

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 2, 2026

The regular meeting of the Juab County Commission was held February 2, 2026, 10:00 a.m. in the Juab County Commission Chambers, 160 North Main, Nephi, Utah.

Marty Palmer ----- Commissioner

Clinton Painter ----- Commissioner

Marvin Kenison ----- Commissioner

Perry Davis ----- Attorney

Tanielle Callaway-----Clerk/Auditor

Others present: Myrna Trauntvein, Jeff Tanner, Gary Johnson, Nancy May, Christi Nicholls, Bret Oldham, Connor Carter, Joran Carter, Jacob Thorn, Kade Tedder, Lynn Ingram, Jamie Garrett, Eden Richardson, Shanna Memmott, Amy Taylor, Melanie Cowan, Travis Kenison, Douglas Anderson, Debbie Zirbes, Zack Buck, Jessica Fletcher, Jared Rowley, Mike Rowley, Colby Park, Bob Garrett

Chairman Painter welcomed all in attendance. Lynn Ingram offered a word of prayer. Kade Tedder led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Kenison made a motion to accept the minutes from January 22, 2026. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Brett Oldham requested to install a gate on the south end of his fenced 40-acre parcel on Little Salt Creek county road because he cannot use his property without it. The Commissioners discussed cattle guard vs. gate options, high costs of county-spec cattle guards, and county experience that pipe cattle guards often fail under heavy traffic. Lynn Ingram emphasized gates must be easy for small people to open and warned about users leaving gates open. The Commissioners clarified fences/gates are the landowner's responsibility. Mr. Oldham said he'd bought materials and preferred an easy-swing, non-locking gate. Commissioner Palmer made a motion allowing Mr. Oldham to put a gate on his 40-acre property on the south side with a swinging gate. Commissioner Kenison seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Amy Taylor came before the Commission to provide an update on victim services. She provided some statistic numbers for the Commission to review, sharing that domestic violence and sex-abuse cases fluctuate in waves but remain concerning. She stated there is local shelter support available in Provo Richfield and a local Resource Center where counseling is provided. Her program continues to prosecute cases, partners with the refuge for counseling, and receives about \$42,000/year in state grant funding to support wages and training. The Commissioners expressed dismay at the continued prevalence of cases and thanked her for the update.

Nancy May (Nancy Johnson) requested help after being unable to pay about \$9,000 in property taxes due to health/brain surgery and lost income. Melanie Cowan, County Treasurer, explained the county requires a completed application and a consistent monthly payment plan (payments apply to current year first). The Commissioners discussed realistic monthly amounts, from \$115–\$142, to cover current year. Nancy said she may be able to secure funds soon, but needs interim payments. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve removing Ms. May's home from the tax sale, as long as she is paying \$150 monthly and takes care of the agreement with the Treasurer. Commissioner Kenison seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Jacob Thorn proposed restarting a local theater company and requested use of the multi-purpose room, with rehearsals mid-late May and performances end of May/early June, for a production of "Bye Bye Birdie." Mr. Thorn discussed cast size, rehearsal needs, sound/lighting, and scheduling conflicts with other fairground events, notably monster trucks on June 6th. The Commissioners and Jamie Garrett reviewed facility availability, preferred a flat rental fee, flagged insurance and noise/time limits, and explored options for portable or permanent stage solutions. Eden Richardson explained her husband, Brent, could potentially build a foldable/storable stage in trade for rental credit. Bart and Jamie need to review building constraints and provide input and Jamie will follow up on exact fees/deposit details.

Christi Nicholls came before the Commission and requested winter indoor space for 4-H archery (second and fourth Thursdays Nov–Feb) because current venues are too small. The Commissioners and staff discussed netting strength, liability/insurance, waivers, lighting, scheduling conflicts, and volunteer availability (about 15–20 active kids). Bart Garrett noted that in the past arrows have penetrated barn walls and asked to confirm netting/specs and installation. Ms. Nicholls assured to coordinate risk-management details and waivers. Commissioner Kenison made a motion to allow the 4-H to use the multi-purpose building for archery practice. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Jeff Tanner is the new Economic Development Coordinator with R6 Regional Council. Mr. Tanner wanted to introduce himself to the Commission. He described onboarding and touring the readiness center, offered to coordinate with county staff and provided business contact cards. The Commissioners welcomed him, asked him to recover a recruiting brochure file from the prior employee for updates, and noted upcoming meetings and coordination with county projects.

Lynn Ingram and Kade Tedder reported the west desert needs culvert pipe (140 ft of 24" ADS and 80 ft of 36") due to rusting/failures. They obtained three bids, noted alkali in the soil degrades galvanized pipe so plastic ADS is preferred for longevity, and recommended purchasing from Peterson (lowest quote \$8,998). Commissioner Kenison made a motion to approve the purchase of the culvers for \$8,998 from Peterson's. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Mr. Ingram next reported on a recent DOT meeting about railroad crossings (including the 5000 North crossing), saying they developed a solid preliminary plan to keep needed crossings open while maintaining access and may need amendments to the county transportation plan. He stated the effort is in early stages and he will keep the commission informed, noting the meeting was productive and raised many useful questions.

Sheriff Doug Anderson and Lt. Travis Kenison requested approval for Search & Rescue to purchase a bike costing \$3,000. They received a discounted price from a local dealer and the bike will be paid from their donation account. Commissioner Kenison made a motion to approve the bike purchase. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Sheriff Anderson next discussed fairgrounds security—proposing a security surcharge on ticket sales and possibly a beer garden and coordinating paid security for events. Sheriff Anderson stated they are also exploring first-responder counter-terrorism training (funded except wages) in New Mexico. Sheriff Anderson has arranged a SIAC risk analysis/walkthrough of the entire fairgrounds (to assess vulnerabilities and staffing needs) and shared attendee data showing large crowds during derby/stampede. They discussed evacuation/holding areas, building access during inspections, wristband/ticket control and staffing gates. They also discussed the need to clarify rental fees, deposits, and operational costs for better event security and facility management. Lt. Kenison and Sheriff Anderson also discussed the emergency response app rollout at the County Building and stated they would be conducting training with employees.

Jamie Garrett presented the Juab County Fair resident rule, defining fair residents as those who live in Juab County, own property there, or attend school there, with exceptions per Utah 4-H rules allowing members to compete only in one county and permitting leftover spots to be opened to non-residents or families returning for the annual fair. The commission noted the rule aligns with existing 4-H policy, confirmed its application to returning out-of-county family members. Commissioner Kenison made a motion to approve the Juab County Fair Resident Rule. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Ms. Garrett next raised numerous fairgrounds event logistics and fee questions—contracts, what rentals include (tractor, water truck, prep/rake), deposits, maintenance fees, and who bears overtime and utility costs—while staff noted the new pay-per-gallon water fill station, high water needs for horse events, and that deposits should cover damages/cleanup. The Commissioners agreed fees and deposits should be revised so maintenance/tractor/water costs are reimbursed to the appropriate department (possibly via an earmarked account or larger deposit/cash bond), insurance proofs are required for outside equipment. Kristin Miller will analyze event revenues vs. expenditures to propose updated fee/reimbursement structures before the next meeting.

Debbie Zirbes requested funding to reestablish section monument ties in areas where culverts were removed and witness corners are now unusable. She presented a quote from Poulsen Land Surveying, for \$4,134, for installing concrete collars and monuments at several

high-growth locations. Commissioner Kenison made a motion to approve the monumentation ties and for Poulsen Land Surveying to perform the work. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Other Business:

Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the Juab County bills as presented. Commissioner Kenison seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Attorney Perry Davis explained that Special Service District No. 1, which owned the DUP property—the old courthouse and jail, had effectively been dissolved years ago but the formal transfer to the county was never completed. He presented a draft resolution that authorizes the county to accept the property and sign a quitclaim deed to finalize the transfer. Commissioner Kenison made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-01. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. Chairman Painter called for a roll call vote.

Commissioner Palmer voted, "Yes."
Chairman Painter voted, "Yes."
Commissioner Kenison voted, "Yes."

Commissioner Kenison made a motion to adjourn the open meeting and move to the Closed Session for personnel, contract negotiation and pending litigation. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. Chairman Painter called for a roll call vote.

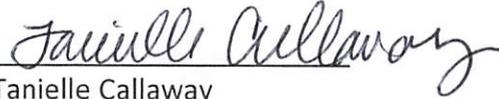
Commissioner Palmer voted, "Yes."
Chairman Painter voted, "Yes."
Commissioner Kenison voted, "Yes."

Commissioner Kenison made a motion to approve the Sheriff getting a 12% increase in pay. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

The next item was to consider the revised agreement for the television tower. The Commissioners could not come to a resolution on this matter. Commissioner Kenison made a motion to table the matter. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Kenison made a motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned.

ATTEST: 
Tanielle Callaway
Juab County Clerk/Auditor

APPROVED: 
Clinton Painter
Commission Chair