



TOOELE
C O U N T Y
Council Meeting Minutes

October 21, 2025
Council Chambers
07:00 PM

1. Call to Order

Chairman Jared Hamner called the Council Meeting to order at 07:01 PM. The time, place, and agenda of the meeting had been provided to the Tooele Transcript Bulletin and to each member of the governing body by posting the notice and agenda at least two days before on the Tooele County website and emailing them a link.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Tye Hoffmann.

3. Roll Call

Council Member Roll call as follows:

Erik Stromberg: Present
Jared Hamner: Present
Tye Hoffmann: Present
Scott Wardle: Present
Kendall Thomas: Present (online)

Also, present were Scott Broadhead- Attorney, Andy Welch- County Manager, Brittany Lopez- Assistant County Manager, and Tracy Shaw- Clerk.

Staff in attendance were Nathan Harris- Deputy Attorney, Alison McCoy- Auditor, Rachelle Custer- Community Development Director, Jerry Houghton- Recorder/Surveyor, Paul Wimmer- Sheriff, Aspen Wimmer- Auditor's Office, Joy Peters- Assessor, Cari Mausling- Auditor's office, Milli Pioquinto-Planner, Peter Clegg- Human Services Director (online), and Grant Sunada- Health Director.

Guests in attendance were Tim Gillie- Tooele Transcript, Kelly Anderson, Scott Degelbeck, Matt McCoy and other residents.

4. Public Comments

1 public comment

Alison McCoy shared her feelings regarding a resolution on the agenda regarding duties moving from the Auditor's Office to other offices. She stated she is opposed to this removal of duties, and she feels that it is not a step towards progress and will cost Tooele County opportunities, partnership and credibility.

5. Recognitions, Presentations, & Informational Items

a. End of Year Anniversaries, Jared Hamner

5-Year Anniversaries

Amanda Crump – Health Department
Kara Doult – Sheriff's Office
Misty Hayes – Sheriff's Office
Nicole Rash – Clerk's Office
Ashley Williams – IT
Will Wollesen – Corrections

Desiree Mudrow – Promotions
Haley Long – Sheriff’s Office
10-Year Anniversary
Brandon Light – Sheriff’s Office
25-Year Anniversary
Scott Kenison – Roads
30-Year Anniversaries
Amy Royal – Health Department
Elizabeth Heap – Health Department

Chairman Jared Hamner recognized the anniversaries as outlined above.

6. Minutes

a. October 7, 2025 Business Meeting Minutes

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1. 10.07.2025.Business.Draft.pdf

Council Member Erik Stromberg motioned to approve the October 7, 2025 Business Meeting Minutes. Second by Council Member Kendall Thomas. All in favor. The motion passed.

7. Consent Agenda: Check Register

a. Check Register

Check Register 10/2/25 & 10/9/25.

Agenda Attachments

1. Check Register 10.21.25.pdf

Council Member Tye Hoffmann motioned to approve the Check Registers dated 10/2/2025 & 10/9/2025. Second by Council Member Erik Stromberg. All in favor. The motion passed.

8. Consent Agenda: Contracts

a. One-time Contract Extension - Optum Behavioral Health Solutions, Peter Clegg

In 2020, Tooele County released an RFP seeking a Managed Care Organization (MCO) to assist with the clinical and administrative obligations related to mental health and substance abuse services for Medicaid-eligible residents. Optum Behavioral Health Solutions was awarded this initial 5-year contract, and the contract indicated a possibility to extend based on satisfactory performance. This agreement ends Oct 31, 2025. The Department of Human Services has negotiated a 32-month extension for a service term of Nov 1, 2025 – June 30, 2028 that would both align timelines with related state contracts and place Tooele County in a favorable position for a complete RFP in 2028.

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1. 2025-2028 Service Agreement Tooele County-Optum Behavioral Health - draft.1.pdf

Peter Clegg, Human Services Director (online) presented this item as outlined above.

Council Member Kendall Thomas motioned to approve the One-time Contract Extension with Optum Behavioral Health Solutions. Second by Council Member Erik Stromberg. All in favor. The motion passed.

b. Solid Waste - New Water System Building, Wayne Anderton

We solicited 3 bids for this building. CO Buildings was the low bid.

This building will house the pressure tanks for the water distribution system, and will serve as a maintenance building for the landfill equipment. It will allow us to have more room in the transfer station per our master plan, which will help with our handling of increasing MSW tonnage. Total estimated price \$132,000.00.

This was planned for and in our current budget for 2025.

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1. Water Building Quote.pdf

Wayne Anderton, Solid Waste Director, presented this item as outlined above. He explained the building plan, water housing system and the first step in the master plan.

Council Member Scott Wardle motioned to approve the Contract with CO Buildings for the Solid Waste Dept New Water System Building. Second by Council Member Tye Hoffmann. All in favor. The motion passed.

9. Line-Item Transfers

a. Line-Item Transfers

Roads: The Ibabah Watersmart Grant was funded for \$495,000. This transfer separates the grant into its own account for tracking purposes.

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1. 2025-1021 Line-item transfer Roads.pdf

Alison McCoy, Auditor, presented this item as outlined above.

Council Member Erik Stromberg motioned to approve the Line-Item Transfers. Second by Council Member Scott Wardle. All in favor. The motion passed.

10. Resolutions/Ordinances

a. Resolution 2025-25 - Amending (Increasing) the 2025 Budget, Alison McCoy - PUBLIC HEARING

This resolution increases the General Fund by \$40,000 and the Aging Fund by \$125,000.

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1. Res 2025-25.pdf

2. Requested Budget Increases.pdf

Alison McCoy, Auditor, presented this item as outlined above. She explained there are two adjustments: one for IT software and one for an Aging grant.

Council Member Erik Stromberg motioned to open a Public Hearing. Second by Council Member Tye Hoffmann. All in favor. The motion passed.

No Public Comment

Council Member Tye Hoffmann motioned to close the Public Hearing. Second by Council Member Erik Stromberg. All in favor. The motion passed.

Council Member Erik Stromberg motioned to approve Resolution 2025-25. Second by Council Member Tye Hoffmann. All in favor. The motion passed.

b. Presentation of the FY26 Tentative Budget, Alison McCoy

Presentation of the FY26 tentative budget by County Auditor Alison McCoy. The FY26 Tentative Budget is available for public review at www.tooeleco.gov and in the Tooele County Auditors' Office.

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1. FY26 Tentative Budget Book.pdf

2. YE2024 Issued financial statements - Tooele County.pdf

Alison McCoy, Auditor, presented this item. An onscreen presentation was displayed.

Auditor McCoy presented the tentative budget and reviewed the tourism fund, impact fees and general fund. Forecasting and trend elements such as growth formulas, anomalies considered, vendor discussions and bids were provided.

She stated she has collaborated with other government agencies and AI. The aggregated budget is \$131 million. General Fund appropriation is \$4.9 million. Capital Projects is \$11.4 million. Equipment is \$2.2 million. She advised that County Health insurance is still saved as a self-funded option. There is a 3.25% cola increase and a recommended merit increase of 2% on an average of 1.25%.

The tourism fund has changed according to new laws being implemented. It is split by TRT (transient room tax) and TRCCA (tourism, recreation, cultural, convention, and airport facilities tax) collected taxes. Some funds can be spent on the airport with some caveats. There is a decrease in impact fees, and she is recommending an amendment to a transportation impact fee plan based on the transportation plan.

She advised that the tentative budget is a living, breathing document, and is a working draft. She recommends the Council accept the tentative budget for a public review.

She stated the Deseret Peak bond interest income is used to pay the payment. She explained some general fund adjustments. The county is already saving capital improvement funds for 33rd Parkway. She outlined current and future capital projects. She explained some fund balancing projects.

The municipal service fund and the Health fund are flags that the county may want to consider making a small tax increase for or adjust some rates.

She advised that the budget is available online, in person and her staff is available by phone.

Andy Welch, Manager, stated that open enrollment is starting soon and changes will come in November. He asked about COG (council of governments) budgeting the county's portion. Auditor McCoy advised it is difficult, but recommends a budget adjustment for municipal projects.

c. Resolution 2025-26 - Adopting the Tentative Budget for the 2026 Fiscal Year, Alison McCoy - PUBLIC HEARING

This resolution adopts the 2026 Tentative Budget. The public hearing will remain open until the 2026 Final Budget is adopted, which is tentatively scheduled for December 2, 2025.

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1. Res 2025-26.pdf

Council Member Erik Stromberg motioned to open a Public Hearing. Second by Council Member Scott Wardle. All in favor. The motion passed.

1 public comment- Jerry Houghton, Recorder/Surveyor, stated that if anyone has a question, please reach out to individual departments for clarification. The document is large, and each department can summarize.

Council Member Kendall Thomas motioned to close the Public Hearing. Second by Council Member Tye Hoffmann. All in favor. The motion passed.

Council Member Erik Stromberg motioned to approve Resolution 2025-26 with recommended amendments. Second by Council Member Tye Hoffmann. All in favor. The motion passed.

Council Member Wardle clarified to the public that budgets are moving forward and meetings will be scheduled.

d. Resolution 2025-27 - Realigning Discretionary Duties and Functions Within the County, Nathan Harris

The Council is considering the realignment of certain discretionary responsibilities currently performed by elected offices.

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1. Res 2025-27.pdf

Nathan Harris, Deputy Attorney, presented this item. At the council's request, this is being brought forward as many offices have been performing duties outside of tradition and are now being realigned.

The Criminal Justice Coordinating Council will no longer be overseen by the County Attorney but by the Human Services Department instead. Business Licensing will now be done by Community Development, not the Clerks. Surplus of property will be through the Manager's Office instead of the Clerks. Management of county assets will be managed by the Manager's office and no longer the Auditor's office. Risk Management will also go to the Manager's office.

Council Member Tye Hoffmann motioned to approve Resolution 2025-27. Second by Council Member Erik Stromberg. All in favor. The motion passed.

e. Ordinance 2025-16 - Enacting Chapter 32, Energy Development Zone Overlay, of the Tooele County Land Use Ordinance, Rachelle Custer

The State of Utah is requesting that jurisdictions interested in large scale energy development create an Energy Development zone. The County is proposing the creation of an Energy Development Zone Overlay so it can be assigned to properties where a large-scale energy development may be well suited without changing the underlying zoning district. The Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend enacting the new TCLUO chapter.

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1. Ord 2025-16.pdf

2. Ord 2025-16 - Planning and Zoning Paperwork.pdf

Rachelle Custer, Community Development Director, introduced the new County Planner, Mili Pioquinto, and gave her background in planning experience.

Director Custer presented this item as outlined above.

Council Member Scott Wardle motioned to approve Ordinance 2025-16. Second by Council Member Tye Hoffmann. All in favor. The motion passed.

11. Boards & Committees

a. Board Vacancies

The Audit Committee has 3 vacancies.

The Historic Preservation Commission has 2 vacancies.

The Housing Authority has 1 vacancy for an Attorney.

Lake Point Cemetery and Park has 1 vacancy.

The Planning Commission has 1 vacancy for an alternate.

Recreation Special Service District has 1 vacancy for an alternate.

Rush Valley Water Conservation District has 1 vacancy.

The Tourism Tax Advisory Board has 3 vacancies - applicant must represent cultural attractions, hotels, restaurants, recreational facilities, convention facilities, or museums.

Council Member Erik Stromberg presented Jesse Wilson for the Audit Committee, stating he previously served as the Grantsville City Manager.

Council Member Erik Stromberg motioned to appoint Jesse Wilson to the Audit Committee. Second by Council Member Scott Wardle. All in favor. The motion passed.

Council Member Scott Wardle presented Jonathan Mitchell from Lake Point for the Audit Committee. He outlined his education and experience.

Council Member Scott Wardle motioned to appoint Jonathan Mitchell to the Audit Committee. Second by Council Member Erik Stromberg. All in favor. The motion passed.

12. Council Update

Council Member Erik Stromberg reported on his recent visit to the Wendover Airport, hangar, and museum. He stated that perhaps tourism funds could assist.

13. Manager Update

Andy Welch, County Manager, advised that the county has started the course training for "7 Habits of Highly Effective People." This is a training for all department heads and employees, and twenty have already finished. He encourages everyone to take the course.

14. Manager Update: Ratifications

a. Prowest GIS Services Contract with Recorder's Office 2025

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1. Prowest GIS Services Contract - Recorder's Office - 2025.pdf

b. Cooch and Taylor PLLC Attorney Engagement Letter 2025

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c. Valuebase 2025-2026 Service Contract with Assessor

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d. Service Agreement with Rocky Mountain Power for the Pool at The Peak

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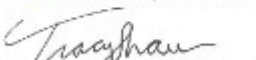
1. RMP & Tooele Service Agreement for Pool.pdf

15. Adjournment - Closed Session if needed

Council Member Tye Hoffmann motioned to adjourn and move into a closed session. All in favor. The motion passed. The time of adjournment was 7:55 pm.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES ARE APPROVED:


Jared Hamner, County Council Chairman


Tracy Shaw, County Clerk



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