

# COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES – DAVIS COUNTY

## WORK SESSION MINUTES

March 16, 2021

The Board of Davis County Commissioners met for a Work Session at 2:30 p.m. on March 16, 2021, 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: Randy B. Elliott, Vice-Chair; and Lorene Miner Kamalu. Bob J Stevenson, Chair, joined the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

Davis County Staff in attendance: Jeff Oyler, Planning Manager; Kent Andersen, Community and Economic Development Director; Shairise Bills, Deputy Clerk/Auditor; Curtis Koch, Clerk/Auditor; Shauna Brady, Commission Office; and Neal Geddes, Chief Deputy Civil County Attorney.

Heidi Voordeckers, Chief Deputy Clerk/Auditor; Andrew Gruber, Wasatch Front Regional Council (WRFC) Executive Director; and Wayne Bennion, WRFC Planning Director, all joined via Google Meet.

No other members of the public were in attendance.

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**AGENDA AS POSTED** **2:30 p.m. Kent Andersen, Davis County Community and Economic Director Presenting: Proposition 1 Update**

**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. 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 2:31 p.m.

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**WORK SESSION DISCUSSION** **Proposition 1 Update—Presented by Kent Anderson, Community and Economic Development Director**

Andrew Gruber gave a brief history of Proposition 1, also known as the 4th Quarter. It was enacted by legislation via HB 362 in 2015 and imposed by Davis County in 2016 to authorize counties to implement a 0.25% sales tax to allow flexibility in the way funds could be utilized. It was designed to advance other transportation planning priorities and investments that would significantly benefit citizens in a collaborative effort between cities, counties, UDOT, and the regions.

Kent Anderson updated the Commissioners on the Proposition 1 requests and their future planning. He covered the allowable uses of the funding, as defined in Utah Code, to give the Commissioners a better understanding of its uses. Andrew explained the statutory construction and interpretation of the code to provide more context. Those uses were discussed at length related to some of the projects currently being considered in Davis County.

The County receives \$2.5 million annually in revenue, although 2020 was higher despite the pandemic. As of 2020, the fund balance is approximately \$9 million, with \$1,478,677 in prior commitments waiting to be drawn down. Several projects budgeted for 2021 totalling \$2 million, included the Highway 89 Box Culvert (\$250K), which connects Weber and Davis County to the Bonneville Shoreline Trail, and the Midtown Trolley (\$60K).

CED has received several community requests for Prop 1 funding. They were as follows:

**Bountiful City** requested a \$1 million loan to be paid back within 15 years or when the property receives final subdivision approval and paid costs of constructing the Eagle Ridge Drive Project. (The Commission previously approved this by inter-local agreement on December 15, 2020.)

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**Clinton City** requested \$410,000 to extend the 2050 N Canal Trail to connect with the Emigrant Trail, resulting in a full east/west connection. It is off-street and paved. They will be using \$175,714 in local funds for a total cost of \$585,714. CED recommends it for approval.

**Woods Cross City** requested \$224,230 to finish the West Legacy Trail. The total project costs \$320,330, but they will be using \$96,100 of local funds. This project will pave the existing dirt and gravel trail for 1.6 miles and 10' across. CED recommends it for approval.

**North Salt Lake City** has requested \$440,000 to be used with \$220,000 of their local funds for the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Right-of-Way Acquisition project. This land acquisition is intended to be used for future bus stops along the BRT route. Because the design plan is not complete and BRT discussions are still in progress, CED recommends denial right now and to wait on this request.

**Syracuse City** has requested \$1,461,708 to be used with \$626,446 in local funding toward the Antelope Trail Project. CED recommends denial due to the high cost. They may be able to fund something less than what they've requested or use TIFF funds, but that would have to be negotiated.

**Kaysville City** requested \$115,570 for the Bonneville Shoreline Trail (BST) Bridge in Kaysville's Wilderness Park. The project is complete, but the costs exceeded their original expectation. Davis County already committed \$84,000 in 2018, and Kaysville is requesting another \$31,570 to be combined with \$49,530 in local funds. CED recommends it for approval.

The total funding for these projects, if approved, is \$1,655,230. Eventually, CED would like to do some marketing to bring attention to these projects so the citizens can see how these tax dollars are spent.

Jeff outlined the proposed changes to the application guidelines, with the priorities being active transportation and related infrastructure. They want to require a 50% match on projects \$500K or higher and a 30% match on any project under \$500K, and the money will be reimbursed when the project is complete. They want to remove the requirement to be on a statewide functional classification system.

Kent talked about the prioritization of regional projects by transit, trails, and roads. Looking toward future planning, he said there could be a fund balance of \$10 million by 2023. They are looking to use some of that money to add staff members to help oversee the program. He explained the amount of time spent on project planning, management, and oversight is above what CED can manage with its current staff to run the program effectively. This addition would likely not happen until next year. The Commissioners all said they agreed with the need for additional staff.

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**MEETING  
ADJOURNED**

The meeting adjourned at 3:42 p.m.

**MATERIALS  
PRESENTED**

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

A1-A19                      Prop1 Presentation

Minutes prepared by:

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Deputy Clerk/Auditor

Minutes approved on: 04/06/2021

/s/ Curtis Koch

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Davis County Clerk/Auditor

/s/ Bob J Stevenson

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Commission Chair