

MINUTES of the work session of the Uintah County Commission held **March 18, 2026** in the large Commission conference room of the Uintah County Building at 152 East 100 North, Vernal, Utah. The meeting commenced at 10:00 a.m.

PARTICIPANTS: Commissioners John Laursen, Sonja Norton, and Willis LeFevre.

ATTENDANCE: Wendi Long, Dan Dilsaver, Nolan Jackson, JC Brewer, Danette Brooks, Scott Hardman, Richard Powell, Keith Campbell, Brenda McDonald, Ryan Mattson, Michael Cook, Lesha Coltharp, Matt Cazier, Angela Hawkins, Boden Lamb, Mike Wilkins
Minutes by Sheri Allen.

WELCOME: Commissioner Laursen, Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. CHANGE IN COUNTY GOVERNMENT - Dan Dilsaver

Dan Dilsaver questioned the Commission's decision to eliminate the requirement for a second on a motion, arguing it diminishes the power of a third Commissioner and that the public favors its reinstatement. Commissioner Laursen defended the change, stating the Commission follows Robert's Rules of Order for a small board, which doesn't mandate a second. Commissioner Laursen added that eliminating the second streamlines the process and is irrelevant with only three people since any Commissioner can vote no. When Dan asked if an item could proceed with only two Commissioners, Commissioner Laursen confirmed that two constitute a quorum, allowing the item to move forward regardless of the second requirement.

2. ROAD DEPARTMENT BACKHOE RENTAL AGREEMENT - Scott Hardman, Road Department
Scott Hardman, Road Department, presented a six-year-old rental agreement with Wheeler for a '430 backhoe. The final payment under the current agreement is \$14,000. Although Wheeler now generally uses leases, this long-standing agreement is being honored as a rental. The equipment has low wear and tear, and the insurance for it is confirmed to be covered by the Road Department's existing insurance, consistent with the history of the agreement.

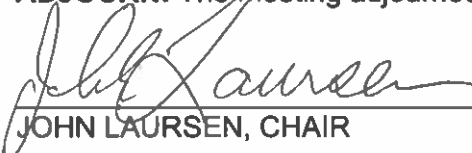
3. CLOSED SESSION to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property when public discussion of the transaction would disclose the appraisal or estimated value of the property under consideration or prevent the public body from completing the transaction on the best possible terms in accordance with Utah Code 52-4-205 (1)(c)

At 10:16 am, Commissioner Norton moved to go into closed session to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property when public discussion of the transaction would disclose the appraisal or estimated value of the property under consideration or prevent the public body from completing the transaction on the best possible terms in the small conference room. Motion passed unanimously.

Closed Session Attendance: Commissioner Laursen, Commissioner Norton, Commissioner LeFevre, Mike Wilkins, Danette Brooks, Scott Hardman, and Boden Lamb.

Closed Session adjourned at 10:26 am.

ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:27 am.



JOHN LAURSEN, CHAIR



MICHAEL W. WILKINS, CLERK – AUDITOR

