

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 1, 2025

The regular meeting of the Juab County Commission was held December 1, 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, Michael P Morgan, Ryan Matthews, Mike Sperry, Rex Kay, Clayton Rindlisbacher, Joran Carter, Gary Nielson, Malachi Peterson, Michael Peterson, Lynn Ingram, Riley Johnson, Clay Carter, JB Cox, Lance Jensen

Chairman Kenison welcomed all in attendance. Brent Boswell offered a word of prayer. Michael P Morgan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Palmer made a motion to accept the minutes from November 17, 2025.

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

Colby Park presented a recommendation from the Planning Commission for a proposed zone change in Dog Valley from A1-160 zone to the industrial zoning for a potential data center project. Ryan Matthews presented a plan for a low-water, power-efficient data center utilizing closed-loop cooling technologies and on-site power generation from solar and natural gas.

Local landowners, including Paul McPherson, Malachi Peterson, Michael Peterson and Clayton Rindlisbacher, raised concerns about water usage, increased traffic, and potential negative impacts on agricultural land. There was significant discussion about water consumption and infrastructure challenges. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the zone change, with the understanding that future site-specific approvals would require detailed review of the project's technical specifications, water usage plans, and environmental considerations.

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

Brian Trick, the new Spanish Fork District Ranger, introduced himself, via phone, and provided updates on the Forest Service's current operations. He discussed challenges including a hiring freeze affecting recreation services, ongoing fire management, and progress on projects like the Black Hawk campsite improvements. Mr. Trick emphasized the importance of communication with the county commission, particularly regarding potential prescribed fire plans in the Ponderosa area. The Commissioners discussed various local concerns, including campground maintenance, water access at Bear Canyon and the possibility of using dedicated hunters for fuel reduction instead of prescribed burning. Mr. Trick committed to maintaining transparency, keeping the commission informed about forest management decisions, and exploring

collaborative approaches to land management. He also offered to provide regular updates and invited ongoing dialogue about Forest Service activities in the region.

Gary Nielson came before the Commission for approval on year-end mosquito abatement product purchasing, totaling \$32,213.26. Commissioner Painter made a motion to approve the product purchase. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Clay Carter, JB Cox, Riley Johnson and Lance Jensen raised concerns about infrastructure challenges on a county road, specifically focusing on a cattle guard and culvert situation. They discussed the need to relocate a cattle guard to the state land boundary, noting complications with existing water lines and drainage. Mr. Cox highlighted ongoing issues with road erosion, culvert undermining, and the impact of storms on the road surface. They suggested using crushed concrete and proposed solutions for road maintenance, emphasizing the need for county involvement in addressing the culvert's structural integrity. Their primary goal was to work collaboratively with the county to improve road conditions and prevent further deterioration of the infrastructure. They will work with landowners to get the cattle guard purchased and to the county for installation.

Mr. Cox was given a copy of the delinquent taxes for Cox Transport. He indicated they didn't believe there were any taxes owed and stated they needed to discuss this. A meeting was scheduled with Commissioners, the Treasurer, Assessor and the Coxes for January 7th at 9:00 a.m. to discuss the matter.

Other Business:

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

Tanielle Callaway had two personnel action forms for approval. The first is for the recorder's office moving Alaina Kenison to the Chief Deputy position. The second one is for the Sheriff's Office for a reserve deputy in the jail. Commissioner Painter made a motion to approve the personnel action forms. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Attorney Perry Davis presented an ordinance that needed to be approved. In the last meeting, they approved amending the Land Use Code, but that needs to be done through an Ordinance. A copy of that will be available in the Clerk's Office for people to come and look at. Commissioner Painter made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-09 for the Land Code Amendments. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. Chairman Kenison called for a roll call vote.

Commissioner Palmer voted, "Yes."

Commissioner Painter voted, "Yes."

Chairman Kenison voted, "Yes."

Attorney Davis next stated the Commission needed to ratify the Indigent Defense Agreement. They have to previously sign it and submit it, but needed it approved. Commissioner Painter made a motion to ratify the approval of the Indigent Defense Agreement. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Attorney Davis also stated there was an Indigent Defense Grant Modification that needed to be approved and signed. He stated Commissioner Painter has signed it in the past. The modification is a reduction in the total amount due to the reduction of a social worker. Commissioner Painter made a motion to approve grant modification. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

The next item regarding the survey contract needs to be discussed in closed session before moving forward.

Tanielle Callaway presented the Commission Meeting Schedule, Department Head Meeting Schedule and Holiday Schedule for 2026 for approval. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the schedules. Commissioner Painter seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Painter made a motion to adjourn Open Session and go into Closed Meeting to discuss potential contracts. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. Chairman Kenison called for a roll call vote.

Commissioner Palmer voted, "Yes."
Commissioner Painter voted, "Yes."
Chairman Kenison voted, "Yes."

Commissioner Painter made a motion to come back to Open Session.

Commissioner Painter made a motion to approve the survey contract with Poulsen Land Surveying for the Easement. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Painter made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.

ATTEST: 
Tanielle Callaway
Juab County Clerk/Auditor

APPROVED: 
Marvin Kenison
Commission Chair