

**COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**FEBRUARY 17, 2026**

The regular meeting of the Juab County Commission was held February 17, 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, Samuel Reniker, Brent Boswell, Judd Johnson, Holly own, Joran Carter, Jennell McGee, Brett Hawks, Chris Painter, Travis Kenison

Chairman Painter welcomed all in attendance. Chairman Painter offered a word of prayer. Myrna Trauntvein led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Palmer made a motion to accept the minutes from February 2, 2026. Commissioner Kenison seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Chairman Painter recognized winners of the Juab Economic Development Board’s entrepreneurial academy pitch competition—announcing prize recipients, which included Lone Pine Rentals, Bake It In Color, Bigman Outdoors, LLC, North Peak Wellness, TimberTech Heartwood, Snow College GRIT Center, Aspenglow Farm, and Great Basin Metal Recycling. They won a cash prize and then were able to select from some mentorship opportunities. Commissioners and staff praised the program’s value, took photos with winners. Brent Boswell introduced Russ Tanner from Snow College to speak about the competition.

Russ Tanner from Snow College’s GRIT Center thanked Juab County and Brent Boswell for supporting local entrepreneurs, explained the Grit Center’s role (primarily student-focused but partnering regionally), described the multi-county partnership and funding sources (including a national grant and Snow College/SBDC/local contributions). Mr. Tanner noted Juab County awarded about \$15,000 plus valuable mentorship services, and emphasized the importance and high value of the mentorship and consulting prizes for new businesses.

Attorney Perry Davis reviewed revisions to the TV tower lease with the Ellen Garrett Family Trust, setting rent at \$700/month with a 2% annual increase, clarifying the county has no interest in the central tower, removing indemnification language, and providing a five-year term with automatic renewal (80-day termination). The commissioners discussed that the tower also serves public safety paging. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the amended lease and authorized the chair to sign. Commissioner Kenison seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Palmer discussed a state elevator inspection requirement that added an automatic monitoring/call-out feature costing \$90 per quarter per elevator (two elevators = \$720/year). Commissioner Kenison made a motion to approve the monitoring system agreement. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Lt. Travis Kenison stated they needed to ratify the approval of the Sheriff's Office purchasing additional razor wire in order to add more state inmates. He stated it has been installed. He requested the invoices on the cameras so he could get that amount also ratified, but he did not receive the invoices in time. 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.

Lt. Kenison discussed the possibility of housing additional inmates—specifically adding 6–8 more female inmates (the facility's lowest population)—noting that taking on six more could yield about \$190,000 in additional revenue depending on arrangements.

Lt. Kenison discussed the retirement and disposition of K-9 Thor to his handler and confirmed the purchase payment. He acknowledged the contract prevents returning the dog to service, and voted to officially retire Thor. Commissioner Kenison made a motion to retire K-9 Thor. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Lt. Kenison next passed out a spreadsheet outlining the vehicles at the Sheriff's Office and reviewed vehicle needs—identifying three green-highlighted vehicles (two 2019 & 2017 Tahoes and an old canine Ford F-150) to surplus and discussion of additional high-mileage sergeant vehicles, highlighted in pink, and two blue highlighted vehicles for possible sale/replacement. They discussed using proceeds toward a new K-9 vehicle, keeping certain units as backups, concerns about low private offers, exploring public/state surplus with reserve pricing and fees, stripping equipment, completing disposition forms. Commissioner Kenison made a motion to declare the following vehicles as surplus: 2019 Chevy Tahoe, 2017 Chevy Tahoe and a 2012 or the K-9 2013 Ford F150. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

#### **Other Business:**

Tanielle Callaway presented the 2025 fraud risk assessment required for the audit—explaining it covers policies like conflicts of interest and internal controls, noting the county scored in the low-risk range, and asking the commission to accept the assessment so Kristin and Tanielle can sign and file it for the upcoming March audit. Commissioner Kenison made a motion to approve the Fraud Risk Assessment. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

There were three personnel action forms for approval. There is a new hire in the Road Department replacing Kevin Snow. The individual is Chad Jarrett. He was interviewed and selected for the position. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the personnel

action form for Chad Jarrett. Commissioner Kenison seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

The next two personnel action forms were for EMS. The first is a new PRN, Amanda Robinson, and then Heather Zufelt is moving from full time to PRN. Commissioner Kenison made a motion to approve the personnel action forms for EMS. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Attorney Davis explained the required corrections to the county's historic preservation ordinance to meet National Park Service/state requirements (adding sections 18-1103 and 18-1104), noted the county is now an official participant enabling grant/identification work, referenced Lucinda's public-notice/photo materials to post. Commissioner Kenison made a motion to approve and adopt Ordinance 2026-01. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. Chairman Painter called for a roll call vote.

Commissioner Palmer voted, "Yes."  
Chairman Painter voted, "Yes."  
Commissioner Kenison voted, "Yes."

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.

Commissioner Kenison made a motion to adjourn the open meeting and move to the Closed Session for contract negotiation. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. Chairman Painter called for a roll call vote.

Commissioner Palmer voted, "Yes."  
Chairman Painter voted, "Yes."  
Commissioner Kenison voted, "Yes."

Commissioner Kenison made a motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:   
Tanielle Callaway  
Juab County Clerk/Auditor

APPROVED:   
Clinton Painter  
Commission Chair