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BOARD OF DAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

Board of Davis County Commissioners - Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 4, 2025

The Board of Davis County Commissioners met for their regularly scheduled meeting at 10:00 AM on November 4, 2025, in room 303 of the Davis County Administration Building, 61 South Main Street, Farmington, Utah. Required legal notice of this meeting was given.

All documents from this meeting are on file in the Davis County Clerk's Office. The agenda for this meeting is incorporated into the minutes as item headers.

Following the approved Davis County policy, artificial intelligence (AI) was utilized in the preliminary creation of these minutes. The final minutes were edited and completed by Davis County Clerk's Office staff.

PRESENT

Davis County Commission Chair Lorene Kamalu
Davis County Commission Vice Chair John Crofts
Davis County Commissioner Bob Stevenson
Clerk Brian McKenzie

OPENING AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting convened at 10:00 AM. Commissioner Kamalu acknowledged it was Election Day and encouraged everyone to vote. Dakota Wurth, Chief Deputy Recorder, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Drew Chamberlain, of Layton City, urged the County to cut spending and avoid a tax increase.

Kelly Sparks, Davis County Sheriff, spoke in support of the proposed tax increase. He noted that inflation has caused things to cost more than they did eight years ago, including the necessary costs to run the Sheriff's Office and the County jail. Sheriff Sparks stated that before raising taxes was even discussed, the County had looked at ways to cut spending and to raise money using other means. The Sheriff's Office has made significant cuts and streamlined operations, generating about $18 million of annual revenue for the general fund, a 50% increase since 2020. Despite these efforts, the office cut 21 full-time employee positions two years ago and is now surviving on overtime due to insufficient deputies, which he noted is "fiscally questionable" and damaging to employees. Sheriff Sparks stated that the proposed tax increase will not restore the Sheriff's Office to its 2020 funding level, but it will "stop the bleeding" and prevent a further erosion of public safety in Davis County.

Todd Utzinger, Davis County Legal Defender Coordinator, echoed the Sheriff's points, noting that if the County Attorney's Office lacks resources, prosecution rates will fall. Crime rates in the County have increased at the same rate as the population has. Todd stressed that legal defender services are constitutionally and statutorily mandated and that Davis County must provide them. He noted that the County's Legal Defender Program is the lowest paying per capita program along the Wasatch Front and is well below the State average for per capita spending for indigent defense. The Legal Defender team not only represents individuals that are charged with crimes, but also handles the majority of cases prosecuted by the Davis County Attorney's Office and by the Utah Attorney General's Office that take place in the County. Todd highlighted the importance of Pre-Trial Services, a new program created in 2019, which supervises individuals released from custody, resulting in lower court absences and reduced recidivism. He theorized that this program actually saves County dollars, since these individuals are integrated back into society as opposed to sitting in jail.

RECOGNITION, PRESENTATION, AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1 **#2025-1120. November Employee Service Awards** - *recommended by Lorene Kamalu, Davis County Commission Chair, Commissioners' Office*

911 Emergency

Cameron McKinmon, 10 Years - Cyndi Archbold, from Davis County Dispatch, has known Cameron since he was 10 years old. Cameron is described as a solid member of the dispatch team who also serves as a Captain at the Kaysville Fire Department. Due to his knowledge of fire service, he is the top resource for "all things fire, fire apparatus, and fire dispatching." He works to ensure the Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) program is efficient and recommends proper fire apparatus response across the entire County. He gives of his time willingly and without fail, for which Cyndi thanked him.

Sheriff

Ryan Trease, 20 Years - Lieutenant Jammie Cox has worked with Ryan for about 20 years, having both started around the same time. Sergeant Trease began his career with the County in the Patrol Division as a Deputy Sheriff Paramedic. While at Patrol, he was a Field Training Officer (FTO), successfully completed motor school and patrolled Davis County on a Harley, was a member of the Joint Criminal Apprehension Team (JCAT), and was promoted to Sergeant. He currently serves as a Sergeant over the Bailiffs in the Second District Court. He previously served as the Training Coordinator for the Sheriff's Department, ensuring all Deputies were current with their certifications. Sergeant Trease hosted several major training events, such as the Davis County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Conference and the Law Enforcement Conference. When Sergeant Trease puts his mind to something, he completes it. He consistently volunteers to pick up shifts, to help out in other departments, and in any way he can. He is a huge baseball fan, loves attending concerts, and is a proud husband and father of three sons.

John Nicholas, 25 Years - Lieutenant Jammie Cox introduced Sergeant Nicholas, stating he served as a reserve officer with the Clinton Police Department and fulfilled active duty with the US Air Force before joining the Davis County Sheriff's Office. He began with seven years in court security, then transferred to the civil division, dedicating approximately 16 years there, first as a civil deputy and later serving five years as a sergeant overseeing transportation. In November 2023, he returned to the courts and currently serves as a bailiff supervisor. During his tenure with the County, he took on additional duties as a member of the JCAT team and collaborated with the State Attorney General's Office on a secure task force. Throughout his time with the Sheriff’s Office, Sergeant Nicholas simultaneously served double duty with the U.S. Air Force. His military commitment was particularly demanding following 9/11, as he was called up for active duty and activated numerous times over the next several years. He retired as Master Sergeant in February 2019 after a total of 26.5 years of service with the US Military. Sergeant Nicholas has earned a Master's Degree in Forensic Psychology, and this year completed his FBI Trilogy Award. Sergeant Nicholas enjoys playing the guitar, working on his two Mustangs, and attending car shows. His family life includes his two children, his girlfriend, and her son. Lieutenant Cox concluded by praising Sergeant Nicholas as the kind of coworker who is always the first to help out, cares deeply about his colleagues and the community, and makes a noticeable difference in the work atmosphere.

Arnold Butcher, 35 Years - County Sheriff Kelly Sparks recounted that 35 years ago, when he was the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team commander, Chief Deputy Butcher started at the Sheriff's Office and was intensely focused on joining the tactical team. Sheriff Sparks joked that Chief Deputy Butcher was "annoying" because he "wanted to be on the SWAT team so bad" and would "bug [him] every week." However, this impatience was quickly attributed to Chief Deputy Butcher's immense drive. Chief Deputy Butcher became "one of the finest tactical officers anywhere." He had a successful career teaching many other officers in various parts of the state about SWAT operations and tactical operations. In addition to his tactical work, Chief Deputy Butcher served faithfully for all 35 years in "just about every division" within the Sheriff's Office, approaching each role with the same level of passion and dedication. For the last seven years, Sheriff Sparks had the opportunity to serve very closely with Chief Deputy Butcher after asking him to be one of his chief deputies, which Sheriff Sparks claimed to be one of the "best decisions" he has made in his career. Sheriff Sparks praised Chief Deputy Butcher as a stellar, outstanding member who has contributed much to Davis County.

Corrections

John Watson, 5 Years - Deputy Sheriff Watson was not able to be in attendance, but was thanked with a round of applause.

Mercedez Oritz, 10 Years - Mercedez was not able to be in attendance, but was thanked with a round of applause.

Assessor

Jennifer Walton-Lawlor, 5 Years - Davis County Assessor Andy Hansen introduced Jennifer as a real property appraiser who always comes to work with a smile. She began as a personal property appraiser and successfully passed all the requirements for state licensure this year, which involved several years of classes, exams, and a grueling four-hour review.

Davis Park Golf Course

Connor Bowman, 10 Years - Connor was not able to be in attendance, but was thanked with a round of applause.

Health

Nancy Robinette, 10 Years - Nancy was not able to be in attendance, but was thanked with a round of applause.

Camille Taylor, 5 Years - Sabrina Harmon, Division Director of Family Health, introduced Camille as an essential team member. She started as a medical biller and excelled at this skill set, so much so that she now leads a statewide effort of health departments related to medical billing questions. Camille was promoted to Clinical Operations Bureau Manager due to her sharp attention to detail and her natural ability to problem-solve. Under her leadership, the Immunization Clinic has flourished; she brings structure, clarity, and determination to some of the most complex situations. Camille works very hard to make sure her team is supported and that operations run smoothly. She cares very deeply and leads by example. Camille's impact extends to the entire Family Health Division and is known for bringing her "legendary Rice Krispies treats." She is a proud mom of three incredible kids, each successful and thoughtful, and "really excellent." Division Director Harmon remarked that balancing motherhood and leadership is not easy.

Library

Melanie Clay, 10 Years - Melanie was not able to be in attendance, but was thanked with a round of applause.

Recorder

Annette Mabey, 5 Years - Dakota Wurth, Recorder's Office Chief Deputy, reflected that Annette began during the COVID housing boom and the historic high for recorded documents, thus being "forged in the fire of that insanity." She is the lead for the front office staff and serves as a friend, mentor, teacher, and consummate professional to her colleagues. Chief Deputy Wurth thanked the Commissioners for recognizing employees who give so much of their time.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

2 **#2025-1159. Approval of the Work Session Meeting Minutes for October 14, 2025** - *recommended by Lorene Kamalu, Davis County Commission Chair, Commissioners' Office*

3 **#2025-1158. Approval of the Regular Commission Meeting Minutes for October 14, 2025** - *recommended by Lorene Kamalu, Davis County Commission Chair, Commissioners' Office*

4 **#2025-1163. Approval of the Special Meeting Minutes for October 15, 2025** - *recommended by Lorene Kamalu, Davis County Commission Chair, Commissioners' Office*

5 **#2025-1160. Approval of the Regular Commission Meeting Minutes for October 21, 2025** - *recommended by Lorene Kamalu, Davis County Commission Chair, Commissioners' Office*

6 **#2025-1173. Approval of the Work Session Meeting Minutes for October 28, 2025** - *recommended by Lorene Kamalu, Davis County Commission Chair, Commissioners' Office*

7 **#2025-1174. Approval of the Regular Commission Meeting Minutes for October 28, 2025** - *recommended by Lorene Kamalu, Davis County Commission Chair, Commissioners' Office*

Commissioner Kamalu commented on the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in writing the meeting minutes and noted that it also takes a knowledgeable Deputy Clerk to oversee the process.

VOTING:

Motion to Approve Items 2-7: Lorene Kamalu. Second: John Crofts. All present voted aye.

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BUSINESS/ACTION

ANIMAL CARE

8 **#2025-1157. Approval of an Agreement with Dr. Gerald Hoffman to Extend the Standard Service Provider Contract (#2024-0870) for an Additional Six Months** - *recommended by Michelle Hicks, Director, Animal Care*

Financial Information:
- Type: Payable
- Amount: $90.00 per Hour

Terms:
- Beginning Date: 10/15/2025
- Ending Date: 04/15/2026

9 **#2025-1170. Approval of an Agreement with Miles Hall for Transfer of Possession of a Dog from Animal Care of Davis County** - *recommended by Michelle Hicks, Director, Animal Care*

Financial Information: N/A

Terms:
- Beginning Date: 11/04/2025
- Ending Date: 11/04/2025

Director Hicks said that the dog is currently in the County's care, but that this transfer will hopefully provide a better situation for him while he goes through a court case.

Commissioner Kamalu mentioned the spotlight that Director Hicks and her team received regarding a recent incident. Director Hicks recounted the story, saying that six puppies were thrown from a vehicle on Highway 89, where two puppies lost their lives. This resulted in seven felonies charged against the individual, as the mother was also found in bad condition in Bountiful Pond. The mother and the remaining puppies are now in a foster home.

The foster program was recently started in Davis County and has been successful, resulting in animals having a home for a few months before they are found a permanent residence.

VOTING:
Motion to Approve Items 8-9: Lorene Kamalu. Second: Bob Stevenson. All present voted aye.

CLERK'S OFFICE

10 **#2025-1184. Approve the Cancellation of the Regular Commission Meeting Scheduled for Tuesday, December 2, 2025** - *recommended by Brian McKenzie, Clerk, Clerk's Office*

The cancellation is to allow for the Truth in Taxation Hearing to be the sole focus for that day.

VOTING:
Motion to Approve Item 10: John Crofts. Second: Lorene Kamalu. All present voted aye.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE

11 **#2025-1187. Consideration of the Abatement Register for 11-04-2025** - *recommended by Lorene Kamalu, Davis County Commission Chair, Commissioners' Office*

Commissioner Kamalu detailed the register, noting there were two approvals and five denials.

VOTING:
Motion to Approve Item 11: Bob Stevenson. Second: John Crofts. All present voted aye.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

12 **#2025-1168. Approval of a Standard Service Provider Agreement with Caliber Cleaning Services for Janitorial Services at the Code Blue Warming Center** - recommended by Ryan Steinbeigle, Community Services Manager, on behalf of Kent Andersen, Director, Community & Economic Development - Economic Development

Financial Information:
- Type: Payable
- Amount: $150.00 Per Cleaning Plus Supplies

Terms:
- Beginning Date: 10/15/2025
- Ending Date: 04/30/2026

Ryan brought to the Commissioners' attention that the warming center is now called the Health Admin Annex. He said that there was a financial note stating that there was not enough revenue within the Code Blue account to cover the cost of this contract, but an amendment has since been submitted that accounts for additional revenue that will cover the cost.

13 **#2025-1169. Accept an Offer to Purchase and Finalize the Sale of Surplus Real Property (Item #2025-1062) Known as Part of Tax ID 02-152-0040 to the Utah Department of Transportation** - recommended by Ryan Steinbeigle, Community Services Manager, on behalf of Kent Andersen, Director, Community & Economic Development - Economic Development

Financial Information:
- Type: Receivable
- Amount: $12,300.00

Terms:
- Beginning Date: One-time Sale
- Ending Date: N/A

Ryan discussed the training that was held last night at the warming center to go over operations, noting that they will need more volunteers to accommodate the increase in people expected to use the center this winter.

VOTING:
Motion to Approve Items 12-13: Bob Stevenson. Second: John Crofts. All present voted aye.

CONTROLLER'S OFFICE

14 **#2025-1162. Request for Adoption of the 2026 Tentative Budget** - *recommended by Scott Parke, County Controller, Controller's Office*

Controller Scott Parke presented the 2026 tentative budget, saying that a good budget should serve as a financial road map that's structurally balanced, backed by adequate reserves, and is guided by long-term planning principles. He highlighted the difficult situation that the County is in: the Davis County general fund is facing a structural deficit of over $12 million. Since the last General Fund tax increase in 2017, inflation has increased by 32%. Since there are no inflation provisions built into our tax model, the only way for the County to account for inflation is to increase taxes. If the current path continues, the County will exhaust its entire fund balance (savings) by 2028.

Controller Parke stated there are three options to balance the budget and recommended keeping in mind the core principle that if a service is important enough to offer, it is important enough to tax for; if it is not important enough to tax for, it is not important enough to offer. The three options are:

1. Deep Service Cut: Requires a $12.7 million cut in spending, eliminating 55 positions (including 24 in public safety), freezing pay adjustments for County employees, and delaying vital capital projects.
2. Moderate Cuts: Requires a smaller tax increase (14.9%, or $4.16 per month on an average household) combined with cutting 14 positions, stopping saving for capital projects, and the Commission would still need to find $2 million in cuts.
3. Full Tax Adjustment for Sustainability: Requires the full 29.97% property tax increase ($8.37 per month on an average home) to preserve the current level of service, build capital savings, and achieve long-term financial stability.

Controller Parke explained that the County is holding several open meetings to answer any of the public's questions, and there will be a Truth in Taxation Hearing on December 2 to gather feedback and potentially take action on the budget.

Commissioner Stevenson stated he believes a 9.9% to 10% tax increase is sufficient. He argued that the County averages a $6 to $7 million annual "turnback" (excess revenue/lower expenses than expected) and possesses a healthy fund balance that could be used. He said the County should not be afraid to use the rainy day fund if needed, and that it is far above what the state mandates the counties to have. He stated that he is in favor of the proposed budget, but reiterated that he does not think a full tax increase is needed.

Commissioner Crofts thanked the Controller for his transparency during a difficult time and acknowledged the amount of time he's had to put towards the budget.

Commissioner Kamalu emphasized that the 29.97% increase is necessary to maintain existing services, as the County has already said "no to everything that is not statutorily required." She warned that if services are not funded, the Commission must be equally public about the resulting cuts, which will affect the services provided. She asked the public to be aware of and ask questions about what services will be cut, and recommended that people come to the open meetings.

Controller Parke clarified that the County can use their savings to balance the budget.

VOTING:
Motion to Approve Item 14: Bob Stevenson. Second: John Crofts. All present voted aye.

FACILITIES

15 **#2025-1186. Approval of an Agreement With Deseret Peak Piping, LLC for HVAC Equipment Upgrades at the Davis County Health Department** - *recommended by Lane Rose, Director, Facilities*

Financial Information:
- Type: Payable
- Amount: $50,625.00

Terms:
- Beginning Date: 11/04/2025
- Ending Date: 12/31/2025

VOTING:
Motion to Approve Item 15: John Crofts. Second: Lorene Kamalu. All present voted aye.

INFORMATION SYSTEMS

16 **#2025-1171. Ratification of a Contract for TeamDynamix Information Technology Infrastructure Library (ITIL)/Workflow Software** - *recommended by Jeff Hassett, Director, Information Systems*

Financial Information:
- Type: Payable
- Amount:
  - 2025 - $62,500.00
  - 2027 - $70,000.00
  - 2028 - $72,100.00
  - 2029 - $74,263.00
  - 2030 - $76,490.89

Terms:
- Beginning Date: 11/14/2025
- Ending Date: 01/13/2031

Director Hassett said that the software is aimed to replace multiple systems and make other processes more efficient.

17 **#2025-1172. Ratification of an Amendment to Contract #2025-0254 with Compunet Inc** - *recommended by Jeff Hassett, Director, Information Systems*

Financial Information:
- Type: Payable
- Amount: $26,325.00

Terms:
- Beginning Date: 11/04/2025
- Ending Date: 12/31/2025

Commissioner Crofts pointed out that Director Hassett made improvements within his department that saved the County "several hundred thousand dollars."

VOTING:
Motion to Approve Items 16-17: John Crofts. Second: Bob Stevenson. All present voted aye.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

18 **#2025-1161. Approval of Appendix A to the Agreement with the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands, which is a Supplement to the County Fire Warden Agreement** - *recommended by Arnold Butcher, Chief Deputy, Sheriff's Office*

Financial Information:
- Type: Payable
- Amount: $55,555.00

Terms:
- Beginning Date: 01/01/2026
- Ending Date: 12/31/2026

Chief Deputy Butcher requested Item 18 be tabled for another time.

19 **#ORD 2025-6. Approval of an Ordinance Amending Title 2, Chapter 48, Subsection 170: Fees of the Davis County Shooting Range, of the Davis County Code** - *recommended by Andrew Oblad, Chief Deputy, Sheriff's Office*

Financial Information: N/A

Terms:
- Beginning Date: The Earliest Date Possible After Davis County Fulfills the Provisions of Section 17-53-208 (2020) of the Utah Code
- Ending Date: N/A

Chief Deputy Butcher detailed the range fees for the shooting range. A lane is $15.00 for unlimited use that day. An annual pass is $175.00, with the ability to rent an additional lane for only $10.00. The passholder can also bring a "buddy" to share their lane with them for no additional charge. The senior rate, offered to individuals 60 or older, is $75.00 annually.

Commissioner Stevenson thanked Chief Deputy Butcher for the work that has been put towards this range, and Chief Deputy Butcher thanked him in return for the Commissioners' support.

VOTING:
Motion to Table Item 18 and Approve Item 19: Bob Stevenson. Second: John Crofts. All present voted aye.

CONSENT ITEMS

20 **#2025-1153. Approval of an Agreement with Valor Academy of Martial Arts for Karate Tournament** - *recommended by Kent Andersen, Director, Community & Economic Development - Western Sports Park*

Financial Information:
- Type: Receivable
- Amount: $5,475.00

Terms:
- Beginning Date: 01/16/2026
- Ending Date: 06/13/2026

21 **#2025-1165. Approval of an Agreement with Simple Treasures for Craft Boutique Show** - *recommended by Kent Andersen, Director, Community & Economic Development - Western Sports Park*

Financial Information:
- Type: Receivable
- Amount: $13,750.00

Terms:
- Beginning Date: 04/27/2026
- Ending Date: 05/02/2026

22 **#2025-1166. Approval of an Agreement with Lions Pride Barbell and Fitness for a National Powerlifting Competition** - *recommended by Kent Andersen, Director, Community & Economic Development - Western Sports Park*

Financial Information:
- Type: Receivable
- Amount: $4,130.00

Terms:
- Beginning Date: 05/07/2026
- Ending Date: 05/10/2026

23 **#2025-1176. Approval of an Agreement with Mak Mak Thai Cuisine for Award of Mural Grant Funds** - *recommended by Kent Andersen, Director, Community & Economic Development - Tourism*

Financial Information:
- Type: Payable
- Amount: $5,000.00

Terms:
- Beginning Date: 11/04/2025
- Ending Date: 05/01/2026

24 **#2025-1179. Approval of an Agreement with Farmington City for Award of Mural Grant Funds** - *recommended by Kent Andersen, Director, Community & Economic Development - Tourism*

Financial Information:
- Type: Payable
- Amount: $8,990.00

Terms:
- Beginning Date: 11/04/2025
- Ending Date: 05/01/2026

25 **#2025-1180. Approval of an Agreement with the City of North Salt Lake for Award of Mural Grant Funds** - *recommended by Kent Andersen, Director, Community & Economic Development - Tourism*

Financial Information:
- Type: Payable
- Amount: $4,250.00

Terms:
- Beginning Date: 11/04/2025
- Ending Date: 05/01/2026

26 **#2025-1189. Notice of Intent to Engage in Contract Negotiations for Professional Auditing Services** - *recommended by Scott Parke, County Controller, Controller's Office*

VOTING:
Motion to Approve Items 20-26: Lorene Kamalu. Second: Bob Stevenson. All present voted aye.

VOTING:
Motion to Recess to Board of Equalization: Lorene Kamalu. Second: John Crofts. All present voted aye.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

27 **#2025-202. Property Tax Register 11-04-2025** - *recommended by Scott Parke, County Controller, Tax Administration*

The Property Tax Register for 11/04/2025 was presented and contained the following: Controller's Adjustments consisting of Appeals reports, Abatement reports, and Corrections; Assessor's Adjustments consisting Corrections. This record is maintained by the Davis County Controller as the Clerk of the Board of Equalization.

28 **#2025-1188. Exemptions Register 11-04-2025** - *recommended by Scott Parke, County Controller, Tax Administration*

There was a request for a property tax exemption, which was denied.

VOTING:
Motion to Approve Items 27-28: Lorene Kamalu. Second: John Crofts. All present voted aye.

VOTING:
Motion to Reconvene Commission Meeting: Lorene Kamalu. Second: John Crofts. All present voted aye.

CLOSING REMARKS

County Clerk Brian McKenzie noted that it was Election Day and encouraged people to return their ballots, confirming that results would be released shortly after 8:00 PM that night. Commissioner Kamalu thanked him and his team for their "excellent work," particularly in cleaning up the voter registration records.

Commissioner Crofts acknowledged the heavy issue of tax increases. He emphasized his commitment to voters to be transparent and accessible, noting the high volume of emails, messages, and phone calls he fields, including late at night. He likened the decision-making process to "walking a tight rope," where they must

weigh competing virtues to determine what is needed to protect citizens and which services are optional versus mandatory. He recognized the serious struggles felt by many Davis County residents who feel stretched and "right at the breaking point." Commissioner Crofts concluded by encouraging the public to attend the upcoming meetings and communicate their thoughts, assuring them that the Commissioners take these issues very seriously.

Commissioner Stevenson stated he takes the taxation issue very seriously. He outlined two equally important assets the County must consider:

1. County Employees: The county's employees are its most important organizational asset, and they must be taken care of due to inflation, health insurance increases, and other factors.
2. Taxpayers: Tax increases significantly impact those on fixed incomes and, critically, young people trying to purchase homes, as property taxes are factored into mortgages. He expressed his strong personal dislike for the property tax, calling it "one of the most unfair taxes there is" because he believes it penalizes people for trying to get ahead.

He acknowledged that since the general fund property tax has not been increased since 2017, an adjustment is necessary. He stressed the need to be "very smart" in determining the adjustments, ensuring they alleviate the burden on the taxpayer while simultaneously keeping County services intact. He noted the importance of public safety and criminal justice functions, as mentioned earlier, due to the increasingly "evil and a little more troubled" nature of the world.

Commissioner Kamalu supported the Controller's plan for a balanced budget and used an analogy to stress the consequences of their decisions: "When we pick up the stick, we pick up both ends of the stick." She explained that the current tentative budget, which requires a nearly 30% tax increase (29.97%), is calculated to maintain existing services. She also said the Commission has already rejected every budget request from departments that is not statutorily required. She asserted that if the County wants to keep existing services, they must recover the purchasing power lost due to 32% inflation. She concluded by strongly encouraging every resident and taxpayer to attend one of the upcoming public events, noting that the events will have six stations allowing interaction with the Sheriff's team, the Attorney's team, the Controller, the Treasurer, and all three Commissioners. She provided the dates and locations for these public meetings:

- Thursday, November 6th: Layton Library Auditorium
- Wednesday, November 12th: Centerville Library
- Tuesday, November 18th: Syracuse Library Auditorium (the largest space)

She noted that any previously shared incorrect addresses for these meetings have been corrected on the County website. Finally, she thanked the leadership team, elected officials, and department directors for their service.

Minutes Prepared by:
Solana Guest
Deputy Clerk

Minutes Approved on:
11/25/2025

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Brian McKenzie
Davis County Clerk

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Lorene Miner Kamalu
Commission Chair