

# BOARD OF DAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

## Board of Davis County Commissioners - Regular Meeting Minutes Tuesday, February 3, 2026

The Board of Davis County Commissioners met for their regularly scheduled meeting at 10:00 AM on February 3, 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.

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### PRESENT

Davis County Commission Chair John Crofts  
Davis County Commissioner Lorene Kamalu  
Clerk Brian McKenzie

### EXCUSED FOR COUNTY BUSINESS

Davis County Commission Vice Chair Bob Stevenson

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### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting convened at 10:00 AM, and Jill Tew led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

**Drew Chamberlain**, of Layton City, offered a prayer expressing gratitude for the Commission meeting and the beautiful weather, though noting the County could use more snow and rain. He asked for blessings upon the government meeting and requested that those present "be friendly in this meeting, friends in the County, that we can disagree and not be disagreeable." He stated his belief in the motto "In God We Trust" and invited the spirit into the meeting, closing in the name of Jesus Christ.

### RECOGNITION, PRESENTATION, AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- 1 **#2026-133. February 2026 Employee Service Awards** - *recommended by Lorene Kamalu, Davis County Commissioner, Commissioners' Office*

Commissioner Kamalu opened the recognition ceremony by highlighting that employees are the "greatest asset of the County." She noted that, unlike private businesses that track the "cost of goods sold," the County's budget reflects that its primary value lies in the people serving the community.

### Sheriff

**Trevor Skeen, 20 Years** - Trevor was not in attendance, but was recognized with a round of applause.

**Bryant Ives, 10 Years** - Sergeant Ryan Trease honored Bryant, noting that while he has been with the County for a decade, he boasts a distinguished 36-year career in public safety. He began his service in 1992 with the County ambulance service and a one-year stint in Corrections. He transitioned to part-time with the County to spend 20 years with the Farmington Police Department (PD) full-time. After taking his retirement, he worked at the Mercedes dealership, with law enforcement at the University of Utah, the Farmington PD, and then back to the County Courts because he missed the team. Bryant is a father of six and a grandfather to nine. He enjoys motorcycles, camping, spending time with his family, and serves as a Master of Ceremonies (MC) for dance competitions.

## Animal Care

**Jayne Mulford, 5 Years** - Supervisor Madison Leyba praised Jayne for her unique gift of working with people—a vital skill in a field where many prefer animal interaction. Under Jayne's leadership, volunteer hours skyrocketed from 4,000 in 2024 to over 8,000 in 2025, representing over 1,000 dedicated volunteers. She invested in the "Blue Lock" training program and organized community outreach events, including Christmas Eve feasts for shelter dogs and transporting kittens to rehab centers. Jayne is devoted to her dog, children, and grandchildren, and is very family-oriented.

## Assessor

**Scott Schryver, 15 Years** - County Assessor Andy Hansen described Scott as a "measuring machine" who transitioned from a part-time data collector to a fully licensed appraiser. Scott came to the County as an experienced real estate broker and has been an incredible asset to the team. He is a grandfather of six, an avid outdoorsman, a cook who shares with the staff venison jerky and salsa from his own garden, and a former high school football referee.

## Attorneys

**Neal Geddes, 15 Years** - Todd Utzinger, Legal Defender Coordinator, credited Chief Deputy Geddes with building an excellent staff within the Civil Division over the last 15 years. Chief Deputy Geddes is responsible for reviewing contracts and ordinances, advising the Commission, and supporting various departments on legal issues. Later in the meeting, when Health Director Brian Hatch presented his item to the Commission, he added that Chief Deputy Geddes provides invaluable support for civil administrative hearings and contracts, offering a rational approach to difficult situations.

## Facilities

**Mike Jensen, 5 Years** - Mike was not in attendance, but was recognized with a round of applause.

**Peter Mason, 5 Years** - Facilities Director Lane Rose commended Peter for possessing the two most critical traits of an exemplary employee: "attitude and initiative." Peter is known for his constant smile and his proactive approach to finding work on the administration campus before being asked. He has expanded his skills into Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC), plumbing, and carpentry.

## Health Administration

**Debbie Steed, 20 Years** - Debbie was not in attendance, but was recognized with a round of applause.

**Megan Roundy, 5 Years** - Ivy Sales, Division Director of Community Health, recounted recruiting Megan at a vaccination clinic because she was "smart, kind, and dependable." Megan began with data audits and has advanced to become the Lead Health Educator. She manages the underage tobacco compliance program, facilitates connections with multiple food pantries in the County, developed anti-bullying programming for Title 1 schools to improve youth social connections, and advises on a youth council whose aim is to improve health outcomes by promoting sleep. On top of all of these accomplishments, Megan also completed her Master of Business Administration degree.

**Jason Villalpando, 5 Years** - Deputy Director Rachelle Blackham described Jason as a staff member whom clients "flock to" because of his kindness. He started in the call center during the pandemic, helping to set appointments, answer questions about services, doing data entry and contact tracing, and was in time promoted to a lead position. Jason filled a vacancy as a Senior Services driver and provides much more than transportation. He views the older adults he serves as friends rather than passengers, anticipating their needs and treating them with immense respect, and provides "patience, connection, respect, and kindness."

## Human Resources

**Deiane Burdett, 5 Years** - Deiane was not in attendance, but was recognized with a round of applause.

**John Robinson, 5 Years** - Shawn Choate, Human Resources (HR) Director, praised Chief Deputy Robinson for his willingness to tackle difficult employee relations issues that others might avoid, saying that he can analyze the situation and provide a great solution. He joined the County from Salt Lake Community College and the University of Utah and is known among his colleagues as being a practical joker.

**Ric Higbee, 5 Years** - Director Choate recalled working with Chief Deputy Higbee for over 20 years. He was recognized for his expertise on the technical side of HR, including payroll, benefits, and compensation. He previously worked at Layton City and Davis Tech and is celebrating becoming a first-time grandfather.

## Library

**Heidi Lloyd, 5 Years** - Heidi was not in attendance, but was recognized with a round of applause.

**Kerry Robb, 15 Years** - Kerry was not in attendance, but was recognized with a round of applause.

**Judy Butler, 20 Years** - Judy was not in attendance, but was recognized with a round of applause.

## Public Works

**Tony Findlay, 20 Years** - Tony was not in attendance, but was recognized with a round of applause.

Commissioner Crofts thanked the staff of Davis County, noting their good reputation throughout the State.

## MEETING MINUTES

- 2 **#2026-120. Approval of the Regular Commission Meeting Minutes for January 20, 2026** - *recommended by John Crofts, Davis County Commission Chair, Commissioners' Office*

### VOTING:

**Motion to Approve Item 2:** John Crofts. Second: Lorene Kamalu. All present voted aye.

## BUSINESS/ACTION

### COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE

- 3 **#2026-118. Appointment of Aaron Becker to the Davis County Library Board** - *recommended by Lorene Kamalu, Davis County Commissioner, Commissioners' Office*

Commissioner Kamalu explained the rigorous selection process for the Library Board, which involves a blind selection process and then a round of interviews. She noted that Aaron Becker, a younger data analyst, was selected from a large pool of applicants. Commissioner Crofts commented on the County's high volume of volunteers and the libraries' healthy attendance by patrons throughout the week.

### VOTING:

**Motion to Approve Item 3:** Lorene Kamalu. Second: John Crofts. All present voted aye.

## COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- 4 **RES #2026-5. Approval of a Resolution for an Interlocal Cooperation Transportation Project Reimbursement Agreement with Layton City to use Third Quarter Transportation Grant Funds for the Sugar Street Realignment Project** - *recommended by Kent Andersen, Director, Community & Economic Development - Economic Development*

#### Financial Information:

- Type: Payable
- Amount: \$2,670,000.00

#### Terms:

- Beginning Date: 02/03/2026
- Ending Date: 12/31/2030

Director Andersen presented the resolution, recommended by Davis' Council of Government (COG) in October, then approved by Commission as a project list in December. The project aims to align and connect Sugar Street with Angel Street, helping with pedestrian and vehicular traffic.

- 5 **RES #2026-6. Approval of a Resolution to Amend an Interlocal Cooperation Transportation Agreement (Resolution #2022-0190) with Layton City for the Layton Station Traffic Signal Project** - *recommended by Kent Andersen, Director, Community & Economic Development - Economic Development*

#### Financial Information:

- Type: Payable
- Amount: \$304,000.00

#### Terms:

- Beginning Date: 02/03/2026
- Ending Date: 06/30/2026

Director Andersen proposed an extension to the project's deadline. The equipment is purchased and will be installed in the spring, creating a new traffic signal by the Layton Fronrunner Station.

6 **RES #2026-7. Approval of a Resolution for an Interlocal Cooperation Transportation Project Reimbursement Agreement with Centerville City to use Third Quarter Transportation Grant Funds for the Porter Lane Widening Project** - recommended by Kent Andersen, Director, Community & Economic Development - Economic Development

**Financial Information:**

- Type: Payable
- Amount: \$1,096,000.00

**Terms:**

- Beginning Date: 02/03/2026
- Ending Date: 12/31/2028

Director Andersen presented a request to fund the widening of the south shoulder of Porter Lane (400 South) for active transportation. This was also presented by COG in October and approved as a project by the Commission in December.

7 **#2026-117. Consideration of Approval to Waive Fees Normally Required to be Paid by a Nonprofit Entity to Allow the Davis Preparedness Fair to Use the Western Sports Park for a Community Emergency Preparation Fair** - recommended by Kent Andersen, Director, Community & Economic Development - Western Sports Park

**Financial Information:**

- Type: Fee Waiver
- Amount: \$0.00

**Terms:**

- Beginning Date: 09/25/2026
- Ending Date: 09/26/2026

Director Andersen presented a request to waive fees for the use of the Western Sports Park for a community emergency preparedness fair scheduled for September 26, 2026. Commissioner Kamalu noted this will be the first countywide fair of its kind, led by the County's Emergency Manager, Ember Herrick. Commissioner Crofts mentioned working with Ember on emergency management before she transferred to Davis County.

Commissioner Crofts explained that Davis' COG comprises the three County Commissioners, a Mayor from each city, and a seat from the Davis School District. Director Anderson noted it also includes the Chamber of Commerce Executive Director and the Commander of the Hill Air Force Base.

**VOTING:**

**Motion to Approve Items 4-7:** Lorene Kamalu. Second: John Crofts. All present voted aye.

**FACILITIES**

8 **#2026-121. Approval of an Agreement with XCEL General Contracting for Environmental Abatement Services on the Bountiful Library Renovation Project** - recommended by Lane Rose, Director, Facilities

**Financial Information:**

- Type: Payable
- Amount: \$129,453.12

**Terms:**

- Beginning Date: 02/03/2026
- Ending Date: 07/31/2026

Director Rose presented an agreement for environmental abatement (asbestos removal) at the Bountiful Library. He thanked the County's purchasing and legal departments, who helped the unique project fit within the needed timeline. Commissioner Kamalu asked Director Rose to explain the timing in further detail, and Director Rose said the abatement and hazardous material removal will start in February, and the construction of the new library will follow in the spring.

**VOTING:**

**Motion to Approve Item 8:** John Crofts. Second: Lorene Kamalu. All present voted aye.

## HEALTH

- 9 **#2026-122. Approval of Amendment #13 to Contract #2019-0145 with the Utah Department of Health and Human Services for Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Intervention Services - recommended by Brian Hatch, Director, Health - Epidemiology**

**Financial Information:**

- Type: Receivable
- Amount: \$18,000.00

**Terms:**

- Beginning Date: 03/01/2026
- Ending Date: 02/28/2027

Director Hatch explained that the intervention services are for screening, investigation, and testing of STDs.

**VOTING:**

**Motion to Approve Item 9:** Lorene Kamalu. Second: John Crofts. All present voted aye.

## LIBRARY

- 10 **#2026-127. Approval of a Grant from the W. Mack and Julia S. Watkins Foundation to the Davis County Library to Support New Books at the Kaysville Branch - recommended by Joshua Johnson, Director, Library**

**Financial Information:**

- Type: Receivable
- Amount: \$5,000.00

**Terms:**

- Beginning Date: 02/03/2026
- Ending Date: 12/31/2026

Director Johnson took a moment to express gratitude to other County departments that have worked to complete the Bountiful Library remodel project. He presented a money "from the sky" grant of \$5,000.00 received unrequested from the Watkins Foundation to buy books for the Kaysville Library Branch. Commissioner Kamalu noted that a recent donation was received from another foundation and commented on people's willingness to give generously.

**VOTING:**

**Motion to Approve Item 10:** John Crofts. Second: Lorene Kamalu. All present voted aye.

## SHERIFF'S OFFICE

- 11 **#2026-128. Approval of 2026 Davis County Jail Touch-Screen Maintenance Agreement with Prism System Corporation - recommended by Arnold Butcher, Chief Deputy, Sheriff's Office**

**Financial Information:**

- Type: Payable
- Amount: \$38,400.00

**Terms:**

- Beginning Date: 01/01/2026
- Ending Date: 12/31/2026

Chief Deputy Butcher presented the annual agreement for the touchscreen security system, which is used in the County Jail. It's a very complex system that is known throughout the State as being "one of the best security systems in our correctional facilities."

- 12 **#2026-129. Approval of a Security Camera System License, Upgrade, Tech Support, and Firmware Agreement with Prism System Corporation - recommended by Arnold Butcher, Chief Deputy, Sheriff's Office**

**Financial Information:**

- Type: Payable
- Amount: \$13,360.00

**Terms:**

- Beginning Date: 01/01/2026
- Ending Date: 12/31/2026

The cameras, of which there are over 400 at the Jail, are used in conjunction with the maintenance system.

- 13 **#2026-130. Approval of Change Order #1 (Contract #2024-0964) with Hogan Construction, Extending the Completion Date of the Sewer Lift Station Project** - recommended by Arnold Butcher, Chief Deputy, Sheriff's Office

**Financial Information:** N/A

**Terms:**

- Beginning Date: 10/04/2025
- Ending Date: 02/28/2026

- 14 **#2026-131. Approval of Amendment #1 to Contract #2023-0355 with Aqua Engineering to Extend the Completion of the Sewer Lift Station Project** - recommended by Arnold Butcher, Chief Deputy, Sheriff's Office

**Financial Information:** N/A

**Terms:**

- Beginning Date: 12/31/2024
- Ending Date: 02/28/2026

Items 13 and 14 extend the completion date of the project with no financial impact.

- 15 **#2026-146. Approval of Change Order to American Institute of Architects (AIA) Document 133, Davis County Contract #2024-0018, Extending the Substantial Completion Date to February 28, 2026 (80 Days)** - recommended by Arnold Butcher, Chief Deputy, Sheriff's Office

**Financial Information:** N/A

**Terms:**

- Beginning Date: 12/10/2025
- Ending Date: 02/28/2026

The change order extends the completion date of the County's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) construction project with no financial impact. Chief Deputy Butcher explained that the project's completion date was postponed due to supply issues. Commissioner Kamalu stated she believed there would be a public opening of the EOC, and Chief Deputy Butcher confirmed that Ember Herrick and McKenzie Pearmain with Emergency Services are working to put that together.

**VOTING:**

**Motion to Approve Items 11-15:** John Crofts. Second: Lorene Kamalu. All present voted aye.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

- 16 **#2026-116. Approval of an Agreement with Rocky Mountain 7 on 7 for a Football Tournament** - recommended by Kent Andersen, Director, Community & Economic Development - Western Sports Park

**Financial Information:**

- Type: Receivable
- Amount: \$3,549.00

**Terms:**

- Beginning Date: 05/15/2026
- Ending Date: 05/16/2026

- 17 **#2026-125. Approval of an Agreement with Utah Wetlands Foundation for Sponsorship of the 2026 Great Salt Lake Bird Festival** - recommended by Kent Andersen, Director, Community & Economic Development - Tourism

**Financial Information:**

- Type: Receivable
- Amount: \$1,500.00

**Terms:**

- Beginning Date: 05/14/2026
- Ending Date: 05/17/2026

- 18 **#2026-123. Approval of an Agreement with The Carter Center for Department Employees to Deliver the Dealing with Dementia (DWD) Program (Eve Larsen)** - recommended by Brian Hatch, Director, Health - Senior Services

**Financial Information:** N/A

**Terms:**

- Beginning Date: 02/03/2026
- Ending Date: 02/03/2027

- 19 **#2026-124. Approval of an Agreement with The Carter Center for Department Employees to Deliver the Dealing with Dementia (DWD) Program (Megan Forbush) - recommended by Brian Hatch, Director, Health - Senior Services**

**Financial Information:** N/A

**Terms:**

- Beginning Date: 02/03/2026
- Ending Date: 02/03/2027

- 20 **#2026-126. Approval of an Internship Agreement with Western Governors University to Provide Educational Experiences for Students - recommended by Brian Hatch, Director, Health - Family Services**

**Financial Information:** N/A

**Terms:**

- Beginning Date: 04/10/2026
- Ending Date: 04/10/2029

**VOTING:**

**Motion to Approve Items 16-20:** Lorene Kamalu. Second: John Crofts. All present voted aye.

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**VOTING:**

**Motion to Recess to Board of Equalization:** Lorene Kamalu. Second: John Crofts. All present voted aye.

**BOARD OF EQUALIZATION**

- 21 **#2026-5. Property Tax Register 02-03-2026 - recommended by Scott Parke, County Controller, Tax Administration**

The Property Tax Register for 02/03/2026 was presented and contained the following: Controller's Adjustments consisting of Tax Exempt Requests, 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 21:** Lorene Kamalu. Second: John Crofts. All present voted aye.

**VOTING:**

**Motion to Reconvene Commission Meeting:** Lorene Kamalu. Second: John Crofts. All present voted aye.

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**CLOSING REMARKS**

**Commissioner Kamalu** provided a detailed update on the Western Sports Park (WSP) that was received from its manager, Dave Hansen. She emphasized that no general fund money is used for the facility. She reported that arena rentals are fully booked every weekend until May and will then host high school graduations. She highlighted strong weekday community use by local youth teams. She also shared that convenience store sales at the WSP are averaging \$10,700.00 per weekend, significantly exceeding the projected \$4,000.00, which impacts sales tax revenue for the County and for individual cities. Finally, she reminded everyone of the 8th annual Davis Community Resilience Symposium occurring February 6, 2026, at Davis Tech, noting that the Symposium is funded by sponsors and does not use any County money. The conference is free to attend and is known for its excellence and effectiveness, having over 600 people already registered. Commissioner Kamalu encouraged attendance by those who would deem it beneficial.

**Commissioner Crofts** discussed his advocacy for a countywide newspaper. He commended the City Journal for sending out a free publication to residents and for their efforts in increasing transparency. He reiterated his belief that all 380,000 Davis County residents would benefit from receiving a newspaper. He referenced his previous "gallon of milk" comment regarding funding a newspaper, acknowledging the "harsh criticism" it received and noting the public does not have an appetite for using tax money for this purpose. However, he stated that he has set up a committee for the purpose of increasing County transparency. He thanked elected officials, including Congress members Blake Moore and Celeste Maloy, for sending out newsletters and engaging in public outreach. He also recognized the Utah League of Women Voters for their attendance and

their reports on County business, noting that you don't have to be a woman to be a member of the organization.

**Commissioner Crofts** also addressed a housing challenge, noting that large organizations are buying up approximately 12% of available housing, which strains the County government and artificially increases housing prices. He cited a news article titled "Politics and Elections" regarding the high cost of living, stating that families are being squeezed, and urged Utah lawmakers to focus on the high cost of living. Commissioner Crofts commented on the importance of elected officials listening to the public and announced that he will hold a town hall in March to discuss Davis County Government operations and the roles of elected officials.

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**MEETING ADJOURNED**

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 AM.

Minutes Prepared by:

Solana Guest  
Deputy Clerk

Minutes Approved on:

02/17/2026



Brian McKenzie (Feb 17, 2026 16:14:42 MST)

Brian McKenzie  
Davis County Clerk



John Crofts (Feb 17, 2026 13:56:50 MST)

John V. Crofts  
Commission Chair

