



Wasatch County Council Meeting Minutes

AMENDED DRAFT Minutes for February 11, 2026

The Wasatch County Council met in work session live and on-line Wednesday, February 11, 2026, in the Wasatch County Chambers located in the Wasatch County Administrative Building at 25 North Main, Heber City, Utah 84032.

A video recording of the meeting may be viewed by using the Wasatch County Public Portal (<https://wasatchcount.portal.civicclerk.com/>) and selecting the desired meeting.

Call to Order

1. Prayer/Remarks - Luke Searle
2. Pledge of Allegiance - Spencer Park

Public Comment

Public comments will be accepted in-person or via Zoom Webinar. Please limit comments to three minutes. If action is necessary, the item will be listed on a future agenda. The Council may elect to discuss the item if it is an immediate matter of concern. Email public comments to publiccomment@wasatchcounty.gov.

Summary: Greg Tidwell: Requested the council to continue their efforts in preserving the North Fields and represent the best interest for the property owners in relation to the bypass.

Mark Wilson (President of North Fields Irrigation Co): Expressed concern with alternative B in the UDOT Draft EIS for access and frontage roads.

Kristi Judd on behalf of Dan Simmons: Referenced an email submitted to the council in relation to frontage road impacts.

Annette McCray: Introduced as candidate for Senate District 20. Expressed interest in how the state can be active partners with the county for long-range modes of transportation.

Call for Agenda Items

Summary: Councilmember McMillan asked if there were any agenda items : No items were requested.

Council Items

1. Heber Valley EIS Update – Craig Hancock

Summary: Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) has provided updates to the Wasatch County Council on a monthly basis as updates to the Heber Valley Corridor project has progressed. On January 7th, 2026 the Draft Environmental Impact Statement was released to the public. On January 27th, 2026, UDOT held a virtual public comment opportunity via Zoom. On January 28th, 2026, UDOT held an in-person open house and public comment opportunity at Wasatch High School.

2. Discussion and direction on Heber Valley EIS Comment Submission – Dustin Grabau

Summary:UDOT published the Heber Valley Environment Impact Study in January of 2026. Wasatch County Manager Dustin Grabau explained that the county has the option to provide a formal comment during the public comment period that extends to March 9, 2026. Currently, staff have prepared comments on the following items:

1. Seek clarification of the ownership and maintenance of the frontage road that connects on the West Side of Highway 40 north of the newly proposed Potter Lane Intersection.
2. Request to reconsider Southfield Road alignment at the south and north ends.
3. Request to revise the trail access across Midway Lane and the Heber Valley Corridor.
4. Consider trail gaps on the East Side of Highway 40.
5. Express concern over single-lane on- and off-ramps for the corridor.
6. Prioritize wetland mitigation in the North Fields.

Council discussed the concerns prepared by staff and the option of adding additional concerns on behalf of the council. Dustin explained that the council could submit a second letter to UDOT expressing Council's view on the preferred route chosen by UDOT. Council concluded that a separate letter would be drafted and supported the letter drafted by staff.

3. Discussion and direction of Affordable Housing Initiatives – Colleen Bonner

Summary: Wasatch County has been working with staff from Wasatch High School to create some affordable housing units on school-owned property north of Timpanogos Middle School.

Councilmember Bonner requested an agenda item be added to consider additional or similar affordable housing entitlements be granted on adjacent properties.

Council discussed two options: (1) let property owners in the identified areas know that the county is supportive of Legislative Development Agreements that would facilitate affordable housing subject to certain requirements; and (2) create an affordable housing overlay zone that would accomplish a

similar goal.

4. Discussion and direction on Council coordination with County Departments – Spencer Park

Summary: Councilmember Park discussed ways for the council to increase efficiency in county departments. Options include convening one or more subcommittees to meet with departments and discuss current or potential future projects. Wasatch County Manager Dustin Grabau expressed the idea of doing a SWAT analysis of each department. Council supported the analysis.

5. Update and discussion of Deputy Sheriff Merit Commission efforts – Greg McPhie

Summary: In the fall of 2025 the County Council passed code changes to the Deputy Sheriff Merit Commission (DSMC) that included a provision of regular updates to the council. This item is intended to fulfill that provision and to share the current status of DSMC processes and projects. Provide an update and seek input from the County Council on the status of DSMC projects. Greg McPhie and Joe Dunbeck presented a brief update of what has been happening with the Sheriff Merit Commission. Greg explained how the commission has changed the way they notice their meetings. The meetings are posted through the Wasatch County HR Department. Greg also explained how Joe Dunbeck has started a working group to review policies and procedures including the duties of the merit committee. Greg reminded council that the County Attorney and County HR Department is part of the working group along with members from the Wasatch County Sheriff's Office.

Council/Board Reports

Summary: Councilmember McMillan asked if there were any council/board to be presented.

Councilmember Crittenden: Inquired about the Ogden Pioneer Rodeo the day of a cowboy nomination. Council expressed support for Ed Sabey.

Rick Johnson, with mounted riders, would like to be on an agenda requesting sponsorship.

Historical project to archive 137 years of Wasatch Waves.

Request a disposal bin for a non-profit organization.

Heber Light and Power in 2025 wrote off \$20,762.28 of power costs on streetlights, a 4.16% revenue.

There's a water user conference. If you want to go, let Tiarra know.

Councilmember Searle: County Administration Building open house is Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at the Library.

Manager's Report

Summary: Wasatch County Manager Dustin Grabau reported that a committee hearing on HB266 has been tabled, there's a possibility it may not be coming back.

Closed Session - as needed

Closed sessions may be held in accordance with Utah State Code 52-4-205 to discuss the following: Purchase, Exchange or Lease of Property; Pending or Reasonably Imminent Litigation; The Character, Professional Competence, or Physical or Mental Health of an Individual.

Summary: Councilmember McMillan indicated that there was not a need for a closed session.

Adjournment

Summary: Councilmember McMillan asked to adjourn the meeting.

Action Taken: Councilmember Crittenden made a motion to adjourn.

Councilmember Rowland seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following vote:

Voting Aye: Colleen Bonner, Erik Rowland, Karl McMillan, Kendall Crittenden, Luke Searle, Mark Nelson, Spencer Park

Voting Nay: None

Karl McMillan/Chairman

Joey D. Granger/Clerk/Auditor