

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 3, 2025

The regular meeting of the Juab County Commission was held November 3, 2025, 10:00 a.m. in the Juab County Commission Chambers, 160 North Main, Nephi, Utah.

Marty Palmer ----- Commissioner

Marvin Kenison ----- Commissioner

Clinton Painter -----Commissioner

Perry Davis ----- Attorney

Tanielle Callaway-----Chief Deputy Clerk/Auditor

Others present: Myrna Trauntvein, John Crippen, Kevin Bailey, Katie Okelberry, Jilean Ercanbrack, Jaso Morrell, Brent Boswell, Jamie Garrett, Lynn Ingram, Travis Kenison, Chris Painter, Melanie Cowan, Drake Underwood, Ryan Starks, Debbie Zirbes, Clay Carter, Gordon Young, Danny Stewart

Chairman Kenison welcomed all in attendance. Commissioner Clint Painter offered a word of prayer. Kevin Bailey led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Palmer made a motion to accept the minutes from October 6, 2025.

Commissioner Painter seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Palmer made a motion to accept the minutes from October 20, 2025.

Commissioner Painter seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Chairman Kenison read the information for a resolution regarding a tax increase for Juab County. Resolution 2025-11 proposes a 7.43% property tax increase for Juab County, which would be a \$325,000 increase in revenue, and is needed to address rising expenses and maintain the necessary tax rate. Commissioner Painter noted that a recent public hearing found most residents supported the increase, though some concerns were raised. Discussion emphasized the importance of maintaining the county's tax rate to avoid reductions by the state and to cover financial needs. Commissioner Painter made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-11 adopting the final certified tax rate for 2026 for Juab County. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition. Chairman Kenison called for a roll call vote.

Commissioner Palmer voted, "Yes."

Commissioner Painter voted, "Yes."

Chairman Kenison voted, "Yes."

Jamie Garrett, Jilean Ercanbrack and Chris Wilkey discussed proposed changes in the fee schedule and the lease agreement. They proposed updates to facility rental rules, such as

extending building hours, clarifying cleanup expectations, and refining policies on garbage, electricity, and maintenance. They reviewed and suggested changes to the fee schedule—including increases for trainers and maintenance fees for various facility uses—aiming to better cover operational costs. The group also addressed issues like overnight parking and camping, suggested improvements to the agreement (e.g., prohibiting glitter/confetti), and explored adopting online scheduling software to streamline rentals, communication, and enforcement of rules.

Ms. Garrett and Jilean Ercanbrack next explained the challenges with the current facility scheduling system, including double bookings and the difficulty of manually notifying everyone involved. She outlined the advantages of adopting new scheduling software, such as automated notifications to staff and users, easy online rental and renewal options, customizable waivers and agreements, and streamlined payment processing—including refunds and additional charges. Ms. Garrett emphasized that the software would make event scheduling much more efficient, reduce miscommunication and staff workload, and could be tailored to fit Juab County's specific needs. Commissioner Painter made a motion to approve the fee schedule with the discussed changes under the trainer fee and the maintenance fee. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor. Commissioner Painter asked Ms. Garrett and Ms. Ercanbrack to try and get a second and third bid for the software.

Kevin Bailey appeared before the Commission to get approval for his year-end chemical purchase, totaling \$53,418.68. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the chemical purchase. Commissioner Painter seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Ryan Starks from the Economic Development Corporation of Utah (EDC Utah) introduced himself and shared his extensive background in economic development, both in government and with EDC Utah. He described EDC Utah's mission to foster economic growth across Utah by connecting communities and companies, attracting investment, and facilitating business expansions. Mr. Starks emphasized the nonprofit's commitment to supporting both urban and rural counties, highlighting their success in generating jobs and capital investment, outreach activities with site selectors, and collaboration with local officials. He explained that EDC Utah helps market communities, provide research and data, and is a dedicated partner in bringing new opportunities to areas like Juab County. Brent Boswell stated he has requested funds in his budget next year to renew the membership with EDC Utah and they look forward to how they can help Juab County.

Brent Boswell next stated they needed to make some changes to the Economic Development Board. They would like to release Commissioner Painter as a voting member of the board, since he voted with the Commission. He will still attend the meetings. But they need to have a county official on the board. After a long discussion, they ended up selecting Zack Buck. Mr. Buck has agreed, and they would like to present him to the Commission for approval to be

on the Economic Development Board. Commissioner Painter made a motion to approve appointing Zack Buck to the Economic Development Board. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Danny Stewart with Utah Inland Port Authority explained they are needing a resolution amending the Central Utah Agri Park project area to include new properties northwest of Nephi. He described the history and aims of the project, the planned renaming of project zones for clarity, the inclusion of additional acreage for future infrastructure and business development, and the benefits for local taxation and utilities. Mr. Stewart noted the resolution mirrored previous expansions and would help accommodate ongoing economic development. Commissioner Painter made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-10. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Debbie Zirbes came before the Commission to ratify the purchase of a scanner she had to make due to the previous one failing. She received three different bids and went with the state pricing through Dex Imaging for \$4,691. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the scanner purchase. Commissioner Painter seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Lynn Ingram requested commission approval to purchase a new grader equipped with “walk and roll” technology, using leftover equipment budget funds and trade-in proceeds, to enhance county road maintenance and snow removal. The purchase price will be \$448,765. He has budget to cover the cost of the grader, less the \$17,000 to cover the cost to have the walking roll installed. He had budget funds to purchase a dump truck, but would like to use those funds to purchase the grader. Mr. Ingram stated he is hoping he can use some leftover funds from the year to cover the cost. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the purchase of the grader. Commissioner Painter seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Mr. Ingram next presented an agreement for preliminary engineering services for the 5000 N Railroad project. He also sought approval to use state grant funding to convert a private rail crossing near Mona to a public crossing, explaining that these projects would improve road safety and efficiency for Juab County. He emphasized the safety benefits, explained that the \$30,000 grant would cover necessary engineering reviews and application fees, and detailed the process for working with the railroad. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the agreement and authorize the Commission Chair to sign. Commissioner Painter seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Lt. Drake Underwood stated they have secured an OHV grant, that was previously the FIG grant. They were approved for \$37,500 with the grant. They would like to purchase two new snowmobiles for the Search and Rescue team, explaining that they secured a favorable deal and planned to use a trade-in vehicle toward the cost. He noted the importance of the snowmobiles for winter rescue operations, indicated any minor financial gaps would be covered by their

donation fund, and sought commission approval for the purchase to enhance the team's emergency response capabilities. Commissioner Painter made a motion to approve the purchase of the snowmobiles and allow the trade in of the side by side. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Lt. Travis Kenison, speaking for Sheriff Anderson, stressed the pressing need for pay raises and a structured pay scale for the sheriff's office to help retain current employees and address ongoing staff shortages. He outlined difficulties in attracting and keeping deputies and corrections officers due to non-competitive wages and referenced the hope of using increased state inmate revenue to help fund the raises, underscoring the urgency as employees await the commission's decision. The Commissioners recognized the need and Commissioner Painter indicated he spoke to Senator Curtis and specifically asked for assistance with the Community Impact Funds. He stated they are working on finding sources to help with funding the needs.

Other Business:

Commissioner Painter made a motion to approve the Juab County bills as presented. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

John Crippen had several personnel action forms for approval. The first is for the jail. Sheriff Anderson has promoted Chad Ballow to Lieutenant for the jail commander. Commissioner Painter made a motion to approve Chad Ballow for the jail commander. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor. Mr. Crippen next presented two personnel action forms for the Clerk's office to complete the VOTE Certification, which takes two years to complete. Commissioner Painter made a motion to approve the increases for the Clerk's Office for completing the VOTE training. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Mr. Crippen stated the next forms are for EMS. They are for Thomas Miner, Kelsie Patten and Kirk Verhaal. They are volunteers, two in Nephi and one in Eureka. Commissioner Painter made a motion to approve the personnel action forms for EMS. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

The Commissioners stated that John Crippen will be leaving the County. Since this is his last meeting, they wanted to thank him for all he has done. Commissioner Palmer stated they wanted him to know they did nominate him for County Administrator of the Year last year. Mr. Crippen stated it has been a pleasure working with the County and the people have been fantastic to work with.

Chairman Kenison opened the meeting up for public comment. He stated they will be limited to three minutes.

Clay Carter came forward and stated he was supposed to come in here and talk to you the Commissioners on behalf of Judge Finlinson in regard to their cattle guards out there. He stated that part of their deal was the Judge told him to come talk to the Commissioners and see

if they can come up with a resolution on how to fix the problem. He stated that Judge Finlinson had him send photos of the cattleguards to Jared Rowley with the Attorney's Office.

Mr. Carter's comments focused on unresolved issues with cattleguards and gates on county roads. He expressed concern about inadequate cattleguard maintenance and the challenge of keeping livestock off highways. The discussion included disputes about who is responsible for installation and cleaning, past removal and ownership of cattle guards, and the legal requirements for putting up gates or barriers. Lynn Ingram explained what he has done with cattleguards and discussed why Mr. Carter cannot put panels or locked gates across county roads. There were differing perspectives and some heated exchanges. Chairman Kenison stated the conversation was not being productive and they may need to continue at a later date.

Katie Okelberry was present on behalf of her father. She made a contribution to the county for the Coyote Predator Control. She also asked Mr. Ingram if the county was going to continue to clean cattleguards. He stated they were. She thanked him for their work and the county for all they do.

Commissioner Painter made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.

ATTEST: 

Tanielle Callaway
Juab County Clerk/Auditor

APPROVED: 

Marvin Kenison
Commission Chair