

BOARD OF DAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

Board of Davis County Commissioners - Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 22, 2025

The Board of Davis County Commissioners met for their regularly scheduled meeting at 6:00 PM on July 22, 2025, in room 303 of the Davis County Administration Building, 61 South Main Street, Farmington, Utah. Required legal notice of this meeting was given.

All documents from this meeting are on file in the Davis County Clerk's Office. The agenda for this meeting is incorporated into the minutes as item headers.

Following the approved Davis County policy, artificial intelligence (AI) was utilized in the preliminary creation of these minutes. The final minutes were edited and completed by Davis County Clerk's Office staff.

PRESENT

Davis County Commission Chair Lorene Kamalu
Davis County Commission Vice Chair John Crofts
Davis County Commissioner Bob Stevenson
Clerk Brian McKenzie

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting convened at 06:03 PM and Eric Coperhausen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jennifer Garner, from Layton, addressed the Commissioners, raising concerns about her property taxes and the "5,000 plus uncounted ballots" from mail-in voting. She sent an email to the Clerk McKenzie a few days ago regarding the uncounted ballots and said she understands there may have not been enough time to receive a response yet. She then described an issue where her ballot's signature cover ripped off when she put it in a dropbox at the Davis Conference Center. She also said she didn't receive notification to sign an affidavit until two business days before counting ended, which she believes led to many uncounted ballots. Jen wanted to make sure the Commission was aware of this issue and wanted to know if they have done anything about it. She expressed her belief that people are being disenfranchised now.

RECOGNITION, PRESENTATION, AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- 1 **#2025-857. Receipt of the Notice of Intent from Centerville City to Submit Recreation, Arts, and Parks (RAP) Tax Opinion Question to Residents of Centerville City - recommended by Lorene Kamalu, Davis County Commission Chair**
- 2 **#2025-864. Appointment and Administration of Oath of Office for the new Davis County Controller, Scott Parke - recommended by Lorene Kamalu, Davis County Commission Chair, Commissioners' Office**

Commissioner Kamalu said a special election was held last week by the Davis County Republican Party, where delegates voted for candidates to fill the vacant County Controller position. She and Commissioner Crofts were able to attend that meeting. It was a close race between two candidates, but ultimately, Scott Parke was selected with an estimated 51% delegate turnout.

VOTING:

Motion to Appoint Scott Parke as the Davis County Controller: Bob Stevenson. Second: John Crofts. All present voted aye.

Following the appointments approval, Clerk Brian McKenzie administered the Oath of Office to Controller Parke, where he swore to support and defend the Constitutions of the United States and Utah, and to discharge his duties with fidelity.

Controller Parke was invited to say a few words. He said he has lived in Davis County for over 20 years,

beginning shortly after he was married. They loved Clinton so much that they stayed. He was grateful to be chosen to fulfill the remainder of the term and is excited to begin work, especially with budget season approaching, and to serve where he lives. He had previously worked in a similar role in Weber County; the Weber County Commissioners were great to work with. Commissioner Kamalu noted that Controller Parke would finish the term through the end of 2026, with the position up for election next year. Commissioner Crofts announced he would be the Commission's liaison for Controller Parke and asked that they meet soon after starting on Monday.

Later in the meeting, Weber County Clerk/Auditor Ricky Hatch, Controller Parke's previous boss, expressed mixed emotions about losing Controller Parke, praising him as a "dedicated, loyal employee who cares honestly about the taxpayer dollar" and predicted he would "do absolute miracles" for Davis County taxpayers.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- 3 **#2025-861. Approval of the Regular Commission Meeting Minutes for July 1, 2025 - recommended by Lorene Kamalu, Davis County Commission Chair, Commissioners' Office**
- 4 **#2025-876. Approval of the Regular Commission Meeting Minutes for July 8, 2025 - recommended by Lorene Kamalu, Davis County Commission Chair, Commissioners' Office**

VOTING:

Motion to Approve Item 4: Lorene Kamalu. Second: Bob Stevenson. All present voted aye.

BUSINESS/ACTION

CLERK'S OFFICE

- 5 **ORD #2025-5. Approval of an Ordinance Adding Chapter 2.38 Davis County Data Privacy Program to the Davis County Code - recommended by Brian McKenzie, Clerk, Clerk's Office**

Financial Information: N/A **Terms:** N/A

Clerk McKenzie presented an ordinance concerning the implementation of Davis County's data privacy program and wanted to provide some additional background before the Commission took action.

Clerk McKenzie explained that Utah's Government Data Privacy Act (GDPA) was passed by the legislature in February 2024, describing it as "a pioneering effort from Utah" for governmental entities and he expressed excitement in seeing the State do this. In April 2024, during a Work Session, Clerk McKenzie introduced this new legislation to two Commissioners, providing an initial draft of the ordinance that closely mirrored the County's Government Records Access and Management Act (GRAMA) code.

Following this, the Commission formed an ad hoc committee, with Clerk McKenzie, IT Director Mark Langston, Chief Civil Attorney Neal Geddes, and Human Resources Director Chris Bone, with Commissioner Randy Elliott serving as the Commission liaison. Their task was to work together and bring back recommendations on how to move forward. The committee began planning the setup of the County privacy program, with individual assignments: Director Langston on breach documents, Director Bone on employee training, Chief Deputy Attorney Geddes on legal documents, and Clerk McKenzie on program and policy documents. Regular updates were provided to the other Commissioners through Commissioner Elliott. However, complications arose shortly after the committee's formation, including Director Langston's retirement and Clerk McKenzie's staff focusing on preparing for primary and general elections, which made it difficult for the committee to meet.

Despite these challenges, the committee continued their individual work. Based on their discussions and efforts, it was determined that a "full-time position was needed for the County to help get this program really up and running." Initially, Director Bone put this position as a placeholder in the HR budget because the committee had not yet recommended where the GDPA responsibility would ultimately reside. During the 2025 budget meetings, the position was initially assigned to the IS department. However, in a December 6, 2024, Commission Work Session, further discussion on the position and its relationship with GRAMA led to a different decision. Clerk McKenzie stated that the new IS Director, Jeff Hassett, felt there was no immediate need for the position to reside under his office. Consequently, the Commission decided the position would function better under the County Clerk as the Clerk was previously assigned duties under GRAMA.

Since that decision and the 2025 budget approval, Clerk McKenzie, his staff, and others have been coordinating efforts to establish the privacy program. Significant progress has been made: "We've hired a data privacy administrator. We're very excited to have that expertise on hand. We've implemented new hire training and annual training for all of our county employees... We've also extended that to cover our volunteers. We began creating tools for our offices to identify their various processes when they're collecting personal data and, of course, we've worked on drafting and finalizing our proposed ordinance."

The current ordinance was created collaboratively with the County Attorney's Office, Information Systems, Human Resources and the Controller's Office to "ensure great input from these experts." To ensure transparency, the draft was emailed to Commissioners on June 10, 2025, and discussed in a Work Session on June 17, with a plan for approval on July 1. Clerk McKenzie noted that the ordinance was "subsequently tabled during that meeting," which was "surprising on my part" as he believed he was acting under Commission direction and had not received concerns. After the July 1 meeting, Clerk McKenzie contacted all the other administrative officers, as suggested by Commissioner Stevenson, and confirmed they had no concerns. The ordinance reappeared on the July 14 Commission Meeting, but a few days prior, Commissioner Crofts had shared a concern. During the July 14th meeting, Clerk McKenzie recommended postponing the ordinance to give time to address Commissioner Crofts' concern. During that July 14 meeting, an additional full legal review of the ordinance was requested, focusing on four key areas.

The conclusions of the legal review are as follows:

1. Whether the Clerk's designation as "Chief Administrative Officer" for privacy violates Utah Law:

The answer is no. During their review, the Attorneys explained that GDPA defines the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) similarly to GRAMA, and Davis County already designated the County Clerk as CAO in that context. Therefore, the Clerk's designation as CAO for GDPA "constitutes additional duties delegated from the Commission with their authority in accordance with law".

2. Whether the ordinance improperly delegates Board of Commissioners' Authority to the Clerk:

The short answer again from the Attorney's review was no. GDPA does not restrict who the Commission designates as CAO. The Utah Office of Data Privacy's framework, primarily for state agencies, suggests the CAO for privacy will also be the CAO for GRAMA and other records matters.

3. How to preserve the Board of Commissioners' legislative and administrative authority while complying with State privacy mandates:

Adjustments were made to the ordinance to address this. These include: adding a Commissioner to the advisory committee, stating the clear and apparent authority of the Commission to change the designation of the CAO, stating that the CAO must adhere to the requirements and limitations of the act in the ordinance, provides a method to resolve any disagreements between the CAO and an administrative officer, and expressly authorizes the Commission to require an audit if the CAO fails to initiate an audit. The ordinance already required the CAO to provide an annual report and audit of the privacy program to the legislative body, and to report any additional audits.

4. Whether the ordinance exposes the County to legal risk under Title 17 or HB 491:

Clerk McKenzie stated that the Attorney's review found that the "majority of the text in this ordinance is merely repeating or enacting what is already required by GDPA." Portions not strictly required by GDPA, such as the audit component, are "policy and administrative determinations that the Commission may choose to adjust or remove as they deem appropriate, but they do not create any specific legal risks."

Clerk McKenzie summarized his efforts by stating, "I have, to the best of my ability, followed the direction of the Commission in setting up and preparing the County to be successful in our obligations to GDPA." He added, "I've utilized the best resources in the State to prepare this ordinance to get our program up and running, utilizing guides provided by the State Privacy Office and training resources provided from the Utah Association of Counties." He emphasized the collaborative nature, stating, "I've coordinated this in a collaborative manner with all offices of the County, including the Commission. Our Attorneys have also spent significant time reviewing it to ensure it is properly drafted to be compliant with the law." He concluded, "I have done all I can do up to this point. I'm hopeful at this point that we'll be able to pass this ordinance and we can get things moving a little bit faster for our County."

Following Clerk McKenzie's presentation, Commissioner Stevenson moved to approve Ordinance 2025-5 and highlighted that Utah has "always led out on this." He also mentioned that Davis County was likely "ahead of every other county on getting to that point right now" regarding the reporting requirements due by December 31, 2025. Commissioner Crofts seconded the motion, acknowledging his "initial disagreements" but expressing

satisfaction that changes were made and that the authority remains under the Board of Commissioners, "which I was insistent about." He then thanked Clerk McKenzie for a very detailed explanation.

VOTING:

Motion to Approve Item 5: Bob Stevenson. Second: John Crofts. All present voted aye.

Following the vote, Commissioner Stevenson invited Weber County Clerk/Auditor Ricky Hatch forward to speak about what Weber County is doing to respond to GDPA. While Clerk/Auditor Hatch came to the podium, Commissioner Crofts said regarding the ordinance, "this does fall outside of the statutory authority of the Clerk and that was one of my big concerns, but we have gone through an exhaustive review of it and I'm satisfied with that." Clerk/Auditor Hatch said they have appointed a CAO who is also the GRAMA Chief Records Officer. They are currently working on their data privacy ordinance and plan to use parts of Davis County's ordinance.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE

6 RES #2025-15. Approval of a Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Davis County Providing Notice to Centerville City of the County's Intent Not to Impose a Local Sales Tax to Fund Recreation, Arts, and Parks (RAP) - recommended by Lorene Kamalu, Davis County Commission Chair, Commissioners' Office

Financial Information: N/A

Terms:

- Beginning Date: 07/22/2025
- Ending Date: N/A

VOTING:

Motion to Approve Item 6: Lorene Kamalu. Second: Bob Stevenson. All present voted aye.

FACILITIES

7 #2025-866. Approval of an Agreement with Gary Hunt, Architect, P.C., Domestic Business Corporation for Design Service on the new Emission Training and Administration Facility - recommended by Lane Rose, Director, Facilities

Financial Information:

Terms:

- Type: Payable
- Amount: \$66,000.00

- Beginning Date: 07/22/2025
- Ending Date: 07/22/2027

VOTING:

Motion to Approve Item 7: Bob Stevenson. Second: John Crofts. All present voted aye.

8 #2025-874. Approval of an Amendment to Contract #2024-0755 with Studio Miers|Chou|Poon for a Guaranteed Maximum Design Price on the Animal Care project - recommended by Lane Rose, Director, Facilities

Financial Information:

Terms:

- Type: Payable
- Amount: \$1,431,345.25

- Beginning Date: 07/22/2025
- Ending Date: 07/22/2026

This amendment is to the contract with Studio Miers, the architect for the new Animal Care facility, to solidify engineers for the project with a guaranteed maximum design price of \$1,431,345.25. Commissioner Kamalu said there was a note that the budget would need to be amended in 2026 to accommodate this. Director Rose said they are planning on doing that.

VOTING:

Motion to Approve Item 8: Bob Stevenson. Second: Lorene Kamalu. Commissioners Kamalu and Stevenson voted aye. Commissioner Crofts voted nay. The motion passed.

HEALTH

9 **#2025-669. Approval of an Agreement with Utah Legal Services, Inc. to Provide Legal Education and Services to Senior Citizen Residents of Davis County** - *recommended by Brian Hatch, Director, Health - Senior Services*

Financial Information:

- Type: Payable
- Amount: \$7,674.00

Terms:

- Beginning Date: 07/01/2025
- Ending Date: 06/30/2026

These legal services will be provided at the senior center.

10 **#2025-787. Approval of a Veterans Care Agreement with the Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Health Administration, That States Provisions for Medically Necessary Hospital Care, Medical Services, and/or Extended Care Services** - *recommended by Brian Hatch, Director, Health - Senior Services*

Financial Information:

- Type: Receivable
- Amount: Service dependent

Terms:

- Beginning Date: 06/01/2025
- Ending Date: 05/31/2028

These medical services are billed to the Veterans Affairs (VA) Office based on what the County provides to qualifying veterans.

11 **#2025-853. Approval of an Agreement with Exercise Innovations, LLC to provide Program Services, Bingocize, within Authorized Locations** - *recommended by Brian Hatch, Director, Health - Senior Services*

Financial Information:

- Type: Payable
- Amount: \$1,300.00

Terms:

- Beginning Date: 07/22/2025
- Ending Date: 07/31/2027

Commissioner Kamalu said there was a note from the reviewing Attorney that the license agreement does not include the purchasing cost. Director Hatch explained this is a contract renewal, so it is \$1,300.00, and that he would follow up on the question.

12 **#2025-785. Approval of Amendment #4 to Contract #2025-0219 with the Department of Health & Human Services for HIV Prevention 2023** - *recommended by Brian Hatch, Director, Health - Epidemiology*

Financial Information:

- Type: Receivable
- Amount: \$34,400.00

Terms:

- Beginning Date: 06/01/2025
- Ending Date: 05/31/2026

13 **#2025-726. Approval of Amendment #2 to Contract #2024-0548 with the Utah Department of Health & Human Services for the Davis County Summer Food Service Program** - *recommended by Brian Hatch, Director, Health - Environmental*

Financial Information:

- Type: Receivable
- Amount: \$230.00

Terms:

- Beginning Date: 07/01/2025
- Ending Date: 06/30/2026

14 **#2025-803. Approval of Amendment #1 to Contract #2024-0833 with the Utah Department of Health & Human Services for an Increase in Funding for the Local Women, Infant, and Children (WIC) Program - recommended by Brian Hatch, Director, Health - Family Services**

Financial Information:

- Type: Receivable
- Amount: \$77,585.00

Terms:

- Beginning Date: 07/15/2025
- Ending Date: 09/30/2025

15 **#2025-820. Approval of Amendment #4 to Contract #2023-0760 with the Utah Department of Health & Human Services for Community and Clinical Intervention - recommended by Brian Hatch, Director, Health - Community Services**

Financial Information:

- Type: Receivable
- Amount: \$69,326.72

Terms:

- Beginning Date: 06/30/2025
- Ending Date: 06/29/2026

This will cover diabetic, stroke, and cardiovascular programs or services.

16 **#2025-848. Approval of Amendment #9 of Contract #2020-0458 with the Utah Department of Health & Human Services for Tobacco Prevention FY21-FY25 - recommended by Brian Hatch, Director, Health - Community Services**

Financial Information:

- Type: Receivable
- Amount: \$589,638.00 (\$27,792.00 | \$160,239.00 | \$401,607.00)

Terms:

- Beginning Date: 07/01/2025
- Ending Date: 06/30/2026

VOTING:

Motion to Approve Items 9-16: John Crofts. Second: Lorene Kamalu. All present voted aye.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

17 **#2025-808. Approval of the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for the North Davis Metro SWAT Team between Layton City, Clearfield City, Clinton City, North Salt Lake City, Sunset City, Syracuse City, and Davis County - recommended by Arnold Butcher, Chief Deputy, Sheriff's Office**

Financial Information:

- Type: Payable
- Amount: See assessment fee breakdown

Terms:

- Beginning Date: 07/01/2025
- Ending Date: Indefinite period not to exceed fifty years. See the bylaws for earlier termination option

Commissioner Kamalu asked if Risk has reviewed the item. Clerk McKenzie said it has now been reviewed by all the necessary parties, including Risk.

18 **#2025-858. Approval of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between Salt Lake County, Tooele County, Salt Lake City, and the Davis County Sheriff's Office for the Community-Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Grant - recommended by Arnold Butcher, Chief Deputy, Sheriff's Office**

Financial Information:

- Type: Payable
- Amount: Salt Lake County: \$659,000.00; Tooele County: \$165,000.00; Salt Lake City: \$224,000.00

Terms:

- Beginning Date: Upon final signature of all parties
- Ending Date: This agreement will terminate when each of the Parties have satisfied their respective obligations under this agreement

Davis County, as the grant procurer, pays the listed portions of the grant to Salt Lake County, Tooele County, and Salt Lake City.

19 **#2025-816. Approval of a National Crime Information Center (NCIC) Hit Confirmation Agreement between the Davis County Sheriff's Office and the Department of Natural Resources Division of Law Enforcement - recommended by Arnold Butcher, Chief Deputy, Sheriff's Office**

Financial Information: N/A

Terms:

- Beginning Date: 07/01/2025
- Ending Date: May be terminated by either party based on a thirty-day written notice

20 **#2025-862. Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between the Utah Attorney General's Office and the Davis County Sheriff's Office: This MOU Enables the Davis County Sheriff's Office to Serve as an Affiliate of the Utah Attorney General's Office, Allowing for the Vigorous and Proper Investigation of Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) - recommended by Arnold Butcher, Chief Deputy, Sheriff's Office**

Financial Information: N/A

Terms:

- Beginning Date: Upon final signature
- Ending Date: Until canceled by either party

21 **#2025-865. Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between the 75th Security Forces Squadron and the Davis County Sheriff's Office: This MOU Is an Agreement for Mutual Support in Force Protection and Police Incident Response - recommended by Arnold Butcher, Chief Deputy, Sheriff's Office**

Financial Information: N/A

Terms:

- Beginning Date: Upon final signature
- Ending Date: 3 years from the date of final signature

22 **#2025-863. Approval of an Agreement between Davis County and the State of Utah Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Substance Use and Mental Health, Utah State Hospital (DHHS) for a Competency Restoration Unit (CRU) to Be Located at the Davis County Jail (DCJ) - recommended by Arnold Butcher, Chief Deputy, Sheriff's Office**

Financial Information:

- Type: Receivable
- Amount: \$4,016.00 per day guaranteed up to 16 patients; \$138.00 per day per patient over the 16 patients

Terms:

- Beginning Date: 07/15/2025
- Ending Date: 5 years from the date of signature by both parties. This contract may be terminated early by either party by mailing a 90-day written notice to the other party by certified mail

This agreement provides \$4,016.00 per day for 16 beds guaranteed, with additional payment for beds above that, totaling \$1,465,840.00 annually. More importantly, it allows individuals found incompetent to stand trial in Davis County to receive competency restoration within the jail, avoiding long waits at the Utah State Hospital. Commissioner Kamalu said this is another area where Davis County is greatly respected. Commissioner Crofts inquired about additional staffing requirements, and Chief Deputy Butcher indicated a potential need for one to two additional deputies, which would be addressed in the 2026 budget, emphasizing it's a minor cost compared to the revenue. Commissioner Crofts requested that the Sheriff's Office report back to the Commission on the staffing analysis. Chief Deputy Butcher said they wanted to wait and have the program run for a little bit before making any staffing changes. Commissioner Kamalu also said there are a number of fixed costs associated with running a jail.

VOTING:

Motion to Approve Items 17-22: Bob Stevenson. Second: John Crofts. All present voted aye.

CONSENT ITEMS

23 **#2025-868. Approval of Agreements for In-Home Services for Elderly or Disabled Adults 18 Years or Older - recommended by Brian Hatch, Director, Health - Senior Services**

Financial Information:

- Type: Payable
- Amount: Varies, see the Rate and Service Table

Terms:

- Beginning Date: 07/01/2025
- Ending Date: 06/30/2027

#2025-765. Approval of an Agreement with American District Telegraph (ADT) Health for In-Home Services for Elderly or Disabled Adults 18 Years or Older - recommended by Brian Hatch, Director, Health - Senior Services

#2025-766. Approval of an Agreement with Applegate HomeCare & Hospice for In-Home Services for Elderly or Disabled Adults 18 Years or Older - recommended by Brian Hatch, Director, Health - Senior Services

#2025-767. Approval of an Agreement with Assisting Hands Home Care for In-Home Services for Elderly or Disabled Adults 18 Years or Older - recommended by Brian Hatch, Director, Health - Senior Services

#2025-768. Approval of an Agreement with At Home Care for Seniors for In-Home Services for Elderly or Disabled Adults 18 Years or Older - recommended by Brian Hatch, Director, Health - Senior Services

#2025-769. Approval of an Agreement with Beehive State Payee for In-Home Services for Elderly or Disabled Adults 18 Years or Older - recommended by Brian Hatch, Director, Health - Senior Services

#2025-770. Approval of an Agreement with Home Caregivers Partnership, LLC, DBA Canyon Home Care & Hospice for In-Home Services for Elderly or Disabled Adults 18 Years or Older - recommended by Brian Hatch, Director, Health - Senior Services

#2025-771. Approval of an Agreement with Caregiver Support Network Provider for In-Home Services for Elderly or Disabled Adults 18 Years or Older - recommended by Brian Hatch, Director, Health - Senior Services

#2025-772. Approval of an Agreement with Choice Home Medical for In-Home Services for Elderly or Disabled Adults 18 Years or Older - recommended by Brian Hatch, Director, Health - Senior Services

#2025-773. Approval of an Agreement with DayBreak Senior Services for In-Home Services for Elderly or Disabled Adults 18 Years or Older - recommended by Brian Hatch, Director, Health - Senior Services

#2025-774. Approval of an Agreement with Dose Health for In-Home Services for Elderly or Disabled Adults 18 Years or Older - recommended by Brian Hatch, Director, Health - Senior Services

#2025-775. Approval of an Agreement with Home Maintenance Experts, LLC for In-Home Services for Elderly or Disabled Adults 18 Years or Older - recommended by Brian Hatch, Director, Health - Senior Services

#2025-776. Approval of an Agreement with Latitude USA, LLC for In-Home Services for Elderly or Disabled Adults 18 Years or Older - recommended by Brian Hatch, Director, Health - Senior Services

#2025-777. Approval of an Agreement with Morning Sun Financial Services for In-Home Services for Elderly or Disabled Adults 18 Years or Older - recommended by Brian Hatch, Director, Health - Senior Services

#2025-778. Approval of an Agreement with MyTrex, Inc, DBA Rescue Alert for In-Home Services for Elderly or Disabled Adults 18 Years or Older - recommended by Brian Hatch, Director, Health - Senior Services

#2025-779. Approval of an Agreement with Platinum Venture Group, LLC for In-Home Services for Elderly or Disabled Adults 18 Years or Older - recommended by Brian Hatch, Director, Health - Senior Services

#2025-780. Approval of an Agreement with Beaver Valley Hospital DBA Rocky Mountain Care - Clearfield for In-Home Services for Elderly or Disabled Adults 18 Years or Older - recommended by Brian Hatch, Director, Health - Senior Services

#2025-781. Approval of an Agreement with Suzy's Senior Companionship Services for In-Home Services for Elderly or Disabled Adults 18 Years or Older - recommended by Brian Hatch, Director, Health - Senior Services

#2025-799. Approval of an Agreement with G. A. Food Services of Pinellas County, LLC for In-Home Services for Elderly or Disabled Adults 18 Years or Older - recommended by Brian Hatch, Director, Health - Senior Services

#2025-825. Approval of an Agreement with Renew Home Health for In-Home Services for Elderly or Disabled Adults 18 Years or Older - recommended by Brian Hatch, Director, Health - Senior Services

#2025-867. Approval of an Agreement with Acumen Fiscal Agent, LLC, for In-Home Services for Elderly or Disabled Adults 18 Years or Older - recommended by Brian Hatch, Director, Health - Senior Services

24 **#2025-789. Approval of an Agreement with US Bank for Sponsorship** - recommended by Kent Andersen, Director, Community & Economic Development - Western Sports Park

Financial Information:	Terms:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Type: Receivable• Amount: \$1,500.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Beginning Date: 08/01/2025• Ending Date: 08/01/2026

25 **#2025-809. Approval of an Agreement with USA Wrestling Utah for 16U National Duals Match** - recommended by Kent Andersen, Director, Community & Economic Development - Western Sports Park

Financial Information:	Terms:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Type: Receivable• Amount: \$18,585.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Beginning Date: 06/09/2026• Ending Date: 06/13/2026

26 **#2025-854. Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding With the Utah Attorney General's Office - Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force and Davis County for Davis County's Participation in ICAC** - recommended by Brent Baggs, Attorney's Office

Financial Information:	Terms:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Type: Receivable• Amount: \$15,000.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Beginning Date: 07/01/2025• Ending Date: 06/30/2026

27 **#2025-860. Approval of the List of Towing Applications and Agreements with Davis County Sheriff's Dispatch Center for Consideration of Placement on the Tow Rotation List for the State of Utah's Fiscal Year 07/01/2025 through 06/30/2026** - recommended by Arnold Butcher, Chief Deputy, Sheriff's Office

Financial Information:	Terms:
N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Beginning Date: 07/01/2025• Ending Date: 06/30/2026

VOTING:

Motion to Approve Items 23-27: Bob Stevenson. Second: John Crofts. All present voted aye.

VOTING:

Motion to Recess to Board of Equalization: Lorene Kamalu. Second: John Crofts. All present voted aye.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

28 **#2025-187. Property Tax Register 07-22-2025** - recommended by Sulika Laulu, Tax Administration Manager, Tax Administration

The Property Tax Register for 07/22/2025 was presented and contained the following: Controller's Adjustments, consisting of Abatement reports and Corrections; Assessor's Adjustments, consisting of Corrections. This record is maintained by the Davis County Controller as the Clerk of the Board of Equalization.

VOTING:

Motion to Approve Item 28: Bob Stevenson. Second: John Crofts. All present voted aye.

VOTING:

Motion to Reconvene Commission Meeting: Bob Stevenson. Second: John Crofts. All present voted aye.

CLOSING REMARKS

Clerk McKenzie noted that Jennifer Garner's email regarding ballots had not been received and offered to speak with her after the meeting.

Commissioner Crofts said he and Commissioner Kamalu recently attended the National Association of Counties (NACO) conference in Philadelphia. They cared enough about the special election for the Controller to rearrange flights when they were canceled to make it on time for that meeting. Commissioner Crofts said he had some concerns coming out of the conference, but felt it was good to see that things the federal government used to handle are now moving to the state and local levels. He then read the following statement:

"Before I begin, I want to remind everyone here of something fundamental.

We sit in elected positions. I serve in Seat C, Commissioner Kamalu in Seat B, and Commissioner Stevenson in Seat A. But none of these seats belong to us—they belong to the voters of Davis County. These are not personal titles. They are temporary stewardships, entrusted to us by the sacred trust of the people. I've heard people refer to elected positions as if they are permanently tied to the individuals who hold them. These seats are not ours. We serve at the pleasure of the voters for a limited time. That's it.

My predecessor, Commissioner Randy Elliott, believed in term limits. He honored his commitment and chose not to seek a third term. That showed integrity. I now serve in his seat—not because it's mine, but because the people chose me. All elected officials must remember: these positions are temporary jobs, not personal property.

We are in a time of real financial strain. Families are struggling. Seniors are deciding between paying bills and buying groceries. These are real people—our neighbors—who deserve better stewardship from their government.

Earlier this summer, we conducted a countywide stress test to identify where we could cut costs. But I must ask: Did we ALL take it seriously?

Because just days after the Stress Test, a request was made to create another Confidential Secretary position—a hire I believe is unnecessary. Other departments have clearly stated they don't need similar positions. Expanding government during a financial crunch sends the wrong message.

It didn't stop there. A request was also made for a personal exception to our travel policy to allow an overnight stay in Brigham City—a short drive. In my view, the request was inappropriate, and it was a mistake for the Commission to approve it—over my objection.

We have close to 1,200 employees who follow policy without asking for special treatment. Elected officials should be held to the same standard—if not a higher one. Special exceptions for those in power undermine fairness and trust.

And yes, I've heard through the grapevine that some in County Government have mocked me for raising concerns and trying to rein in unnecessary spending. But let me be clear: they don't answer to the taxpayer—we (the Commissioners) do. Commissioners are elected by the people, and I will not stay silent when I believe voters trust is being thrown off the boat.

Let's also address the Animal Shelter. A recent article claimed we saved \$2 million. That's false. We're spending \$16.5 million instead of \$18.5 million, and the only reason for the cost reduction is because we drained Fund 10, a more flexible fund. That's not savings. That's short-term thinking. I voted against that move, and I stand by it.

I also have concerns about building the shelter near the Wasatch Fault, which poses serious risk in the event of an earthquake.

Last year, I opposed the new Animal Welfare tax, which puts the County in direct competition with private veterinarians. That tax, which cost my household \$16.99 last year, is now going up 53.09% to \$24.31. I also received inaccurate information from our former Animal Care Director about spay/neuter costs—information that was used to justify the tax increase last year. That individual has since resigned, but now we have a new tax that doesn't go away.

We must focus on core services—law enforcement, prosecution, and public safety. That's where taxpayer dollars belong—not in duplicative or unnecessary government expansion.

And now, I want to address another misunderstanding I've heard directly from delegates and members of the public: that Commissioners don't work hard.

Let me be absolutely clear—we work harder than most people realize. I've taken calls at 5:00 a.m., and I've been on the phone late into the night, addressing issues that impact real people. We're out of the office frequently—not because we aren't working, but because we're engaged with our communities, visiting departments, and solving problems. You might not see us at a desk, but that doesn't mean we're not putting in the time. We are.

This is one of the most challenging and rewarding forms of public service. Did you know there are nearly 30 employees in Davis County are compensated at a higher level than Commissioners. In order to attract the best possible candidates and staff we have to pay higher. We do that while not giving ourselves raises. Comparable Class 2 counties like Utah and Weber pay their commissioners much more than Davis County Commissioners.

We Commissioners don't always agree—on taxes, on vision, or on the direction of the County—but please don't say all of us are in this for ourselves. I do this because I care about Davis County, and I want Davis County to stay great.

Last week, my daughter was married, and even on that special day, I was answering calls and dealing with County issues. Because public service demands commitment. And I take that commitment seriously.

To anyone considering public office: enter with humility, a servant's heart, and a willingness to work hard, even when it's inconvenient.

When we ignore our own policies, build too much, spend too much, and create exceptions for "some—but not all", and mock those who speak out, we erode public trust.

So let me say this clearly:

I am listening to the public.

I am standing up for fiscal responsibility.

I am fighting to protect taxpayers.

And I will continue to do so—even when I am outvoted.

That concludes my indignant comments.

I just didn't realize that putting Voters First would be this hard.

Thank you."

Commissioner Kamalu ended by reflecting on her experience finishing a biography of George Washington, expressing gratitude for living in this nation and the sacrifices made by its founders. She also said the more people engage, the more they will value the place they live.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting adjourned at 06:53 PM.

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