



## Council Meeting Minutes

December 09, 2025

Council Chambers

6:00 PM

### 1. Call to Order

Chairman Jared Hamner called the Council Meeting to order at 05:17 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 Tim Gillie.

### 3. Roll Call

Council Member Roll call as follows:

Erik Stromberg: Present

Jared Hamner: Present

Tye Hoffmann: Present

Scott Wardle: Present

Kendall Thomas: Present

Also, present were Scott Broadhead-Attorney, Andy Welch-County Manager, Brittany Lopez-Assistant County Manager, and Nicole Rash- Chief Deputy Clerk.

Staff in attendance were Nathan Harris-Deputy Attorney, Alison McCoy-Auditor, Jerry Houghton-Recorder/ Surveyor, Grant Sunada-Health Department Director, Tracy Shaw-Clerk, Cari Mausling-Auditor's Office, Brian White-Chief Deputy Sheriff, Paul Wimmer-Sheriff, Rachelle Custer-Community Development Director, Peter Clegg-Human Services Director, and Corey Bullock-Parks & Recreation Director.

Guests in attendance were Tim Gillie, Transcript Bulletin, and Kathleen VonHatten, Lake Point Council Member.

### 4. Public Comments

Jerry Houghton, Recorder/Surveyor, spoke about the pause on personnel requests and position upgrades until the McGrath pay study is done. This decision is creating consequences for those currently working. The last study took one year, and full implementation has still not occurred. Recorder Houghton stated employees are asking the county to honor the commitment that was made 3 years ago, but instead, it seems the county is choosing to delay. He stated the result of this delay will lead to discouragement, turn over, and erosion of trust. Freezing progress for another study will not retain talent or build morale. Recorder Houghton asked the Council to reconsider their approach, stating, "Our people deserve clarity, consistency and leadership."

### 5. Minutes

#### a. November 18, 2025 Business Meeting Minutes

Agenda Attachments

1. 11.18.2025.Business.Draft.pdf

Council Member Tye Hoffmann motioned to approve the November 18, 2025 Business Meeting Minutes. Second by Council Member Erik Stromberg. All in favor. The motion passed.

## 6. Consent Agenda: Check Register

### a. Check Register

Check Register 11.26.25 & 12.4.25.

Agenda Attachments

1. Check Register 12.9.25.pdf

Council Member Erik Stromberg motioned to approve the Check Registers dated 11/26 and 12/4. Second by Council Member Kendall Thomas. All in favor. The motion passed.

## 7. Consent Agenda: Contracts

### a. Interlocal Agreement with Lake Point City - 2026 Extension, Nathan Harris

This is the annual interlocal agreement for services that the County provides to Lake Point City.

Agenda Attachments

1. Lake Point 2026 Extension - 2025-11-03 - DRAFT.pdf

Nathan Harris, Deputy Attorney, presented this item. He advised that this the 2026 extension of the Interlocal Agreement for services the County provides to Lake Point, including policing services, road services, and inspection services.

Attorney Harris advised the agreement needs to be amended to state Lake Point instead of Lake Point City and advised the Council that all references should be Lake Point going forward.

Council Member Scott Wardle motioned to amend the agreement to strike the word "City" when used in reference to Lake Point. Second by Council Member Tye Hoffmann. All in favor. The motion passed.

Council Member Scott Wardle motioned to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Lake Point - 2026 Extension. Second by Council Member Erik Stromberg. All in favor. The motion passed.

## 8. Resolutions/Ordinances

### a. Resolution 2025-30 - Adjusting the Tooele County Budget for the 2025 Fiscal Year, Alison McCoy - PUBLIC HEARING

Final adjustments are being made to the 2025 budget which include the transfer of \$19,000,000 for capital projects into the Capital Improvement Fund.

Agenda Attachments

1. Res 2025-30.pdf

2. Proposed Budget Transfer - General Fund to Capital Projects.pdf

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

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

Alison McCoy, Auditor, made a public comment. She stated she has concerns that there is no plan associated with the funds. Whether the funds remain in the general fund and create an overage, or they are moved to the capital projects fund with no plan; both scenarios result in a write-up. Auditor McCoy advised that it is much easier to leave the funds in the general fund than it is to move them back out of the capital projects fund.

Council Member Erik Stromberg motioned to close the public hearing. Second by Council Member Scott Wardle. All in favor. The motion passed.

Council Member Scott Wardle asked for clarification on the associated plans for these funds. Andy Welch, County Manager, stated there is 5-year Capital Improvement Plan with multiple

projects listed in the plan, including some Parks & Recreation, Roads and Emergency Services projects. He advised the Council that they could formally adopt the Capital Improvement Plan if they would like.

Council Member Tye Hoffmann motioned to approve Resolution 2025-30. Second by Council Member Erik Stromberg. All in favor. The motion passed.

**b. Resolution 2025-31 - Establishing the Salaries of the Tooele County Officers for the 2026 Fiscal Year, Andy Welch - PUBLIC HEARING**

The 2026 salaries for County officers are being established in conjunction with the adoption of the 2026 budget.

Agenda Attachments

1. Res 2025-31.pdf

Andy Welch, County Manager, presented the item as outlined above.

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

No Public Comments

Council Member Erik Stromberg motioned to close the public hearing. Second by Council Member Scott Wardle. All in favor. The motion passed.

Council Member Scott Wardle motioned to approve Resolution 2025-31. Second by Council Member Erik Stromberg. All in favor. The motion passed.

**c. Resolution 2025-32 - Adopting the Tooele County Budget for the 2026 Fiscal Year, Andy Welch**

Following several weeks of discussion and consideration, the 2026 final budget is presented for adoption by the Council. A public hearing was previously opened on October 21, 2025.

Agenda Attachments

1. Res 2025-32.pdf

2. 2026 Budget.pdf

Andy Welch, County Manager, presented this item. He stated the remaining personnel requests that needed to be discussed were for the Event Coordinator, Internal Auditor, Meals on Wheels Driver and two Food Prep Workers. He advised that all requesting Department Heads were available for questions.

Council discussed the Event Coordinator position and moving it from a part-time to a full-time position.

Council Member Tye Hoffmann voted nay. Council Member Kendall Thomas voted nay.

Council Member Erik Stromberg voted nay. Chairman Jared Hamner voted nay. Council Member Scott Wardle voted nay.

Council discussed the Internal Auditor position and moving it from a .49 position to a full-time position. Council Member Kendall Thomas motioned to keep the position .49. Second by Chairman Jared Hamner.

Council Member Kendall Thomas voted aye. Council Member Tye Hoffmann voted nay.

Council Member Erik Stromberg voted aye. Council Member Scott Wardle voted aye.

Chairman Hamner voted aye.

Council discussed the Meal on Wheels position and moving it from a .25 position to a .50 position.

Council Member Scott Wardle voted aye. Chairman Jared Hamner voted aye. Council Member Erik Stromberg voted aye. Council Member Kendall Thomas voted aye. Council Member Tye Hoffmann voted aye.

Council discussed the two Food preparation worker positions.

Council Member Scott Wardle voted aye. Chairman Jared Hamer voted aye. Council Member Erik Stromberg voted aye. Council Member Kendall Thomas voted aye. Council Member Tye Hoffmann voted nay.

Manager Welch advised the other two outstanding items to discuss include the landscaping project for the Admin Building and the America 250 celebration.

Brittany Lopez, Assistant County Manager, presented the proposed landscaping project onscreen and advised that it was brought to the Council previously and was voted on. It would create ADA accessibility in the front of the building and move the flag poles. Planters with native landscaping would be added along with a small section of grass. Manager Welch stated that the County is working with the State for the back of the building.

Council Member Tye Hoffmann voted nay. Council Member Kendall Thomas voted aye. Council Member Erik Stromberg voted aye. Chairman Jared Hamner voted aye. Council Member Scott Wardle voted aye.

Manager Welch advised a committee has been meeting to estimate the costs of the America 250 Celebration. The breakdown of costs includes swag and merchandise, a scavenger hunt app, and a celebration at The Peak. Assistant Manager Lopez stated that tourism funds could be used, and the request could be reduced to \$150,000. Council Member Tye Hoffmann asked for a breakdown of how much would come from tourism. The Council agreed it would be 50/50. All Council Members were in favor of this proposal.

Manager Welch recommended adding \$300,000 to the County's self-insurance fund. All Council Members were in favor of this proposal.

Manager Welch stated that some numbers were transposed in the Airport's budget. The Pavement Maintenance revenue line should be \$360,000 and their expense line should be \$400,000.

Council Member Scott Wardle motioned that under the "be it resolved" clause, exhibit A be amended to include the following:

Personnel- The Meals on Wheels Aging position from .25 to 0.5 FTE, the Food Preparation Aging Workers .25 to .50 FTE.

Projects- The Administration Building landscaping project will be adopted at \$400,000. The American 250 Celebration will be adopted at \$150,000, with \$75,000 coming from Tourism and \$75,000 coming from the Parks & Recreation Special Events Line.

Other adjustments- \$300,000 be added to the self-insurance fund, and change the Airport Pavement Maintenance numbers to reflect \$360,000 for revenue and \$400,000 for maintenance.

Second by Council Member Erik Stromberg. All in favor. The motion passed.

Council Member Scott Wardle motioned to amend the end of the Resolution at the "fixed as so stated" clause to read: "Be it further resolved that the County Manager's Office be directed to complete all paperwork necessary for the Government Finance Officers Association's distinguished budget award and submit it prior to the deadline." Second by Council Member Kendall Thomas. All in favor. The motion passed.

Council Member Scott Wardle motioned to adopt Resolution 2025-32 as amended. Second by Council Member Erik Stromberg. All in favor. The motion passed.

**d. Resolution 2025-33 - Authorizing the Appointment of Temporary Justice Court Judges, Nathan Harris**

This is a resolution appointing temporary Justice Court Judges because of the retirement of Judge Dow in the Tooele County Justice Court.

Agenda Attachments  
1. Res 2025-33.pdf

Nathan Harris, Deputy Attorney, presented this item as outlined above. He advised that since Judge Dow is retiring at the end of December, the County must have a justice court judge to serve as his replacement. This Resolution allows the County to appoint any qualified judge from the 3rd district to serve as a temporary replacement until a permanent replacement is hired.

Council Member Kendall Thomas motioned to adopt Resolution 2025-33. Second by Council Member Tye Hoffmann. All in favor. The motion passed.

Andy Welch, County Manager, stated this position will be closing on December 12th. A nominating commission will need to be appointed. The nominating commission will look at all applications, recommend 3-5 qualified candidates to the County Manager, and the final decision will be ratified by the Council. He stated this process typically takes at least 6 months.

## 9. Action Items

### a. Elect 2026 Chairman and Vice Chair

Council Member Tye Hoffmann motioned to appoint Jared Hamner as Chair and Scott Wardle as Vice Chair. Second by Council Member Kendall Thomas. All in favor. The motion passed.

### b. Adoption of the 2026 Council Meeting Schedule, Andy Welch

This is the 2026 Council meeting schedule.

#### Agenda Attachments

##### 1. 2026 Council Meeting Schedule.pdf

Andy Welch, County Manager, presented this item. He recommended holding only one meeting in April, May, and July. The projected revenues budget meeting will be held on August 18th at 5:00 pm.

Council Member Scott Wardle motioned to adopt the tentative meeting schedule as discussed. Second by Council Member Tye Hoffmann. All in favor. The motion passed.

## 10. Boards & Committees

### a. Board Vacancies

The Audit Committee has 1 vacancy.

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 – applicants must represent cultural attractions, hotels, restaurants, recreational facilities, convention facilities, or museums.

Weeds Control Board has 1 vacancy.

Council Member Tye Hoffmann motioned to appoint Mike Rapich to the Audit Committee. Second by Council Member Scott Wardle. All in favor. The motion passed.

Council Member Kendall Thomas motioned to re-appoint Pat Hearty, Alphonso Burger and Amber Einerson to the Aging Committee. Second by Council Member Erik Stromberg. All in favor. The motion passed.

Chairman Jared Hamner motioned to appoint Melissa Wright, Mark Vos and William Harris to the Lake Point Cemetery and Parks Service District. Second by Council Member Erik Stromberg. All in favor. The motion passed.

Chairman Jared Hamner motioned to re-appoint Marlin Yates to the Weeds Control Board. Second by Council Member Tye Hoffmann. All in favor. The motion passed.

Council Member Kendall Thomas motioned to appoint Tyler Guy to the Tourism Tax Advisory Board. Second by Council Member Tye Hoffmann. All in favor. The motion passed.

## 11. Council Update

Council Member Tye Hoffmann reminded the Council about their curse jar. The collected money will be donated to a family in need for Christmas.

Council Member Scott Wardle spoke about the American City Council Exchange where issues that could potentially affect Tooele County were discussed. He shared some of his take aways from this meeting: The Council has been asked to discuss a model policy on home-based businesses and the ability to create entrepreneurship. He also advised the Council Members to watch for a very strong movement to abolish property tax but increase the rates of income tax or sales tax to replace the property tax. He feels it is a deeply concerning trend. It takes away the ability for local jurisdictions to do their jobs. He stated that when considering increasing property taxes, the question of "will better government services be offered" needs to be asked and measured. When taxes are increased, it should happen in a November election, not a primary. When considering doing away with Special Service Districts or RDA Districts, the decision should be made by elected officials so they are accountable rather than appointed people. He also stated that zero-based budgeting has been encouraged by the National League of Cities past president rather than incremental budgeting.

## 12. Manager Update

Andy Welch, County Manager, introduced Daniel Folks, the new Purchasing Manager.

Manager Welch stated he and the HR team have met with McGrath regarding a new pay study. A new contract has been provided and, depending on what the recommendations are, the County will implement some of the recommendations as soon as possible, assuming the budget allows for it.

Brittany Lopez, Assistant County Manager, spoke about the grand opening of the new Smith's Marketplace. It was a huge event. She spoke about the cancellation of equestrian events at The Peak due to a virus outbreak of horses. The restriction has been lifted by the State Veterinarian, so events have resumed. She provided an update about the pool. She advised that Lake Point has adopted their transportation plan which will be implemented with the County's transportation plan.

She thanked the Department Heads and Elected Officials for their work in 2025, and thanked the Council for their support.

## 13. Manager Update: Ratifications

### a. 1 Deferral Application

1 Deferral Application

Agenda Attachments

1. Pamela Dale.pdf

### b. Nearmap Contract Renewal

Oblique aerial photography for appraisal and review contract.

Agenda Attachments

1. Nearmap contract renewal invoice.pdf

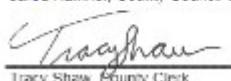
## 14. Adjournment - Closed Session if needed

Council Member Tye Hoffmann motioned to adjourn at 6:12 pm. All in favor. The motion passed.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES ARE APPROVED:



Jared Hamner, County Council Chairman



Tracy Shaw, County Clerk



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