

**MINUTES  
OF THE KANE COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING  
May 12, 2026 at 10:00 AM  
IN THE KANE COUNTY COMMISSION CHAMBERS,  
76 NORTH MAIN, KANAB, UTAH**

Commissioner Attendance: Chair Gwen Brown, Commissioner Patty Kubeja (Online), and Commissioner Celeste Meyeres

Other County Officials in Attendance: Attorney Jeff Stott, Clerk/Auditor Chameill Lamb, Shannon McBride, and Taylor Glover

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** Commissioner Brown

**WELCOME:** Commissioner Brown

**INVOCATION:** Chameill Lamb

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Commissioner Meyeres

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No public comment.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Check Edit Report: April 29, 2026-\$161,556.37 and May 6, 2026-\$343,504.51

Approval of: Commission Meeting Minutes for April 28, 2026

**Motion** to accept the Consent Agenda, which includes the Check Edit Report from April 29, 2026-\$161,556.37 and May 6, 2026-\$343,504.51 and the Commission Meeting Minutes for April 28, 2026 made by Commissioner Brown and motion carried with all commissioners present voting in favor.

**REGULAR SESSION:**

**1. VOCA Grant Update by Devin Shakespear / Commissioner Kubeja**

Devin Shakespear provided an update on the VOCA grant, noting that the first year of the two-year cycle is concluding next month, and all year one funds have been spent. The new year will begin on July 1st with \$21,000, which will cover a portion of her hourly wage and benefits, with a reapplication planned for next spring. Grant numbers show an increase in services provided compared to the previous year, with 261 clients served this year up until mid-May, compared to 209 clients last year. Domestic violence-related cases increased by about 10%, serving 91 clients this year compared to 54 last year, and there was a slight increase in child sexual abuse cases. The majority of services provided this year fall under criminal justice help, such as system information, referrals, and assistance with protective orders, totaling just under 1,300 services.

**2. Alexander Larsen, (County Fire Warden), Updates Regarding HB41 and its Impacts on HB48 / Full Commission**

Alexander Larsen, the County Fire Warden, provided an update on the adjustments made to HB48 through HB41, outlining the four main points and the impacts on the counties. He said that Utah will adopt the 2024 edition of the International Wildland Urban Interface Code, replacing the outdated 2006 edition, with an enforcement date not required until January 1st, 2027.

**3. Discuss/Action: Danon Hulet, (FFSL Southwest Area Manager), Presentation of Warden Agreement and CWS Cooperative Agreement for Signing by Commission / Commissioner Kubeja**

Danon Hulet presented the County Fire Warden Agreement and the CWS Cooperative Agreement for commission signing. The CWS agreement, which acts as a fire policy/insurance policy to where the state will cover wildfire costs and in return the county participates in mitigation, prevention, and education of up to around \$149,000. The County Fire Warden Agreement outlines the state and county contributions for the warden, assistant warden, and a seasonal firefighter. The budget is set based on the 2022 costs plus an annual Consumer Price Index (CPI) increase of about 3%.

**Motion** to adopt and sign all the presented documents as presented made by Commissioner Meyeres and motion carried with all commissioners present voting in favor.

Commissioner Brown-aye  
Commissioner Kubeja-aye  
Commissioner Meyeres-aye

**4. Kane County Ordinance No. O 2026-09 An Ordinance Revising Kane County Land Use Ordinance Title 9 Roof Heights and Amending References from Utah Code Title 17,**

**Chapter 27A to Title 17, Chapter 79, Within Chapter 1 of the Kane County Land Use Ordinance / Commissioner Brown**

Commissioner Brown stated that there were some people that were asking for some exceptions to the roof height ordinance. The revisions maintain the 35-foot height limit but allow exceptions for non-livable spaces.

Motion to approve Ordinance 2026-09 an Ordinance revising Kane County Land Use Ordinance Title 9 Roof Heights and amending references from Utah Code Title 17, Chapter 27A to Title 17, Chapter 79, within Chapter 1 of the Kane County Land Use Ordinance made by Commissioner Brown and motion carried with all commissioners present voting in favor.

Commissioner Brown-aye  
Commissioner Kubeja-aye  
Commissioner Meyeres-aye

**5. Discuss/Action: State of Utah Contract with the Division of Outdoor Recreation for the Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation (OHVR) Grant / Commissioner Meyeres**

Taylor Glover stated that they worked with the ATV Club, Commissioner Kubeja, and some of the tour companies around town in regards to heavily used county roads (Class B) that serve popular sites and receive subsequent damage. They put in for a grant through the OHV program to get a piece of equipment to be able to groom these roads more consistently. The grant awards up to \$99,029.44 and requires a 32% match, which will be covered by a combination of in-kind work and cash.

**Motion** to approve the State of Utah Contract with the Division of Outdoor Recreation for the Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Grant as presented made by Commissioner Meyeres and motion carried with all commissioners present voting in favor.

Commissioner Brown-aye  
Commissioner Kubeja-aye  
Commissioner Meyeres-aye

**6. Discuss/Action: Cedar Mountain Trails Maintenance Agreement / Full Commission**

The commission reviewed the five-year Cedar Mountain Trails Management Agreement, which focuses on trail maintenance and is beneficial for both visitors and residents.

Bert detailed the plan for the first year, which involves the intersection where the trail crosses Highway 14 near Duck Creek Village. They will adjust the speed grade and make it safer. He has visited with UDOT and they are going to participate with flaggers and possibly a loader to move

some of the material. As they move forward throughout the next few years, he would like to make a route to where they can blade all these trails within five years.

**Motion to approve the Cedar Mountain Trails Maintenance Agreement made by Commissioner Brown and motion carried with all commissioners present voting in favor.**

Commissioner Brown-aye  
Commissioner Kubeja-aye  
Commissioner Meyeres-aye

**7. Discuss/Action: Identify Source of Necessary Funding for Completion of Skutumpah/Johnson Canyon and Mountain View Road Projects / Commissioner Meyeres**

Bert discussed the need to find additional funding for the completion of the Skutumpah, Johnson Canyon, and Mountain View Road projects. He explained that cost-cutting measures, including combining projects and providing culverts and cattle guards directly, were implemented to facilitate these projects, which include a \$1.7 million grant for Skutumpah Road.

There was discussion about whether the funds needed for culverts and cattle guards could be sourced from the Rollback Tax fund. Attorney Stott believed the funding could be used if a finding was made that the items preserve agricultural lands.

The commission decided to use TRT funds to cover the cost of the culverts and cattle guards, rather than the Rollback Tax fund, with the goal of allowing the Rollback Tax fund to grow for larger projects like conservation easements.

**Motion to use money from TRT funds to fund the completion of Skutumpah/Johnson Canyon and Mountain View Road project up to \$100K made by Commissioner Brown and motion carried with all commissioners present voting in favor.**

Commissioner Brown-aye  
Commissioner Kubeja-aye  
Commissioner Meyeres-aye

**8. Financial Update-Chameill Lamb / Full Commission**

Chameill presented a monthly financial update detailing revenues and expenditures for each fund.

**9. Review of Legislative Issues / Full Commission**

No legislative issues.

## 10. Commissioner Report on Assignments / Full Commission

### Commissioner Brown

- Advertising for a new employee at the Kanab Center
- Planning and Zoning meeting tomorrow night

### Commissioner Kubeja

- Went to Utah Association of Counties (UAC) Conference
- Had a successful Utah/Arizona ATV Jamboree
- Attended the WIR Conference in Hawaii

### Commissioner Meyeres

- Been working closely with management and superintendent of the Grand Canyon to re-open the North Rim and they are set to open May 15
- Big win for area because the North Kaibab Trailhead will be open starting May 15
- Several in the county presented at the Big Ride Conference
- Continuing to work with Five County Association of Governments to try and get childcare providers/facilities
- Attended Orderville's Fire Department Open House

## 11. Kane County Youth Coalition CADCA Conference Report from Youth Leaders-Jenna Corry / Commissioner Kubeja

Jenna Corry and the Kane County Youth Coalition gave a report on the CADCA National Leadership Forum that they attended in Washington DC.

**Motion** to adjourn at 12:12 PM made by Commissioner Brown and motion carried with all commissioners present voting in favor.

## WHERE UPON MEETING WAS ADJOURNED

  
Gwen Brown Chair

  
Chameill Lamb Clerk/Auditor

