

**PLANNING BOARD FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY
AMERICA'S 250TH CELEBRATION MINUTES
JANUARY 21, 2026**

The Meeting of the Planning Board for Washington County America250th Celebration was called to order by Commissioner Victor Iverson at 11:01 a.m. on January 21, 2026, in Conference room 421, 111 East Tabernacle, St. George, Utah. Those in attendance were Commissioner Victor Iverson, Dennis Leavitt, Darren Prince, Susi Lafaele, Lesa Sandberg via Zoom, Wendi Bulkey, Kevin Smith, Shawn Christensen, Ben Lindquist via Zoom, Brad Buhanan, Matthew Watson, Dave Cordero, Asher Anderson, Steve Manwaring, Deputy County Attorney Steven Scott, and Deputy County Clerk Jayanne Lewis.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

Welcome:

Commissioner Iverson welcomed all in attendance and began the meeting at 11:01 am.

Approval of Minutes from August 19, 2025.

MOTION: Motion by Shawn Christensen to Approve the Minutes of August 19, 2025. Motion seconded by Dennis Leavitt and Carried by Unanimous Vote.

Open and Public Meeting Training:

This item was tabled until the next meeting.

Sub Committee Updates:

Shawn Christensen shared decals containing a QR code to the website were created by the St. George City Chamber of Commerce.

Valerie King shared the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Patriot Markers are scheduled to be installed throughout Washington County in 2026. (See attached flyer) Mrs. King encouraged everyone to attend. Mrs. King also stated that if anyone was interested in placing a marker to reach out to discuss options.

Susi Lafaele shared several details regarding the upcoming 2026 Washington County Fair. Susi highlighted the Colonial Village will return to the fair. The board discussed several ideas on how to encourage a larger attendance. The possibility of having school field trips on Thursday and Friday was discussed.

Mayor Kevin Smith invited everyone to the Eric Dodge Concert in Ivins on May 8th and the Jenny Oaks Baker Concert on April 10th. Mayor Smith encouraged the board members to share the invites with the community.

Santa Clara has planned an event every month leading up to July 4th. Everyone was encouraged to visit the city website and attend the events.

Dennis Smith updated the board on the progress of the Pioneer Courthouse restoration and invited everyone to the ribbon-cutting being held on January 24, 2026.

Meeting Schedule 2026:

February 18 , 2026-11:00 am

March 17, 2026-10:00 am

April 15, 2026-11:00 am

May 20, 2026-11:00 am

June 17, 2026-11:00 am

Adjourn:

Commissioner Iverson adjourned the meeting at 12:06 pm

Minutes prepared by Deputy Clerk Jayanne Lewis