

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 2, 2026

The regular meeting of the Juab County Commission was held March 2, 2026, 10:00 a.m. in the Juab County Commission Chambers, 160 North Main, Nephi, Utah.

Marty Palmer ----- Commissioner

Clinton Painter ----- Commissioner

Marvin Kenison ----- Commissioner

Perry Davis ----- Attorney

Tanielle Callaway-----Clerk/Auditor

Others present: Myrna Trauntvein, Kristin Miller, Brent Boswell, Travis Kenison, Douglas Anderson, Amber Painter, Joran Carter, Jared Johnson, Mike Sperry, Melanie Cowan, Lynn Ingram, Jennell McGee, Jonathan Jensen, Eric Kellems, Sharon Bullard, Maradee Peterson

Chairman Painter welcomed all in attendance. Commissioner Palmer offered a word of prayer. Melanie Cowan led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Kenison made a motion to accept the minutes from February 17, 2026. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Maradee Peterson introduced herself as the new staff replacing Doug Kirkham with R6, and stated she and Sharon Bullard were present today to discuss the Foster Grandparent Program. It is volunteers aged 55+ who mentor youth in schools or after-school programs. They can receive a non-taxable \$4/hour stipend (if income-qualified) plus mileage. The program handles fingerprinting and paperwork and is actively recruiting volunteers for Juab County. Ms. Peterson shared success stories from other counties. She stated they would provide a flyer for local outreach and recruitment.

Lucinda Kay was next and introduced herself as the Juab County president for the Daughters of Utah Pioneers. She thanked the commission for their work on helping her get the historical commission set up and approved with the National Park Service. She stated the historical commission board members are herself, Lucinda Kay, Ruth Bonzo, Susan Cowan, Celeste Robinson and Marty Palmer. She stated Joanne Dansie is the museum director, and Terry Menlove and Shauna Harmon sit on the museum board, along with Gaydean Williams, who serves as the record keeper. Ms. Kay noted the group meets every six months to stay certified.

Ms. Kay next described plans to digitize and inventory artifacts while new floor coverings are installed, explained phased work (one area per month) with some artifacts moving to the Brough building for a new local history exhibit. Ms. Kay requested help identifying wages for two paid docents and asked the Commission to consider a wage increase. She also requested county assistance to remove old carpet and handle heavy items from either county employees or volunteers.

Ms. Kay next outlined upcoming exhibits and events, including a baseball-history display and reenactment (June 20th) honoring the first baseball game west of the Missouri, a Juab Historical Jubilee (July 18th) with wagon trains, band and youth involvement, and collaboration with local groups, such as the Ute Stampede committee, schools and Sterling Scholars for programming and displays.

Ms. Kay raised logistics and budget items: suggested county employees remove the carpet to save costs, asked about liability insurance and arena coverage for the historical jubilee, mentioned seeking donations and the slow progress on the jail project fundraising (including a bench honoring sheriffs). Kristin Miller, County Administrator, offered to review minutes about docent pay and meet with Ms. Kay to see if that needed to be updated. Ms. Miller and Chairman Painter agreed to coordinate on boundary/plot questions, fencing and landscape issues. Ms. Kay and the commission agreed to continue private discussion about valuable artifacts and insurance.

Colby Park presented a zone change from agricultural to industrial for three parcels (about 120 acres) owned by Alex and Jared Johnson near Azomite. The zone change has been recommended to be approved by Planning and Zoning. Mr. Park stated there was limited public comment (one nearby property owner asked about impacts). The commissioners discussed parcel boundaries. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the zone change from agricultural to industrial for the 120 acres for Alex and Jared Johnson. Commissioner Kenison seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Mr. Park next presented the DCPC Data Center site plan north of Mona with Planning and Zoning recommending approval subject to conditions: engineered/improved 5000 North Road to county standards, a minimum 66' right-of-way, converting the railroad crossing from private to public, and adding acceleration/turn lanes on Old Highway 91. The commissioners discussed timelines and coordination with Union Pacific and Rocky Ridge for secondary access. Concerns focused on water use (the project tied to 27.61 acre-feet/year acquisition, recycling vs. export of concentrated coolant, and ongoing state water-rights conversion/hearing processes) and environmental permits (air pollution permit submitted but not yet issued). Commissioner Palmer voiced that he was very concerned about the water usage, pollution and replenishing the aquifer. Stormwater detention design, construction traffic impacts, and a road-repair/maintenance agreement during construction were requested. Projected impacts included approximately 2,000 construction jobs and roughly 300 permanent operations positions with relatively high pay. Commissioner Kenison made a motion to approve the site plan with the noted conditions being completed and an added requirement for ongoing communication with Planning and Zoning. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Lynn Ingram reported on the status of the Mona Main Street project. He stated there is a funding shortfall on the More on Main Street project—\$303,000 gap plus a \$53,768 local match—presented an updated federal aid agreement and a \$185,412 construction management services contract (awaiting two more signatures); the commission approved

covering the local match/shortfall from budget and authorized the chair to sign the construction management contract electronically when finalized. She also requested and received approval to purchase a Freightliner truck under state contract for \$139,590 for the Road Department. Commissioner Kenison made a motion to ratify the purchase of the razor wire in the amount of \$3,502. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Mr. Ingram next presented bids for the truck equipment package (sander/dump body/hydraulics/plow) under the state contract. He stated that Holland Equipment provided the best complete bid, in the amount of \$131,855. He confirmed the purchase is in the equipment budget. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the purchase from Holland Equipment. Commissioner Kenison seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Mr. Ingram also requested replacement of three pup trailers with Tesco Williams quotes at \$75,525 each (total \$226,575), to replace aging units and sell the old ones. The funds from the sales would be returned to equipment budget. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the purchase from Tesco Williams. Commissioner Kenison seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor. Mr. Ingram also presented a quote for eight heavy-tread driver tires for a Kenworth (\$4,072 from Circle C/Park N Pump) as better than state bid, and the commission approved that purchase. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the purchase of the tires. Commissioner Kenison seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Sheriff Doug Anderson presented four personnel action forms; three of the forms were for new hires in the jail and one for a new hire in patrol. There was also a personnel action form for Justin Woffinden moving him from jail to patrol. Commissioner Kenison made a motion to approve the personnel action forms for the Sheriff's Office. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Lt. Travs Kenison next requested the Commission ratify the BLM contract. They needed it signed earlier and just need to ratify it today. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to ratify the BLM contract. Commissioner Kenison seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Lt. Kenison and Jennell McGee, a nurse at the jail, described their duties (clinic visits, chronic care, detox monitoring, lab draws now done in-house, and billing for OTC meds/clinic visits), explained benefits of onsite nurses (better care, fewer costly hospital transports, liaison with provider), and requested increasing nursing hours by 15/week to improve coverage. Commissioner Kenison made a motion to increase the nursing hours 15 hours per week. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Lt. Kenison presented the bid from CES Electrical for the added cameras at the jail. This has been completed and they needed to get the purchase ratified. Commissioner Palmer made a

motion to ratify the new cameras. Commissioner Kenison seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Sheriff Anderson asked the Commission to consider increasing the wage for their reserve offices. He stated they have four to five individuals currently working as reserve deputies and they depend on those individuals. With the recent increase in wages for the Sheriff's Office, they neglected to look at the reserve wage and are requesting it is increased to match the starting wage of a new deputy. He stated there would be no fiscal impact and they would stay in the amount currently budgeted. Commissioner Kenison made a motion to increase the reserve wage to \$28.49. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Other Business:

Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the Juab County bills as presented. Commissioner Kenison seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

There were several personnel action forms for approval. The first is for Trevor Timm with the road department. He has completed his six-month probation. That includes retro pay as it was effective in January. The next two, Justin Sutherland and Seth Wall, will complete their probation March 22nd. They are also with the road department. There were two personnel action forms for EMS. One employee was moving from PRN to full time and the next is for Zackary Lyman completing his critical care certification. The last two are for longevity increases: Chadd Ballow in the jail has reached ten years and Brooke Lounsbury with building and grounds has reached five years. That will be a 5% increase for them both. Commissioner Kenison made a motion to approve the personnel action forms. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Attorney Davis presented an agreement with UAC to provide representation on civil cases, like the one County Clerk Tanielle Callaway was just served with. The cost is \$10,000 a year. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the contract with UAC for legal services. Commissioner Kenison seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Tanielle Callaway stated she and Colby Park had a meeting with Civic Review, which is a service that would provide applications online and provide a platform for building permit inspections. There is no limitation on the number of applications you can create. The company had offered a \$4,000 discount after Colby negotiated with them. Attorney Davis reviewed the contract before the meeting and there were several areas that he had concerns with. He stated he would reach out to the contact and see if he could discuss those concerns and get the agreement changed. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to table the matter pending the changes in the agreement. Commissioner Kenison seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Kenison made a motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned.

ATTEST: Tanielle Callaway
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Juab County Clerk/Auditor

APPROVED: Clinton Painter
Clinton Painter
Commission Chair