



**TOOELE**  
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**Council Meeting Minutes**

December 02, 2025

Council Chambers

6:00 PM

**1. Call to Order**

Chairman Jared Hamner called the Council Meeting to order at 07:00 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 Scott Broadhead, Attorney.

**3. Roll Call**

Council Member Roll call as follows:

Erik Stromberg: Present

Jared Hamner: Present

Tye Hoffmann: Present

Scott Wardle: Absent

Kendall Thomas: Present

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, Joy Peters- Assessor, Paul Wimmer-Sheriff, Jerry Houghton- Recorder/Surveyor, Corey Bullock- Parks & Rec Director, Bryan White- Chief Deputy Sheriff, Wayne Anderton- Solid Waste Director, Rachelle Custer- Community Development Director, Cari Mausling- Deputy Auditor, Peter Clegg- Human Services Director, Bucky Whitehouse- Emergency Operation Director, and Grant Sunada- Health Director.

Guests in attendance were various residents and Tim Gillie with the Transcript Bulletin.

**4. Public Comments**

Alison McCoy, Auditor, expressed dissatisfaction regarding the decisions the Council has made regarding the personnel budget within the Auditor's office.

**5. Recognitions, Presentations, & Informational Items**

**a. Utah Inland Port Project Update, Stephanie Pack**

Stephanie Pack, the Associate Vice President of the Utah Inland Port, would like to provide the County Council with a project update on the Port Area located off of Burmester Road.

Stephanie Pack with the Utah Inland Port presented this item as outlined above. A packet was provided to the Council. Ms. Pack highlighted some milestones, including the creation of Tooele Valley Public Infrastructure District (TVPID), Authority Infrastructure Bank, Amendment #1, Savage Tooele Railroad and TVPID Bond Issuance.

Ms. Pack advised there are 24 active recruitment projects right now and improved infrastructure and new structures are coming next year.

Council Member Kendall Thomas expressed his appreciation to Rachelle Custer, Community Development Director, and the Management Team for helping this project move forward. Chairman Jared Hamner appreciated the accommodations requested by Council.

## 6. Minutes

### a. November 12, 2025 Work Meeting Minutes

#### Agenda Attachments

##### 1. 11.12.2025.Work.Draft.pdf

Council Member Tye Hoffmann motioned to approve the November 12, 2025 Work Meeting Minutes. Second by Council Member Erik Stromberg. All in favor. The motion passed.

## 7. Consent Agenda: Check Register

### a. Check Register

Check Register 11.13.2025 & 11.20.2025

#### Agenda Attachments

##### 1. Check Register 12.2.25.pdf

Council Member Erik Stromberg motioned to approve the Check Registers dated 11/13 and 11/20. Second by Council Member Kendall Thomas. All in favor. The motion passed.

## 8. Discussion Items

### a. Council Discussion of the 2026 Budget, Jared Hamner

Council will hold a brief discussion on the 2026 budget, reviewing key priorities, proposed allocations, and any updates from department submissions.

Andy Welch, County Manager, presented this item. An on-screen presentation was shown to the Council.

Manager Welch advised that the Tooele County Public Defender's budget is dead last in the State on what is spent per capita. He recommends increasing their budget to match Washington County. Chairman Jared Hamner advised that he and Council Member Kendall Thomas spoke with Cory Caldwell, the Manager's Office, and the Attorney's office to ensure the County is providing adequate funding. Council Member Kendall Thomas expressed his appreciation to Cory Caldwell and his team.

Manager Welch advised that the County did a Safe Facilities Study for the Admin Building, which includes the sally-port plans and 22 parking stalls as well as a way to get to the other side of the building. All plans were presented onscreen.

Manager Welch displayed an onscreen spreadsheet highlighting the personnel discussions, including the Internal Auditor, Events Coordinator, and 3 Aging positions that were left from the previous meeting. Council Member Tye Hoffmann motioned to postpone the discussion until December 9th. Second by Council Member Erik Stromberg. All in favor. The motion passed.

Manager Welch explained the tourism budget. He recommends the Tourism Tax Advisory Board still give recommendations to the Council for promotional funding applications. He recommended that historical museums that are not owned by the County be able to apply for project money that would go through the Tourism Tax and Advisory Board grant application process. Brittany Lopez, Assistant County Manager, stated that they want these types of applications to be for very specific purposes. She and Manager Welch would like to coach the Tourism Tax Advisory Board members on how to evaluate those applications. Council Member Erik Stromberg asked for clarification of who could apply. Assistant Manager Lopez stated that her staff will go through what is acceptable and what is not. Manager Welch reviewed other projects that tourism funds are being used for.

Manager Welch provided a quote for the Council Chamber room improvements for audio equipment.

The Council and Manager Welch recommend revisiting the 250-Year Celebration issue on

December 9th. Some Council members feel the recommended budget is high.

The Assessor contract was clarified. This is not the contract that Assessor Jake Parkinson had; this contract is with another company.

The Council and Manager Welch discussed projects including a carport for Meals on Wheels. Council Member Kendall Thomas feels it's safer for employees and volunteers and extends the life of vehicles. County Member Erik Stromberg is in favor. Chairman Jared Hamner is in favor. This item is approved.

The Council and Manager Welch discussed landscaping for the Admin Building. Council Member Tye Hoffmann is not in favor; he feels the city support is not there. Chairman Jared Hamner recommends pushing this issue to December 9th.

Wayne Anderton, Solid Waste Director, was invited to address the fence concerns in Ibapah. He stated that there will be steep fines if a fence is not installed. He gave a history of the project.

## 9. Consent Agenda: Contracts

### a. Lumen Franchise Agreement; Nathan Harris

This agreement is a franchise agreement with Qwest Corporation, which is CenturyLink, for access to use Tooele County's right of way to install and maintain internet services. This is a 30-year, non-exclusive agreement and will allow the company to continue to serve its customers in the county.

#### Agenda Attachments

##### 1. Tooele Lumen Franchise Agreement - (clean).pdf

Nathan Harris, Deputy Attorney, presented this item. Deputy Attorney Harris explained the history of contract, stating this franchise fee is what was desired by the Council. The current agreement doesn't include a franchise fee and the current fee schedule doesn't include an option for this. Deputy Attorney Harris recommended tabling this item, amending the fee schedule, and then imposing the franchise fee after.

Council Member Kendall Thomas made a motion to table the Lumen Franchise Agreement. Second by Council Member Tye Hoffmann. All in favor. The motion passed.

### b. FY26 Community Opioid Abatement and Recovery (COAR) Grant Awardees, Peter Clegg

The Human Services Advisory Council (HSAC) reviewed grant proposals from local agencies who provide opioid abatement and recovery services in Tooele County. HSAC has made recommendations for several multi-year awards and is requesting the Council's support in ratifying the service agreements. Peter Clegg, Tooele County Human Services, will offer a brief overview of the county's role in administering the opioid settlement funding, goals of the COAR grant opportunity, and summarize each recommended project.

Peter Clegg, Human Services Director, presented this item as outlined above. An onscreen presentation was given. Director Clegg explained the background of this project and proposed an outlined timeline. He is requesting from the Council to give County Manager Andy Welch the authority to execute the agreements based on the scope of submitted projects.

Council Members and Director Clegg discussed the clients, support and the award amounts.

Council Member Tye Hoffmann motioned to allow County Manager Andy Welch to execute applications when they come in. Seconded by Council Member Kendall Thomas. All in favor. The motion passed.

## 10. Boards & Committees

### a. Board Vacancies

The Audit Committee has 1 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.

Weeds Control Board has 1 vacancy

#### 11. Council Update

Council Member Tye Hoffmann stated that, at UAC (Utah Association of Counties), centrally assessed properties were brought up and voted to have UAC help with that function. Jerry Houghton, Recorder/Surveyor, stated the intent behind this vote is to help out the smaller counties. Counties have negotiated with the Utah State Tax Commission to do this over a three-year period. Assessments are needed for each one. This will help with the tax shift.

Council Member Kendall Thomas stated that the First Responder event was a great event.

#### 12. Manager Update

Andy Welch, County Manager, advised that Energy Solutions is working to get low-level nuclear waste from Canada. They will be voting on December 19th to allow that move forward and bring in significantly more revenue into the County.

Brittany Lopez, Assistant County Manager, gave a shout-out to the Parks & Recreation Department. The Christmas season started off at the Benson Grist Mill with a live nativity and lighting of the buildings. She stated it was a well-attended event.

#### 13. Manager Update: Ratifications

#### 14. Adjournment - Closed Session if needed

Council Member Tye Hoffmann motioned to adjourn at 8:10 pm. All in favor. The motion passed.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES ARE APPROVED:

  
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Jared Hamner, County Council Chairman

  
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Tracy Shaw, County Clerk



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