



Wasatch County Council Meeting Minutes

Minutes for April 8, 2026

The Wasatch County Council met in work session live and on-line Wednesday, April 8, 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.

Agenda

Call to Order

1. Notice: Prayer/Remark and Pledge of Allegiance have been moved to the Solid Waste Special Service District meeting that will take place prior to the council work meeting.

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: No public comment in house or on Zoom.

Call for Agenda Items

Summary: Councilmember Bonner asked how the council should handle the vacant chair person. **Dustin Grabau** suggested that it be discussed on item 3 and that all board assignments will be discussed on a future agenda as well.

Councilmember Searle asked to schedule the internal council retreat.

Council Items

1. Board of Health Annual Report – Kendall Crittenden

Summary: The Wasatch County Board of Health sets public health policy, establishes regulations, and ensures the enforcement of standards designed to protect and promote

the health of individuals, families, and the community. It oversees the Wasatch County Health Department (WCHD) and aims to improve health equity. The annual report provides information about the success of the C.A.R.E.S program that served 66 families, the Medical Reserve Corps Volunteering in Community treating 88 individuals, a description of fall prevention and other health related services.

Councilmember Crittenden presented to council, for review, the annual report from the Board of Health.

2. Update on Red, White, and Blue Festival Celebration – Colleen Bonner

Summary: Colleen Bonner will provide the council with an update on the Red, White and Blue Festival Celebration plans.

Councilmember Bonner explained the kick-off will be July 3rd. There will be a free concert at the Heber City Park with a tribute band to Toby Keith, called the American Soldier, along with a drone show. On July 4th, Heber City will have several events throughout the day. Midway City will have the Utah Symphony in the town square playing for the fireworks at 10:00 PM. On July 5th, America 250, encourages neighborhoods and friends to get together and have a pot-luck. The Go Heber Valley Website will have details of all activities.

3. Discussion on council vacancy process. – Alex Stoedter

Summary: On April 1, 2026, Karl McMillan resigned from council during a public council meeting. The County received a written letter of resignation from Karl McMillan on April 2, 2026. On April 2, the county notified through written letter to the County Clerk and the Republican Party of the vacancy. Alex Stoedter with the County Attorney's office discussed with council the next steps in the process for filling the vacant seat for District F, previously occupied by Karl McMillan.

4. Discussion regarding a public-safety facility-needs assessment report commissioned in 2025 and finalized in 2026 by architectural firm EDA – Heber Lefgren, Assistant County Manager

Summary: The County Justice Center was originally built in 1995 at a time when the Sheriff's Office consisted of less than 15 employees. Today, due to the communities' fast population growth and the need to provide public safety services, the Sheriff's Office has grown to over 100 part-time and full-time employees.

In 2025, Wasatch County commissioned a study to look at regional population trends and to help forecast the county's public safety facility needs for the next twenty years. The study was conducted by the architectural firm EDA and provided to the county in final draft form in February 2026.

Heber Lefgren and Sheriff Rigby presented the attached report which shows that the Justice Center in its existing form is currently at capacity and, based upon anticipated population growth of the community, will not be adequate to meet the future needs of the community.

The report provides recommendations (and anticipated costs) of the changes that are recommended be made now and those that could be made to the facility in the near future.

The purpose of this item is to review and discuss the findings found within the attached public safety facility needs assessment that was initiated in 2025 and finished in 2026.

Through this item, staff also seeks Council's direction regarding how and when the recommendations within the assessment are implemented.

Council/Board Reports

Summary: Councilmember Searle mentioned the groundbreaking on Monday at Southfield Park. He asked if we received many responses from other entities or have we had many other people RSVP for the Symposium.

Councilmember Searle gave a follow up with Wasatch Trail Foundation and what they want to do for celebrating America 250.

Councilmember Crittenden thanked council for your participation in delivering meals on wheels. Meals on Wheels program in the MAG area during 2025 delivered 106,747 meals to 1,046 seniors and 420 volunteers participated for a total of 14,050 in kind hours donated.

Councilmember Crittenden asked about the corridor preservation fund and if there is still a need for that fund. Grabau explained what properties can and have been purchased with the funds.

Councilmember Bonner thanked Alex Stoedter for our open public meeting training with the Weed Board. The board is still just working on the updated weed plan and gave some more information to Joan to post to the County's website about weed control and the benefit of the program.

Councilmember Nelson reported that Tourism & Economic Development is having a destination development strategic plan session Thursday and Friday to update plans from 2020. Also reported on a meeting about segment B of the trail. He explained that segment A is from Soldier Hollow across SR113 down Tate Lane. Segment B is from where it crosses there to Edward Lane and Segment C is from Edward Lane across 650. Segments A&C engineering is all done. There are a few problematic issues with the Army Corps of Engineers but as soon as those issues are complete, segments A&C will go out to bid this year. Construction of segments A&C will be 26 & 27. Segment B is now just about complete and they expect the construction to be in 27 & 28. Segment B is more complicated due to the bridges over Snake Creek and Provo River. **Councilmember Crittenden** asked about the Deer Creek Trail and the County's role there. Grabau mentioned the Utah Trail Network is asking for the Council to provide a letter of support.

Manager's Report

Summary:

Manager Grabau The trail that UDOT has asked for a letter of support Utah Trail Network funding of Deer Creek, if comfortable with that. I'll prepare a letter for that. It is on our Trail master plan.

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: County Manager Grabau reported there was a need for closed session pertaining to litigation.

Motion: Councilmember Park made a motion to go into closed session for matters of litigation. **Councilmember Bonner** seconded the motion.

Voting aye: Councilmember Rowland, Councilmember Nelson, Councilmember Park, Councilmember Searle, Councilmember Crittenden, and Councilmember Bonner.
Attendees for litigation: Dustin Grabau, Alex Stoedter, Heber Lefgren, Tierra Cooper, and Wendy McKnight.

Going out of closed session:

Motion: Councilmember Park made a motion to go out of closed session.

Councilmember Bonner seconded the motion.

Voting aye: Councilmember Rowland, Councilmember Nelson, Councilmember Park, Councilmember Searle, Councilmember Crittenden, and Councilmember Bonner.

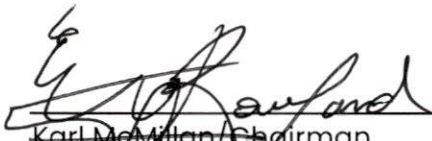
Adjournment

Summary: Adjournment

Motion: Councilmember Nelson made a motion to adjourn.

Councilmember Bonner seconded the motion.

Voting aye: Councilmember Rowland, Councilmember Nelson, Councilmember Park, Councilmember Searle, Councilmember Crittenden, and Councilmember Bonner.


Karl McMillan/Chairman
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Joey D. Granger/Clerk/Auditor

