



Regular Commission Meeting

Minutes

Tuesday, September 2, 2025 at 10:00 am

1. Public/County Employees Attendance

Minutes:

Attending

- Commission Chair, Dennis Blackburn
- Commissioner Cook
- Commissioner Brian (excused)
- Attorney, Michael Winn
- Clerk/Auditor, Felicia Snow
- Recorder/Treasurer, Colleen Allen

Others: Barbara Tewell, Tiffany Martineau, Ted Winder, Lee Austin, Tana Hunter, Easton Rees, Laura Lasco, Kate Chappell.

2. Approve minutes of previous meeting

Minutes:

Commissioner Cook made a motion to approve the minutes of August 18, 2025 Commissioner Meeting. Commissioner Blackburn seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Vote results:

Ayes: 2 / Nays: 0

3. Appointments for discussion and business with the Commissioners

a. 10:00 AM Sarah Tal/Color Country Animal Welfare (CCWA)-Update on Accomplishment

Minutes:

Tana Hunter & Lee Austin are present with Ted Winder. The new shelter has been in operation for about three years. Last year alone, it served over 550 animals, providing services such as spaying and neutering, boarding, and caring for strays. The facility receives 3 to 4 visitors daily who board their animals at the shelter. Boarding costs are \$30 per day or \$40 per night. The shelter also runs a pet food bank and engages in extensive community outreach. It is open seven days a week. In addition to local animals, the shelter has taken in animals displaced by emergencies, including those affected by

recent wildfires and flooding in Texas.

The staff includes the equivalent of 4.5 full-time employees. One of the biggest challenges the shelter faces is operating as a nonprofit organization. They are hoping to be considered for additional funding or partnership opportunities in 2026 with the county.

b. 10:30 AM Kate Chappell/USU Extension-Opioid Funds

Minutes:

Kate Chappell, Assistant Professor for USU, state The Rural Wellness Awareness initiative offers wellness and prevention programs aimed at combating the opioid crisis. One key component, Crafting Change, consists of workshops designed to prevent opioid use by promoting healthy coping mechanisms. These programs help individuals shift from negative to positive emotions while fostering a sense of community.

Currently, there has been a 40% increase in opioid overdoses compared to the previous year. The workshops focus on building resilience, managing stress, and encouraging new perspectives on life. We are proposing to allocate \$5,000 from opioid response funding to launch these workshops.

In addition, Tiffany Martineau, EMS Director, estimates a need for approximately \$24,000 to purchase 300 doses of Narcan (Naloxone). The state offers training programs that enable individuals to obtain Narcan upon completion for free. Once county residents complete the training, the EMS Director will provide them with Narcan and guidance on how to continue accessing it. Importantly, Narcan is a safe medication — if administered to someone not experiencing an opioid overdose, it will not cause harm.

Commissioner Cook made a motion to approve \$24,000 for Narcan kits and \$5,000 for USU Rural Wellness for Wayne County. Commissioner Blackburn seconded the motion. The motion passed.

4. Other Items of Business

a. Narcan-Opioid Funding

Minutes:

Commissioner Cook made a motion to join the settlement against Purdue/Sackler Family. Commissioner Blackburn seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Vote results:

Ayes: 2 / Nays: 0

b. Approve Predator Damage Control Fund (PDCF) Contract

Minutes:

Commissioner Cook made a motion to approve the Predator Damage Control Contract. Commissioner Blackburn seconded. The motion passed.

Vote results:

Ayes: 2 / Nays: 0

c. Stock Drive Ways

Minutes:

Development continues to pose ongoing challenges, particularly with new construction occurring in the wildland-urban interface and the frequent obstruction of livestock easements. The county currently has a resolution in place recognizing livestock easements; landowners who ignore or block these designated paths are in violation, as it interferes with the lawful movement of livestock. This issue will be further addressed in upcoming discussions with the Planning and Zoning.

5. Approve Vouchers**Minutes:**

Commissioner Cook made a motion to approve the vouchers. Commissioner Blackburn seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Vote results:

Ayes: 2 / Nays: 0

6. Commission Business**Minutes:**

No commission business.

7. Adjourned**Minutes:**

Commissioner Blackburn declared the meeting adjourned.

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Commission Chair, Blackburn


Clerk, Felicia Snow



