

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 17, 2025

The regular meeting of the Juab County Commission was held June 17, 2025, 10:00 a.m. in the West Desert High School, 440 Snake Valley Road, Partoun, Utah.

Marty Palmer ----- Commissioner

Marvin Kenison ----- Commissioner

Clinton Painter ----- Commissioner

Tanielle Callaway ----- Clerk/Auditor

Others present: John Crippen, Kevin Bailey, Douglas Anderson, Bill Alder, Earl Lewis, Shanna Memmott, Brent Boswell, Debbie Zirbes, Beth Anderson, Annett Garland, Barbara Mumm, Lynn Ingram, April Lewis, Angie Murphy, Eleazer Murphy, Drake Underwood, Daniel Kimball

Chairman Kenison welcomed all in attendance. Brent Boswell offered a word of prayer. Kevin Bailey led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Painter made a motion to accept the minutes from June 2, 2025 and May 19, 2025. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Brent Boswell appeared before the Commission to discuss activities of the Economic Development Board. He stated they would like to award rural development grants to four businesses: Bar W Beef for \$63,000 for expansion; Wave Electric (Mona): \$63,000 for expansion; the Bow Shop: \$27,000 for moving to the mouth of the Canyon; May Automotive: \$27,000 for expansion, including selling lower-priced vehicles.

Additionally, \$20,000 was allocated to the Juab Startup and Entrepreneur Academy. The academy has been successful, hosting monthly sessions with free expert speakers on topics like legal advice, banking, and business startup strategies. They plan to potentially offer an accelerated version of these classes in rural areas and will host a Shark Tank-style pitch competition. The board recommended these grants for approval to the Commission. Commissioner Painter made a motion to approve the grants to the four businesses discussed. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Kevin Bailey appeared before the Commission to discuss two state weed contracts and the BLM contract. He stated the first contract for approval was the BLM contract. There are two modifications, but it is a five-year agreement with them to spray noxious weeds. He stated nothing has changed and the attorney has reviewed it. Commissioner Painter made a motion to approve the contract and authorize the Commission chair to sign. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Mr. Bailey stated the next two contracts are State ISM grants that they have been able to receive. One is the Juab Multiple Species Grant for \$50,322 and the second is the Square Rose Grant for \$74,756. Mr. Bailey stated the county attorney has reviewed both the contracts and

approves them. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the two grants and authorize the Commission Chair to sign. Commissioner Painter seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Shanna Memmott presented the Coop grant for travel and tourism, a 50/50 matching grant totaling \$212,000 with a county match of \$106,000. The funds will support marketing efforts including billboards, videos, Google ads, and social media campaigns. This year's grant includes new features like Placer AI data for tracking travel and economic trends, a road trip segment, and continued event sponsorship. The tourism department has been actively promoting the area through various initiatives, including a bird watching tour, dark skies promotion, and attracting film productions. Multiple projects are in the works, such as a motorcycle movie and TV show segments featuring local landscapes. Commissioner Painter made a motion to approve the Coop Grant. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Lynn Ingram came before the Commission regarding some road alignments that he needed approval on. The first alignment is for the road that was created on the north side of an irrigation pond. The second is for a new one. The cement plant built the road leading into their mine. The mine road was considered superior to the original route, and the county would take ownership with the understanding that the cement plant would be responsible for road reclamation. Mr. Ingram stated these permits have an expiration date and need to be renewed and resigned. He stated they do these all the time. He stated they are for the County Canyon Road and the Snake Valley Road. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the two road alignments and authorize the Commission Chair to sign. Commissioner Painter seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Painter inquired if Mr. Ingram had plans to do work on the Deep Creek Road. Mr. Ingram confirm that Bill and Earl had already inspected and repaired any potential issues on the Deep Creek Road. Mr. Ingram stated he has the County Attorney send out the letters in approximately March and April regarding the repairs.

Mr. Ingram detailed a meeting regarding the Miller Bigelow flood control basins, a \$15 million project with Juab County's portion estimated at \$5 million. Federal and state officials presented new dam standards designed to prepare for an extreme, "Noah's time" level flood, requiring significant upgrades to existing basins. The project aims to catch debris and protect infrastructure, particularly I-15, but raises substantial concerns about cost-effectiveness. The basins have historically rarely held water, and the proposed standards would require extensive modifications. Funding challenges are significant, with the county potentially responsible for 35% of costs, though state funding might cover 80% of that portion. Mr. Ingram and other participants expressed skepticism about the project's necessity, highlighting the disproportionate expense for protecting a small, specific area. The discussion emphasized the need for further dialogue with federal and state representatives to challenge the proposed standards and explore more practical solutions for flood control and infrastructure protection.

Lynn Ingram reported on the Eureka mill site superfund cleanup, discussing items in the report. The county's portion of the site inspection looked really good, with minimal concerns. Mr.

Ingram noted that federal representatives would be returning to address some specific issues, particularly with rip rap along the Knightsville Road. The original rip rap installation was undersized, causing erosion, so the federal team plans to reassess and improve the installation to prevent further environmental damage. While the county's section of the site appeared to be in excellent condition, Mr. Ingram indicated that other areas, particularly near the city, might require more extensive work.

Mr. Ingram next discussed the county's ongoing challenges with their current chip spreader, which is from 2012 and experiencing frequent breakdowns. The machine has become unreliable, with parts being difficult to obtain and repairs costly. Each tanker of chip oil costs between \$24,000-\$25,000, and when multiple trucks are loaded, the county risks significant financial loss if the spreader fails. Mr. Ingram presented quotes for two potential replacement machines: a Bearcat at \$493,500 and another model at \$456,500 after state contract pricing. The new machines offer advanced technology, including a variable head that can adjust width from 10 to 20 feet while in operation, improving efficiency compared to the current 12-foot head. Mr. Ingram recommended planning for a replacement in the fall budget, with an estimated three-month lead time for delivery. The commissioners discussed the machine's age, reliability issues, and the potential need to sell the current spreader.

Mr. Ingram discussed a potential roto mill project for the canyon parking lot, addressing concerns about its necessity. The commissioners considered using the project as a negotiation tool with the Forest Service regarding dredging pond spoils, ultimately leaving the decision open for further consideration.

Sheriff Doug Anderson presented the bailiff security contract for the upcoming fiscal year, highlighting significant changes from the previous year. The contract amount increased to \$107,000 from \$99,000, but with a dramatic reduction in hourly rate from \$28.77 to \$23.02. The required hours increased from 3,459 to 4,680, which Sheriff Anderson noted was concerning. Sheriff Anderson recommended not immediately signing due to the substantial rate reduction and increased time commitment. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to table the contract and seek further clarification from the administrative office before making a final decision. Sheriff Anderson expressed skepticism about the new terms. Commissioner Painter seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Lt. Drake Underwood presented a proposal for hazmat equipment purchases using \$8,000 out of his Homeland Security grant budget. He explained that when he became emergency manager, none of the fire departments had hazmat technicians, but Nephi City Fire Department now has three trained technicians. The current hazmat trailer, purchased 20 years ago, contains outdated and weather-rotted equipment. Lt. Underwood brought two quotes for hazmat suits, recommending the L.N. Curtis option after consulting with adjacent counties like Sevier County. The suits would equip the three new hazmat technicians, with the majority of the budget going toward proper gear. Lt. Underwood also noted plans to update the hazmat trailer's tent and replace missing components like sprinkler heads. Commissioner Painter made a motion to approve the spending up to \$8,000 for the hazmat equipment. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Other Business:

John Crippen discussed the open road position and the requirements for the job.

Commissioner Painter presented the annual Big Hearts, Helping Hands volunteer and service recognition award, which was in its fifth year. This year's recipient was Angie, a local school employee who goes above and beyond her official duties. Commissioner Painter highlighted her contributions and emphasized her dedication to children, describing how she gives countless hours to youth, always maintains a smile, and makes children feel special.

Commissioner Painter presented the list of volunteers for the Fair Board events for 2025 for approval. Commissioner Painter made a motion to approve the list of volunteers for the fair. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Tanielle Callaway presented the signed Memorandum of Understanding for the 2025 Municipal Election for each of the municipalities in Juab County. They have all requested to contract with the county to conduct the elections for 2025. The MOUs need to be signed for each city and then a resolution needs to be signed for each municipality. Commissioner Painter made a motion to approve the MOUs for the 2025 Municipal Election and authorize the Commission Chair to sign. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Debbie Recorder took a few minutes to describe the project that she has been working on for the re-monumenting and surveying.

Chairman Kenison presented the Comcast Franchise agreement that has previously been reviewed by the County Attorney. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the agreement and authorize the Commission Chair to sign. Commissioner Painter seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Painter made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-02, 2025-03, 2025-04, 2025-05 and 2025-06. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Chairman Kenison opened the meeting to those present for anyone who wanted to take some time to comment. There were some public comments made by several individuals.

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. Meeting adjourned.

ATTEST: 

Tanielle Callaway
Juab County Clerk/Auditor

APPROVED: 

Marvin Kenison
Commission Chair