

## **COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**JULY 7, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Juab County Commission was held July 7, 2025, 10:00 a.m. in the Juab County Commission Chambers, 160 North Main, Nephi, Utah.

Marty Palmer ----- Commissioner

Marvin Kenison ----- Commissioner

Clinton Painter -----Commissioner

Perry Davis ----- Attorney

Tanielle Callaway-----Clerk/Auditor

Others present: Myrna Trauntvein, Denise Petersen, Heather Williams-Young, Jacob Hadfield, Sheriff Douglas Anderson, Bryson Hinkins, Ky Lowell, Mike Lyman, Meadow Perides, Joe Humphrey, Scott Sorenson, Travis Kenison, Chris Painter, Jon Haderline, Mike Stowell, Mckel Stowell, Jessica Fletcher, Chelsi Oliver

Chairman Kenison welcomed all in attendance. Chairman Kenison offered a word of prayer. Jake Hadfield 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.

Heather Williams-Young came before the Commission for approval on her VOCA grant and discussed several key points during the meeting. She reviewed the contract with the state, noting the budget amount remained unchanged and does not allow for raises unless the county covers them. She reported they received a 12% cut, and there is no room in the grant for raises for herself or her staff. Commissioner Painter made a motion to approve the contract in the amount of \$139,647. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Ms. Williams-Young also provided a VOCA report. She shared that from January to June 30, they had 155 open and active cases, opened 22 new cases, and closed 36. The total number of people receiving services was 69 individuals, with child sexual abuse being the most common victimization. She provided a breakdown of services, including information and referral services for 231 individuals, personal advocacy for 39 individuals, and criminal and civil justice system assistance for 37 individuals. Heather emphasized the importance of serving children and being able to provide comprehensive support to victims.

Jon Haderline presented the audit report for the county for FY2024, focusing on several key aspects. He explained that the audit opinion was unmodified and unqualified, which means a clean opinion on the financial statements. He highlighted that the report follows government auditing standards, which differ from private entity audits. Mr. Haderline emphasized the importance of internal controls, ensuring not just that controls are in place, but that they are

actually being followed. He noted that the audit tested compliance with specific sections of Utah State Code, including budgets, justice courts, fraud risk assessment, fund balance, restricted taxes, and government fees. The audit found some findings, including a budget issue with the Juab County reinvestment agency fund exceeding budget appropriations and a problem with the fraud risk assessment not being submitted on time. He also pointed out a repeat finding of deficit fund balances in the special events and capital projects funds. Despite these findings, Mr. Haderline praised the county's efforts, noting significant improvement from the previous year, particularly in correcting material weaknesses in bank reconciliations and accounts payable.

Colby Park and Joe Humphrey presented a zone change recommendation for the Jeff Sanders property, located near Stotz Equipment. The recommendation was to change the zoning from A-1 to industrial for approximately 11 acres of land, with the house area being excluded. Homes by Mountain Country requested the zone change, which the Planning Commission supported due to its alignment with the existing industrial development in the area, particularly the adjacent Stotz property. The commissioners discussed the details of the property, its location, and the potential impact of the zone change. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the zone change for Homes by Mountain Country from A-1 to Industrial. Commissioner Painter seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Mr. Park presented another zone change recommendation, this time for the Andrews property located east of the freeway near Rocky Ridge. The recommendation was to change the zoning to include a G overlay, which is specifically for the open extraction of earth minerals. The property spans approximately 600 acres, with the zone change being the first step in potentially establishing a gravel pit. The Planning Commission supported the recommendation. During discussion, commissioners asked detailed questions about the proposed project, including plans for a scale and point of sale for tax collection, potential local hiring (with an estimated 20-30 employees), and access routes. The property is located near the wildlife area and close to the freeway. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the zone change from A-1 to A-1 with a G overlay. Commissioner Painter seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Jake Hadfield requested approval for the 4H horse club to use the main arena at the fairgrounds for a practice session on July 24 from 6 to 8 PM. He explained that this would be an additional practice to help prepare for the fair, and he had already discussed the request with Jamie. Mr. Hadfield noted that they would use the arena as-is and did not need any special preparation. The practice was scheduled for a holiday evening, but Jamie was willing to assist with locking and access. Commissioner Painter made a motion to allow the USU extension and 4H to use the main arena for their practice. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Painter presented a fee waiver form for the Ute Stampede for use of the fairgrounds for their upcoming event. They also provided an insurance certificate. Commissioner Painter made a motion to approve the fee waiver. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Sheriff Doug Anderson presented a citizen's commendation and Medal of Life Saving to Mike Stowell for his critical role in rescuing Jennifer Sullivan during a hiking incident on Mt Nebo in October 2024. Sheriff Anderson read a detailed letter highlighting Mr. Stowell's actions, which included encountering Sullivan on the mountain, observing she was unprepared for the conditions, and later returning to check on her safety. Sheriff Anderson also read a heartfelt letter from Ms. Sullivan, who expressed profound gratitude for Mr. Stowell's compassion and intuition, crediting him with saving her life. The presentation was an emotional tribute to Mr. Stowell's selflessness and quick thinking, with Sheriff Anderson emphasizing that his actions were crucial in ensuring Sullivan's survival and reuniting her with her family. Mr. Stowell was presented with the award.

Lt. Travis Kenison presented two personnel action forms for approval. The first form is for a reserve officer, Daniel McCann, and the second is for a successful completion of probation for Jaron Ercanbrack who works in the jail. Commissioner Painter made a motion to approve the two personnel action forms. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Sheriff Anderson next presented the County Security contract for approval and signature. The contract increased in hours, but the rate decreased. They are required to provide the service at the courthouse. Commissioner Painter made a motion to approve the Court Bailiff and Security contract. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Lt. Kenison next discussed the contract with Central Dispatch. Nothing in the contract has changed. They just need to update the current commission chair and everything that's listed there. They are in the middle of their BCI audit and this was a finding that they needed to correct. Commissioner Painter made a motion to approve the Court Bailiff and Security contract. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Lt. Kenison next was getting approval for a purchase for Lt. Drake Underwood, who was unable to attend today. He stated the Road Department was wanting to get some 800 megahertz dual-band radios using the Homeland Security grant. The purchase would include six mobile radios and two handheld radios, with a total cost of \$9,952.84. The radios will allow the department to be on the same communication system and provide better coverage, particularly in the west desert area. The state was offering these radios at a discounted price, and the grant would cover the entire cost. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the radio purchase. Commissioner Painter seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Lt. Kenison next discussed the emergency purchase of body cameras and dash cameras from Axon, totaling \$218,445.84 over five years, for 16 body cameras and 11 dash cameras. The purchase was necessitated by a system crash that potentially lost archived video. While the department had applied for a community impact grant to fund the cameras, the grant was not yet finalized. The first year's cost would be \$21,844.60, with subsequent years at \$49,150.31. The commissioners discussed the funding challenges, with plans to seek retroactive grant

funding and potentially reallocate other project funds. Commissioner Painter made a motion to ratify the purchase of the cameras from Axon. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

**Other Business:**

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.

Denise Peterson presented one personnel action form for EMS. Commissioner Painter made a motion to approve the personnel action form. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Painter made a motion to ratify the approval of the fair volunteers approved in the last meeting. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Attorney Davis presented the Indigent Defense Grant for the Commission to approve. Commissioner Painter made a motion to approve the Indigent Defense Grant for July 2025 to June 2026. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

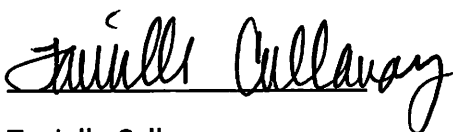
Commissioner Painter made a motion to adjourn the open meeting and move to the Closed Session for salary compensation and contractual issues. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. Chairman Kenison called for a roll call vote.

Commissioner Palmer voted, "Yes."

Commissioner Painter voted, "Yes."

Chairman Kenison voted, "Yes."

Commissioner Painter made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.

ATTEST: 

Tanielle Callaway  
Juab County Clerk/Auditor

APPROVED: 

Marvin Kenison  
Commission Chair