WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 5, 2025

The Regular Meeting of the Board of the Washington County Commission was called to order by Chairman Victor Iverson at 4:00 p.m. on August 5, 2025, in the Washington County Commission Chambers, and via Zoom 111 East Tabernacle, St. George, Utah. Those in attendance were Commissioner Victor Iverson, Commissioner Adam Snow, Commissioner Gil Almquist, County Attorney Eric Clarke, County Administrator Nicholle Felshaw and Deputy Clerk Sarah Lloyd.

INVOCATION BY: Rabbi Mendy Cohen, Chabad Jewish Center of Southern Utah

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Jason Whipple

CONSENT AGENDA:

The Consent Agenda is a means of expediting the consideration of routine matters. If a commissioner requests that items be removed from the consent agenda, those items are placed at the beginning of the regular agenda. Other than requests to remove items, a motion to approve the items on the consent agenda is not debatable.

- Consideration of Auditor-Approved Claims for Payment for July 2, 2025, through August 5, 2025
- Consideration of Regular Commission Meeting Minutes of July 1, 2025
- Consideration of Special Commission Meeting Minutes of July 17, 2025
- Consideration of Special Commission Meeting Minutes of July 18, 2025
- Consideration of Administrative Adjustments: Real Property
- Consideration of Administrative Adjustments: Personal Property
- Consideration of Proof of Publication of Ordinance No. 2025-1298-O, Published on Sunday, July 6, 2025
- Consideration of Proof of Publication of Ordinance No. 2025-1299-O, Published on Sunday, July 20, 2025
- Consideration of Approval of Sale of Certain Surplus Property
- Consideration of America250 Utah Community Stipends
- Consideration of Letter Authorizing TRT Subsidies of Dixie Center for Summer Events

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Snow to Approve the Consent Agenda as Outlined.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Almquist and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Iverson, Snow and Almquist voting aye.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2025-3558, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN WASHINGTON COUNTY, WASHINGTON CITY, AND THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SPECIAL

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SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 1 FOR FUNDING ROAD IMPROVEMENTS ON LANDFILL ROAD

Washington City Councilman Craig Coats explained that Landfill Road was rerouted several years ago, and the road needs repair. These road improvements would last for the next eight to ten years, while a long-term plan can be developed.

MOTION:

Motion by Commissioner Almquist to Approve Resolution No. R-2025-3558, A Resolution Approving the Execution of an Interlocal Agreement Between Washington County, Washington City, and the Washington County Special Service District No. 1 for Funding Road Improvements on Landfill Road. Motion seconded by Commissioner Snow and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Iverson, Snow and Almquist voting aye.

PRESENTATION: FORSYTH FIRE

Commissioner Iverson read aloud a thank-you card to the Emergency Operations from Great Basin Team 7 for their professionalism and collaboration while working on the Forsyth Fire.

PRESENTATION: EMPLOYEE LONGEVITY

Assessor Division Manager Adel Murphy recognized Wendy Reber on her 25 years of service in the Assessor's Office.

PRESENTATION: SEMI-ANNUAL VOCA UPDATE

Children's Justice Center (CJC) Director Kristy Pike explained that the CJC collaborates with multidisciplinary partners to protect each child, advance justice, promote healing, and educate the community. The Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant is one funding source for the CJC. Ms. Pike updated the Commissioners on current and future goals for the VOCA grant.

(See attached report.)

CONSIDERATION OF PURCHASE REQUESTS:

Fair, Rental Equipment	. (\$40,725.57)
Fair, Fireworks	. (\$20,000.00)
Center on Aging, Ford Transit Vans	. (\$56,140.00)
Sheriff, ICV Radios	. (\$14,986.40)
Sheriff, Range Awning	(\$18,500.00)
Tourism, Australian Media Campaign	. (\$10,000.00)
Roads, Road Base for Enterprise Reservoir Road	. (\$25,200.00)
Roads, Road Material for Old Church Farm Road	. (\$25,879.80)
Legacy Park, Event Pro Software	. (\$16,680.00)
Building Maintenance, HVAC Unit for Santa Clara Library	(\$23,950.00)

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All purchases are budgeted, bonded, or paid for through grant funds.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Almquist Approve the Purchase Requests as Outlined. Motion seconded by Commissioner Snow and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Iverson, Snow and Almquist voting ave.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2025-3559, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WASHINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL ON AGING CONTRACT FY2026 WITH THE FIVE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS AREA AGENCY ON AGING

Center on Aging Director Jacob Browning explained that this is federal funding to provide services for eligible seniors in Washington County.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Snow to Adopt Resolution No. R-2025-3559, A Resolution Approving the Washington County Council on Aging Contract FY2026 with the Five County Association of Governments Area Agency on Aging. Motion seconded by Commissioner Almquist and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Iverson, Snow and Almquist voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2025-3560, A RESOLUTION APPROVING A RENEWED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN PARTICIPATING LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOMB SQUAD

Emergency Operations Director Jason Whipple stated the memorandum of understanding has been in place for many years, working with multiple agencies, and is due for renewal.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Snow to Adopt Resolution No. R-2025-3560, A Resolution Approving a Renewed Memorandum of Understanding Between Participating Law Enforcement Agencies in the Washington County Bomb Squad. Motion seconded by Commissioner Almquist and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Iverson, Snow and Almquist voting ave.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2025-3574, A RESOLUTION EXTENDING A DECLARATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY REGARDING THE 2025 FORSYTH FIRE IN PINE VALLEY

Mr. Whipple explained that a declaration of local emergency was issued in July of 2025, and this Resolution will extend that declaration.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Almquist to Adopt Resolution No. R-2025-3574, A Resolution Extending a Declaration of a Local Emergency Regarding the 2025 Forsyth Fire in Pine Valley. Motion seconded by Commissioner Snow and

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carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Iverson, Snow and Almquist voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2025-3561, A RESOLUTION APPROVING A VOTING AND ASSESSMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND THE STONE MOUNTAIN OWNERS ASSOCIATION

Deputy County Attorney Devin Snow explained that several unconstructed condominium units in Springdale were given to Washington County in the tax sale several years ago. This document will waive any liens against the County, and Washington County will release all voting rights.

MOTION:

Motion by Commissioner Snow to Adopt Resolution No. R-2025-3561, A Resolution Approving a Voting and Assessment Agreement Between Washington County and the Stone Mountain Owners Association. Motion seconded by Commissioner Almquist and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Iverson, Snow and Almquist voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2025-3562, A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE WASHINGTON COUNTY POLICY FOR ESTABLISHING AN INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING DISTRICT

Chief Deputy Clerk Genna Goodwin explained that Washington County has received five Infrastructure Financing District (IFD) requests to date. As the County receives these requests, this will provide policies and procedures to handle IFD requests.

MOTION:

Motion by Commissioner Snow to Adopt Resolution No. R-2025-3562, A Resolution Adopting the Washington County Policy for Establishing an Infrastructure Financing District. Motion seconded by Commissioner Almquist and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Iverson, Snow and Almquist voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2025-3563, A RESOLUTION ADOPTING WASHINGTON COUNTY'S INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCIAL DISTRICT AND PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT FEE SCHEDULE

Ms. Goodwin stated this Resolution establishes a fee schedule for the aforementioned IFD and any Public Infrastructure Development (PID) requests.

MOTION:

Motion by Commissioner Almquist to Adopt Resolution No. R-2025-3563, A Resolution Adopting Washington County's Infrastructure Financial District and Public Infrastructure Development Fee Schedule. Motion seconded by Commissioner Snow and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Iverson, Snow and Almquist voting aye.

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<u>CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2025-3564, A RESOLUTION APPROVING RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS</u>

Commissioner Iverson explained the Council of Governments (COG) oversees the expenditures of Local Transportation Corridor Preservation fund and Construction Grant funds. This would deobligate previously obligated funds voted upon by the COG.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Snow to Adopt Resolution No. R-2025-3564, A Resolution Approving Recommendations from the Council of Governments. Motion seconded by Commissioner Almquist and carried by unanimous vote,

with Commissioners Iverson, Snow and Almquist voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2025-3565, A RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH LANDMARK TESTING & ENGINEERING FOR THE KOLOB TERRACE ROAD REHABILITION PROJECT 2025

County Engineer Elliott Taylor stated this agreement is for testing and engineering experts to provide construction materials testing and special inspections for the Kolob Terrace Road Rehabilitation Project 2025.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Almquist to Adopt Resolution No. R-2025-3565, A

Resolution Approving a Professional Service Agreement with Landmark Testing & Engineering for the Kolob Terrace Road Rehabilitation Project 2025. Motion seconded by Commissioner Snow and carried by unanimous

vote, with Commissioners Iverson, Snow and Almquist voting ave.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2025-3566, A RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH JONES & DEMILLE ENGINEERING, INC. FOR THE FORSYTH FIRE PROJECT

Mr. Taylor explained this agreement for a comprehensive plan for flood mitigation related to the impacts of the Forsyth Fire in the Pine Valley area, not to exceed \$190,000.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Snow to Adopt Resolution No. R-2025-3566, A

Resolution Approving a Professional Service Agreement with Jones & DeMille Engineering, Inc. for the Forsyth Fire Project. Motion seconded by Commissioner Almquist and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners

Iverson, Snow and Almquist voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2025-3567, A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND THE CITY OF LA VERKIN FOR TOURISM TAX FUNDING TO ASSIST IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PORTION OF THE ZION COORIDOR TRAIL

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Greater Zion Destination Development Manager Leslie Fonger stated that this is the first piece of a long-planned trail portion in La Verkin City, which will ultimately connect from Confluence Park to Zion National Park.

MOTION:

Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Adopt Resolution No. R-2025-3567, A Resolution Approving an Interlocal Agreement Between Washington County and the City of La Verkin for Tourism Tax Funding to Assist in the Construction of a Portion of the Zion Corridor Trail. Motion seconded by Commissioner Snow and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Iverson, Snow and Almquist voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2025-3568, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF A FEDERAL AID AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UTAH DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND WASHINGTON COUNTY FOR THE SHEEP BRIDGE ROAD FEASIBILITY STUDY PROJECT

Ms. Fonger explained the County has applied for and been approved to receive federal aid highway funds for a project consisting of the Sheep Bridge Road Feasibility Study, which will initiate preliminary planning to identify the optimal location of a separated multi-use path alongside Sheep Bridge Road to enhance safe travel along this corridor.

MOTION:

Motion by Commissioner Almquist to Adopt Resolution No. R-2025-3568, A Resolution Approving the Execution of a Federal Aid Agreement Between the Utah Department of Transportation and Washington County for the Sheep Bridge Road Feasibility Study Project. Motion seconded by Commissioner Snow and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Iverson, Snow and Almquist voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2025-3569, A RESOLUTION FOR AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND AUTUMN WEINHEIMER FOR SOCIAL MEDIA COORDINATION

Greater Zion Grant Funding and Operations Manager Jamie Allen stated the Greater Zion Tourism Office operates tourism advertisements and marketing to better inform visitors of the Greater Zion area. This contract would be renewed for another three months, with the option of renewing for another two years.

MOTION:

Motion by Commissioner Snow to Adopt Resolution No. R-2025-3569, A Resolution Approving for an Independent Contractor Agreement Between Washington County and Autumn Weinheimer for Social Media Coordination. Motion seconded by Commissioner Almquist and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Iverson, Snow and Almquist voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2025-3570, A RESOLUTION RENEWING AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN WASHINGTON

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<u>COUNTY AND POP ROCK DESIGN FOR CONSULTING AND GRAPHIC DESIGN SERVICES</u>

Ms. Allen explained this a renewal of an existing contract for another six months through July of 2026.

MOTION:

Motion by Commissioner Almquist to Adopt Resolution No. R-2025-3570, A Resolution Renewing an Independent Contractor Agreement Between Washington County and Pop Rock Design for Consulting and Graphic Design Services. Motion Seconded by Commissioner Snow and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Iverson, Snow and Almquist voting ave.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2025-3573, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXPENDITURE OF TRT FUNDING FOR AN EVENT MARKETING AGREEMENT FOR TRAIL HERO

Greater Zion Sports and Adventure Marketing Manager Chad McWilliams stated this Resolution is for Transient Room Tax (TRT) funding with Trail Hero for a marketing agreement. The Tourism Tax Advisory Board (TAB) recommended the expenditure of \$100,000 of TRT funding for the event.

MOTION:

Motion by Commissioner Snow to Adopt Resolution No. R-2025-3573, A Resolution Approving the Expenditure of TRT Funding for an Event Marketing Agreement for Trail Hero. Motion Seconded by Commissioner Almquist and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Iverson, Snow and Almquist voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2025-3571, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE GRANTING OF A RIGHT OF WAY EASEMENT TO THE ASH CREEK SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT FOR SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE AT CONFLUENCE PARK

Deputy County Attorney Devin Snow explained that this easement would allow Ash Creek to bring sewer infrastructure through Confluence Park.

MOTION:

Motion by Commissioner Almquist to Adopt Resolution No. R-2025-3571, A Resolution Authorizing the Granting of a Right of Way Easement to the Ash Creek Special Service District for Sewer Infrastructure at Confluence Park. Motion Seconded by Commissioner Snow and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Iverson, Snow and Almquist voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2025-3572, A RESOLUTION APPOINTING AN INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY UNTIL A NOMINEE FOR PERMANENT APPOINTMENT IN MID-AUGUST

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Mr. Snow stated that Washington County Attorney Eric Clarke has submitted a letter of resignation effective on August 7, 2025. This Resolution would appoint Ryan Shaum as Interim County Attorney, effective August 8, 2025, until the vacancy in the office can be filled.

MOTION:

Motion by Commissioner Snow to Adopt Resolution No. R-2025-3572, A Resolution Appointing an Interim County Attorney Until a Nominee for Permanent Appointment in Mid-August. Motion Seconded by Commissioner Almquist and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Iverson, Snow and Almquist voting aye.

Having no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

SARAH LLOYD DEPUTY CLERK

VICTOR IVERSON COMMISSION CHAIR

Board of Equalization Personal Property Commission Meeting 8/5/25

Appellant	Reason For Appeals	Refund Due
Christopher Blount	Entitled to a Veteran's Exemption	150.00
William Dice	Entitled to a Veteran's Exemption	80.00
Janet Drummond	Entitled to a Veteran's Exemption	150.00
Karen C Gorder	Vehicle was sold within the registration month	150.00
Robert Hart	Entitled to a Veteran's Exemption	80.00
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William S Hopson	Entitled to a Veteran's Exemption	150.00
Zachary Isham	Entitled to a Veteran's Exemption	80.00
Edward N Loupy	Entitled to a Veteran's Exemption	150.00
John Loveridge	Entitled to a Veteran's Exemption	690.00
John Loveridge	Entitled to a Veteran's Exemption	80.00
John Loveridge	Entitled to a Veteran's Exemption	150.00
Midge Park	Entitled to a Veteran's Exemption	\$150.00
Brian Relyea	Entitled to a Veteran's Exemption	\$10.00
Brian Relyea	Entitled to a Veteran's Exemption	\$150.00
Brian Relyea	Entitled to a Veteran's Exemption	\$150.00
Brian Relyea	Entitled to a Veteran's Exemption	\$110.00
Walter or Lynett Rodgers	Entitled to a Veteran's Exemption	\$80.00
Jack Spurlock	Entitled to a Veteran's Exemption	\$150.00
Wayne J Sterling	Entitled to a Veteran's Exemption	\$150.00
		\$3,010.00
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1044723	Account Number
H-PERP-4B-68	Tax ID No.
2023	Tax Year
ANDRUS MELISSA & KELLY	Owner
3783.41	Pre Adj Taxes
2,080.88	Pre Adj Taxes Post Adj Taxes Difference
-1,702.53	Difference
Assessment level changed to primary - Office 8/5/2025 error, missed codes	Comments
8/5/2025	MeetingDate

1019822	Account Number
1019822 SC-OCO-1-206	Tax ID No.
2022	Tax Year
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4,392.30	Pre Adj Taxes
0.00	Pre Adj Taxes Post Adj Taxes Difference
-4,392.30	Difference
30 Removed taxes in the amount of \$4,392.30 - they were added in 2022 in error.	Comments
8/5/2025	MeetingDate

1044723	Account Number
1044723 H-PERP-4B-68	Tax ID No.
2024	Tax Year
ANDRUS MELISSA & KELLY	Owner
3644.81	Pre Adj Taxes
2,004.65	Pre Adj Taxes Post Adj Taxes Difference
-1,640.16	Difference
Assessment level changed to primary - Office error, missed codes	Comments
8/5/2025	MeetingDate