

# SUMMIT COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL

December 1, 2025

## Meeting Minutes

- Attendees
  - Megan McKenna – Summit County Council
  - Margaret Olson – Summit County Attorney
  - Judge Janet Elledge – Justice Court Judge
  - Lynda Viti – Council for Summit County CJCC
  - Darwin Little – Park City Police Captain
  - Aaron Newman – Summit County Health Department, Behavioral Health
  - Wendy Crossland
  - David Bennett
  - Andi Faulkner – Utah Association of Counties
  
- Absent
  - Tana Toly – Park City Council Member
  - Brad Bloodworth – SCAO Chief Prosecutor
  - Laura Pepe Grimaldo – SCAO Victim Advocate Program Director
  - Cliff Venable – Public Defender
  - Cristie Frey – Director of HMHI
  - Kacey Bates – Summit County Sheriff
  - Tyler Toly – Drug Court Graduate
  - Judge Richard Mrazik – 3<sup>rd</sup> District Court Judge
  - David Hanna – AP&P
  
- Welcome
  - Megan welcomed the group and opened the meeting.
  
- Discussion: Strategic Plan Update / 2026 Goals
  - Megan reviewed with the council the updates that were made to the Strategic Plan before it was submitted.
  - No questions or comments from the council members.

- Discussion: 2026 Legislative Priorities / UAC Policy Steering Committees
  - Andi informed the council of the opportunities they have to participate in the Policy Steering Committee meetings held by the Utah Association of Counties (UAC). Members may email her to get signed up for any of these committees.
  - David Bennett – working with Rep Owens on a bill for sentencing reform which will allow counties to establish alternative work programs in lieu of incarceration for a group of sentenced prisoners. The bill went through the legislation session last year but didn't clear the final hurdle before the session ended. This year they're bringing it back in hopes that it goes all the way this time. He wanted to share this info with the council as an FYI. Margaret asked if he would be willing to meet with her and the county sheriff sometime to discuss this bill further and he agreed.
  - Aaron – UBHC is closely monitoring two bills on homelessness. The funding for these bills looks like it's going to be taken from the housing funds that local mental health authorities receive each year, which would impact the LMHAs in a negative way. Civil commitment laws are also in danger of being amended in a bad way, and Rep. Abbott is helping UBHC keep up to date on that.
  - Margaret – working with SWAPP on the justification statute reform bill (regarding the self-defense statute). This will be cleaning up unintended consequences from a bill ran in the previous session that passed. It's a much needed reform as it has already impacted Summit and Wasatch counties several times this past year. No bills have been written or numbered yet, but they will be a priority for several associations in this upcoming session.
  - Andi – UAC is watching a bill from Sen. Weiler that passed favorably out of interim and will have a fiscal note that will have an impact on counties. It's a digital evidence bill and it's addressing the backlog that's at the RCFL. 1<sup>st</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup> class counties will all have to pay an annual fee to use the lab for processing their evidence if this bill passes, so UAC is closely monitoring it.
- Discussion and Approval: 2026 Meeting Schedule
  - Megan has put together options for the meeting days/times for 2026 and she shared them with this council. She proposed to move to an every-other month schedule (meeting 6 times in a year), with options for starting either in January or February and for moving the specific day and time for the meeting.
  - The council decided that the second Tuesday of the month in the afternoon, starting in February, would be the best schedule for them.
- Council Comments on Current Criminal Justice Issues
  - No comments.
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