

BOARD OF DAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

Board of Davis County Commissioners - Work Session Minutes Tuesday, March 3, 2026

The Board of Davis County Commissioners met for a scheduled meeting at 8:25 AM on March 3, 2026, in room 306 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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ROLL CALL

Chair John Crofts	
Vice Chair Bob Stevenson	Community and Economic Development Director Kent Andersen [left at 9:11 AM]
Commissioner Lorene Kamalu	Western Sports Park Director David Hansen [left at 9:11 AM]
County Clerk Brian McKenzie	Controller's Office Cheri Mayer [arrived at 9:15 AM]
County Controller Scott Parke	Deputy Clerk Solana Guest
Chief Deputy Civil Attorney Neal Geddes	Davis County Resident John Adams
County Treasurer Scott Brady	

AGENDA ITEM

- 18:26 - 8:44 AM
- #2026-243. A Work Session to Discuss a County-Wide Anti-Semitic Resolution Proposal - recommended by John Crofts, Davis County Commission Chair, Commissioners' Office

Commissioner Crofts opened the meeting by recounting a Wasatch Front Regional Council discussion regarding the Jewish holiday of Purim, which celebrates Queen Esther's triumph over a plot to destroy the Jewish people in ancient Persia. Noting that Utah's Jewish community dates back to pioneer settlement and includes former Governor Bamberger—who helped establish Lagoon—Commissioner Crofts introduced a draft resolution authored by Neal Geddes to condemn anti-Semitism in the County. He mentioned troubling personal observations of anti-Semitic remarks during his tenure with the State and rhetoric witnessed on a limited basis at the County, emphasizing the necessity of setting a clear standard of zero tolerance.

[4:30] Commissioner Crofts outlined the resolution's goal to set clear standards, support public safety, and reassure Jewish residents [see Attachment A]. He noted the resolution aligns with State legislation like House Bill 549 from 2025, a prior Concurrent Resolution HCR15 condemning anti-Semitism, and Governor Cox's January 2022 executive proclamation endorsing the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's (IHRA) definition of anti-Semitism. He mentioned that local mayors, led by Mayor Shepherd of Clearfield City, are actively discussing the issue and distinguishing the Jewish faith from the State of Israel. Referencing a past incident in Ogden where an armed man planned to bomb synagogues, Commissioner Crofts warned that such hate could spread and expressed hope for a unanimous Commission vote, remaining open to expanding the resolution to protect all religions and belief systems.

[10:10] Commissioner Stevenson asked if the resolution might invite unintended issues and suggested partnering with the Council of Governments (COG) and local mayors for unified County-wide adoption. Neal Geddes, Chief Deputy Attorney, expressed his opinion that it would not cause problems and agreed that it made sense to condemn all discriminatory behavior. Commissioner Kamalu suggested timing the resolution with the International Holocaust Remembrance Month in May, and said she would be comfortable keeping it anti-Semitic focused or broadening the scope. She noted that while she had not witnessed anti-Semitism locally, she believes it is still happening, and noted that Chief Deputy Geddes's draft already included inclusive language protecting people "based on religion, race, national origin, age, ability, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, or socioeconomic status." Chief Deputy Geddes pointed out that it also includes the IHRA definition of anti-Semitism. Kent Anderson, Community and Economic Development (CED) Director, offered to

ask Alex to add the resolution to the March 11 COG agenda for discussion, for which all three Commissioners agreed to.

2 8:44 - 9:10 AM

#2026-238. A Work Session to Discuss Western Sports Park Staffing - recommended by Kent Andersen, Director, Community & Economic Development - Western Sports Park

[18:28] Director Andersen and David Hansen, Director at Western Sports Park (WSP), presented the second agenda item, requesting expedited staffing for the WSP. Director Anderson explained that the facility's success has vastly outpaced professional consultants' five-year projections, achieving its goals in just two to three years. This growth is heavily driven by weekday rentals from the Bantam League, a competitive basketball program created by the Utah Jazz for 13 to 18-year-olds. Director Hansen explained that weeknight schedules are full, both arenas have a lot of bookings, and they are now receiving contracts for the grass building. Consequently, their workload is doubled, and they are requesting an immediate budget adjustment to hire an additional event coordinator and a backup lead food services manager to relieve their overwhelmed staff. Commissioner Crofts noted his Utah County cousin's envy of the facility and highlighted the resulting economic overflow at nearby County businesses at Station Park. Director Anderson explained that WSP has been such a huge success because it is a unique venue in Utah, being the only place that offers that amount of mats and courts.

[24:00] John Adams, a current Commission seat candidate, asked if the facility was generating a net positive or net neutral financial return. Director Anderson clarified that the facility uses Tourism tax dollars—not the County's General Fund—to generate a broader economic impact by driving business to local hotels and restaurants. He mentioned that each large event is locally sponsored. He also emphasized that the facility heavily benefits local families, preventing the need to travel to out-of-state tournaments, and providing a venue for local sports organizations. Commissioner Kamalu noted that the County's digital newsletter recently highlighted the facility's successful numbers, and Director Andersen suggested citizens could also follow WSP's social media accounts for information. Director Andersen emphasized how staffing is critical in running these successful events.

[29:23] Commissioner Crofts praised Director Hansen for stepping in to help restock soda machines during busy events, noting that this is not a "top-heavy recommendation." Director Andersen confirmed the notion, saying the two positions being requested are a backup to the food service manager and another event coordinator. Director Hansen noted the possible need for more storage for the convenience store, which was a "gamble" in adding to the WSP, mentioning varied concession sales ranging from \$13,000.00 during wrestling tournaments to \$4,000.00 for tumbling events. Director Andersen said the convenience store needs to strike a balance between satisfying the visitors and not taking business away from local restaurants and shops. Commissioner Stevenson supported the park's economic vision, comparing it to Layton City's successful sales tax strategy that he and Director Andersen were involved in a number of years ago, which increased sales tax revenue by promoting local attractions such as the amphitheater and the aquarium. Observing that the Davis Conference Center has reached its maximum operational capacity, Commissioner Stevenson emphasized the necessity of strategically planning the future development of its surrounding area. He advocated for applying this same forward-looking vision to the Western Sports Park, ensuring the County proactively cultivates its entertainment and tourism offerings to meet the evolving needs of the community.

[35:00] Director Anderson emphasized the importance of diversifying the County's 85% residential economy since it lacks ski resorts or national parks. Commissioner Crofts defended the park's community value from criticism from citizens, noting it was hosting a local funeral that day and had previously hosted a Christmas music special. He also pointed out that the facility is used year-round, unlike the Davis County Fair, which runs for a short time period. Commissioner Kamalu recalled the Commission's original intent to utilize the land for economic diversification alongside Lagoon and Station Park, and she stressed the importance of maintaining facility cleanliness. Director Hansen highlighted that Farmington was perfectly situated for a sports center, since there are things close by, such as an airport, shopping center, and water park. He also mentioned the success of the new flooring, somewhere between a sports court and hardwood, which has reduced injuries and thus drawn major volleyball and basketball tournaments.

[42:55] Controller Parke detailed that the budget change would consist of \$170,000.00 in ongoing Tourism funds and \$1,650.00 in one-time funds, noting that the facility's operating revenues are up \$60,000.00 this year and already at 26% of the revenue budget, compared to a \$1.6 million revenue loss last year. The Commissioners unanimously supported advancing the request.

[44:35] Controller Parke presented eight citizen applications for tax relief, evaluated by the newly formed Tax Advisory Committee comprising the Assessor, Treasurer, and Controller Parke. Controller Parke explained that the committee strictly evaluates whether the County followed legal notification procedures correctly, regardless of sympathetic personal circumstances. Consequently, the committee recommended denying the first five applications, as the County had issued timely notices, but taxpayers failed to update their addresses after moving, relied improperly on title companies, or cited personal distractions or medical issues. Commissioner Crofts asked if the application citing medical issues would constitute a disability, but Controller Parke clarified the individual had ample time to settle the payment, and the citizen did not claim it was due to a disability. Conversely, the committee recommended approving application six because an internal Information Systems (IS) system bug—which fails to calculate penalties accurately across the February 1 rollover date—provided a title company with an incorrect payoff amount. Matt Brady, County Treasurer, reported that he is working with IS to resolve this issue. Controller Parke noted that applications seven and eight required no Commission action, as the Treasurer utilized previously granted discretion to resolve a bank error and a lost check. In both situations, the payments were made on time, but outside circumstances prevented the County from receiving the money on time. All three Commissioners agreed to approve and deny the applications as recommended by the committee.

[53:54] Commissioner Kamalu lauded the committee for its objective and consistent adherence to County code, while Brian McKenzie, County Clerk, praised the transparent, collaborative review process. He also outlined that these applications, when received, will be presented to the Commission as an Informational Item, as seen at the meeting scheduled later that day, then reviewed by the committee before being presented again to the Commission for approval. Controller Parke explained that the applications reviewed today will be presented next week at the Commission Meeting under Consent Items.

[56:30] To conclude the meeting, Controller Parke also requested procedural permission to present future routine tax registers as consent items during Board of Equalization meetings using a brief prepared script. There was some discussion on how it would be handled since the Commission needs to formally transition into another role to handle the register, and Clerk McKenzie informed them that they could handle it how they best see fit. The Commission agreed to this efficiency measure.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting adjourned at 09:27 AM.

ATTACHMENTS

All publicly distributed materials associated with this meeting are noted as the following attachments:

- 1. A1-2 2026 Antisemitism Resolution

Minutes Prepared by:
Solana Guest
Deputy Clerk

Minutes Approved on:
03/24/2026


Brian McKenzie (Mar 25, 2026 08:46:11 MDT)
Brian McKenzie
Davis County Clerk


John Crofts (Mar 25, 2026 02:52:25 MDT)
John V. Crofts
Commission Chair



RESOLUTION 2026-_____

**A RESOLUTION OF DAVIS COUNTY, UTAH, CONDEMNING ANTISEMITISM AND
ADOPTING THE INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE ALLIANCE’S
NON-BINDING WORKING DEFINITION OF ANTISEMITISM**

WHEREAS, antisemitism is the centuries-old bigotry and form of racism faced by Jewish people simply because they are Jews;

WHEREAS, according to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) data, Jewish Americans are consistently the most likely of all religious groups to be victimized by incidents of hate in the U.S., and such incidents are increasing at an alarming rate;

WHEREAS, recent FBI data shows that attacks against Jews or Jewish institutions made up nearly 60 percent of all religious-based hate crimes;

WHEREAS, local governmental entities and local institutions have a responsibility to protect citizens from acts of hate and bigotry, including antisemitism;

WHEREAS, it is important that the political subdivisions of the state of Utah take leadership and stand in solidarity with its Jewish communities to send a clear message that discriminatory and hate-motivated behavior or violence will not be tolerated;

WHEREAS, Davis County is fully committed to the safety, security, and equal treatment of its residents;

WHEREAS, all persons are encouraged to report any antisemitic incidents to the proper authorities for investigation;

WHEREAS, in May 2016, the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (“IHRA”), by consensus vote of its member states, adopted the Working Definition of Antisemitism (IHRA Working Definition), including 11 contemporary examples,¹ which has become the internationally recognized, authoritative definition for use by governments and international organizations; and

WHEREAS, the IHRA Working Definition states: “Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities.”

WHEREAS, the IHRA Working Definition of Antisemitism has proven to be an essential tool used to determine contemporary manifestations of antisemitism; and

WHEREAS, the IHRA Working Definition of Antisemitism has been adopted by many international and national organizations, including the United States State Department and the United States Department of Education; and

¹ See [International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance](#) for the 11 examples.

WHEREAS, in the United States, the IHRA Working Definition of Antisemitism is utilized by various government and law enforcement agencies in monitoring, training, and education; and

WHEREAS, all people of all faiths have a stake in fighting antisemitism, just as they have a stake in fighting every form of bigotry, and hatred against people based on religion, race, national origin, age, ability, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or socio-economic status;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Davis County, Utah, values religious diversity and interfaith tolerance, and hereby condemns antisemitic acts and statements as hateful expressions of intolerance that are contradictory to the values that define the residents of Davis County; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Davis County, Utah, recognizes the growing problem of antisemitism in the U.S. and hereby adopts the non-binding IHRA Working Definition of Antisemitism, including the 11 contemporary examples stated therein, as an important tool to address it; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Davis County, Utah, requests local law enforcement agencies to ensure that the IHRA Working Definition of Antisemitism is utilized for addressing antisemitism and other forms of discrimination; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Davis County, Utah, condemns antisemitism in all its forms, without exception, and encourages our elected officials, educators, community organizations, houses of worship and all citizens to work to understand and oppose antisemitism to ensure that the Board of County Commissioners of Davis County, Utah, will live up to the principles of diversity, tolerance, religious freedom, and equal protection.

1. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

This Resolution was duly PASSED, ADOPTED, and/or APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2026, with Commissioners John Crofts _____, Lorene Miner Kamalu _____, and Bob J Stevenson _____, all voting as documented herein.

DAVIS COUNTY

John Crofts, Chair
Board of County Commissioners of Davis
County, Utah

ATTEST:

Brian McKenzie
Davis County Clerk