



Wasatch County Council Meeting Minutes

DRAFT Minutes for February 11, 2026

The Wasatch County Council met in work session live and on-line Wednesday, February 11, 2026, in the Wasatch County Chambers located in the Wasatch County Administrative Building at 25 North Main, Heber City, Utah 84032.

A video recording of the meeting may be viewed by using the Wasatch County Public Portal (<https://wasatchcount.portal.civicclerk.com/>) and selecting the desired meeting.

Call to Order

1. Prayer/Remarks - Luke Searle
2. Pledge of Allegiance - Spencer Park

Public Comment

Public comments will be accepted in-person or via Zoom Webinar. Please limit comments to three minutes. If action is necessary, the item will be listed on a future agenda. The Council may elect to discuss the item if it is an immediate matter of concern. Email public comments to publiccomment@wasatchcounty.gov.

Summary: Greg Tidwell wants to ask the Council to please get on board to help preserve the North Fields, whether it means a bypass goes through it or not, and it needs to be done in a proper way. We need to work with the residents, irrigation, and the City of Heber. Our platform is to preserve the North Fields.

Mark Wilson: Alternative B would include a limited access facility through the North Fields. Under UDOT's jurisdiction, there would be no access to the Heber Valley, and no frontage road is proposed.

Kristi Judd on behalf of Dan Simmons, The placement of the frontage rd would significantly impact and potentially the use of my water and well illuminate / access to my water rights.

Annette McCray: I'm a candidate for Senate District 20. As growth continues in Heber Valley across

the Wasatch Back transportation, conversation often focuses on lane expansion for long-term availability, including roadway capacity preservation of future passenger rail corridors and a connected trail system that allows people short trips regional access. I'm looking forward to understanding how the county is thinking about this long-range mode of transportation and how the state can be an active partner.

Call for Agenda Items

Summary: Councilmember McMillan asked if there were any agenda items : There was none

Council Items

1. Heber Valley EIS Update – Craig Hancock

Summary: Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) has provided updates to the Wasatch County Council on a monthly basis as updates to the Heber Valley Corridor project has progressed. On January 7th, 2026 the Draft Environmental Impact Statement was released to the public. On January 27th, 2026, UDOT held a virtual public comment opportunity via Zoom. On January 28th, 2026, UDOT held an in-person open house and public comment opportunity at Wasatch High School.

Provide an update to the Wasatch County Council regarding the Heber Valley Corridor Draft EIS.

2. Discussion and direction on Heber Valley EIS Comment Submission – Dustin Grabau

Summary:UDOT published the Heber Valley Environment Impact Study in January of 2026. Wasatch County has the option to provide a formal comment during the public comment period that extends to March 9, 2026. Current, staff have prepared comments on the following items:

1. Seek clarification of the ownership and maintenance of the frontage road that connects on the West Side of Highway 40 north of the newly proposed Potter Lane Intersection.
2. Request to reconsider Southfield Road alignment at the south and north ends.
3. Request to revise the trail access across Midway Lane and the Heber Valley Corridor.
4. Consider trail gaps on the East Side of Highway 40.
5. Express concern over single-lane on- and off-ramps for the corridor.
6. Prioritize wetland mitigation in the North Fields.

This item is intended to discuss if these items align with the council's priorities and if there are additional items to consider including.

What items would the council like to include in a potential comment to UDOT on the Heber Valley EIS?

3. Discussion and direction of Affordable Housing Initiatives – Colleen Bonner

Summary: Wasatch County has been working with staff from Wasatch High School to create some affordable housing units on school-owned property north of Timpanogos Middle School. Council Member Bonner requested an agenda item be added to consider additional or similar affordable housing entitlements be granted on adjacent properties.

Two main options are recommended if the council would like to proceed expeditiously: (1) let property owners in the identified areas know that the county is supportive of Legislative

Development Agreements that would facilitate affordable housing subject to certain requirements; and (2) create an affordable housing overlay zone that would accomplish a similar goal. How should the county staff proceed with Affordable Housing initiatives?

4. Discussion and direction on Council coordination with County Departments – Spencer Park

Summary: Council member Spencer Park requested an agenda item to discuss ways for the council to increase efficiency in county departments. Options include convening one or more subcommittees to meet with departments and discuss current or potential future projects. How would the council like to be involved in discussions about department projects?

5. Update and discussion of Deputy Sheriff Merit Commission efforts – Greg McPhie

Summary: In the fall of 2025 the County Council passed code changes to the Deputy Sheriff Merit Commission (DSMC) that included a provision of regular updates to the council. This item is intended to fulfill that provision and to share the current status of DSMC processes and projects. Provide an update and seek input from the County Council on the status of DSMC projects.

Council/Board Reports

Summary: Council member McMillan asked if there were any council/board to be presented. Council member Crittenden: Ogden Pioneer Rodeo the day of a cowboy who did we say we wanted to nominate? (Ed Sabey)
Rick Johnson, with mounted riders, would like to be on an agenda requesting sponsorship.
Historical project to archive 137 Wasatch Waves.
Request a disposal bin for a non-profit unknown non-profit organization.
Heber Light and Power in 2025 wrote off 20,062 of power costs on streetlights, a 4.6% revenue.
There's a water user conference. If you want to go, let Tiarra know.
Council member Searle: County Administration Building open house is Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at the Library.

Manager's Report

Summary: A committee hearing on HB266 has been tabled there's a possibility it may not be coming back.

Closed Session – as needed

Closed sessions may be held in accordance with Utah State Code 52-4-205 to discuss the following: Purchase, Exchange or Lease of Property; Pending or Reasonably Imminent Litigation; The Character, Professional Competence, or Physical or Mental Health of an Individual.

Summary: Councilmember McMillan indicated that there was not a need for a closed session.

Adjournment

Summary: Council member McMillan asked to adjourn the meeting.

Action Taken: Council member Crittenden made a motion to Councilmember Rowland second the motion. The motion with the following vote:

Voting Aye: Colleen Bonner, Erik Rowland, Karl McMillan, Kendall Crittenden, Luke Searle, Mark Nelson, Spencer Park

Voting Nay: None

Karl McMillan/Chairman

Joey D. Granger/Clerk/Auditor