

MINUTES of the work session of the Uintah County Commission held **February 5, 2024** in the large Commission Conference Room of the Uintah County Building at 152 East 100 North, Vernal, Utah. Meeting commenced at 9:03 a.m.

PARTICIPANTS: Commissioners John Laursen and Brad Horrocks, Sonja Norton, excused

ATTENDANCE: Mike Wilkins, Jess Hermann, Sam Passey, Shannon Pena, Brent Gilley, Deanna Nyberg, and Katie Coughran.
Minutes recorded by Tai Duncan.

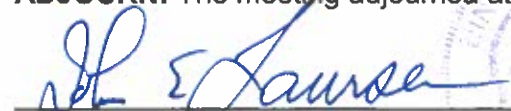
WELCOME: Commissioner Laursen welcomed everyone to the meeting and excused Commissioner Norton.

1. USE OF AVALON COMMUNITY CENTER FOR AZURE STANDARD – Vail Batty

Sam Passey, Library, noted Vail was not able to attend today. She reached out to Sam looking for official permission to use the parking lot at the Avalon Community Center as required by Azure Standard to make it a food drop location. The box truck would arrive with the orders once a month, similar to Bountiful Baskets. Sam has asked the Attorney's office if this was something that needed to be brought through Commission meeting but has not received a response. Commissioner Horrocks didn't see it necessary to bring through a meeting. Commissioner Laursen agreed but noted if it is necessary, it can be added to the Tuesday agenda. Sam added Bountiful Baskets used the parking lot for years without requesting special permission. They will not be utilizing the building. Shannon Pena addressed the meeting. She was a drop coordinator in West Jordan before moving here two years ago and was a part of Azure for five years prior at her home. The entire process takes less than an hour, maybe a little longer if there is much snow to deal with. The truck comes in and everyone meets to unload it and grab their boxes. Those that are not able to get there at that time will work with the coordinator. There is no loose garbage, papers, etc. It is quick and efficient. This is also a great opportunity for individuals to get some specific items they may not be able to get in the local stores. Sam and Jess Hermann, Facilities, had no concerns. Jess did add that they do the Farmer's Market in the Library park. Katie Coughran added the drivers are always polite and efficient. Participants are meant to go help unload and organize and this becomes a nice community feeling and fully supports it. They do have many options you can't get elsewhere. Jess asked if there was a set schedule. The ladies noted it is usually every four weeks but not on a set day, it does fluctuate due to other variables. They usually provide a couple days' notice. Jess noted that when it snows, this building is usually the last to get to; it is the furthest out and receives the least use. They will coordinate and make sure it is taken care of.

Brent Gilley asked why this company can't deliver at the Conference Center or Western Park, is there something unique about the Avalon Center. Sam noted this is merely a request from the public, he would assume someone else could request another location. Commissioner Laursen also noted there may be times with the parking lot at the Conference Center or Western Park would be too full due to other events. Deanna Nyberg, Community Development, noted they would need a business license, if they have one for Utah, it would be honored in Uintah County. She will look into any requirements they may have. Brent added he tried three years ago and they said Vernal was too far to travel and Randlett is too far for him to travel. Shannon said they told her the same two years ago. Sam added this is not a government organized event. Avalon is the closest facility to where Vail lives. They have a group of individuals there that are requesting the services from Azure. This is not an urgent request so we have time to review requirements. Commissioner Laursen suggested they bring it to the County if they want to request a drop off at the Western Park or Conference Center.

ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:14 am.



JOHN LAURSEN, CHAIR





MICHAEL W. WILKINS, CLERK – AUDITOR