

GARFIELD COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
May 11, 2026 AT 10:00 A.M.

Present: Commissioner Leland Pollock, Commissioner Jerry Taylor, Commissioner David Tebbs, Attorney Barry Huntington, and Falyn Owens

Commissioner Pollock called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance.

Commissioner Taylor made a MOTION to adopt the agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Tebbs. Motion carried. Voting: Pollock - Aye, Taylor - Aye, Tebbs - Aye

Commissioner Tebbs made a MOTION to approve the minutes of the April 27 meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Taylor. Motion carried. Voting: Pollock - Aye, Taylor - Aye, Tebbs – Aye.

BOARD REPORTS

Commissioner Tebbs attended Utah Association of Counties conference in St. George. He also attended the Western Interstate Regions Conference, where he discussed issues related to water and fire. He discussed ranching and farming succession planning with Nationwide representatives and said he would share the information with local ranchers and farmers.

Commissioner Taylor reported on attending Behavioral Health, UAC, and WIR meetings. He echoed Commissioner Tebbs' statements regarding learning about similar issues faced by other communities. He discussed UAC conversations concerning public lands and energy. As the Public Lands Chair for NACO, he has the opportunity to work on PILT and SRS issues. He played a short video clip that was shown at WIR highlighting the importance of PILT. He also noted that he has been invited to attend the PILT Fly-In in June. Commissioner Taylor stated that \$250,000.00 had been awarded for the museum project, which is moving forward and ready for fundraising. He also spoke about the bike path from Red Canyon to Panguitch and expressed interest in extending the bike path to Torrey.

Commissioner Pollock reported on a recent announcement that all the vacant allotments and AUM's would be reinstated, and interested individuals should contact the Vernal Field Office. He had a meeting with the Regional Acting Forest Director, the State Fire Director and team, the local sawmill owners, and the Forest Supervisor, Kevin Wright. The meeting was encouraging to get timber sales back to local producers. The Deputy Secretary of Agriculture flew in to meet about the closed roads on the Dixie due to the travel management plan. They also had discussion

on some of the trail work to put in a culvert. The Deputy Secretary informed the Forest Service that the trails would be open, as well as some roads.

PUBLIC WORK BUSINESS

Dave Dodds, Public Works Director, also reported on the meeting with the Deputy Secretary and his desire to widen the roads to accommodate larger trailers. He talked about a future meeting on May 19 with the Forest Service and DNR. He updated the Commissioners on the Panguitch Lake Dam, they are waiting on hydraulics. The BLM sent a letter stating it is reasonable and necessary to do the chip seal on the Hole in the Rock road and the County road crew is ready to do the work. Mr. Dodds updated the bike trail with the Utah Trail Network (UTN), the UTN is trying to connect communities and funding will be recommended for this project. He discussed the dead animal pit in Tropic.

HATCH TOWN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION

The Hatch Town local emergency resolution was discussed. Commissioner Taylor made a MOTION to adopt the resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Tebbs.. Motion carried. Voting: Pollock - Aye, Taylor - Aye, Tebbs – Aye.

DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

Commissioner Tebbs made a MOTION, seconded by Jerry Taylor, to appoint Shawn and Lisa Chynoweth to the Henrieville Cemetery Board. Motion carried. Voting: Pollock - Aye, Taylor - Aye, Tebbs – Aye.

AGENCY REPORTS

Acting Bryce Canyon Superintendent, Allana Olbrich thanked the Commissioners for a letter of support for a planning grant for Mossy Cave. She updated on some ongoing projects going on at Bryce. Commissioner Taylor asked about the slash piles in the park and getting some of the firewood for senior citizens in the area. Ms. Olbrich updated on the numbers for April being down year over year. Commissioner Pollock also discussed some additional trail maintenance with Acting Superintendent Olbrich.

BUSINESS LICENSE

Kaden Figgins presented a Short Term Rental business license for Meadowlands LLC
Commissioner Taylor made a MOTION to approve the Meadowlands LLC for a business
license. Seconded by Commissioner Taylor.. Voting: Pollock - Aye, Taylor - Aye, Tebbs – Aye.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Taylor made a MOTION to go into executive session, Commissioner Tebbs
seconded. Motion carried. Voting: Pollock - Aye, Taylor - Aye, Tebbs – Aye.

Kaden Figgins, Dave Dodds, and Falyn Owens were present.

AFFIDAVIT REGARDING CLOSED MEETING

STATE OF UTAH)
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COUNTY OF GARFIELD)

The undersigned, as presiding officer of the Board of County Commissioners of Garfield
County, State of Utah, after being duly sworn, hereby states, swears and affirms as follows:

1. That on the 11th day of May, 2026, during a regular meeting of the Board of
Commissioners of Garfield County, State of Utah, the board, upon the affirmative vote of
two-thirds or more of the members present at the meeting for which notice was given pursuant to
Section 52-4-6, voted to close the meeting to discuss the character, professional competence, or
physical or mental health of an individual under Subsection 52-4-5 (1)(a)(I), Utah Code
Annotated and pending litigation.

2. That a quorum was present.

3. That I do hereby affirm that the sole purpose for closing the meeting was to discuss
the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual and pending
litigation.

DATED this 11th day of May, 2026.

Commission Chair

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to before me this day of , 2026.

NOTARY PUBLIC

Commissioner Tebbs made a MOTION to return to the general session. Seconded by Commissioner Pollock. Motion carried. Voting: Pollock - Aye, Tebbs - Aye

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

The accounts payable list was reviewed and signed by the Commission.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Commission Chair

Clerk/Auditor