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OF THE KANE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

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August 26, 2025 at 10:00 AM FER ANE COUNTY COMMISSION CH

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, Sheriff Glover, Rhonda Gant, Taylor Glover, Shannon McBride, Keiren Chatterley, and Jerica Bauer

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Commissioner Meyeres

WELCOME:

Commissioner Meyeres

INVOCATION:

Captain Dan Matthews

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Zach Hascall

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Drew Chamberlain stated that several communities across Utah have started a community DOGE (Department of Government Efficiency) and would like Kane County to consider doing it. It is a group of citizens that get together and review line-item expense reports for the county.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Check Edit Report: August 6, 2025-\$797,093.41, August 13, 2025-\$916,632.45 and August 20, 2025-\$710,225.44

Motion to accept the Check Edit Reports for August 6, 2025-\$797,093.41, August 13, 2025-\$916,632.45 and August 20, 2025-\$710,225.44 as well as the approval of the Commission Meeting Minutes for August 5, 2025 made by Commissioner Meyeres and motion carried with all Commissioners present voting in favor.

REGULAR SESSION:

1. Recognition of Chris Heaton as Kane County Cowboy of the Year / Commissioner Kubeja

The commission recognized Chris Heaton as the Kane County Cowboy of the Year.

2. Introduction and Information on the Kane County Volunteer Program-Jenna Corry / Commissioner Kubeja

Jenna Corry gave a presentation on the Kane County Volunteer program. Recently she attended a training and they had asked what the name of the volunteer program was and what the mission statement was, which we do not have a name or mission statement that she knows of. She would like to present the idea of naming it Kane County CARES (Community, Action, Resources, Engagement, and Service) and then read a possible mission statement that they could use.

3. Cedar Mountain Service District EMS Update / Commissioner Kubeja

Zach and Dan gave an update on the Cedar Mountain Service District regarding EMS, fire, and some of the financials.

4. Discuss/Approve Council on Aging Bi-Laws Revision / Commissioner Kubeja

Item was tabled.

5. Agricultural Protection Area-A Request that the Commissioners Refer a Proposal, to Create an Agricultural Protection Area, to the Kane County Planning Commission and to the Agricultural Advisory Board for Review / Commissioner Brown

Commissioner Brown said this is if someone wants to protect an AG area where they could still do what they are doing without a neighbor being able to try and change it.

Shannon said today all they are asking is that the commission refer the proposal and then she will come back and give the reports that Planning and Zoning and the Soil Conservation come up with.

Motion to recommend referring the proposed creation of an Agricultural Protection area to the Kane County Planning Commission and to the Agricultural Advisory Board for review made by Commissioner Brown and motion carried with all commissioners present voting in favor.

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

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6. Public Hearing Regarding Ordinance 2025-23, 2025-24, and 2025-25

Commissioner Meyeres opened up public hearing for the three ordinances.

Sherrie Robinson expressed that she is in opposition of the zone change (Ordinance 2025-24). She believes there will be an increase of around 25 additional cars, which will increase the dust, which can cause respiratory problems along with other problems that could put their health at risk.

Commissioner Meyeres closed the public hearing.

7. Ordinance 2025-23 an Ordinance Vacating Two Seven and a Half Foot Utility Easements in the Ponderosa Villa Subdivision Plat "D" / Commissioner Brown

Shannon said this is an ordinance vacating (2) 7.5 public utility easements and it is in compliance with state code.

Motion to approve Ordinance 2025-23 an Ordinance Vacating Two Seven and a Half Foot Utility Easements in the Ponderosa Villa Subdivision Plat "D" with the two findings that good cause exists for the vacation and no one will be materially injured by it made by Commissioner Brown and motion carried with all commissioners present voting in favor.

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

8. Zone Change Ordinance 2025-24 an Ordinance Amending the Zoning of Parcels 9-8-14-1 and 9-8-14-1F from Agriculture to Rural 10 / Commissioner Brown

Shannon stated that this is a zone change with the property being by the Sky Haven Subdivision.

The Lee's presented what they were wanting to do with the property. The request is to rezone their 163 acres of property from Agriculture to Rural 10. Mrs. Lee said that they have two small areas suitable for glamping. The first proposed area could host around 7-10 sites all on the same septic with minimal impact and the second proposed area has space for 10-15 sites.

Motion to deny the Zone Change/Ordinance 2025-24 amending the zoning of parcels 9-8-14-1 and 9-8-14-1F from Agriculture to Rural 10 made by Commissioner Brown and motion failed with Commissioner Brown voting aye and Commissioner Kubeja and Commissioner Meyeres voting nay.

Commissioner Brown-aye

Commissioner Kubeja-nay Commissioner Meyeres-nay

Motion to approve Zone Change/Ordinance 2025-24 an Ordinance amending the zoning of parcels 9-8-14-1 and 9-8-14-1F from AG to R-10 made by Commissioner Kubeja and motion carried with Commissioner Kubeja and Commissioner Meyeres voting aye and Commissioner Brown voting nay.

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

9. Ordinance 2025-25 an Ordinance Revising Kane County Land Use Ordinance Chapter 21 Subdivision Regulations Article E Section 9 B 3 and Article F Section 3 Dedication of Nonsubdivision Rights-of-Way and Roadways / Commissioner Brown

Shannon stated that this ordinance is just some cleanup to stay in compliance with Utah State Code regulations.

Motion to approve to Ordinance 2025-25 an Ordinance revising Kane County Land Use Ordinance Chapter 21 Subdivision Regulations Article E Section 9 B 3 and Article F Section 3 Dedication on Nonsubdivision Rights-of-Way and Roadways made by Commissioner Meyeres and motion carried with all commissioners present voting in favor.

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

10. Assignment of Kane County Chief Administrative Officer Over Data Privacy / Full Commission

Commissioner Meyeres said that there are some new state rules to protect the privacy of the public and are requiring that every county designates this Chief Administrative Officer. They feel it would make sense to have our current records officer (Rhonda Gant) be the Chief Administrative Officer. They will also be creating a committee of individuals within the county to safeguard this information and follow through the process.

11. OPIOID Settlement Update / Commissioner Kubeja

Commissioner Kubeja stated that due to the OPIOID lawsuits that went on, the county gets money, which comes to the state and they send it down. The state has been representing us and since there are a couple more settlements, we are going to allow the state to continue to represent

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us. She said that overall, the county has collected \$334,542.21, which started in 2022. So far, the money has been set aside to help with our Kane County Community Outreach Center. The portion won't pay for the whole building, it will pay for the portion being used for recovery court and so far, they haven't voted on anything else to use the money for.

12. Discussion/Vote on Solid Waste TRT Mitigation Funding / Full Commission

Commissioner Kubeja stated that a year ago they put some funding toward having nicer trailheads by putting port-a-potties and dumpsters at Belly of the Dragon, Sand Caves, and the Toadstools. We budgeted \$80K for this year and we have already spent around \$112K so we need to figure out what to do.

Motion to cancel the port-a-potty contract on all three trailhead locations after the holiday weekend and then have further discussion about re-advertising for the toadstools made by Commissioner Kubeja and motion carried with all commissioners present voting in favor.

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

13. Review of Legislative Issues / Full Commission

The commissioners met with the Property Rights Coalition regarding preliminary municipalities.

14. Commissioner Report on Assignments / Full Commission

Commissioner Kubeja

- They had a townhall meeting in Big Water regarding the CWSSD expanding their fire protection boundaries to Paria and Clark Bench
- Western Legends was last weekend, which she felt was successful
- Next month's commission meetings will be held on the 16th and 30th

Commissioner Brown

- New hospital building is coming along
- Just signed new contract with the state for predator control

Commissioner Meyeres

North Rim infrastructure that burnt down is impacting our economy and because of
Coconino County going through a process to declare an economic disaster the SBA will
be in Fredonia till Friday from 9am-6pm and any business throughout Kane County can
go there and visit with the SBA to see what kind of relief may be available

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Motion to adjourn at 12:28 P.M. made by Commissioner Meyeres and motion carried with all commissioners present voting in favor.

WHERE UPON MEETING WAS ADJOURNED

_Celeste Meyeres Chair

Chameill Lamb Clerk/Auditor