

**WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 16, 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 September 16, 2025, in the Washington County Commission Chambers, and via Zoom 111 East Tabernacle, St. George, Utah. Those in attendance were Commissioner Adam Snow, Commissioner Gil Almquist, Deputy County Attorney Devin Snow, and Deputy Clerk Jayanne Lewis.

INVOCATION BY: Pastor Joe Doherty, New Promise Lutheran Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Baylee Clark, Jr. ROTC

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 September 3, 2025, through September 16, 2025
- Consideration of Regular Commission Meeting Minutes of September 2, 2025
- Consideration of Administrative Adjustments: Personal Property
- Consideration of Zion Sewer Improvement Change Orders
- Consideration of Second Amendment to the Master Service Agreement with ViaPath for Inmate Communication Services at the Washington County Jail.

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:

EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT: WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sergeant Jacob Paul with the Washington County Sheriff's Office reported there were eight (8) total calls from August 19th, 2025 through September 16th, 2025. There have been a total of one hundred two (102) SAR incidents in 2025.

(See attached report.)

CONSIDERATION OF PURCHASE REQUESTS:

Roads, Supply and install Road Base in Pine Valley	(\$34,625.00)
USU Extension, Outdoor Education Program.....	(\$10,000.00)
Tourism, Netherlands Marketing Campaign.....	(\$14,075.00)

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

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

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2025-1303-O, A REQUEST FOR A ZONE CHANGE FROM A-20 TO RA-1, RA-2.5, AND RA-5 AT 3350 EAST 1400 NORTH BENCH ROAD NEAR ENTERPRISE UTAH (APPLICANT DEAN TERRY)

Scott Messel, Community Development Director, stated that the zone change would benefit all parties involved, and a road dedication will be made in addition to the zone change for the affected parcels.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Snow to Approve Ordinance No. 2025-1303-O, A Request for a Zone Change from A-20 to RA-1, RA-2.5, and RA-5 at 3350 East 1400 North Bench Road Near Enterprise Utah. Motion seconded by Commissioner Almquist and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Iverson, Snow and Almquist voting Aye.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2025-1304-O, A Request For A Zone Change From A-20 to A-10 at 2925 Juniper Road Near Enterprise Utah (Applicant Don Wallace)

Mr. Messel stated this zone change is recommended by staff and there are no concerns.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Almquist to Approve Ordinance No. 2025-1304-O, A Request for a Zone Change from A-20 to A-10 at Juniper Road Near Enterprise, Utah. Motion seconded by Commissioner Snow and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Iverson, Snow and Almquist voting Aye.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2025-1305-O, A Request for a Zone Change From A-20 to the Mining and Gravel Zone at 300 West 300 South Near Central Utah (Applicant Bryce Christensen)

Mr. Messel stated that this zone change had been recommended for approval by the planning commission after a site visit and in-depth discussion. If the zone change is approved, no work could begin on the site until after the approval of the project plan, which could include provisions regarding traffic, dust control, noise mitigation, hours of operation. The county would also require

a rehabilitation and reclamation plan and performance assurance under terms acceptable to the county, prior to issuance of the business license and mining and gravel permit. The applicant will be required to operate in compliance with the mining and gravel ordinances set forth by Washington County to maintain the proposed mining operations.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Snow to Approve Ordinance No. 2025-1305-O, A Request for a Zone Change from A-20 to the Mining and Gravel Zone at 300 West 300 South Near Central Utah. Motion seconded by Commissioner Almquist and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Iverson, Snow, and Almquist voting Aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2025-3589, A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE UPDATED ZION SCENIC BYWAY CORRIDOR MANAGEMENT PLAN

Wanda Maloney highlighted some key points from the newly created Zion Scenic Byway Corridor Management Plan. Stating that it will inform visitors of several key points along the current route into Zion National Park. The commissioners stated that they would like to table this item to allow for further review of the plan document.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Snow to table Resolution No. R-2025-3589, A Resolution Adopting the Updated Zion Scenic Byway Corridor Management Plan. Motion seconded by Commissioner Almquist and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Iverson, Snow, and Almquist voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2025-3590, A RESOLUTION APPROVING A MASTER SERVICES AND PURCHASING AGREEMENT FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO PURCHASE TASER 10 DEVICES AND EQUIPMENT FROM AXON ENTERPRISE, INC.

Civil Attorney Devin Snow shared that this resolution would allow the Sheriff's Office to purchase updated tasers for the department.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Snow to Approve Resolution No. R-2025-3590, A Resolution Approving the Notice of Grant and Agreement Award Between NRCS and Washington County for the Forsyth Pine Valley Fire Damage Survey. Motion seconded by Commissioner Snow and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Iverson, Snow and Almquist voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2025-3591, A Resolution Approving The Notice of Grant and Agreement Award Between NRCS and Washington County for the Forsyth Pine Valley Fire Damage Survey.

Todd Edwards, Public Works Director, stated that NRCS grant money is available for Washington County to help survey the damage caused by the Forsyth Fire. The timeline has begun, and they would need to work quickly to use all available grant funds.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Almquist to Approve Resolution No. R-2025-3592, A Resolution Approving A Design Services Agreement for Improvements to the Regional Park Road at Legacy Park. Motion seconded by Commissioner Snow and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Iverson, Snow, and Almquist voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2025-3592, A Resolution Approving A Design Services Agreement for Improvements to the Regional Park Road at Legacy Park

Mr. Snow explained this agreement would allow the county to work with MRW to redesign the Regional Park road in front of Legacy Park. This redesign would allow for better traffic flow.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Almquist to Approve Resolution No. R-2025-3592, A Resolution Approving A Design Services Agreement for Improvements to the Regional Park Road at Legacy Park. Motion seconded by Commissioner Snow and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Iverson, Snow, and Almquist voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2025-3593, A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE CONVEYANCE OF THE OLD PIONEER COURTHOUSE PROPERTY TO WASHINGTON COUNTY

Mr. Snow stated that Washington County was given the chance to accept a conveyance of the old Pioneer Courthouse in St. George from St. George City. This would allow Washington County to continue to preserve the historic building.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Snow to Approve Resolution No. R-2025-3593, A Resolution to Accept The Conveyance of The Old Pioneer Courthouse Property to Washington County. Motion seconded by Commissioner Almquist and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Iverson, Snow, and Almquist voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2025-3594, A RESOLUTION APPROVING TRT FUNDING FOR MARKETING SPONSORSHIPS AND EVENT FUNDING FOR NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY

Jamie Allen, Tourism Marketing Manager, requested approval of TRT funding for the following organizations:

Arts to Zion, Washington County Historical Society, FMASU, Utah Tech, Zion Forever Project, Desert Roads and Trails, Senior Softball USA, Great Western Classic Events.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Almquist to Approve Resolution No. R-2025-3594, A Resolution Approving TRT Funding For Marketing Sponsorships and Event Funding for Non-Profit Organizations in Washington County. Motion

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

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2025-3595, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXPENDITURE OF TRT FUNDING FOR A MARKETING AGREEMENT WITH TUACAHN FOR THE 2026-2027 BROADWAY SEASON

Mrs. Allen stated that this marketing agreement would allow for more marketing opportunities at Tuacahn during the 2026-2027 Broadway Season.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Snow to Approve Resolution No. R-2025-3595, A Resolution Approving the Expenditure of TRT Funding for a Market Agreement with Tuacahn for the 2026-2027 Broadway Season. Motion seconded by Commissioner Almquist and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Iverson, Snow, and Almquist voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2025-3596, A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND ST. GEORGE CITY FOR TOURISM TAX FUNDING TO ASSIST IN IMPROVING THE SUNBOWL AND THUNDER JUNCTION

Brittany McMichael, Tourism Director, shared the TAB board recommended approving an interlocal agreement with St. George City to help fund improvements to Thunder Junction Park and The Dixie Sunbowl. Both locations bring visitors from outside the county.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Almquist to Approve Resolution No. R-2025-3596, A Resolution Approving an Interlocal Agreement Between Washington County and St. George City for Tourism Tax Funding to Assist in Improving the Sunbowl and Thunder Junction. Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson. Motion passes with Commissioners Iverson and Almquist voting aye. Commissioner Snow Voted Nay.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2025-3597, A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND SKYNAV IMMERSIVE PRODUCTION AND PLATFORM FOR VIRTUAL TOUR SERVICES

Ed Aurrecoechea, Marketing Manager, showcased a new interactive map with Skynav that would highlight several areas of interest in Washington County to visitors. This map would overlay key points with the user's current location. Points of interest would be submitted by the Greater Zion tourism team and would update to add new ones frequently.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Approve Resolution No. R-2025-3597, A Resolution Approving An Agreement Between Washington County and Skynav Immersive Production & Platform for Virtual Tour Services. 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 5:41 p.m.



JAYANNE LEWIS
DEPUTY CLERK



VICTOR IVERSON
COMMISSION CHAIR

