

**WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 17, 2025**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of the Washington County Commission was called to order by Chairman Victor Iverson at 4:00 p.m. on June 17, 2025, in the Washington County Commission Chambers, and via Zoom 111 East Tabernacle, St. George, Utah. Those in attendance were Commissioner Victor Iverson, Commissioner Gil Almquist, Deputy County Attorney Victoria Hales, County Administrator Nicholle Felshaw and Deputy Clerk Sarah Lloyd.

Commissioner Adam Snow was excused.

INVOCATION BY: Rev. Alex Wilkie, Retired Baptist Minister

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Community Development Director Scott Messel

CONSENT AGENDA:

The Consent Agenda is a means of expediting the consideration of routine matters. If a commissioner requests that items be removed from the consent agenda, those items are placed at the beginning of the regular agenda. Other than requests to remove items, a motion to approve the items on the consent agenda is not debatable.

- Consideration of Auditor-Approved Claims for Payment for June 4, 2025, through June 17, 2025
- Consideration of Regular Commission Meeting Minutes of June 3, 2025
- Consideration of Administrative Adjustments: Real Property
- Consideration of Administrative Adjustments: Personal Property
- Consideration of Proof of Publication of Ordinances 2025-1293-O, 2025-1294-O, 2025-1295-O and 2025-1296-O, Published on Wednesday, June 11, 2025
- Consideration of Application(s) for Property Tax Abatement (2): George Hardy, A/N 85897; Elizabeth Mejia, A/N 618127

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Almquist to Approve the Consent Agenda as Outlined. Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Iverson and Almquist voting aye.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

PRESENTATION: MOBILE CRISIS OUTREACH TEAM

Scott Corsi with Southwest Behavioral Health presented on the Mobile Crisis Outreach Team (MCOT) and the services they offer.

(See attached presentation.)

EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT: WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sergeant Jacob Paul with the Washington County Sheriff's Office reported there were twenty-one (21) total calls from May 6 through June 17, 2025. There has been a total of sixty-eight (68) SAR incidents in 2025.

(See attached report.)

CONSIDERATION OF PURCHASE REQUESTS:

Sheriff, Installation of A/C Units for SAR Barn	(\$21,347.00)
Roads, Dyed Fuel for Equipment	(\$26,312.12)
Roads, Road base for Pine Valley Area	(\$12,800.00)

All purchases are budgeted, bonded, or paid for through grant funds.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Almquist to Approve the Purchase Requests as Outlined. Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Iverson and Almquist voting aye.

REPORT AND CONSIDERATION OF THE 2025 WASHINGTON COUNTY TAX SALE

Clerk-Auditor Ryan Sullivan reported the tax sale started out with 33 properties, 13 went on the sale but were put on payment plans by sale date. Only one property was put in the tax sale, which did not sell and Mr. Sullivan suggested be striken to the County.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Strike Property H-3-2-3-432 to Washington County. Motion seconded by Commissioner Almquist and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Iverson and Almquist voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF THE 2025 CERTIFIED TAX RATES FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY

Mr. Sullivan explained the certified tax rate for Washington County will be as follows: General Operations rate is 0.000361; the Interest and Sinking Fund/Bond is Sufficient; the Library Rate is 0.000125 for a total budgeted revenue of \$19,567,850. The County Assessing & Collecting Rate is 0.000223 for a total budget of \$9,059,082.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Approve 2025 Certified Tax Rates. Motion seconded by Commissioner Almquist and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Iverson and Almquist voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2025-1297-O, AN ORDINANCE REZONING A CERTAIN PORTION OF WASHINGTON COUNTY LOCATED AT APPROXIMATELY 1380 N MAIN STREET NEAR LEEDS FROM THE OST-20 ZONE (OPEN SPACE

TRANSITION 20 ACRE MINIMUM LOT SIZE), AND THE RE-40 ZONE (RESIDENTIAL ESTATE 40,000 SQ FT MINIMUM LOT SIZE), TO THE RA-1 ZONE (RESIDENTIAL AGRICULTURAL 1 ACRE MINIMUM LOT SIZE), FOR PROPOSED PARCELS ONE, TWO, AND THREE, HEREINAFTER FULLY DESCRIBED IN THIS ORDINANCE (APPLICANT JASON HOLM)

Community Development Director Scott Messel stated these parcels are adjacent to the Homespun Subdivision just north of Leeds. All three parcels are undersized for their zones. The Planning Commission found the adjusted zone change was appropriate for the surrounding areas and unanimously suggested approval to bring the properties into compliance.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Almquist to Adopt Ordinance No. 2025-1297-O, An Ordinance Rezoning a Certain Portion of Washington County Located at Approximately 1380 N Main Street Near Leeds From the OST-20 Zone (Open Space Transition 20 Acre Minimum Lot Size), and the RE-40 Zone (Residential Estate 40,000 Sq Ft Minimum Lot Size), to the RA-1 Zone (Residential Agricultural 1 Acre Minimum Lot Size), for Proposed Parcels One, Two, and Three, Hereinafter Fully Described in This Ordinance (Applicant Jason Holm). Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Iverson and Almquist voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2025-3539, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND DOVE CENTER FOR IMPROVING THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE RESPONSE TO DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL CRIMES

Dove Center Grants Manager Trudy Despain and Director Jillian Penhale explained this memorandum would allow the Dove Center to apply for federal funding to further their mission in assisting victims of domestic abuse and sexual violence. Washington City Councilman Kurt Ivie explained the cut in funding from the legislature and thanked the Commissioners for their support of the Dove Center.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Adopt Resolution No. R-2025-3539, A Resolution Approving the Execution of a Memorandum of Understanding Between Washington County and Dove Center for Improving the Criminal Justice Response to Domestic and Sexual Crimes. Motion seconded by Commissioner Almquist and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Iverson and Almquist voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2025-3540, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT TO GRANT A CONSERVATION EASEMENT AND PARTIALLY RELEASE A CONSERVATION EASEMENT IN CONFLUENCE PARK

Utah Division of Wildlife Resources Wildlife Lands Specialist Jolene Rose stated the Division of Wildlife Resources (UDWR) has worked to release a portion of Confluence Park from a conservation easement that originally had a June 30, 2025 deadline that will no longer be possible. This Resolution would extend the due diligence timeline to March 31, 2026.

MOTION: **Motion by Commissioner Almquist to Adopt Resolution R-2025-3540, A Resolution Approving the Second Amendment to the Agreement to Grant a Conservation Easement and Partially Release a Conservation Easement in Confluence Park. Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Iverson and Almquist voting aye.**

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2025-3541, A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH UDWR REGARDING THE MANAGEMENT OF CONFLUENCE PARK

Utah Division of Wildlife Resources Regional Supervisor Kevin Bunnell explained that this agreement would commit UDWR to work with Washington County on the management of Confluence Park.

MOTION: **Motion by Commissioner Almquist to Adopt R-2025-3541, A Resolution Approving an Interlocal Agreement with UDWR Regarding the Management of Confluence Park. Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Iverson and Almquist voting aye.**

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2025-3542, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT A NEW FEE SCHEDULE FOR COUNTY ALCOHOL BUSINESS LICENSES

Mr. Messel stated that recently changes to Title 3 regarding business licenses and alcohol licenses were made. With those changes, updates to the fee schedules associated with these changes are recommended.

MOTION: **Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Adopt Resolution No. R-2025-3542, A Resolution Authorizing the Washington County Community Development Department to Adopt and Implement a New Fee Schedule for County Alcohol Business Licenses. Motion seconded by Commissioner Almquist and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Iverson and Almquist voting aye.**

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2025-3543, A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AWARD OF BID AND EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR THE UPPER KOLOB TERRACE ROAD REHABILITATION PROJECT

Public Works Director Todd Edwards stated the County sought bids from qualified contractors to furnish all labor, materials and services to rehabilitate and construct 5.33 miles of the upper Kolob

Terrace Road. The lowest responsible bidder was Sunroc to complete the project for \$3,534,338.60. It is recommended that Washington County enter into this contract in order for construction to begin as soon as possible.

MOTION: **Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Adopt Resolution No. R-2025-3543, A Resolution Approving an Award of Bid and Execution of a Contract for the Upper Kolob Terrace Road Rehabilitation Project.** Motion seconded by Commissioner Almquist and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Iverson and Almquist voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2025-3544, A RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH MAINLINE ENGINEERING LLC FOR THE ASH CREEK BRIDGE REHABILITATION PROJECT

Mr. Edwards explained the County received funding from various sources to prepare and implement transportation and rehabilitation goals like the repair off the 100 year old Ash Creek Bridge. It is recommended that Mainline Engineering be contracted to do all the design plans and bid documents for the project.

MOTION: **Motion by Commissioner Almquist to Adopt Resolution No. R-2025-3544, A Resolution Approving a Professional Service Agreement with Mainline Engineering LLC for the Ash Creek Bridge Rehabilitation Project.** Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Iverson and Almquist voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2025-3545, A RESOLUTION APPROVING MARKETING FUNDING TO COHOST THE INTERNATIONAL INBOUND TRAVEL ASSOCIATION'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AND INBOUND OPERATOR RETREAT

Greater Zion Meeting, Convention and Event Sales Manager Joy Schroeder stated Washington County was awarded a bid to co-host the International Inbound Travel Association (IITA) board of directors meeting in August 2025. It is recommended that Greater Zion spend up to \$44,000 on co-hosting related expenses such as hotels, transportation and other expenses.

MOTION: **Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Adopt Resolution No. R-2025-3545, A Resolution Approving Marketing Funding to Cohost the International Inbound Travel Association's Board of Directors Meeting and Inbound Operator Retreat.** Motion seconded by Commissioner Almquist and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Iverson and Almquist voting aye.

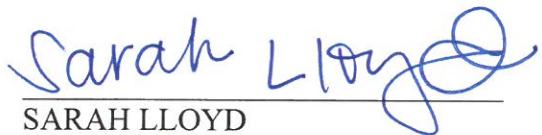
CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2025-3546, A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE SHIVWITS BAND OF PAIUTES' APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL FUNDING TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Deputy County Attorney Devin Snow explained the Shivwits Band of Paiutes is applying for some federal funding through the Economic Development Administration. This Resolution would approve a letter of support for their application.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Almquist to Adopt Resolution No. R-2025-3546, A Resolution of Support for the Shivwits Band of Paiutes' Application for Federal Funding to Promote Economic Development. Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Iverson and Almquist voting aye.

Commissioner Iverson thanked Community Education Channel for their support of Commission Meetings over the years, as this is their last Commission Meeting.

Having no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:07 p.m.



SARAH LLOYD
DEPUTY CLERK



VICTOR IVERSON
COMMISSION CHAIR