

**WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 19, 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 19, 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, Deputy County Attorney Devin Snow, County Administrator Nicholle Felshaw and Deputy Clerk Sarah Lloyd.

**INVOCATION BY: Carole Drake, Saint George Catholic Church**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Reid Walkenhorst**

**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 August 6, 2025, through August 19, 2025
- Consideration of Regular Commission Meeting Minutes of August 5, 2025
- Consideration of Special Commission Meeting Minutes of August 13, 2025
- Consideration of Work Meeting Minutes of August 7, 2025
- Consideration of Administrative Adjustments: Real Property
- Consideration of Administrative Adjustments: Personal Property
- Consideration of Updated Contract for Zion Sewer Phase I Construction
- Consideration of Amended Zion Sewer Phase II Design Proposal
- Consideration of Lease Agreement for Multi-Agency Law Enforcement

**MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Almquist to Approve the Consent Agenda as Outlined. Motion seconded by Commissioner Snow and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Iverson, Snow and Almquist voting aye.**

**REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

**EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT: WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Sergeant Jacob Paul with the Washington County Sheriff's Office reported there were twenty-three (23) total calls from June 17 through August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025. There have been a total of ninety-one (91) SAR incidents in 2025.

(See attached report.)

**CONSIDERATION OF PURCHASE REQUESTS:**

Emergency Services, Vehicle Barriers ..... (\$45,000.00)  
Tourism, Utah Tech Stadium Promo Cups 2025-2026 ..... (\$10,503.00)

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

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

**CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2025-1300-O, AN ORDINANCE REZONING A CERTAIN PORTION OF WASHINGTON COUNTY LOCATED AT APPROXIMATELY 504 NORTH 175 EAST, BY NEW HARMONY FROM THE A-20 ZONE (AGRICULTURAL 20 ACRE MINIMUM LOT SIZE), TO THE AEO ZONE (AGRICULTURAL ESTATE OVERLAY), FOR THE PARCEL HEREINAFTER FULLY DESCRIBED IN THIS ORDINANCE (APPLICANT ROGER BARKER)**

Community Development Planner Reid Walkenhorst explained the applicant has a 20-acre lot in New Harmony with the desire to move to the agricultural estate overlay zone, which gives more flexibility in the home building process. The Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval of the zone change.

**MOTION:** Motion by Commissioner Snow to Adopt Ordinance No. 2025-1300-O, An Ordinance Rezoning a Certain Portion of Washington County Located at Approximately 504 North 175 East, by New Harmony from the A-20 Zone (Agricultural 20 Acre Minimum Lot Size), to the AEO Zone (Agricultural Estate Overlay), for the Parcel Hereinafter Fully Described in This Ordinance (Applicant Roger Barker). Motion seconded by Commissioner Almquist and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Iverson, Snow and Almquist voting aye.

**CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2025-1301-O, AN ORDINANCE REZONING A CERTAIN PORTION OF WASHINGTON COUNTY LOCATED AT APPROXIMATELY 825 SOUTH RED CLIFFS ROAD NEAR LEEDS FROM THE OST-20 ZONE (OPEN SPACE TRANSITION 20 ACRE MINIMUM LOT SIZE), TO THE A-10 ZONE (AGRICULTURAL 10 ACRE MINIMUM LOT SIZE), FOR THE PARCEL HEREINAFTER FULLY DESCRIBED IN THIS ORDINANCE (APPLICANT CURTIS GRAFF)**

Mr. Walkenhorst expressed the applicant is working to bring this parcel into zoning compliance in order to build a home. The Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval of the zone change.

**MOTION:** Motion by Commissioner Almquist to Adopt Ordinance No. 2025-1301-O, An Ordinance Rezoning a Certain Portion of Washington County Located at Approximately 825 South Red Cliffs Road Near Leeds from the OST-20 Zone (Open Space Transition 20 Acre Minimum Lot Size), to the A-10 Zone (Agricultural 10 Acre Minimum Lot Size), for the Parcel Hereinafter Fully Described in This Ordinance (Applicant Curtis Graff). Motion seconded by Commissioner Snow and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Iverson, Snow and Almquist voting aye.

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2025-3576, A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE DEDICATION OF PORTIONS OF BENCH ROAD AND HOLT CANYON ROAD AS PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY**

Mr. Walkenhorst stated Mr. Dean Terry has worked with the County to accomplish a partial roadway dedication to enable future development.

**MOTION:** Motion by Commissioner Snow to Approve Resolution No. R-2025-3576, A Resolution Accepting the Dedication of Portions of Bench Road and Holt Canyon Road as Public Rights of Way. Motion seconded by Commissioner Almquist and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Iverson, Snow and Almquist voting aye.

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2025-3577, A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE DEDICATION OF A PORTION OF OAK VALLEY ROAD AS A PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY**

Mr. Walkenhorst explained Washington County has prescriptive roadway rights on Oak Valley Road. The property owner is working to realign the road and dedicate a portion of the road to Washington County.

**MOTION:** Motion by Commissioner Almquist to Approve Resolution No. R-2025-3577, A Resolution in Support of the Dedication of a Portion of Oak Valley Road as a Public Right of Way. Motion seconded by Commissioner Snow and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Iverson, Snow and Almquist voting aye.

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2025-3578, A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN ADJUSTMENT OF 2025 PROPERTY TAXES FOR CERTAIN PARCELS OWNED BY RURAL HOUSING DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION DBA SELF-HELP HOMES**

Deputy County Attorney Devin Snow explained that state law allows the County Commission to adjust or defer property taxes if it is determined that the reduction is in the best human interest and the interest of the state and the County are protected. Self-Help Homes is a non-profit entity and its mission is to provide affordable housing to low-income families through federally funded programs and sweat equity of the participants.



**MOTION:** Motion by Commissioner Snow to Approve Resolution No. R-2025-3578, A Resolution Approving an Adjustment of 2025 Property Taxes for Certain Parcels Owned by Rural Housing Development Corporation DBA Self-Help Homes. Motion seconded by Commissioner Almquist and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Iverson, Snow and Almquist voting aye.

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2025-3579, A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT FOR RECOVERY COURT LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES BETWEEN WASHINGTON COUNTY, UTAH AND ST. GEORGE CITY**

Mr. Snow stated this Interlocal Agreement is with St. George City to work with the city for recovery court staffing and supervision of those participating in recovery court and mental health court programs.

**MOTION:** Motion by Commissioner Almquist to Approve Resolution No. R-2025-3579, A Resolution Approving an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Recovery Court Law Enforcement Services Between Washington County, Utah, and St. George City. Motion seconded by Commissioner Snow and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Iverson, Snow and Almquist voting aye.

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2025-3580, A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH UTAH ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES FOR CERTAIN PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES**

Mr. Snow explained this agreement is with Utah Association of Counties (UAC), where UAC would provide legal services and advice to Washington County for \$20,000 annually.

**MOTION:** Motion by Commissioner Snow to Approve Resolution No. R-2025-3580, A Resolution Approving an Agreement with Utah Association of Counties for Certain Professional Legal Services. Motion seconded by Commissioner Almquist and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Iverson, Snow and Almquist voting aye.

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2025-3581, A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE WASHINGTON COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD**

Library Director Alan Anderson explained that Dana Moyle has agreed to renew her term on the Library Board, and it is recommended that Ms. Moyle and Lacie Hughes be appointed to the board with terms expiring on June 1, 2029.

**MOTION:** Motion by Commissioner Almquist to Adopt Resolution No. R-2025-3581, A Resolution Appointing Members to the Washington County Library Board.

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

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2025-3582, A RESOLUTION APPOINTING BOARD MEMBERS TO THE NORTH CENTRAL FIRE SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL BOARD**

Mr. Snow stated that two board members terms had expired and both members have reapplied. It is recommended that Travis Jolley and Joseph Stevenson be reappointed with a term to expire on December 31, 2029.

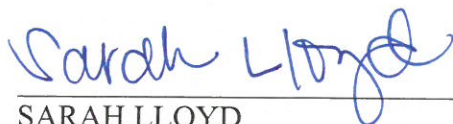
**MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Snow to Adopt Resolution No. R-2025-3582, A Resolution Appointing Board Members to the North Central Fire Special Service District Administrative Control Board. Motion seconded by Commissioner Almquist and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Iverson, Snow and Almquist voting aye.**

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2025-3583, A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND SOUTHWEST BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CENTER FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES**

Court Support Services Director Jennifer Wood explained that Court Support Services (CSS) has provided both probation service and mental health services in the past. As Washington County has grown, Southwest Behavioral Services has agreed to provide behavioral health services through certified and licensed clinicians in Washington County for CSS participants under pretrial release or probationary supervision.

**MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Almquist to Adopt Resolution No. R-2025-3583, A Resolution Approving an Interlocal Agreement Between Washington County and Southwest Behavioral Health Center for Behavioral Health Services. Motion seconded by Commissioner Snow and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Iverson, Snow and Almquist voting aye.**

Having no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.



SARAH LLOYD  
DEPUTY CLERK



for VICTOR IVERSON  
COMMISSION CHAIR

# **SAR Incident Synopsis**

**For June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025 through August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**Sheriff Brooksby,**

**Below is the SAR Report from June 17<sup>th</sup> through August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

## **March-May 2025 Report**

**Total Calls this report – 23**

**Total Non Certified Volunteer Man Hours – 746.5**

**Total Certified Man Hours – 84.5**

**Total Man Hours this report – 831**

**Total SAR Incidents 2025 – 91**

## **Rescued Subjects 2025**

**In County Residence – 50**

**Out of County (Utah) Residence – 46**

**Out of Utah – 63**

**International – 3**

## **Highlights**

**06/19/2025 @ 2156, Fire Evacuation, Pine Valley – Man Hours – 126.5 (Non Certified) 6 (Certified)**

Search and Rescue (SAR) responded to the town of Pine Valley on a request for assistance evacuating the town of Pine Valley. SAR members responded to Pine Valley and were given assignments to assist with advising all residents of the evacuation order. SAR members assisted the citizens of Pine Valley with evacuating the area for several hours. Once all citizens had been advised of the evacuation and those that could be evacuated, all SAR members were accounted for and cleared the scene.

**07/12/2025 @ 2130, Lost Girls Camp Group, Near Kolob Terrace Rd – Man Hours – 63 (Non Certified) 5 (Certified)**

Search and Rescue (SAR) responded to the area of Kolob Terrace Rd near Zion Tiny Oasis on a report of a girls camp group consisting of 24 individuals that was lost. GPS Coordinates were obtained from the reporting persons cell phone. Prior to our arrival, the group split into two groups that were approximately a quarter mile apart. Updated GPS coordinates were obtained via a drone. SAR members responded to the location of the first group. There were two individuals in the group that were in need of medical attention. One juvenile had a small laceration on her knee and an apparent sprained wrist. The other was an adult female what was experiencing a diabetic emergency. Both individuals were treated on scene and several individuals in the group were provided with fluids to stay hydrated. Part of the rescue group then broke off and began to make their way to the location of the second group, which was further up the ravine. SAR members located the second group and determined that nobody in that group was in need of medical attention. They then began hiking the second group back to combine it with the first. Once both groups were combined, SAR members guided them back to Incident Command (IC). Several handlines were utilized due to the treacherous terrain. All parties declined medical transport when they arrived at IC.

**07/19/2025 @ 2120, Lost Hikers, West Rim Trail, Zion National Park – Man Hours – 85.5 (Non Certified) 12 (Certified)**

Search and Rescue (SAR) responded to West Rim Trail area off of Kolob Terrace Rd on a report of four hikers that had gotten lost and were overdue. The group of hikers were supposed to be done with their hike and check in several hours prior. Shortly after we received this report, we received a satellite text message from the lost group. The group was located about two miles east of West Rim Trailhead in a slot canyon. They explained that they were lost and may have gone down the wrong canyon. They had supplies but were concerned about staying overnight in the wet conditions. UHP Helicopter STAR8 was requested to assist but was unable to do night operations at the time. SAR members responded to the location of the group and made it to a ledge above them. Two rescuers were sent down an 800 foot cliff in an attempt to get to the location of the lost party. They made to another ledge above the group but were unable to continue any further due to the terrain. When it became light out, STAR8 was able to respond to the location of the lost group. They were able to hoist the group back to Incident Command two at a time. All four members declined medical transport. SAR members then utilized a pulley system to bring the two rescuers back up the 500 foot cliff. All SAR members then returned to Incident Command by approximately 0930 and the call was complete shortly after.

**Additional Calls**

**06/19/2025 @ 1216, Lost Hikers, Red Mountain Trail – Man Hours – 36 (Non Certified) 3 (Certified)**

Search and Rescue (SAR) responded to Red Mountain Trail on a report of a two lost male hikers. GPS coordinates were obtained from the reporting person's phone call. Incident Command (IC) was established at the Red Mountain Trailhead off of SR-18. SAR members responded to the location of the two hikers and provided them with additional fluids They were then guided back to the trailhead where they declined medical evaluation.

**06/22/2025 @ 1702, Missing Juvenile, Little Creek Mesa – Man Hours – 21 (Non Certified) 4 (Certified)**



Search and Rescue (SAR) responded to Little Creek Mesa on a report of a male juvenile who had gotten separated from his group while hiking. The group searched for the male for approximately five hours before calling for assistance. STAR8 was requested to assist with locating the missing male. STAR8 was able to locate the juvenile and transported him to Incident Command. He was then returned to his family and declined medical evaluation.

**06/25/2025 @ 2306, Stranded Hiker, Red Mountain Trail Red Cliffs Desert Reserve – Man Hours – 42 (Non Certified) 4 (Certified)**

Search and Rescue (SAR) responded to Red Mountain Trail on a report of a male who was stuck on a ledge on the face of Red Mountain. SAR personnel responded to the location of the male and evaluated him. He was then assisted off the ledge and escorted back to Incident Command. He declined medical evaluation when he arrived.

**06/27/2025 @ 2151, Vehicle Rollover, Rattlesnake Trail – Man Hours – 9 (Non Certified) 6 (Certified)**

Search and Rescue (SAR) responded to Rattlesnake Trail on a report of a vehicle rollover involving a male and female patient. One individual had a reported ankle injury. Due to the remote location, Life Flight was requested to assist with locating the patient. Life Flight was able to land near the patient and evaluated him. SAR members arrived shortly after. The injured patient was loaded in the helicopter and transported to Incident Command at the Laverkin Shooting Range. He was then loaded in an ambulance and transported to the hospital. The uninjured patient was also given a ride back to Incident Command and declined medical evaluation.

**07/12/2025 @ 0756, Injured Hiker, Green Valley Gap – Man Hours – 24 (Non Certified) 2 (Certified)**

Search and Rescue (SAR) responded to report of a female that fell and hurt her knee near Green Valley Gap recreation area. SAR team members utilized a litter basket to carry the female out to the ambulance without incident. She was then transported via ambulance to the hospital.

**07/12/2025 @ 1923, ATV Rollover, Sand Mountain – Man Hours – 12 (Non Certified) 1.5 (Certified)**

Search and Rescue (SAR) Responded to a ATV rollover on Sand Mountain at Sand Hollow. It was reported that the driver sustained a broken femur and was seriously injured. SAR members responded to the scene and assisted in loading the patient into the UHP helicopter. The patient was then airlifted to the water tanks staging area where they were unloaded and placed in an ambulance and transported to the hospital.

**07/14/2025 @ 1326, UTV Rollover, Sand Mountain Powerline Rd, – Man Hours – 1 (Certified)**

Deputies responded to Sand Mountain Powerline Rd on a report of a Side By Side Rollover involving 4 occupants. The driver reportedly had an arm injury. Deputies provided a ride for Hurricane Valley Fire units to the patient. The driver was transported to the hospital via ambulance. One of the females was then transported back to the rental agency to get their vehicle.

**07/22/2025 @ 1727, Lost Hikers, Lava Flow Trail, Snow Canyon State Park – Man Hours – 7 (Non Certified) 1 (Certified)**



Search and Rescue (SAR) responded to Lava Flow Trail in Snow Canyon on a report of four individuals that were lost. The four individuals were located shortly after SAR members arrived and they were escorted back to the trailhead where they declined medical transport.

**07/26/2025 @ 1023, Stranded Climber, Island in the Sky, Snow Canyon State Park, Zion National Park– Man Hours – 18 (Non Certified) 1.5 (Certified)**

Search and Rescue (SAR) responded to Snow Canyon State Park on a report of a male juvenile that was stuck on a ledge and could not get down. SAR made contact with the male and he was evaluated. He was then safely lowered back to the ground by SAR members utilizing a ropes system. The patient declined medical transport.

**07/27/2025 @ 0857, Horseback Riding Accident, Dammeron Valley Area – Man Hours – 22 (Non Certified) 2.5 (Certified)**

Search and Rescue (SAR) responded to the Dammeron Valley Wash area on a report of a male who was bucked off his horse. The patient was located and evaluated by SAR members and Dammeron Valley Fire Units. He was transported back to the trailhead. He was then loaded in an ambulance and transported to the hospital.

**07/27/2025 @ 1337, Dirt Bike Accident, Warner Valley – Man Hours – 16.5 (Non Certified) 1.5 (Certified)**

Search and Rescue (SAR) Responded to Warner Valley on a report of a male juvenile who had been involved in a dirt bike accident. The juvenile had a suspected broken leg. Due to the nature of injuries and the unknown location of the patient, Life Flight was requested to assist. Life Flight was able to locate the patient shortly before SAR members arrived. SAR members assisted with loading him in the helicopter. He was transported by helicopter to a waiting ambulance. He was then transported to the hospital via ambulance.

**08/09/2025 @ 0009, Stranded Motorist, Sand Mountain – Man Hours – 13.5 (Non Certified) 2 (Certified)**

Search and Rescue (SAR) responded to Sand Mountain on a report of a male who had gotten his vehicle stuck in the Upper Sand Dunes south east of Top of the World. SAR members responded to his location. He was then evaluated medically and given a ride off the mountain. He declined medical transport.

**08/09/2025 @ 1105, Injured Dirt Biker, Ox Valley Peak – Man Hours – 33 (Non Certified) 9 (Certified)**

Search and Rescue (SAR) responded to a report of a male that wrecked on his motorcycle near ox valley peak. DPS helicopter STAR 9 and Life flight were called to assist. STAR 9 hoisted the male to Life flight, where he was he transported to hospital for suspected head injury without incident.

**08/10/2025 @ 1803, Heat Related Illness, Elephant Arch Trail, Red Cliffs Desert Reserve– Man Hours – 12 (Non Certified) 1 (Certified)**

Search and Rescue (SAR) responded to Elephant Arch Trail on a report of six individuals who were experiencing heat related symptoms. All individuals were located and loaded into side by sides. They were then returned to the trailhead where they declined medical evaluation.

**08/13/2025 @ 1448, Heat Related Illness, Johnson Canyon Trail, Snow Canyon State Park– Man Hours – 24 (Non Certified) 1.5 (Certified)**

Search and Rescue responded to Johnson Canyon Trail in Snow Canyon on a report of two individuals who were experiencing heat related symptoms. They were located by SAR members and provided fluids. They were then escorted back to the trailhead. One individual was transported to the hospital via ambulance.

**08/15/2025 @ 1907, Stranded Hiker, Red Mountain – Man Hours – 22 (Non Certified) 2 (Certified)**

Search and Rescue (SAR) responded to a report of a male on the face of Red Mountain who had gotten stuck on a ledge. SAR members responded to the location of the male. STAR9 was requested due to the precarious terrain. STAR9 was able to hoist the male back to the trailhead. He declined medical transport. All SAR members were accounted for and cleared the scene.

**08/16/2025 @ 0926, Injured Mountain Biker, Jem Trail – Man Hours – 9 (Non Certified) 1.5 (Certified)**

Search and Rescue (SAR) responded to Jem Trail on a report of a male who had crashed on his mountain bike. He was located and transported to the waiting ambulance at the trailhead. He was then transported to the hospital.

**08/16/2025 @ 0933, Body Recovery, Laverkin Bridge – Man Hours – 7.5 (Non Certified) 6 (Certified)**

Search and Rescue (SAR) responded to Laverkin Bridge on a request for assistance with a body recovery. SAR team members assisted with carrying the body of a deceased male out of the area. The body was then left in the care of the Deputies. All SAR were accounted for and cleared the scene.

**08/17/2025 @ 1442, Lost Hikers, Scout Cave Trail, Snow Canyon State Park– Man Hours – 15 (Non Certified) 1.5 (Certified)**

Search and Rescue (SAR) responded to Scout Cave Trail on a report of four individuals who were lost on the trail. SAR members responded to their location and they were evaluated medically. They were then guided back to their vehicle. They declined medical evaluation.

**08/18/2025 @ 0035, Overdue Hikers, Water Canyon Trail – Man Hours – 128 (Non Certified) 9 (Certified)**

Search and Rescue (SAR) responded to Water Canyon on a report of two hikers, an adult female, and a juvenile male that were overdue returning from their hike. STAR9 was requested to assist with the search but were unable to assist due to maintenance issues. SAR members searched the area and after several hours of searching were able to locate the overdue hikers. One of them, the female, was having an apparent diabetic issue. Both individuals were treated and provided with fluids on scene. Life Flight was requested and a landing zone was set up near the patients. Life Flight landed at the patient location and the individual experiencing the diabetic issue was loaded in the helicopter. She was then transported to Maxwell Park where she declined medical transport. SAR members then escorted the remaining male patient back down to the trailhead where he was retrieved by his parents.

**Board of Equalization  
Personal Property  
Commission Meeting  
8/19/25**

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