# MINUTES FOR DUCHESNE COUNTY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS MEETING HELD JUNE 2, 2025, AT 3:00 P.M. AT THE DUCHESNE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING IN DUCHESNE, UTAH

#### Present

Chairman: Duchesne City Mayor Rodney Rowley, Commissioner Greg Miles, Commissioner Jeff Chugg, Commissioner Tracy Killian, Altamont City Mayor Clyde Watkins, Duchesne City Council Member Jenny Adams, Deputy Attorney Tyler Allred, Duchesne City Council Member Cody Ivie, Sheriff Travis Tucker, and Commission Executive Assistant Melissa Hughes is taking minutes of the meeting.

#### Present via Zoom

UBAOG, Travel & Tourism Director Ryan Lundstrom, Roosevelt City Manager Josh Bake, and read.ai meeting.

# Opening of Meeting and Roll Call

(3:01 p.m.)

Duchesne City Mayor Rodney Rowley welcomed everyone to the meeting.

#### Consideration of Minutes from the March 24, 2025, Annual Meeting

(3:02 p.m.)

Duchesne City Council Member Jenny Adams made a motion to approve the minutes from March 24, 2025, as presented. Altamont City Mayor Clyde Watkins seconded the motion. The motion passed with no opposing votes.

# Discussion of County & City 2025 Projects

(3:03 p.m.)

Duchesne City – They are repairing some of the roads, and the sewer manholes must be raised before they are chipped and roto-milled. There is a possibility that other roads may be repaired through partnering with the County. The parties discussed issues related to hiring contractors for small projects. The Mickelson Building parking lot requires repair due to drainage issues that need to be addressed. The City Council met at the building for direction on the remodel. There is a sewer and water project on the bench and Old Farm Road. A ramp project at the airport is underway. The parties discussed the number of planes at the airport and a new crop-dusting business. UDOT is facing issues obtaining rights-of-way for the new stoplight on the corner of Highway 40 and Highway 191.

Duchesne County – Road Maintenance in Talmage, on North Crescent, 12000 West in Bluebell, and County Road 29 has been widened and paved, as well as some roads in Fruitland. They plan to chip sixty miles of roads this year. The Administration Building will undergo remodeling starting in June and is expected to be completed by October.

Altamont – The sidewalk project has been completed.

Tabiona – The sidewalk project just started.

Roosevelt – A new memorial statue will be installed on the hill by the flag. It will be a kneeling soldier.

# **Upcoming Activities and Events**

(3:17 p.m.)

The Lions Club will provide breakfast in Duchesne on July 4<sup>th</sup>. There is a UDOT meeting on June 5 providing information on the Highway 191 project at the Duchesne City Building. Myton

Days are June 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. The Uintah Basin Car Show will take place on June 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> in Roosevelt. The fourth of July Celebrations in Duchesne and Neola will be on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Tabiona will have its parade on Saturday, July 5<sup>th</sup>. Altamont Long Horn Days are on July 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. UBIC is scheduled for Saturday, August 2nd, and the County Fair will take place from August 4<sup>th</sup> through the 9<sup>th</sup>.

## Uintah Basin Railroad Update

(3:24 p.m.)

Commissioner Greg Miles explained the Uintah Basin Railway project and its significance in this case. There have been so many projects held up by NEPA abuse. It was an overstep by the DC Circuit Court. The rail project will be reinstated. The mitigation is done, but there may be a few issues that can be addressed. The parties discussed the growth issues compounded by the rail and the oil industry.

### Other Business

(3:30 p.m.)

Tri-County Health conducted a geological survey in the Pinon Forest area to assess groundwater resources. This will help with septic systems and residents drilling water wells. The parties discussed the fill stations and the issues with one in Duchesne City.

Sheriff Travis Tucker talked about supplying law enforcement for Starvation. He currently has nine officer positions open.

#### Adjournment

(3:36 p.m.)

Altamont City Mayor made a motion to adjourn at 3:36 p.m. Commissioner Greg Miles seconded the motion. The forum adjourned.

Read and approved this on the 28 <sup>th</sup> day of July 2025.	
Rodney Rowley	Jeff Chugg
Chairman	Secretary
Minutes of meeting taken by Commission Executive Assistant Melissa Hughes	