted under Utah Code Annotated § 52-4-205 (1:38:19)**

For reasons permitted under UCA §52-4-205, Commissioner Elliott moved to go into closed session, Commissioner Kamalu seconded the motion, and all voted aye.

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**MEETING
ADJOURNED**

The open meeting resumed session at 3:56 p.m. with no action taken during the closed session. The meeting adjourned at 3:56 p.m.

**MATERIALS
PRESENTED**

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

A1-A14	North Canyon Trailhead Bountiful City
B1-B14	Commission Work Session PowerPoint
C	Davis Weber County Line Map 1
D	Davis Weber County Line Map 2
E	Weber County Proposal
F1-F3	Joint Resolution Draft

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Minutes approved on: 09/29/2020

/s/ Curtis Koch
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Davis County Clerk/Auditor

/s/ Lorene Miner Kamalu
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Commission Chair