



Commission Meeting

Minutes

Monday, October 6, 2025 at 10:00 am

1. Public/County Employees Attendance

Minutes:

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

Other's: Barbara Tewell, Parker Vercimak, Koy Barton, Jim Duddleston, Teresa Brian, John Dillenbeck, Micah Gulley, Nadia Harris, Kate Chappell

2. Approve minutes of previous meeting

Minutes:

Commissioner Brian made a motion to approve the minutes of September 15, 2026. Commissioner Cook seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Vote results:

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0

3. Appointments for discussion and business with the Commissioners

a. 10:00 AM Parker Vercimak-Jones & DeMille/Bid Approval

Minutes:

Six bids were received for the Industrial Park. The lowest bid, submitted by HMH Excavation, was \$172,425. However, Parker is recommending Bid #2 due to concerns with HMH Excavation not being a local contractor. Jackson's Excavation is currently on-site working on the Emergency Building, Bid #2 is from a local contractor (Jackson's Excavation), which would reduce transportation costs.

Commissioner Brian noted that funding for this project comes from a Rural Opportunity Grant. A total of \$240,000 must be spent from the grant this year, with an additional \$170,000 required to be used next year.

Commissioner Brian made a motion to award the bid to Jackson Excavation. Commissioner Cook seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Vote results:

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0

b. 10:30 AM John Dillenbeck/Sheriff Office Wage Concerns

Minutes:

Mr. Dillenbeck expressed concern after seeing a newspaper advertisement listing a deputy position starting at \$19.00 per hour. He questioned how deputies could make a living on that wage and emphasized the importance of supporting law enforcement officers. He shared that he was raised to respect the law and those who enforce it, stating that the officers are deserving of better compensation.

In response, the Commissioner Blackburn acknowledged the concern and affirmed that they are aware of wage issues affecting all county employees. They noted that this is a challenge being faced across the state. Mr. Dillenbeck added that he would like to find ways to help. Commissioner Brian concluded by emphasizing the need for the county to operate within its available revenue.

c. 11:00 AM Jaden Blackburn/Update on Little Wayne Wonders

Minutes:

The Little Wayne Wonders is a daycare that opened on September 18 and is currently serving 22 children, ranging in aged from 2 months-8 years old. They have six employees, though additional staff would be beneficial. The center has the capacity to accommodate 15-20 more children. State approvals took longer than anticipated, but the grant funding will help offset the costs incurred during that time.

Commissioner Brian noted that the grant is an economic development grant. Tuition rates are based on the age of the child, and the center is working on securing state subsidies to assist parents. Commissioner Brian thanked Mr. Blackburn for their efforts and contribution to the community.

d. 11:30 AM Nadia Harris/Approval of 4-H Week

Minutes:

Mrs. Harris is proposing a county proclamation for National 4-H week USU. Nadia read the proclamation, see attached. Commissioner Brian made a motion to approve the proclamation. Commissioner Cook seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Vote results:

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0

e. 11:45 AM Dave Torgerson/Conditional Use Permit & Variance for Residential

Minutes:

Colleen Allen presented for Dave Torgerson a conditional Use permit & Variance for residential living area in a ship on a parcel with an existing residential building also variance for separate septic system. Mr. Torgerson is placing a barn 160x60 on his property with additional living space for guests. Mr. Torgerson has complied with planning & zoning requirements.

Commissioner Brian made a motion to approve Dave Torgerson's conditional use permit & variance for a barn with living quarters. Commissioner Cook seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Vote results:

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0

4. Other Items of Business

a. Ratify Opioid Settlement

Minutes:

Mrs. Snow, County Clerk, states that the State of Utah has settled with 8 additional opioid manufactures. The state is asking if the county would like to participate in the settlement. Commissioner Cook made a motion to approve the opioid settlement. Commissioner Brian seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Vote results:

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0

b. Approve New Hires for Senior Citizens Office

Minutes:

Mrs. Snow, states that Deanne Frazier and Shannon Harmer are the recommended people for hiring. Commissioner Cook made a motion to approve Deanne Frazier as the Meal on Wheels Driver and Shannon Harmer as the Senior Citizens Site Manager. Motion passed.

Vote results:

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0

c. Truth-in-Taxation Intent Announcement

Minutes:

Commissioner Blackburn states Wayne County is intending to increase the general fund property tax rate. The dollar amount of the increase per year will be \$60,000. The motive of the proposed increase is due to the growing community and the need to enhance and expand essential services that support the safety, well-being, and quality of life for all residents. First, inflation has significantly impacted operational costs across the board, from personnel to equipment and insurance. Second, the purpose of gradually raising taxes each year is to avoid the risk of a sudden 120% increase in a single year. The approximate percentage of increase on the Wayne County General Fund tax rate is estimated to be 6.82%. This is only on the county portion of property taxes. In relation to property taxes as a whole, this is about a 1.33% increase. The tax on a personal residence valued at \$396,000 would increase by \$16.52 per year or \$1.37 per month. A public hearing will be scheduled for November 17, 2025 at 6:30 pm for public comment.

d. Approve Fee Increase for Sanitation

Minutes:

Commissioner Blackburn states that since our last rate adjustment in 2015,

general inflation has raised the real cost of providing sanitation services by 21%. In addition, fuel expenses-critical to every day operations-have surged by 34% in the same period. A modest increase beyond inflation to \$240 per 90 gallon can per year and \$288 per 300 gallon can per year. This is an increase from .53¢ to .68¢ a day. It addresses escalating costs evenly, preserves service quality, and simplifies billing by maintaining a flat annual rate with no proration. Commissioner Brian made a motion to approve the fee increase for sanitation for residential 90 gallon cans to \$240 and 300 gallon cans. Commissioner Cook seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Vote results:

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0

5. Approve Vouchers

Minutes:

Commissioner Brian made a motion to approve vouchers with the addition of Sandra Dale, State Bank and State of Utah Court Charges. Commissioner Cook seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Vote results:

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0

6. Commission Business

Minutes:


No Commission business.


7. Adjourned


Minutes:

Commissioner Blackburn declared the meeting adjourned.

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Dennis Blackburn, Chairman


Felicia Snow, Clerk/Auditor



Wayne County 4-H Week Proclamation

WHEREAS, this year's National 4-H Week theme, "Beyond Ready," reminds us that 4-H is building a ready generation in a world of change and equips young people with skills for the future while meeting them where they are today;

WHEREAS, 4-H is America's largest youth development organization, supporting six million youth across the country; and

WHEREAS, 4-H programs are delivered by the Cooperative Extension System – a community of more than 100 public land-grant colleges and universities across the Nation – that provides experiences for young people to learn by doing;

WHEREAS, 4-H is in every city and county in the United States and helps 6 million youth become engaged, successful and independent; and

WHEREAS, 4-H connects young people and adults to their communities, preparing them for work and life through experiential and inquiry-based learning while providing emerging research for positive youth development; and

WHEREAS, expanding from its strong agricultural roots, 4-H helps young people explore the world around them and grow into productive adults; and

WHEREAS, supporting future leaders in science, agriculture and community leadership is an important imperative for U.S. Department of Agriculture National Institute of Food and Agriculture 4-H program; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dennis Blackburn, do hereby proclaim October 5 –11 2025 as NATIONAL 4-H WEEK throughout Wayne County, Utah and encourage all our citizens to recognize 4-H for the significant impact it has made and continues to make by empowering youth with the skills they need to lead for a lifetime.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hands on this 6th date of October 2025

SIGNATURE -Dennis Blackburn

TITLE- Commission Chair

