

MINUTES of the special work session of the Uintah County Commission held **April 24, 2026** in the Large Commission Conference Room at 147 East Main, Vernal, Utah.
The meeting commenced at 9:00 am.

PARTICIPANTS: Commissioners John Laursen, Sonja Norton, and Willis LeFevre.

ATTENDANCE: Matt Cazier, Wendi Long, Scott Hardman, Danette Brooks, Angela Hawkins, and Loren Anderson.
Minutes by Sheri Allen.

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

1. DISCUSSION OF PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY - Scott Hardman, Road Department
Scott led the discussion regarding the potential purchase of real property located at 1170 East Main Street in Vernal. The purpose of the purchase is to create a new road shop, as the current facility is insufficient for all equipment and mechanic work. An offer has been made on the property, and it is currently under contract.

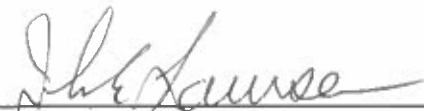
Commissioner Laursen explained that an attempt was made to purchase property closer to the current road department location, but it was too expensive. The property at 1170 East Main Street is approximately half a mile from the current location and is 8 acres. Discussions have been ongoing with the property owner. Danette Brooks, Assessor, confirmed the assessed value is in excess of the \$1.1 million purchase price

Scott found the property suitable for the intended purpose, noting its road access on Main Street and 135 South. The property includes existing buildings that can be utilized, although some improvements will be necessary. Scott considered the accepted price a good value. The purchase would almost double the current size of the road shop's property, which is currently just over 4 acres. The property has existing asphalt, which is a potential savings.

Commissioner LeFevre highlighted the significant cost savings due to existing utilities, water, and truck plugs, which would be very expensive to install on undeveloped land. The property is located within the city limits.

Commissioner Norton gave the specs of the property: 1170 East Main Street, 8 acres, a 3,000 square foot building with 2,000 square feet of office space, and 20 parking stalls. The listing price was \$1.3 million.

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:06 am.



JOHN LAURSEN, CHAIR



MICHAEL W. WILKINS, CLERK – AUDITOR

