

# COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES – DAVIS COUNTY

## WORK SESSION MINUTES

March 2, 2021

The Board of Davis County Commissioners met for a Work Session at 2:45 p.m. on March 2, 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: Bob J Stevenson, Chair; Randy B. Elliott, Vice-Chair; and Lorene Miner Kamalu.

Davis County Staff in attendance: Janet Hanson, Commission Office; Sheriff Kelly Sparks; Chief Deputy Andrew Oblad; Neal Geddes, Chief Civil Deputy Attorney; Shairise Bills, Deputy Clerk/Auditor; Curtis Koch, Clerk/Auditor; Chris Bone, Human Resource Director; and Heidi Voordeckers, Chief Deputy Clerk/Auditor.

There were no members of the public in attendance.

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**AGENDA AS POSTED** **2:45 p.m. Curtis Koch, Davis County Clerk/Auditor Presenting: Update on Transfer of Paramedic Services**

**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 2:47 p.m.

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**WORK SESSION DISCUSSION** **Update on Transfer of Paramedic Services- Presented by Curtis Koch, Davis County Clerk/Auditor**

Curtis Koch opened up the discussion with an update on the transfer of paramedic services from the County to the cities. Curtis Koch, Heidi Voordeckers, Sheriff Sparks, and Commissioner Elliott attended a meeting last week with the North Davis Fire District. In that meeting, they discussed the cities claim that the County is receiving a "windfall" when they transfer paramedic services to the cities.

Curtis devised a calculation to help determine what the individual cities would be paying for services and aid the Commission in determining what the tax rate should be based upon those calculations. (The County needs to decide on the tax rate by June,) He detailed how he calculated the overall costs in Personnel, Operations, and Vehicles, and then how he calculated the cities portion. Curtis estimated the County's cost to provide Law Enforcement Officers (LEO) and four paramedic units at \$6,317,123; the estimated costs to merely provide LEOs is \$3,498,714, and the cost to be covered by cities is \$2,818,409. This calculation disproves the claim that the County will receive any "windfall."

The County discovered inequitable taxation resulting in five cities paying for services that they are not receiving. Transferring the County's paramedic tax to the cities to collect it and use it as appropriate for their community solves the problem. The cities may need help recognizing the benefit in contracting with the County for services, and justifying the cost to participate. There was much discussion on the matter.

The key steps or assumptions to Curtis' suggested approach were:

- \*Removal of the paramedic tax levy
- \*Entities currently providing service need to raise or lower their rates to meet their financial needs
- \*The County will continue to provide paramedic service in cities that choose to contract with the County or:
- \*Cities and entities provide and choose to implement services and adjust the tax rate for the service area appropriately

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Ideally, a service district is probably the best approach to this problem, but this may be the next best solution. Ultimately, the Commission will decide whether or not they use this model, and this discussion will be ongoing.

*(See Attachments A-F.)*

## CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Elliott moved to a closed session as permitted under UCA§52-4-205(1)(a) to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual. Commissioner Kamalu seconded the motion, and all voted aye.

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## MEETING ADJOURNED

Neither the meeting adjournment time nor any action taken during the closed session was noted for the record when they resumed the open meeting.

## MATERIALS PRESENTED

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

- A Paramedic program cost\_ Transition Timeline
- B Paramedic program cost\_ Personnel
- C Paramedic program cost\_ Operations
- D Paramedic program cost\_ Summary
- E Paramedic program cost\_ Vehicle-Capital
- F Paramedic program cost\_ A New Approach

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Deputy Clerk/Auditor

Minutes approved on: 03/30/2021

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

/s/ Bob J Stevenson  
Bob J Stevenson  
Commission Chair