

MINUTES of the public meeting of the Uintah County Commission held **April 14, 2026** in the Commission Chambers of the Uintah County Building at 147 East Main, Vernal, Utah. The meeting commenced at 3:00 pm.

PARTICIPANTS: Commissioners John Laursen and Sonja Norton. Willis LeFevre was excused.

ATTENDANCE: Mike Wilkins, Heidi Lundberg, Wendi Long, Danette Brooks, Angela Hawkins, Karen England, Matt Cazier, Emma White, Deanna Baum, Joel Brown
Minutes by Sheri Allen.

WELCOME: Commissioner Laursen, Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

PRAYER by Heidi Lundberg.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE by Angela Hawkins.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 31, 2026 and April 1, 2026 work session and special meeting

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the minutes for March 31 and April 1, 2026. Motion passed unanimously.

2. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS – Mike Wilkins, Clerk-Auditor

Warrants dated April 2, 2026 in the amount of \$1,074,411.36. Payments of note are \$46,600.00 to Ken Garff, and \$120,504.61 to Uintah Basin Association of Governments for Uintah Basin Revitalization Fund-Lucky Acres.

Warrants dated April 9, 2026 in the amount of \$896,792.69. Payments of note are \$385,909.54 to Atmax Equipment Co. for the Road Department's ditch mower and \$121,800.00 to Metta Technologies, Inc. for the Landfill's wind fences.

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the warrants as presented by Mike Wilkins. Motion passed unanimously.

3. TAX MATTERS:

Danette Brooks, Assessor, requested a refund of the County assessed fee for Beers Harley Davidson, in the amount of \$25.00. The reason for the refund was that when the motorcycle was registered, it was registered as an ATV with plates, not as an off road dirt bike. They had to reregister the motorcycle the correct way.

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the refund for the County assessed fee as presented by Danette Brooks. Motion passed unanimously.

4. EMPG AWARD ACCEPTANCE - Heidi Lundberg, Emergency Management

Heidi Lundberg, Emergency Management, reported on the annual Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG). The FEMA grant, passed through the State, is a 50/50 match grant with an award amount of \$48,000. The period of performance is July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026, though funding for this cycle was received late due to federal government issues. The Grants Department is aware of the grant's annual nature.

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the EMPG Award as presented by Heidi Lundberg. Motion passed unanimously.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Matt Cazier, Community Development, introduced the new Planning and Zoning hire, Emma White. Emma, who is from Roosevelt, expressed her excitement about working in the department.

6. CLOSED SESSION to discuss pending or imminent litigation in accordance with Utah Code 52-4-205 (1)(c)

At 3:08 pm, Commissioner Norton moved to go into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing pending or imminent litigation in the Small Commission Conference Room and when discussion is complete, adjourn, and reconvene Commission meeting in order to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

The closed session began at 3:18 pm with Commissioner Laursen, Commissioner Norton, Loren Anderson, Mike Wilkins, Danette Brooks and Wendi Long in attendance.

Closed session adjourned at approximately 3:57 pm.

ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:58 pm.


JOHN LAURSEN, CHAIR


MICHAEL W. WILKINS, CLERK - AUDITOR

