

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 15, 2025

The regular meeting of the Juab County Commission was held December 15, 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, Kent Cloward, Shawny Allred, Briki Fowden, Danny Summers, Joran Carter, Blaine R Holdaway, Debbie Zirbes, Karin Robb, Shantel Anderson, Carmela Worwood, Traci Memmott, Travis Kenison, Lynn Ingram, Drake Underwood, Brent Schvaneveldt, Kade Tedder, Shanna Memmott

Chairman Kenison welcomed all in attendance. Attorney Perry Davis offered a word of prayer. Clerk/Auditor Tanielle Callaway led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Painter made a motion to accept the minutes from December 1, 2025. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Chairman Kenison read a letter for Branded Barbers, Juab County's 2025 Business of the Year. They were honored for their remarkable growth and community commitment. Starting in March 2022 with one barber, the business quickly expanded to five employees in Nephi and eight more in a second location. Beyond providing exceptional haircut services, Branded Barbers demonstrated extraordinary community spirit by supporting co-workers during personal challenges, organizing fundraisers that raised \$7,500 for school lunch balances and \$93,000 for veterans, and offering compassionate services during the pandemic. The business was praised for transforming an old building, creating a welcoming atmosphere, and embodying true hometown pride. The plaque was presented to Briki Fowden and Shawny Allred.

Jamie Garrett next presented a check to Courage Against Cancer for \$6,428. Those funds were raised from the sale of Christmas trees at the Christmas Tree fest. The check was presented and the group thanked the county for the funds they raised.

Danny Summers, the new regional supervisor for the Division of Wildlife Resources, presented an annual payment in lieu of taxes check for \$5,707.84, funded by hunter and angler license fees. He discussed recent habitat restoration efforts, particularly shrub planting to improve deer habitat, and mentioned a new director prioritizing deer herd management. Commissioner Palmer expressed concerns about too many hunting permits and long hunting seasons potentially harming the deer population. Mr. Summers acknowledged the feedback and

explained that the division is trying to balance various stakeholder needs, including collecting data through new studies like a cougar predator research project to understand limiting factors affecting wildlife populations. The Commissioners thanked Mr. Summers for his time.

Blaine Holdaway from Mammoth appeared before the commissioners regarding being 15 days late on his property tax payment, explaining he lives on Social Security and supports his daughter and granddaughter. He requested leniency, noting he had never been late before. The commissioners, while sympathetic, were firm about maintaining consistent deadlines, having already extended the original September 1st deadline to December 1st. Mr. Holdaway also raised concerns about increasing numbers of trailers being moved into Mammoth, with some building houses and installing septic tanks without proper permits. The commissioners acknowledged these compliance issues and noted they currently lack a compliance officer to address such problems, but hoped to get one hired in the future.

Lynn Ingram and Brent Schvaneveldt with UDOT came before the Commission to discuss a road construction project involving a pipe arch culvert crossing. The new design features a 16-foot wide and nearly 13-foot high clearance, which is similar to the current clearance and should not impact existing traffic. The contractors consulted with local property owners to refine the design. The project aims to improve traffic flow and reduce construction complexity, with plans to start work in March or April depending on weather conditions. The commissioners discussed the project. Commissioner Painter made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with UDOT for the bridge repair. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Mr. Ingram next discussed ongoing challenges with the county's weed management program, expressing frustration with the current performance. He stated they have spent significant time and resources, including dedicating a four-man crew for three days to clean weeds around fences, to clean up the weeds around their building per the request from Commissioner Palmer. He suggested that if the weed management program does not dramatically improve, the road department will likely take over the work themselves, using their own equipment and personnel to ensure proper maintenance of his buildings.

Mr. Ingram and the commissioners discussed the purchase of new solar-powered lights for county intersections out on the west desert. They needed to determine details such as mounting options, with consideration of using a boom truck from Curtis Squires to install the poles. The lights would be placed on the Weiss highway at Brush Wellman Road and Pole Line Road. Chairman Kenison noted the lights were similar to ones Dean already had installed. Due to budget timing and needing more specific information about the lights' dimensions and installation requirements, they decided to postpone final approval and gather more details before making a final decision. Ms. Cowan stated that District Two will be covering the cost of the light.

Lt. Travis Kenison from the sheriff's office discussed several administrative matters. He noted the need to negotiate a better price for a cell bright machine, which was about \$3,000 more expensive than anticipated, with the current quote around \$10,000. He stated he will try and

get a better price. He next requested approval to purchase two rugged Panasonic laptops for patrol vehicles, explaining that they were replacing Windows 10 laptops and needed durable equipment for rough roads. The commissioners discussed laptop brands, with some preferring Panasonic Toughbooks for their durability. Commissioner Painter approved the purchase of two Panasonic laptops at approximately \$2,418 each. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Lt. Kenison next presented a personnel action form for Steven Larsen. He was a former employee and has now completed probation with his new current employer and he would like to come back to work reserve. Commissioner Painter made a motion to approve the personnel action form for Steven Larsen. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor. Lt. Kenison stated they had two other personnel action forms that they would need to discuss in closed before presenting them.

Lt. Drake Underwood requested approval to purchase new coats for the Search and Rescue team. He explained that their current coats are over six years old, with some being damaged or lost over time. The proposed purchase would be approximately 30 coats at around \$320 each, totaling about \$9,600. The coats would be from a company specializing in search and rescue and ski patrol gear, and would primarily be distributed to active search and rescue members. Commissioner Painter made a motion to approve the coat purchase not to exceed \$9,600. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

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.

Tanielle Callaway had one personnel action form for approval for the recorder's office. It is for Maisen Allen to fill the vacancy there. Commissioner Painter made a motion to approve the personnel action form. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Tanielle Callaway and Tracy Painter presented proposed changes to school district and precinct boundaries. Tracy explained that they worked with representatives from each school district to redraw the boundaries based on 2020 census population numbers. The proposed changes included putting all of Levan in one district, adjusting boundaries to balance population, and ensuring that current school board members remained in their districts. They prepared maps for two school districts, for their review of the changes. The changes were designed to provide more equitable representation and account for population growth, particularly in the areas north and south of Nephi. After discussion and reviewing the maps, Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the school district boundary changes as presented. Commissioner Painter seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Attorney Davis stated the Commission needed to ratify a purchase of a copier for his office. They purchased the copier from Les Olsen Company for \$5,824.39. Commissioner Palmer made

a motion to ratify the purchase of the copier. Commissioner Painter 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.

Lynn Ingram and Perry Davis discussed the need to amend the county's cattle guard ordinance to require gates on the sides of cattle guards. The proposed change would mandate that gates be installed alongside cattle guards to facilitate livestock movement and provide access for ranchers who need to move animals between pastures. The ordinance would specify that gates must remain unlocked at all times, be at least 12 feet long, and made of appropriate materials. The commissioners saw this as a practical solution to prevent ranchers from cutting fences and to provide county maintenance access. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-10. Commissioner Painter 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 adjourn Open Session and go into Closed Meeting to discuss negotiations and personnel. 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 personnel action forms for the Sheriff's Office for Chad Ballow and Brady Talbot. 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: _____

Clinton Painter
Commission Chair