

BOARD OF DAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

Board of Davis County Commissioners - Regular Meeting Minutes Tuesday, January 13, 2026

The Board of Davis County Commissioners met for their regularly scheduled meeting at 10:00 AM on January 13, 2026, in room 303 of the Davis County Administration Building, 61 South Main Street, Farmington, Utah. Required legal notice of this meeting was given.

All documents from this meeting are on file in the Davis County Clerk’s Office. The agenda for this meeting is incorporated into the minutes as item headers.

Following the approved Davis County policy, artificial intelligence (AI) was utilized in the preliminary creation of these minutes. The final minutes were edited and completed by Davis County Clerk's Office staff.

PRESENT

- Davis County Commission Chair John Crofts
- Davis County Commission Vice Chair Bob Stevenson
- Davis County Commissioner Lorene Kamalu
- Chief Deputy Clerk Rebecca Abbott

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting convened at 10:00 AM, and Kent Andersen, Director of Community and Economic Development, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dalane England, of Bountiful City, addressed the Commission regarding the recent tax increase. She stated that as a small business owner, mother, grandmother, citizen, educator, and property owner, she feels she is "being strangled by the government." She argued that while individual taxes in Utah may not seem high, the State has "every tax that was ever invented," making the cumulative burden significant. She appealed to the Commission’s sense of honor, dignity, and patriotism, stating, "You're killing us. You're strangling us. We've got to do something very novel." To illustrate her point on fiscal responsibility, she shared a story about the construction of the Utah State Capitol 120 years ago. With a \$2.5 million budget, the builders ran out of money before completing the four statues intended for the Rotunda. Dalane emphasized that rather than overspending, "they stopped spending" and left the statues unfinished until the remodel over a century later. Dalane urged the Commission to live within its means and cut spending, saying that the government doesn't need to take care of citizens, but rather "allow us to be free."

BUSINESS/ACTION

ANIMAL CARE

1	#2026-60. Approval of an Agreement with Pathway Group for a Fundraising Feasibility Study for Animal Care - <i>recommended by Michelle Hicks, Director, Animal Care</i>				
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Michelle Hicks, Director of Animal Care, explained that Animal Care operations currently rely heavily on the tax base. The study aims to identify private donors to bridge the budget gap for the modern facility, as well as diversifying the income to relieve the burden on the County, thus keeping the requirement for taxpayer dollars steady. This could also potentially allow for an increase in community programs that are not currently supported. She proposed a phased approach, starting with discovery, testing the community's readiness, building a case for support, and interviews, before deciding with the Commission on whether to proceed.

Commissioner Stevenson asked if the project could be stopped after phase one if it appeared unfeasible. He suggested authorizing a lower amount, between \$5,000.00 and \$8,000.00, rather than the full \$28,000.00 listed, to test the waters. Director Hicks clarified that Pathway priced phase one at \$8,500.00, and she highly recommended not going under that amount to ensure they receive the full scope of services. Commissioner Kamalu pointed out that Pathway was the lowest bidder in the Request for Proposal (RFP) process.

Director Anderson, asked for his opinion by Commissioner Stevenson, agreed with Director Hicks, although stating he doesn't know the full details of this situation. He advised against "tinkering" with the amount to the point where the consultant provides incomplete information, which would lead to poor decision-making.

Commissioner Crofts complimented Director Hicks on her efforts but expressed "reticence" regarding the study. He suggested that the Commissioners and County volunteers could likely perform this feasibility work themselves to save money, rather than paying a consultant.

Commissioner Stevenson moved to approve the item based on the phase one cost of \$8,500.00. Commissioner Kamalu seconded the motion, reiterating that the intent is taxpayer relief.

VOTING:
Motion to Approve Item 1 for the amount of \$8,500.00: Bob Stevenson. Second: Lorene Kamalu. Aye: Bob Stevenson, Lorene Kamalu. No: John Crofts. Motion Passed.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

2 **#RES 2026-1. Approval of a Resolution for an Interlocal Cooperation Transportation Project Reimbursement Agreement with Clinton City to Use Third Quarter Transportation Grant Funds for the 2300 North Realignment Project** - recommended by Kent Andersen, Director, Community & Economic Development - Economic Development

Financial Information:	Terms:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Type: PayableAmount: \$1,660,000.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Beginning Date: 01/13/2026Ending Date: 12/31/2028

This facilitates a concrete roundabout reconstruction, pedestrian safety enhancements, and includes asphalt widening, a curb, gutter, and a sidewalk, all recommended by the Council of Governments.

3 **#RES 2026-2. Approval of a Resolution to Amend an Interlocal Cooperation Transportation Agreement (Resolution #2023-0076) with Layton City for the FrontRunner Pedestrian Overpass Project** - recommended by Kent Andersen, Director, Community & Economic Development - Economic Development

Financial Information:	Terms:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Type: PayableAmount: \$2,677,000.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Beginning Date: 01/13/2026Ending Date: 12/31/2030

This resolution authorizes the additional funds for the FrontRunner pedestrian overpass due to cost increases, bringing the total project cost to over \$12 million. Layton City was asked to match the County's contribution.

4 **#RES 2026-3. Approval of a Resolution to Amend an Interlocal Cooperation Transportation Agreement (Resolution #2021-0503) with Clearfield City for the 500 West Extension Project** - recommended by Kent Andersen, Director, Community & Economic Development - Economic Development

Financial Information:	Terms:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Type: PayableAmount: \$2,000,000.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Beginning Date: 01/13/2026Ending Date: 11/30/2026

The resolution extends the contract date, with no additional funds added.

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- #RES 2026-4. Approval of a Resolution Appointing David Mitchell to Represent Davis County on the Great Salt Lake Scenic Byway Committee - recommended by Kent Andersen, Director, Community & Economic Development - Economic Development

Financial Information: N/A

Terms: N/A

The purpose of the committee is to work on roadside enhancements and signage along the Legacy Highway, from where it connects at the West Davis Corridor to Antelope Drive. It is required that the elected body (Commission) make the appointment to the committee.

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- #2026-72. Approval of an Agreement with Woods Cross City for a 2025-2026 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Home Rehabilitation Project - recommended by Kent Andersen, Director, Community & Economic Development - Economic Development

Financial Information:

- Type: Payable
- Amount: \$150,000.00

Terms:

- Beginning Date: 07/01/2025
- Ending Date: 06/30/2026

This agreement helps to stabilize homes sinking into the ground in the Farm Meadows subdivision using helical piers.

VOTING:
Motion to Approve Items 2-6: Bob Stevenson. Second: Lorene Kamalu. All present voted aye.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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- #2026-73. Approval of an Agreement with the Utah Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force Program to Participate in ICAC Training, Operations, and Cases - recommended by Taylor West, Chief Deputy, on behalf of Arnold Butcher, Chief Deputy, Sheriff's Office

Financial Information:

- Type: Receivable
- Amount: To Be Determined

Terms:

- Beginning Date: Upon Final Signature
- Ending Date: End of the Performance Period

This allows the County to participate in training and operations, with costs reimbursed by the task force.

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- #2026-79. Approval of a High-Visibility Enforcement Overtime Agreement between the Utah Department of Public Safety, Highway Safety Office, and the Davis County Sheriff's Office - recommended by Taylor West, Chief Deputy, on behalf of Arnold Butcher, Chief Deputy, Sheriff's Office

Financial Information:

- Type: Receivable
- Amount: N/A

Terms:

- Beginning Date: 10/01/2025
- Ending Date: 09/30/2026

This provides overtime funding for DUI blitzes, seat belt enforcement, and speed enforcement.

Commissioner Kamalu noted the "tremendous stress" currently placed on Sheriff's Office staffing. She asked for confirmation that these agreements are based on available staffing. Chief Deputy West confirmed they prioritize County needs and will only staff these grants if able. Commissioner Kamalu emphasized that recent budget decisions and cuts affect the service levels residents are accustomed to.

VOTING:
Motion to Approve Items 7-8: Lorene Kamalu. Second: Bob Stevenson. All present voted aye.

CONSENT ITEMS

9 **#2026-71. Approval of an Agreement with USA Dodgeball for a Tournament** - *recommended by Kent Andersen, Director, Community & Economic Development - Western Sports Park*

Financial Information:	Terms:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Type: Receivable Amount: \$8,364.98 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beginning Date: 07/11/2026 Ending Date: 07/12/2026

10 **#2026-78. Approval of an Agreement with USA Wrestling Utah for a Recreational League State Tournament** - *recommended by Kent Andersen, Director, Community & Economic Development - Western Sports Park*

Financial Information:	Terms:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Type: Receivable Amount: \$4,090.00 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beginning Date: 01/30/2026 Ending Date: 01/31/2026

11 **#2026-77. Approval of a Summary of Private, Low-Risk, Low-Dollar Agreements at the Western Sports Park** - *recommended by Kent Andersen, Director, Community & Economic Development - Western Sports Park*

Financial Information:	Terms:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Type: Receivable Amount: \$7,927.82 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beginning Date: 03/27/2025 Ending Date: 12/19/2025

12 **#2026-81. Approval of an Agreement with Chevron for Sponsorship of the 2026 Great Salt Lake Bird Festival** - *recommended by Kent Andersen, Director, Community & Economic Development - Tourism*

Financial Information:	Terms:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Type: Receivable Amount: \$3,000.00 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beginning Date: 05/14/2026 Ending Date: 05/17/2026

13 **#2026-76. Approval of a Training Agreement with Jordan Garcia for Special Functions and Law Enforcement Officer Training** - *recommended by Arnold Butcher, Chief Deputy, Sheriff's Office*

Financial Information:	Terms:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Type: Payable Amount: \$30,883.00 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beginning Date: Upon Start Date Ending Date: Two Years From Start Date

14 **#2026-82. Approval of a Training Agreement with Max Shuman for Basic Corrections Officer (BCO) and Special Functions Officer (SFO) Certifications** - *recommended by Arnold Butcher, Chief Deputy, Sheriff's Office*

Financial Information:	Terms:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Type: Payable Amount: \$19,702.00 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beginning Date: Upon Start Date Ending Date: Two Years From Start Date

VOTING:
Motion to Approve Items 9-14: Bob Stevenson. Second: John Crofts. All present voted aye.

VOTING:
Motion to Recess to Board of Equalization: Lorene Kamalu. Second: Bob Stevenson. All present voted aye.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

15 **#2026-2. Property Tax Register 01-13-2026** - recommended by Scott Parke, County Controller, Tax Administration

The Property Tax Register for 01/13/2026 was presented and contained the following: Controller’s Adjustments consisting of Appeals reports and Corrections; Assessor’s Adjustments consisting of Corrections. This record is maintained by the Davis County Controller as the Clerk of the Board of Equalization.

VOTING:
Motion to Approve Item 15: Lorene Kamalu. Second: Bob Stevenson. All present voted aye.

VOTING:
Motion to Reconvene Commission Meeting: Lorene Kamalu. Second: Bob Stevenson. All present voted aye.

CLOSING REMARKS

Commissioner Kamalu reported on her attendance at the Utah Taxpayers Association's annual legislative preview. She noted that legislators are discussing the need to look at how property tax works in the state, particularly given the extreme housing market and affordability struggles. She highlighted an idea from Senator Fillmore, suggesting the State lighten restrictions on certain funds, so money can move where it is needed. Commissioner Kamalu emphasized that a major topic among the Utah Association of Counties and the Utah League of Cities and Towns is ensuring that State laws do not hinder cities and counties from providing required services.

Commissioner Crofts referenced a letter he submitted to the editor of the Davis Journal calling for a Davis County-wide newspaper. He invoked the Founding Fathers' belief in an engaged public, saying that for a small investment—comparable to the price of a gallon of milk—the County could revive a paper served to better educate voters. He used the recent "Truth in Taxation" meeting as an example where the Commission was blamed for School District taxes, noting that the public is largely unaware that these are separate entities. He argued that a newspaper could correct these misunderstandings. Addressing a dissenting letter on the proposal from a resident in Bountiful, Commissioner Crofts pointed out the "competing virtues" in the budget: the County spends tax dollars on educating youth, but doesn't pay towards educating the voting populace. He remarked on comments made about his supporters needing to be better educated on certain issues, reminding his "fellow Commissioners" that those citizens were once their supporters too, in previous elections.

Commissioner Crofts thanked community members for their involvement in local politics and for vocalizing their expectations. He announced plans to hold quarterly town halls to maintain face-to-face contact with residents, despite not running for reelection for three years. He thanked the many volunteers in Davis County, those volunteering at Senior Services and Animal Care, as well as citizens offering to review County expenditures to help save money. Commissioner Crofts noted the County trialed 6:00 PM Commission Meetings in 2025, and stated that attendance was higher during evenings compared to the standard 10:00 AM Tuesday slot, which is inconvenient for working residents. He suggested the Commission explore changing meeting times to increase transparency. He explained that Commission Meetings are recorded and available on the website as well as on YouTube, and encouraged more community feedback.


MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting adjourned at 10:34 AM.



Minutes Prepared by:
Solana Guest
Deputy Clerk

Minutes Approved on:
01/27/2026


Brian McKenzie (Jan 27, 2026 17:17:28 MST)

Brian McKenzie
Davis County Clerk


John Crofts (Jan 27, 2026 12:07:38 MST)

John V. Crofts
Commission Chair