

**IRON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
MARCH 9, 2026**

Minutes of the Iron County Commission meeting convened at 9:00 a.m. March 9, 2026 in Commission Chambers at the Iron County Courthouse, Parowan, Utah.

Officers in attendance included:

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| Kenneth Robinson | Commission Chair |
| Michael Bleak | Commissioner |
| Paul Cozzens | Commissioner - Excused |
| Jonathan T. Whittaker | County Clerk |

Also present:

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| Lucas Little | County Auditor |
| Kenneth Carpenter | County Sheriff |
| Nicole Rosenberg | County Treasurer |
| Shalon Shaver | Corrections |
| George Colson | Emergency Management |
| Jennifer Bradbury | HR Director |
| Brett Hamilton | Planner |
| Candace Reid | Public Defender |
| Maria Twitchell | Tourism Executive Director, |
| Bryce Williams | Parks & Rec Maintenance |

Also Present:

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| Casey Anderson | Brigham Ashton | Michael Bahr |
| Rand Bettridge | John DiAntonio | Marcy Griffiths |
| Bruce McDonald | Shawn Peterson | |

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INVOCATION

An invocation was offered by Luke Little.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Those assembled were led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Shalon Shaver.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Michael Bleak made a motion to approve the minutes of the Iron County Commission meeting held on February 9, 2026. Second by Kenneth Robinson. Voting: Michael Bleak, Aye; Paul Cozzens, Absent; Kenneth Robinson, Aye.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT

Michael Bleak made a motion to approve Claims for Payment from February 9, 2026, to March 8, 2026. Second by Kenneth Robinson. Voting: Michael Bleak, Aye; Paul Cozzens, Absent; Kenneth Robinson, Aye.

Ken Robinson, Iron County Commission Chair, excused Commissioner Cozzens from the meeting.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Lucas Little, Iron County Auditor, reported that the Legislative Session concluded on Saturday, March 6th, and he had been tracking several bills. The office was working on several projects happening in Iron County, and filing the Year-End Reports. Luke noted that there were a few Legislative bills that would affect Iron County and the residents. One bill was HB41, Wildland Urban Interface (WUI), which changed the date for the fee on properties in the WUI area to 2027. The bill allowed counties to have input by creating their own WUI Fire Map and presenting it to the state for comparison to the WUI map. He explained that Kendal Allen and Bailey Banks, Iron County IT GIS Coordinators, had begun working on the Iron County map, and when completed, the Assessor’s Office could begin locating properties in the areas. Another bill was HB78 – Property Tax Abatements for Veterans and Low-income property owners, which was passed by the Senate and voted down 28-41 by the House of Representatives. Other bills were on Data Centers regarding regulating and reporting water use, and tax incentives. Luke explained the tax incentive benefits to citizens. There was a discussion regarding the Data Center. He noted that the Auditors would begin preparing for the upcoming Audit in May.

Shalon Shaver, Iron County Corrections Commander, reported that the Corrections budget was at 16.09% spent, culinary cost per meal was \$1.17, and the current Average Daily Population was down at 132. She noted that bookings were down, which contributed to the low count. Shalon reported that Deputy Jonathan Groom retired, and Deputy Shawn Higgins would now be handling the Work Crew projects. She noted that the staffing had 4 vacancies at the jail, 3 Deputies had been hired (one in Medical POST), one promotion, and 1 Deputy on FMLA Multi-Military leave. Shalon reported on Planned Projects and Expenditures, which included the ongoing new Sheriff’s Complex, Work Crew, and continued exploration of new programming options. Because of the low inmate count, Sheriff Carpenter asked her to request 30 more State

inmates, which might be difficult. She was exploring a Residential Substance Abuse Program. Shalon explained how the program would work and benefit the Corrections Facility.

Bryce Williams, Parks Supervisor, reported that as of February 24th, the Parks & Recreation Department budget was at 20% spent, and Revenue generated to date totaled \$3,140. Bryce reported on future events scheduled for the Iron County Parks, Park operations update, staffing, and Training & Professional Development. He noted that the Wood Ranch opening date would be June 1st, the 5-Mile opening date was scheduled for May 1st, and the water would be turned on at Three Peaks by April 1st. Bryce reported that revenue generated at the end of February was \$890, down by \$1,360 from January.

Kenneth Carpenter, Iron County Sheriff, reported on current Law Enforcement (LE) Issues. Metro SWAT had 7 call-outs (Search/Arrest warrants and other high-risk calls), which were up compared to 24 in 2025. There were 3 call-outs in one weekend. Nationally, homicides were the lowest in 40 to 50 years. Drug Force Task: very active and recently served a warrant in Iron County with the DEA and recovered a wide variety of drugs and weapons. Ken noted that the second Explosive Detection K9 was now certified and did a sweep of SUU for them the following day. Under Total incident reports, there were 1,289 reports to date, which were down in most categories. Sheriff Carpenter reported that the Regional Information Security System (RISS) was the longest-running program in the nation that had been funded through grants from Congress. RISS was divided into regions, and Iron County was in the Rocky Mountain Information Network (RMIN). He explained the importance of RISS to LE Agencies across the nation. TdA had been identified as a Terrorist Gang who transfer Pink Ketamine (Tusi) through Utah, with major hubs in Denver and Salt Lake City. Sheriff Carpenter expressed that fraud was on the rise, saying there was a warrant for their arrest. Iron County would not call or ask a person to pay with a Walmart/Amazon gift card. Criminal offenses at Youth Homes continued to increase. Total hours worked to date were 188 compared to 723.3 hours in 2025. To date, there were 17 assaults compared to 74, 5 runaways compared to 46, 2 Sex offenses compared to 27, and 1 Juvenile problem compared to 13 in 2025. A place of concern was suicide. There had been 6 to date compared to 4 in 2025. There was a discussion on possible solutions for the group homes. Ken reported on the Strength of Patrol. There were 3 deputies in POST, with one getting ready to begin the Law Enforcement Officer (LEO) portion, and one graduated from POST and was currently in FTO. One K9 Drug/Patrol Team was replaced, which would be funded by the Task Force committee. Future Ops: The Sheriff Complex continued to move forward, with a projected completion date of July 2027.

Maria Twitchell, Iron County Tourism Director, reported that the Cedar City/Brian Head Visitors Bureau was the official tourism development and marketing office for Iron County, utilizing revenues generated by tourism-related taxes (lodging and restaurant taxes), and engaging in development and marketing strategies to improve Iron County's visitor economy. The Transient Room Tax (TRT) collections were \$2,528,217, down 6%, and Restaurant collections were \$1,576,908, up by 10%. Maria reported on the Tourism goals and objectives, and areas of focus. She explained that tourism taxes were invested in supporting events and tournaments, recreation, cultural and airport improvements, Shakespeare Festival, Iron West Sports Complex, Golf Course, SUMA, Iron Hills Skills Park, Cross Hollow Event Center Expansion, and the SUU Multi-Purpose Building, which would improve opportunities for Iron County to host more High School sports tournaments. Maria reported on the different ads that were placed, highlighting Iron County. She noted that in 2025, there were 3.8M visitors to Iron County annually, which equated to 890K overnight visitors, 3M visit nights, spending \$251M in Iron County, which resulted in 3,125 direct jobs for our children and SUU students. Maria explained that tourism brings \$42M in state and local tax revenue, which was invested into school, police, transportation, roads, and recreation. The things that create our "quality of life." In a recent survey, 70% of Iron County residents believe tourism was important to the local economy. Commissioner Blake expressed his appreciation for all that Maria Twitchell does for Iron County and congratulated her on receiving the "Woman of the Year" award.

Michael Bleak, Iron County Commissioner, noted that he had been working with the local Fire Departments to update their response area maps. Mike explained that the Iron County

Commissioner paid the Cedar City/Iron County Fire Department based on rooftops and taxable value, and when the borders were changed, it would affect that fee structure. He expressed his appreciation to the Southern Utah Livestock Association for hosting the Annual Lincoln Day Dinner at the Elks Lodge. Congresswoman Celeste Maloy and Redge Johnson, Executive Director of the Utah Department of Natural Resources, presented updates on various policies. Mike reported that he, Paul Cozzens, and Ken Robinson attended the National Association of Counties (NACo) Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C. He was on the NACo board for the Justice and Public Committee. This year, they focused on wildland fire and a resolution to have equitable pay across the board, to have emergency response safer in large incidents, and to require the use of the chain of command and incident command system. Commissioner Bleak noted that Congresswoman Celeste Maloy's office had been working for over a year on a Wildland Fire Compensation Bill that would remove the loophole that said, "If there was a prescribed burn that got out of hand, there would not be any hazard pay to the firefighters." Congresswoman Maloy had drafted the resolution, and it was scheduled to be heard in the House of Representatives this year, with bipartisan support. Mike met with Gold Cross Ambulance regarding the EMS contracts. He explained the expansion projects at the Cedar City Fire Department (CCFD), the Parowan Fire Department (PFD), and Cedar City's plans to move its maintenance facility to the south of Cedar City. He noted that Grand County came to Iron County to tour and discuss the new Sheriff's Complex. They were considering building a new jail in their county. Mike expressed his appreciation to Deputy John Groom, who just retired from the Iron County Jail. He gave Iron County 20 years of service and was the coordinator of the work crew. He served a very honorable career and did a fantastic job, and wished him well. He met with the Iron County School District to collaborate on some facility usage, a potential new industrial park, and an energy generation company interested in Iron County. Commissioner Blake was able to resolve an issue with an employee who was going to be laid off for the winter. Iron County agreed to pay his wages during the winter, and he had been able to clear several hundred linear miles of roadside clearing of weeds.

Kenneth Robinson, Iron County Commissioner, reported that the commissioners were able to deliver a letter to the Department of Transportation through the Iron County Livestock Association supporting the trails that run throughout the county that were historical livestock trails. He expressed his appreciation to Jon Whittaker for drafting the letter. Ken noted that he also attended the Lincoln Day Dinner and was impressed by the representation from the state and Iron County. He had a meeting with the Road Department to discuss the maintenance of the roads and the split between the Forest Service and Iron County. Ken reported that the Utah State University (USU) Extension had their meeting, where they presented the services that are offered to Iron County. He attended the NACo meetings in Washington, D.C., where he attended meetings regarding public lands, the Forest Service, BLM, and Natural Resources. Ken reported that the Forest Service was going to turn over some management areas back to the state, but they did not have an answer to what that meant. There was a meeting at the State Capitol Building with the State Representatives and State Senators. It was a great opportunity to visit with them. Ken noted that he attended the Iron County Planning Commission Public Hearing meeting on the night of March 5th regarding the proposed Data Center.

PUBLIC HEARING, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF A PROPOSED ZONE CHANGE (ORDINANCE 2026-5), TO THE IRON COUNTY ZONING MAP-FROM RESIDENTIAL FIVE ACRE (R-5) TO RESIDENTIAL ½ (R ½) ACRE, APPROXIMATELY 73.60 ACRES, LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF MIDVALLEY ROAD, NEAR 2700 W AND 2800 W, CEDAR CITY, UTAH

Applicant: Cedar Green Holdings, LLC

Brett Hamilton, Iron County Planner, explained that the site was surrounded by a mix of Residential 5 (R-5) acres, Residential ½ (R-½), and Residential 4K (R4K) zoning, and was within the Tier II Urban Expansion Area in the General Plan, where utilities could be extended. The applicant was requesting the zone change to facilitate a proposed two-lot Subdivision, and intended to create one 13-acre parcel with approximately 672 feet of frontage on Midvalley

Road, and a second 60-acre parcel with approximately 175 feet of frontage. He noted that the zone change would allow both parcels to meet the minimum frontage required when subdividing property. Brett reported on the General Plan consistency, compatibility with adjacent properties, neighborhood input, and infrastructure limits, and overall community benefit of the proposed amendment regarding the zone change. Brett noted that after review and findings, the Iron County Planning Commission (ICPC) confirmed that the applicant was compliant with the Iron County Policy – Evaluation Consideration for Re-zone and recommended approval.

Kenneth Robinson, Iron County Commission Chair, declared a Public Hearing open regarding the proposed Zone Change (Ordinance 2026).

Brigham Ashton, a resident of Iron County, asked if the property he owned west of the property could be included in the zone change.

Kenneth Robinson, Iron County Commission Chair, declared the Public Hearing closed.

Michael Bleak made a motion to approve the proposed Zone change from R ½ to C as presented by Brett Hamilton. Second by Kenneth Robinson. Voting: Michael Bleak, Aye; Paul Cozzens, Absent; Kenneth Robinson, Aye.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Casey Anderson, a citizen of Iron County, expressed his appreciation of the research that had been done regarding the proposed Data Center.

REQUEST TO WAIVE THE APPLICATION FEE FOR A PROPOSED ZONING DISTRICT MAP AMENDMENT FOR A 15.58 ACRE PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF 200 SOUTH AND 2200 WEST, PAROWAN, UT

Applicants: Kenneth H. Adams Living Trust/Ray Adams & Marcia Griffiths

Brett Hamilton, Iron County Planner, explained that the purpose of this waiver of the zoning map amendment application fee, which was \$250, was that the owner, Kenneth H. Adams, believed the property was unfairly changed from commercial to residential by Iron County in 2025. The fee waiver would offset some of the costs associated with processing the application. Mike Bleak noted that he had researched this request and found that when the property was purchased, it was done with the intent of being used for commercial purposes. When the Tier change went into effect, it changed the property zoning, and this was an appropriate request, because of the issues of this case. Brett reported that after review, the Iron County Planning Commission recommended approval of the waiver.

Michael Bleak made a motion to approve the waiver of the application fee for a proposed Zoning District Map Amendment, as presented by Brett Hamilton. Second by Kenneth Robinson. Voting: Michael Bleak, Aye; Paul Cozzens, Absent; Kenneth Robinson, Aye.

REVIEW AND CONSIDER AN ADOPTION OF A CORRECTIVE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO ADDRESS A CLERICAL OMISSION IN ORDINANCE 2026-2. THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT RESTORES THE DEFINITION OF A “VEHICLE STORAGE LOT” AS ORIGINALLY PRESENTED ON JANUARY 26, 2026, AND DOES NOT INTRODUCE NEW REGULATORY STANDARDS OR MODIFY THE SUBSTANCE OF THE COMMISSION’S PRIOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION. AS A CORRECTIVE CLARIFICATION CONSISTENT WITH THE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ORDINANCE, ADDITIONAL PUBLIC NOTICE AND HEARING ARE NOT REQUIRED.

Brett Hamilton, Iron County Planner, explained that Ordinance 2026-2 was presented to both the Planning Commission and Iron County Commission at the January 26, 2026, Commission meeting. In the presentation, he noted that the Vehicle Storage Lot was included in the presentation, but it was left out of the Ordinance. Brett reported that this was a clerical amendment to add the definition to the Ordinance.

Michael Bleak made a motion to approve the Corrective Ordinance 2026-2 Amendment as presented. Second by Kenneth Robinson. Voting: Michael Bleak, Aye; Paul Cozzens, Absent; Kenneth Bleak, Aye.

UTAH SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL (USF) REVIEW FOR 2026

John DiAntonio, USF Artistic Director, and Michael Bahr, USF Executive Director, Michael Bahr expressed his gratitude for all the support from Iron County. He expressed his appreciation to Maria Twitchell and congratulated her on being the Woman of the Year. Michael turned the time over to John DiAntonio. John reported that 2026 was the 65th Anniversary season, with 8 shows playing in the 3 Shakespeare Theaters. Hamlet, Twelfth Night, and Troilus and Cressida will be presented in the Engelstad Shakespeare Theatre; Something Rotten, She Loves Me, and See How They Run will be in the Randall L. Jones Theatre, Frankenstein, and The Book Club will be presented in the Eileen and Allen Anes Studio Theatre. He noted that the Green Show would have three versions: A Celtic night, a Stratford night, and an Americana night celebrating the 250th America Anniversary. Mike Bleak noted that he enjoyed the play Dear Jack, Dear Louise, presented last year, and that it received rave reviews from the legislature and everyone who attended. John DiAntonio and his wife, Caitlin, were the main characters, which helped create great chemistry. Mike noted that Iron County residents could continue to purchase tickets at half price or purchase 6 tickets for \$200. He encouraged residents to take advantage of these local benefits. Mr. DiAntonio explained the special effects that were planned for the opening of Twelfth Night.

REVIEW AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF A LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UTAH ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (UAC) AND IRON COUNTY, REVIEW OF THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FEE

Sam Woodall, Iron County Deputy Attorney, explained that this Agreement was to designate one or more attorneys employed or contracted with the Utah Association of Counties (UAC) as special deputies. UAC had legal resources available to assist county Attorney Offices in their responsibility to give legal advice to county Officials. The agreement would continue through December 31, 2026. Iron County, like other counties, pays an annual fee of \$10K for these services.

Michael Bleak made a motion to approve the Legal Services Agreement between UAC and Iron County, as presented. Second by Kenneth Robinson. Voting: Michael Bleak, Aye; Paul Cozzens, Absent; Kenneth Robinson, Aye.

RATIFICATION AND DISCUSSION OF THE 2026 CONTRACTS FOR PUBLIC DEFENDERS JEFF SLACK, RYAN NIELSEN, CHRISTA NELSON, AND MARK BARLOW, ADOPTING A PUBLIC DEFENDER CONTRACT FOR NEW ATTORNEY, RON NOYES.

Candace Reid, Iron County Public Defender/Defense Attorney, explained that Iron County was responsible for providing Indigent Defense services through an Indigent Defense Service Provider. This was a renewal of contracts for Jeff Slack, Ryan Nielsen, Christa Nelson, and Mark Barlow, commencing on January 1st and terminating on December 31, 2026 The annual amounts for said contracts are as follows: Jeff Slack - \$93.5K, Ryan Nelson - \$98.5K, Christa Nelson - \$118.5K, Mark Barlow - \$90K.

Michael Bleak made a motion to approve the 2026 Contracts for Public Defenders Jeff Slack, Ryan Nielsen, Christa Nelson, and Mark Barlow, and the Public Defender Contract for new Attorney Ron Noyes. Second by Kenneth Robinson. Voting: Michael Bleak, Aye; Paul Cozzens, Absent; Kenneth Robinson, Aye.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH SOUTHWEST TECHNICAL COLLEGE (SWTC) AND IRON COUNTY FOR MEDICAL RESPONSE

George Colson, Iron County Emergency Manager, explained that the purpose of the MOU was that Southwest Technical College (SWTC) was asking permission to initially perform Emergency Medical Services (EMS) on their campus, in conjunction with Gold Cross, they would not transport or perform anything above their scope of practice. George reported that Iron County holds the license for EMS services, and Gold Cross operates under that license. He noted that Gold Cross and Sheriff Carpenter supported the agreement. Commissioner Bleak reported that he met with Chris Crispin, STECH, and Mike Moffitt, Gold Cross, and did not see any reason not to have this MOU in place. The different entities would work together to coordinate the response and define their responsibilities. George noted that the only time the commissioners would become involved was if they violate their practice in any way that goes against the license.

Michael Bleak made a motion to approve the MOU between Iron County and SWTC for Emergency Medical Response, as presented. Second by Kenneth Robinson. Voting: Michael Bleak, Aye; Paul Cozzens, Absent; Kenneth Robinson, Aye.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DEFERRAL OF PROPERTY TAXES ON APN: A-941-3

Jon Whittaker, Iron County Clerk, explained that the applicant was 81 years old, and they helped a daughter with a lung transplant, and they have some mental illness issues. Jon noted that the applicant qualified for a full abatement, but they failed to apply due to their health challenges. They had previously received an abatement in 2019 and 2025. He reported that the person had a very minimal income with social security and a pension from a former spouse. The total amount owing was \$7,489.46, which would require approximately \$662 a month, and that was a quarter of their income. Jon recommended that the commissioners consider forgiveness of the property taxes due to their extreme circumstances, and they would still owe the penalties and interest. Mike Bleak noted that due to their health issues, the abatement application was not the foremost thing on their mind, and he would support the deferral. These were hard decisions and had to be made case-by-case. Jon reported that he had a conversation with McKayla Meinhardt, Auditor/Abatements, and she had the applicant on her list to watch.

Michael Bleak, Iron County Commissioner, made a motion to approve the deferral of Property Taxes on APN: A-941-3, as presented. Second by Kenneth Robinson. Voting: Michael Bleak, Aye; Paul Cozzens, Absent; Kenneth Robinson, Aye.

Michael Bleak amended the previous motion to forgive the Property Taxes for APN: A-941-3 for \$7,489.46. Second by Kenneth Robinson. Voting: Michael Bleak, Aye; Paul Cozzens, Absent; Kenneth Robinson, Aye.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF A MOU WITH SOUTHWESTERN HERITAGE ASSOCIATION (SWHA) FOR ACCEPTANCE OF A STEED BUILDING

Sam Woodall, Iron County Deputy Attorney, reported that the purpose of this MOU was to provide for the contingent acceptance of a steel building donation. The agreement intended to set strict timelines and actionable deadlines for SWHA to present plans to Iron County for the future use of the steel building being donated under the agreement. Commissioner Robinson reported that this building, which was being donated by Colonel Matheson (SWHA), was to be placed at the Iron County Fairgrounds for storage of artifacts.

Michael Bleak made a motion to accept the MOU between the Southwestern Heritage Association for a Steed Building. Second by Kenneth Robinson. Voting: Michael Bleak, Aye; Paul Cozzens, Absent; Kenneth Robinson, Aye.

PERSONNEL

Jennifer Bradbury, Iron County Human Resource (HR) Director, presented the promotion of Joseph Massey from Deputy Attorney 1 to Deputy Attorney 2 in the Attorney Department, effective March 1st. This was a backfill of a vacant position; the new hire of Mitch Frei as a Full-

Time Deputy for the Sheriff's Office-Patrol, effective March 2nd. This was a backfill of a vacant position; the new hire of Mary Gillins as a Part-Time Administrative Assistant in the Sheriff's Office-Patrol, effective March 2nd; the promotion of Mary Menke from Deputy 3 to K-9 Deputy 3 for the Sheriff's-Patrol, effective March 17th; the promotion of Tristin Roman from Deputy 1 to K-9 Deputy 1 for the Sheriff's Office-Patrol, effective March 15th; the new hire of Tanner Judd as a Full-Time Deputy in the Sheriff's-Corrections, effective March 1st. This was a backfill of a vacant position; the promotions of Olivia McLean from Deputy 1 to Medical Deputy 1 and Mitchell Quartz from Deputy 3 to Maintenance Deputy 3 in the Sheriff's Office-Corrections, effective February 15th; the promotions of Tanner MacIntosh from Deputy 1 to Deputy 2, and Michael Mecham from Deputy 1 to K-9 Deputy 1 in the Sheriff's Office-Corrections, effective March 15th; the promotion of Morgan Bee from Landfill Technician 1 to Landfill Technician in the Landfill Department, effective March 1st; the new hire of Matt Baxter as a Full-Time Road Technician in the Road Department, effective February 17th. This was a backfill of a vacant position; the new Part-Time Seasonal Weed Technicians of Tressa Douglas, effective February 17th, Michaela Rember, and Bryson Cragun, effective March 30th, in the Weed Department; the new hire of Christine Larson as a Part-Time Assistant Cook for Council on Aging, effective March 2nd. This was a backfill of a vacant position, and the new hire of Piper Menell as a Part-Time Administrative Assistant/Marketing for the Fair Department, effective March 2nd. This was a backfill of a vacant position.

Michael Bleak made a motion to approve Personnel changes as presented by Jennifer Bradbury. Second by Kenneth Robinson. Voting: Michael Bleak, Aye; Paul Cozzens, Absent; Kenneth Robinson, Aye.

Jennifer Bradbury turned the time over to Sheriff Carpenter and Lieutenant Peterson to present their needs for their department.

Sheriff Ken Carpenter reported that Lieutenant Shawn Peterson came to him with a proposal to add two additional Corporals to the Sheriff's Office, one for the Drug Court Program, and the other as a Canine Coordinator. Ken noted that both programs continued to grow and required more responsibility. The positions were relatively low-cost to Iron County and could come out of the Sheriff's current budget. Sheriff Carpenter turned the time over to Lieutenant Shawn Peterson. Lieutenant Peterson explained that the two positions were not for new employees. This would roll existing positions from a Deputy 3 to Corporal. He noted that there would not be any pay increase. The Canine Coordinator was responsible for managing the training records, deployment records, ensuring that it was all ready to go to court, running an academy training the dogs in-house, and the Drug Detector Dog School. Shawn reported that the Drug Court began the 24-7 program last year, which was a sobriety program for those with alcohol related charges. Deputy Teeple had taken over that program and was managing the tracking of all the participants. The Drug Court Program continued to grow, and it was becoming clear that Deputy Teeple needed some help. Lieutenant Peterson continued to report on the Drug Court Program. Sheriff Carpenter explained the different programs that the Canine Coordinator does with the K9's, and the dogs were used regionally. Commissioner Bleak noted that the Rank of the Deputies lends credibility and a layer of protection and liability.

Michael Bleak made a motion to increase the Patrol Corporal Leadership structure, as presented. Second by Kenneth Robinson, Voting: Michael Bleak, Aye; Paul Cozzens, Absent; Kenneth Robinson, Aye.

NON-DELEGATED ITEMS

County Boards:

Michael Bleak made a motion to appoint the following members to the Iron County Economic Opportunity Advisory Board, Cedar City & Iron County Economic Development Board, Escalante Valley Housing Authority of Iron County Board, and the Library Board.

Members of the Iron County Economic Opportunity Advisory Board were Luke Little, Mollie Halterman, Amie Graf, Geoffrey Chestnut, James Mullenau, Joni Anderson (Chair), Bret Houser (Vice-Chair), Waldo Galan, and Jacob Miner.

Members of the Cedar City & Iron County Economic Development Board were Steve Nelson, Waldo Galan, Ben Johnson, Mike Bleak, Spencer Jones, and Joni Anderson.


Members of the Escalante Valley Housing Authority of Iron County Board were Marvin C. Bracken (Chair), Melvin S. Schill, Bradley T. Holt, Jesse S. Stroud, and Robert L. Ellsworth (Vice-Chair).


Appoint Jon Whittaker as a member of the Library Board representing the Iron County Commission.

Second by Kenneth Robinson. Voting: Michael Bleak, Aye; Paul Cozzens, Absent; Kenneth Robinson, Aye.

ADJOURNMENT

Kenneth Robinson, Iron County Commission Chair, declared adjournment.


Signed: Kenneth Robinson, Chair


Attest: Jonathan T. Whittaker, County Clerk

