

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 2, 2025

The regular meeting of the Juab County Commission was held June 2, 2025, 10:00 a.m. in the Eureka City, 15 N Church St, Eureka, Utah 84628.

Marty Palmer ----- Commissioner

Marvin Kenison ----- Commissioner

Clinton Painter -----Commissioner

Perry Davis ----- Attorney

Tanielle Callaway-----Clerk/Auditor

Others present: Myrna Trauntvein, John Crippen, Kevin Bailey, Jeremy Snell, Wesley G Dever, Leonard Trauntvein, Debbie Zirbes, Manny Escoto, Douglas Anderson, Zack Buck, Chris Shuran, Toni Dever, Jessica LaCario, Heather Ann Zufelt, Emma Snell, Bonne LaCario, Mike LaCario, Travis Kenison, Scott Pugh, Susan Pugh, Summer Despain, Drake Underwood, Ryan Despain, Gregory Thornock, Jamie Garrett

Chairman Kenison welcomed all in attendance. Commissioner Clint Painter offered a word of prayer. John Crippen led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Palmer made a motion to accept the minutes from May 12, 2025 and May 19, 2025. Commissioner Painter seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Kevin Bailey came before the Commission for signatures on two agreements. The first agreement is the Master Participating Agreement with the Forest Service. This is an MOU to spray the weeds on the road. There are no funds tied to the contract. It is just an MOU. Chairman Kenison inquired if this was the same as previous years. Mr. Bailey stated it was. Commissioner Painter made a motion to approve the MOU with the Forest Service and allow the Commission Chair to sign. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Mr. Bailey next presented the grant contract for the Utah Weed Supervisor Association. They were able to obtain a \$10,000 grant to spray in Nephi Canyon on both sides of the road on Highway 132. This is to purchase chemicals for that project. Commissioner Painter inquired if there was a match on this grant. Mr. Bailey stated there is and it typically is an in-kind for the use of county equipment. He stated they are trying to do both sides all the way up. Chairman Kenison inquired if they needed to hire outside contractors to help on this. Mr. Bailey stated they do not on this project. Commissioner Painter made a motion to approve the Utah Weed Association grant and authorize the Chair to sign. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Painter thanked all the residents that came to the meeting today and thanked Eureka City for allowing the Commission to hold their meeting there.

Lt. Drake Underwood came before the Commission to discuss the grant they received from Utah DNR. They were notified last week that they were approved. He stated this grant is for their Search & Rescue to rejuvenate the dive team. They were awarded \$13,400 with the grant to purchase sonar equipment, some air tanks and they are going to purchase a used pontoon boat. He wanted to get approval to purchase the equipment as they locate it. They are waiting for the final paperwork for the grant. He stated this grant is not in their budget as they had not anticipated it when the budget was set. Commissioner Painter stated that the county could do a budget amendment for the grant funds.

Lt. Underwood also wanted to discuss with the Commission using Homeland Security funds to purchase gear for hazmat technicians. He stated he has \$8,500 set aside for hazmat gear, so they would like to purchase three full suits and boots. Commissioner Palmer inquired if they could approve this item where it was not on the agenda. Commissioner Painter stated they could not. Lt. Underwood stated he would get on the next agenda. Commissioner Painter thanked Lt. Underwood for his work on this.

Debbie Zirbes advised she was here to open bids for her Monument Grant. She stated she had received three bids. She sent the bids to six different survey companies. The first bid is from Chad Poulsen in Levan. The bid was for \$895 per monument. Spencer, who did the project last year, submitted a bid of \$950 per monument and that matches his bid from last year, as well. The third bid is from Red Sands Geometrics. Their bid was \$900 per monument. Commissioner Palmer inquired if Mr. Poulsen was licensed. Ms. Zirbes indicated he is. She stated he works for LEI Surveying, but he is now starting his own company. He will be with LEI until August. This bid is under his new company. Commissioner Palmer asked Ms. Zirbes to explain what this grant was for. She stated this project is mostly in Callao. She stated Spencer completed all but 13 additional monumentations already documented to place. They ran out of funds to install those. She stated they could split it up between companies. Ms. Zirbes stated he completed 27 this past year. She stated he had to get a hydro hole digger because the ground was too hard. They could only go 18 inches and they need to be placed 36 inches deep. He was able to get 17 of the original pieces of granite markings from the 1860s. Those have been buried next to the new monuments. She stated the project went really well and he did a good job. She stated it took a bit of work to find the old markers.

Ms. Zirbes stated the Red Sands Company is from Spanish Fork and the company is out of Kanab. Mr. Poulsen is located in Levan. Chairman Kenison stated Mr. Poulsen has quite a bit of survey experience and he should be able to do the job, and he is the low bid. Ms. Zirbes stated she wondered if they could award two companies and have Spencer finish the ones he already has all the information on. Mr. Crippen discussed the purchasing policy. Ms. Zirbes stated she does not have the grant total at this time. She needs to get the contract in place to submit a total amount for the grant request. Commissioner Painter inquired how many monuments she is doing. She stated it would depend on how much funding is awarded. The Commission would

just need to select the contractor for her to proceed. Commissioner Painter asked if they should just award it to the low bid. Ms. Zirbes stated she would just like to request that Spencer finish the 13 he has already been working on. Chairman Kenison inquired if Mr. Poulsen has a hydro driller in place to do the holes. Ms. Zirbes stated she was not sure. Commissioner Palmer stated he thought they should allow Spencer to finish the 13 he has been working on and then award any additional ones to the low bid. Ms. Zirbes agreed. Commissioner Painter made a motion for Spencer to finish the work he has done on the 13 in Callao and the remaining work in Trout Creek be awarded to Chad Poulsen pending receipt of the grant funds. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Jamie Garrett presented a check to Chairman Kenison for the annual bleacher payment from the Juab County Fair. Ms. Trauntvein took a picture for the media.

Ms. Garrett presented the Commissioners with a list of improvements and suggestions that she has received from participants who have used the fairgrounds or issues that have come up. Discussion was had regarding the items on the list. She discussed that some of the items on the list could be listed as a service project with the Just Serve Program. She stated she has been contacted by the organization asking for service projects and stated they are always looking for service projects in our area.

Ms. Garrett then wanted to approve the two new members to the Fair Board that have not been approved yet. They are Brittney McPherson and Heather Zufelt. Commissioner Painter made a motion to approve the Fair Board Members. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Ms. Garrett also discussed the concerns from the Nephi City animal control officer and discussed the number of times he has been called down to the fairgrounds for animal issues. She asked the Commissioners to follow up with him. Attorney Davis discussed the concerns from UCIP and putting signs in place at the fairgrounds.

Mr. Buck appeared before the Commission to request a temporary hire. Mr. Buck stated they are pushing 15,000 parcels in the County. He stated state standards indicated there should be an appraiser for every 5,000 parcels. Juab County has only one currently. He stated he is doing the work of three. He stated he just closed the tax roll for this year. He stated the good news is that there is a lot of growth. Mr. Buck stated Centrally Assessed went up \$68 million. He stated even though the Commission did a Truth in Taxation last year to keep the rate the same, most residents should see a reduction in their taxes due to the increase in Centrally Assessed and the new growth.

Mr. Buck stated he is working to switch to PUMA, which is a new valuation system with the state. He has been trying to get in for years. He stated there are only six counties left to convert. He will be converting this year, which will take some time. Mr. Buck stated his detailed review this year will be in Eureka, Mammoth, Callao and Rocky Ridge. He stated it is

his smallest review area. He stated his employee should get licensed this year as an appraiser. That will take some pressure off him where she can do valuation.

Mr. Buck stated with her taking on more valuation responsibility, that will help him. He stated they have a backlog of parcels that need photos. He stated he has over 700 parcels that need photos. Mr. Buck stated growth is going to keep coming. He stated he can only do so much and feel good about his quality of work.

Shaun Kjar with R6 Regional Council came before the Commission to discuss the Central Utah Agri-Park. Mr. Kjar passed out a flyer to the Commission to provide an update on the Agri-Park. He discussed the things that have been happening and what they are looking forward to in the future. There were some questions asked by those present in the meeting.

Chris Shuran is the owner of Cody's Gastro Garage in several locations. He appeared to discuss the licensing process it takes for business to get an alcohol license. They attempted to get a license with the County in order to provide a beer garden at the Stetson Wright Rodeo. They unfortunately were not able to get it because of a mix-up with the state portion of the license and the application that was submitted. He asked if there was a way the county could simplify there application. He stated it is the same application used for a restaurant and there is some redundancy. He felt the state side is robust enough and maybe the county side could be simplified. He hoped they could sit down and look at ways to simplify it. Commissioner Painter inquired with the attorney regarding the BCI compliance check and asked some questions. Attorney Davis stated the difference is whether it's local to the agency or nationwide. Discussion on when and how the BCI checks work.

Mr. Shuran stated the next item he wanted to address. He stated it was regarding the county's ordinance that does not allow the sale of alcohol on any Juab County property. He asked if there was an opportunity to review that and change that with the upcoming county events. He is hoping to do a beer garden at these events. Chairman Kenison stated law enforcement would not be opposed to that. Sheriff Anderson discussed the law enforcement perspective. Mr. Shuran discussed how that would work from his end. He also stated he thought there could be some revenue sharing with himself and the county on the alcohol sales. He discussed some of the other events they have done in the past.

Commissioner Palmer inquired about what type and size of beer they sell at these events. Mr. Shuran discussed the different options and prices that they have done in the past. He discussed they would have a very controlled area and share how it would be laid out with the Sheriff's Office. He inquired if there would be a possibility on changing that ordinance. Commissioner Palmer inquired as to what the steps would be in order to change an ordinance. Attorney Davis discussed what would need to happen. Mr. Shuran asked if that could happen so they could be ready for the Stampede. Commissioner Palmer stated they would need to work out the details. Mr. Kjar discussed his experience with how that would work. Discussion was had on how long the license would last.

Mr. Shuran discussed some other items in the ordinance that could possibly be changed, including not selling beer and dancing at the same time. Discussion was had regarding what could be changed in the ordinance, including Sunday sales prohibited. Mr. Shuran also discussed changing the wording of the permit to allow for a broader range of alcohol that aligns with what the state approves.

Other Business:

John Crippen appeared before the Commission with some personnel action forms. Mr. Crippen stated the first was for three seasonal employees for buildings and ground, for Ty Williams, Landon Hooper and Waylen Worwood. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the three seasonal employees for buildings and grounds. Commissioner Painter seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Mr. Crippen next presented the seasonal employees for the fair. They are Karsen Shepherd and Mattie Fowkes. Commissioner Painter made a motion to approve the two seasonal employees for the fair. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor. Commissioner Painter stated the fair board interviewed and made the selection of who to hire. Jamie Garrett was not involved in the hiring, as the one is her granddaughter. Mr. Crippen stated the Commission will need to approve the timesheets for them. Commissioner Painter amended his motion approving the hiring of the two seasonal employees noting that Mattie Fowkes is the granddaughter of Jamie Garrett. He stated he approves the timesheets for the interns. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Mr. Crippen stated that next he has several personnel action forms for EMS. They would like to bring on several PRNs. Mr. Crippen listed all the names. Commissioner Painter made a motion to approve the new hires, changes from full time to PRN, from PRN to full time and the wage changes for those that completed their training and the new hire for EMS. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Mr. Crippen stated the last item was for the Recorder's Office and an employee in that office who has reached their five-year longevity. It is Kandas Palmer. Commissioner Palmer recused himself from the vote as this is his wife. Commissioner Painter made a motion to approve the longevity increase for the Recorder's Office. Chairman Kenison seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Painter discussed the ordinance they were passing for the TRT tax. He stated this year a change was made in legislation regarding how the TRT tax could be spent. In the past it has been controlled what buckets you could spend the money in. This year, they made some changes. They have advised counties to raise their TRT tax amount to a 4.5% to qualify a county to apply for certain grants. This must be done by July 1st. The Ordinance is changing the tax to 4.5%. Shanna Memmott explained how it would work for the municipalities. Commissioner Painter made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-04 imposing a transient room tax and authorize the Commission Chair to sign. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Chairman Kenison received a grant for the upkeep of the Mona Road. He stated it is a grant that they sign every year. Commissioner Painter made a motion to approve the Federal Aid Agreement for the upkeep for the Mona Road and allow the Commission Chair to sign electronically. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Clerk Tanielle Callaway presented an agreement for the printer for her election services. She would like to change this printer. In the past, it has been K&H. She stated they have done an excellent job and she has no complaints with them. Her only complaint is the base charge of \$12,000, not including the printing of envelopes and inserts. She states she does not come near the minimum with the other items. She has located another printer, KP Printing. She needed to get the contract signed. Commissioner Painter approved the signing of the contract. Ms. Callaway just needed to get the contract ratified by the Commissioners. Ms. Callaway discussed the cost and the potential savings. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to ratify the KP Printing contract. Commissioner Painter seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Chairman Kenison wanted to open up the meeting for public comment and invited anyone in the audience who wanted to a chance to make some comments. He asked that they be limited to three minutes each.

There were some public comments made by several individuals. Local upcoming events were discussed.

Commissioner Painter made a motion to approve the Juab County bills as presented. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Painter made a motion to adjourn the open meeting and move to the Closed Session for personnel issues. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. Chairman Kenison called for a roll call vote.


Commissioner Palmer voted, "Aye."

Commissioner Painter voted, "Yes."

Chairman Kenison voted, "Yes."

Commissioner Painter made a motion, pursuant to conversation had during closed session, to approve the hiring of the temporary employees in the Assessor's office. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Painter made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.

ATTEST: 
Tanielle Callaway
Juab County Clerk/Auditor

APPROVED: 
Marvin Kenison
Commission Chair