

**MINUTES
OF THE KANE COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
July 22, 2025 at 10:00 AM
IN THE KANE COUNTY COMMISSION CHAMBERS,
76 NORTH MAIN, KANAB, UTAH**

Commissioner Attendance: Chair Celeste Meyeres, Commissioner Patty Kubeja, and Commissioner Gwen Brown

Other County Officials in Attendance: Attorney Stott, Chameill Lamb, Rhonda Gant, Keiren Chatterley, Janette Peatross, Shannon McBride, Alan Alldredge, and Taylor Glover

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Commissioner Meyeres

WELCOME: Commissioner Meyeres

INVOCATION: Commissioner Kubeja

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chameill Lamb

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Check Edit Report: July 9, 2025-\$1,005,168.31 and July 16, 2025-\$1,031,112.51

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes the Check Edit Report for July 9, 2025 for \$1,005,168.31 and July 16th in the amount of \$1,031,112.51 as well as the approval of the Commission Meeting Minutes for July 8, 2025 made by Commissioner Meyeres and motion carried with all Commissioners present voting in favor.

REGULAR SESSION:

- 1. Public Hearing Regarding the Appointment of Steve Shrope to the Kane County Water Conservancy District Board**

Commissioner Meyeres opened it up to public hearing.

No public comment.

Commissioner Meyeres closed the public hearing.

2. Kane County Resolution No. R 2025-23 a Resolution Appointing Steve Shrope to the Kane County Water Conservancy District Board / Commissioner Kubeja

Motion to approve Kane County Resolution R 2025-23 a Resolution appointing Steve Shrope to the Kane County Water Conservancy District Board made by Commissioner Kubeja and motion carried with all commissioners present voting in favor.

Commissioner Brown-aye
Commissioner Kubeja-aye
Commissioner Meyeres-aye

3. Review/Approval of Public Defender Contract for Mr. Troy Sundquist / Full Commission

Motion to approve the contract presented for the public defender for Mr. Troy Sundquist made by Commissioner Kubeja and motion carried with all commissioners present voting in favor.

Commissioner Brown-aye
Commissioner Kubeja-aye
Commissioner Meyeres-aye

4. Review/Approval of Five County Association of Governments FY25 Contract Amendment and Report / Commissioner Kubeja

Jerica said that the contract amendment shows that we drew down more than they offered us because there was more money on the table. She said that we are getting a meals-on-wheels delivery truck and they gave us more for our deliverable services.

Motion to approve the Five County Association of Governments updated contract for Fiscal Year 2025 as presented made by Commissioner Kubeja and motion carried with all commissioners present voting in favor.

Commissioner Brown-aye
Commissioner Kubeja-aye
Commissioner Meyeres-aye

5. Review/Approval of Five County Association of Governments Area Agency on Aging FY26 Contract / Commissioner Kubeja

Commissioner Kubeja mentioned that this is basically the same contract from last year, but there has been a decrease in the amount of funds we will receive.

Motion to approve the FY26 Five County Association of Governments Area Agency on Aging contract as presented made by Commissioner Kubeja and motion carried with all commissioners present voting in favor.

Commissioner Brown-aye
Commissioner Kubeja-aye
Commissioner Meyeres-aye

6. Ordinance 2025-21 an Ordinance Amending the Zoning of Lot 18-49A from R-1/2 to R-1 – Shannon McBride / Commissioner Brown

Commissioner Brown stated that the applicant had two lots they joined together, but they were still zoned R-1/2. They want to build a guest home, so they need R-1 zoning.

Motion to approve Ordinance 2025-21 an Ordinance amending the zoning of lot 18-49A from R-1/2 to R-1 made by Commissioner Brown and motion carried with all commissioners present voting in favor.

Commissioner Brown-aye
Commissioner Kubeja-aye
Commissioner Meyeres-aye

7. Kane County Ordinance No. O 2025-22 an Ordinance Revising Kane County Land Use Ordinance Adding Article F Home Occupation into Chapter 6 Residential Zones - Shannon McBride / Commission Brown

Commissioner Brown said that they are trying to define what home businesses they could have and what was allowed in residential zones.

The commission wanted to change a few things on the ordinance, so they were going to have Attorney Stott make the changes and then they would bring it back to a different meeting.

Commissioner Meyeres tabled agenda item #7 until a future date.

8. Discuss/Vote on Contract for Services for East Zion Trails Cultural Survey Work, Funded by Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity, through GOEO's Rural County Development Fund / Commissioner Meyeres

Kelly Stowell said this is part of the East Zion Trails Program to develop some hiking trails on the south side of highway, which they have been working on since 2018. They are trying to work through all of the environmental issues with it. One of the big ones is wildlife studies and cultural surveys and the work needs to be done by the end of this year.

Motion to approve the contract for services for East Zion Trails cultural survey work, funded by the Outdoor Recreation Initiative with approval pending our changes made by Commissioner Meyeres and motion carried with all commissioners present voting in favor.

Commissioner Brown-aye
Commissioner Kubeja-aye
Commissioner Meyeres-aye

9. Kane County Resolution No. R 2025-24 a Resolution Annexing the Towns of Big Water and Alton into the Kane County Human Resource Special Service District / Commissioner Brown

Commissioner Brown said that they have been working on this for a few months and now the whole county will be included in this special service district that the hospital provides.

Motion to accept Kane County Resolution No. R 2025-24 a Resolution annexing the towns of Big Water and Alton into the Kane County Human Resource Special Service District made by Commissioner Brown and motion carried with all commissioners present voting in favor.

Commissioner Brown-aye
Commissioner Kubeja-aye
Commissioner Meyeres-aye

10. Discuss/Vote on Resolution R 2025-25 a Resolution Supporting the Rebuilding of the Historic North Rim Lodge Following the Destruction Caused by the Dragon Bravo Fire / Full Commission

Commissioner Meyeres thought it would be good to have a show support that we could take to Utah leadership as well as Arizona leadership, showing that we really want to rebuild and will do whatever we can to help.

Motion to adopt Resolution R 2025-25 supporting the rebuilding of the historic North Rim Lodge following the destruction caused by the Dragon Bravo fire made by Commissioner Meyeres and motion carried with all commissioners present voting in favor.

Commissioner Brown-aye
Commissioner Kubeja-aye
Commissioner Meyeres-aye

11. Discussion/Decision about Letter of Support/RFP Submission (New Utah Code) for Entities Providing 911 Services in Kane County / Commissioner Kubeja

Commissioner Kubeja said that Cedar Mountain Service District had reached out wanting to get a letter of support to renew their EMS license. The new SB215, which went into effect in May requires not only a letter of support, but we have to put a Request for Proposal out to see if there is anyone out there that would like to provide EMS for our county.

Ben Armstrong, EMS director with Kane County Hospital, suggests that the county do a letter of request and submit it to the Utah Bureau of EMS requesting that Cedar Mountain's renewal date be pushed forward to match the Kane County Hospital's renewal date.

Motion to submit a letter of request to Utah Bureau of EMS asking them to realign the two providers in our county, so their expiration date is the same made by Commissioner Kubeja and motion carried with all commissioners present voting in favor.

Commissioner Brown-aye
Commissioner Kubeja-aye
Commissioner Meyeres-aye

12. Discuss/Vote on Whether to Propose a Declaration of Disaster to Provide Economic Relief for Kane County Businesses Impacted Financially by the White Sage Fires and the North Rim Fire Destruction of Grand Canyon Park Infrastructure / Full Commission

Alan Alldredge suggests they put an Economic Disaster Declaration together and then run it through the state. This may help open up the avenue for businesses to get an SBA loan if they are needing it.

Attorney Stott presented a DRAFT declaration for the commission to look at and make changes to. He will make the suggested changes to it and get signatures then submit it to Alan.

Motion to have the DRAFT Declaration of Economic Disaster be approved by the commission contingent upon the changes detailed and then submitted accordingly made by Commissioner Meyeres and motion carried with all commissioners present voting in favor.

Commissioner Brown-aye
Commissioner Kubeja-aye
Commissioner Meyeres-aye

13. Financial Update / Full Commission

Chameill gave a quarterly update on where the county is at with revenues and expenditures.

14. Review of Legislative Issues / Full Commission

Commissioner Meyeres stated that she received a call this morning from our new representative for Congresswoman Maloy's office and his name is Bruce Summer. She also had a discussion with our Utah House Representative Logan Monson about some of the challenges we are facing and some of the projects we are hoping to accomplish.

The commission also had a training from Utah Association of Counties regarding data governance.

15. Commissioner Report on Assignments / Full Commission

Commissioner Brown

- Extension Office reported that they just finished the STEM program and now they are working on robotics and the Kane County Fair
- Justice Court Judge Shea Owens is now certified by the Judicial Council
- Disclosure notices went out last week
- Most departments are fully staffed now
- They are going to delay getting a back-up payroll person until we get the new system
- Wellness challenge

Commissioner Kubeja

- Went to a NACo Conference
- We are prepping for the fair
- We are going to apply for an ORI grant
- July 24th activities at the reservoir

Commissioner Meyeres

- Went to Fredonia for a daily briefing on the fires

Motion to adjourn at 11:39 A.M. made by Commissioner Brown and motion carried with all Commissioners present voting in favor.

WHERE UPON MEETING WAS ADJOURNED


Celeste Meyeres Chair
Chameill Lamb Clerk/Auditor

