



Commission Meeting

Minutes

Monday, December 15, 2025 at 10:00 am

1. Public/County Employees Attendance

Minutes:

Attending

- Commission Char, Dennis Blackburn
- Commissioner Roger
- Commissioner Cook (Excused)
- Attorney, Michael Winn
- Clerk/Auditor, Felicia Snow
- Recorder/Treasurer, Colleen Allen
- Assessor, Sharon Torgerson

Others: Barbara Tewell, Laura Lasco, David Van Dyke, Candence Peterson, Nancy Roth

2. Approve minutes of previous meeting

Minutes:

Tabled.

3. Appointments for discussion and business with the Commissioners

a. 10:00 AM Jay Williams/Fort Desolation

Minutes:

Mr. Williams states that he and his team are the producers of Fort Desolation. They took a year off to see where the program was heading. They realize that they need to connect better with the community. The proposed dates for the concerts is September 18-23, 2026. Moab has a great festival working closely with the town. Mr. Williams introduced his team.

b. 10:30 AM Candace Peterson/Funding for Career Fair

Minutes:

Ms. Peterson is asking for funding for the High School Career. Valley is joining the fair this year. Several schools and vendors are invited. The Commission was invited to the event. High school juniors and seniors will be present. Ms. Peterson is asking for a \$750.00 donation for the event. The fair will be held February 24, 2025.

Commissioner Brian made a motion to approve \$750 for the career fair. Commissioner Blackburn seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Vote results:

Ayes: 2 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0

c. 11:00 AM Nancy Roth/Process with Fair Capitol Reef

Minutes:

Ms. Roth is present regarding bill S. 2970 (authorizing use of off-highway vehicles/OHV in certain areas of capitol Reef National Park) that Senator Lee and Senator Curtis introduced. She is a pediatric nurse in SLC at Primary Children's. As a nurse, her primary concern is the remoteness of the area and the increased risk associated with operating off-highway vehicles (OHVs). OHVs pose a risk of injury to children that is approximately 1,000 times higher than that of other vehicles. While adult trauma also occurs, it is outside her area of specialization. The region is difficult for emergency services to access, which is especially concerning given the importance of the "golden hour" in trauma care—a critical timeframe for treating serious injuries. If the bill is passed, certain areas of the park would be difficult or impossible to reach within this golden hour. She expressed appreciation for the opportunity to present to the commission.

4. Other Items of Business

a. Approve 2026 Budget Resolution

Minutes:

Commissioner Brian states the total revenue/expenses for 2026 is \$14,621,068. The reason the budget is so high is due to the Hanksville Diversion which is pass through founding of \$9,000,000.

Commissioner Brian made a motion to approve the 2026 general fund budget. Commission Blackburn seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Vote results:

Ayes: 2 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0

b. Approve Final Tax Rates Resolution

Minutes:

Commissioner Brian reads the Resolution adopting Final Tax Rates and Budgets. See attached. Commissioner Brian made a motion to approve the resolution. Commissioner Blackburn seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Vote results:

Ayes: 2 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0

c. Approve Multi County Assessing Resolution

Minutes:

Commissioner Brian reads the Resolution adopting Final Tax Rates and Budgets for Multicounty Assessing and Collecting Levy. See attached. Commissioner Brian made a motion to approve the resolution. Commissioner Blackburn seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Vote results:

Ayes: 2 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0

d. Approve County Assessing Resolution

Minutes:

Commissioner Brian reads the Resolution adopting Final Tax Rates and Budgets for County Assessing and Collecting Levy. See attached.

Commissioner Brian made a motion to approve the resolution Commissioner Blackburn seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Vote results:

Ayes: 2 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0

e. Proposed Change from Res/AG/Non Conforming Use to Special Purpose with a Conditional use Permit-Community Center & Emergency Services Building

Minutes:

Colleen Allen states that Planning and Zoning (P&Z) held a public hearing on December 10, 2025. The community center was built before P&Z. P&Z is proposing that the Community Center be brought up to date. The new zone change would add the emergency building to the property. All of the approvals have been met.

Commissioner Brian made a motion to approve the zone change with a conditional use permit. Commissioner Blackburn seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Vote results:

Ayes: 2 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0

f. Proposed Change from Res/Ag to BCI (Business Commercial Industrial Park) with a Conditional Use Permit

Minutes:

Colleen Allen show The Commission a site plan. The proposal is changing from res/ag to business commercial industrial (BCI), Bicknell provided water.

Commissioner Blackburn made a motion to approve the P&Z change contingent upon a signature with a conditional use permit. Commissioner Brian seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Vote results:

Ayes: 2 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0

g. Approve 2026 Commission Schedule

Minutes:

Commissioner Brian made a motion to approve the 2026 Commission Schedule. Commissioner Blackburn seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Vote results:

Ayes: 2 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0

h. Approve 2026 Commission Assignments

Minutes:

Tabled until Commissioner Cook can provide input.
Commissioner Brain made a motion to take a 5 minute break. Commissioner Blackburn seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Vote results:

Ayes: 2 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0

5. Approve Vouchers**Minutes:**

Commissioner Brian approved the vouchers with the addition of State Bank and a cell phone stipend for Michael Winn, County Attorney. Commissioner Blackburn seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Vote results:

Ayes: 2 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0

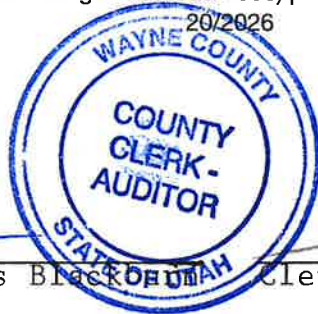
6. Commission Business**Minutes:**

Commissioner Blackburn states that he received a letter from the SSD#3 asking for a letter of support. The letter of support will be signed and ratified in the next commission meeting.

7. Adjourned**Minutes:**

Commissioner Blackburn declared the meeting adjourned.

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 Commissioner, Dennis Blackburn  Clerk/Auditor, Felicia Snow