

**WASHINGTON COUNTY SPECIAL COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 20, 2026**

The Special Meeting of the Board of the Washington County Commission was called to order by Chairman Adam Snow at 10:20 a.m. on January 20, 2026, in the Washington County Commission Chambers, 111 East Tabernacle, St. George, Utah. Those in attendance were Commissioner Adam Snow, Commissioner Gil Almquist, Commissioner Victor Iverson, Deputy County Attorney Devin Snow, County Administrator Nicholle Felshaw and Deputy Clerk Sarah Lloyd.

**INVOCATION BY: Chief Deputy Auditor Luke Peck**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chief Deputy Auditor Luke Peck**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

The Consent Agenda is a means of expediting the consideration of routine matters. If a commissioner requests that items be removed from the consent agenda, those items are placed at the beginning of the regular agenda. Other than requests to remove items, a motion to approve the items on the consent agenda is not debatable.

- Consideration of Auditor-Approved Claims for Payment for January 7, 2026, through January 20, 2026
- Consideration of Regular Commission Meeting Minutes of January 6, 2026
- Consideration of Change Order to Zion National Sewer Park Improvements Phase I

**MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Approve the Consent Agenda as Outlined. Motion seconded by Commissioner Almquist and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow, Almquist and Iverson voting aye.**

**REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

**CONSIDERATION AND RATIFICATION OF PURCHASE REQUESTS:**

Commission, Shotcrete Services for Old Pioneer Courthouse (Ratification).....	(\$25,163.00)
Attorney, Legal Services .....	(\$12,600.00)
Emergency Services, Propane Training Kit .....	(\$49,902.74)
ITS, Backup System for Microsoft 365 .....	(\$18,240.79)
ITS, Proofpoint Core Email Protection .....	(\$19,660.01)
ITS, New Microsoft 365 Licenses .....	(\$254,881.25)
Tourism, Visitor Guide Leads .....	(\$16,200.00)
Tourism, St. George Marathon Film Production .....	(\$22,763.00)
Tourism, Ad in Utah International Guide .....	(\$16,000.00)
Tourism, TRT Video Filming and Production .....	(\$16,580.45)

*All purchases are budgeted, bonded, or paid for through grant funds.*

**MOTION:** **Motion by Commissioner Almquist to Ratify and Approve the Purchase Requests as Outlined. Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow, Almquist and Iverson voting aye.**

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2026-3669, A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING THE EXPENDITURES OF WASHINGTON COUNTY'S SHARE OF THE RECREATION, ARTS, AND PARKS SALES TAX**

County Administrator Nicholle Felshaw stated that this item refers to 15% of the 1/10th of 1% sales and use tax collected, with the intent of funding cultural organizations within Washington County. Several cultural organizations submitted applications, and the Recreation, Arts and Parks Board (RAP Board) met to review funding recommendations, which were then sent to the Commissioners for review. Slight changes were made based on goals and objectives on how RAP tax funds should be used, including: yearly grant reports were turned in, whether funds were used appropriately, what is the value given to the community, and how the funds will be used.

**MOTION:** **Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Approve Resolution No. R-2026-3669, A Resolution Appropriating the Expenditures of Washington County's Share of the Recreation, Arts, and Parks Sales Tax. Motion seconded by Commissioner Almquist and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow, Almquist and Iverson voting aye.**

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2026-3670, A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGRICULTURE LEASE AGREEMENT TO RESTORE AGRICULTURE USE AT THE CONFLUENCE PARK**

Habitat Conservation Plan Director Cameron Rognan explained the HCP has been working with Casey Lofthouse, a farmer in the community, for several years to restore agriculture in Confluence Park. This a renewal of a lease agreement from five years ago, and it is recommended to renew the lease for another three years.

**MOTION:** **Motion by Commissioner Almquist to Approve Resolution No. R-2026-3670, A Resolution Approving an Agriculture Lease Agreement to Restore Agriculture Use at the Confluence Park. Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow, Almquist and Iverson voting aye.**

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2026-3671, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2026 LEGACY PARK EVENT AND EQUESTRIAN FEE SCHEDULE**

Legacy Park Equestrian Events Director Kolbey Hughes explained the updated fee schedule is mostly applies to RV spots. The cost of an RV spot with only 50-amp power will be lowered, with the cost of an RV spot with 50-amp power and water will remain the same.

**MOTION:** Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Approve Resolution No. R-2026-3671, A Resolution Approving the 2026 Legacy Park Event and Equestrian Fee Schedule. Motion seconded by Commissioner Almquist and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow, Almquist and Iverson voting aye.

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2026-3672, A RESOLUTION APPROVING A MARKETING SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT WITH BLACK DESERT EVENTS**

Greater Zion Sports and Adventure Sales Manager Chad McWilliams stated the Tourism Tax Advisory Board (TAB Board) recently voted to approve funding from the Transient Room Tax (TRT). He further clarified that per state law, a certain portion of TRT funding must be used for marketing and promotion of Washington County, with Washington County helping build infrastructure, not buildings or golf courses.

**MOTION:** Motion by Commissioner Almquist to Approve Resolution No. R-2026-3672, A Resolution Approving a Marketing Sponsorship Agreement with Black Desert Events. Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow, Almquist and Iverson voting aye.

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2026-3673, A RESOLUTION APPROVING A SPONSORSHIP AND ADVERTISING AGREEMENT WITH SPARTAN RACE, INC.**

Mr. McWilliams explained that these events have been in the works for many years, with events starting in March of 2027. It is anticipated that the first event will bring in 8,000 – 10,000 visitors, with 90% being non-County residents, to Sand Hollow Reservoir with little to no impact on local traffic. This agreement is for three years.

**MOTION:** Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Approve Resolution No. R-2026-3673, A Resolution Approving a Sponsorship Agreement with Spartan Race, Inc. Motion seconded by Commissioner Almquist and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow, Almquist and Iverson voting aye.

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2026-3674, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE NORTHERN CORRIDOR HIGHWAY PROPERTY EXCHANGE AGREEMENT**

Deputy County Attorney Devin Snow stated the BLM has not yet decided on the Northern Corridor; however, in the event of a favorable result, this is an exchange agreement that would facilitate the Northern Corridor right-of-way. Washington County will convey its 450-acre property to the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (UDWR), and UDWR will convey its 46-acre property to the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT).

**MOTION:** Motion by Commissioner Almquist to Approve Resolution No. R-2026-3674, A Resolution Approving the Northern Corridor Highway Property Exchange Agreement Subject to Attorney Review and BLM's issuance of a favorable

**Decision on the right-of-way, at the Chair's determination. Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow, Almquist and Iverson voting aye.**

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2026-3675, A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A BOARD MEMBER TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL BOARD OF ANGELL SPRINGS SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT**

Mr. Snow stated a board member had previously expired on December 31, 2025; and this Resolution would appoint Jean Wojtyla for a term ending on December 31, 2029.

**MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Approve Resolution No. R-2026-3675, A Resolution Appointing a Board Member to the Administrative Control Board of Angell Springs Special Service District. Motion seconded by Commissioner Almquist and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow, Almquist and Iverson voting aye.**

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2026-3676, A RESOLUTION APPOINTING BOARD MEMBERS TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL BOARD OF ASH CREEK SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT**

Mr. Snow explained the Ash Creek Special Service District is governed by a six-member Administrative Control Board comprised of the mayor and one council person from the municipalities of Hurricane, LaVerkin, and Toquerville. Hurricane City Council desires to appoint Clark Fawcett and Drew Ellerman; LaVerkin City Council desires to appoint Kelly Wilson and Scott Pectol; and Toquerville City Council desires to appoint Dan Catlin and Joey Campbell.

**MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Almquist to Approve Resolution No. R-2026-3676, A Resolution Appointing Board Members to the Administrative Control Board of Ash Creek Special Service District. Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow, Almquist and Iverson voting aye.**

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2026-3677, A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A BOARD MEMBER TO THE WASHINGTON COUNTY HABITAT CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Mr. Rognan stated that Chris Hart, the former Ivins City Mayor, previously served as the municipal representative on the Habitat Conservation Advisory Committee (HCAC). Mr. Hart has recently retired, and the Washington County Mayors' Association has nominated Jarett Waite, the newly elected mayor of Santa Clara City to serve on the HCAC.

**MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Almquist to Approve Resolution No. R-2026-3677, A Resolution Appointing a Board Member to the Washington County Habitat Conservation Advisory Committee. Motion seconded by Commissioner**

**Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow, Almquist and Iverson voting aye.**

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2026-3678, A RESOLUTION APPROVING A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE WASHINGTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE LYNNE CLARKE COLLECTION OF HISTORICAL PHOTOGRAPHS OF SOUTHERN UTAH**

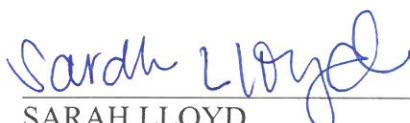
Commissioner Iverson explained that Lynne Clarke was a St. George photographer that collected over 20,000 historic photographs depicting Southern Utah. Ms. Clarke has since passed away, but the Clarke family has preserved the collection of photographs. The Washington County Historical Society desires to acquire the collection so it can be preserved for future generations.

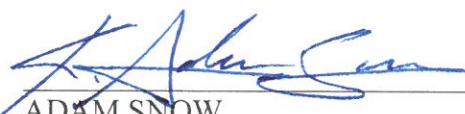
**MOTION:** Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Approve Resolution No. R-2026-3678 A Resolution Approving a Grant Agreement with the Washington County Historical Society for the Purchase of the Lynne Motion seconded by Commissioner Snow and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow, Almquist and Iverson voting aye.

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

Commissioner Snow stated he is hopeful for a favorable decision from the BLM on the Northern Corridor.

Having no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

  
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SARAH LLOYD  
DEPUTY CLERK

  
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ADAM SNOW  
COMMISSION CHAIR