

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

MAY 4, 2026

The regular meeting of the Juab County Commission was held May 4, 2026, 10:00 a.m. in the Juab County Commission Chambers, 160 North Main, Nephi, Utah.

Marty Palmer ----- Commissioner

Clinton Painter ----- Commissioner

Marvin Kenison ----- Commissioner

Perry Davis ----- Attorney

Tanielle Callaway----- Clerk/Auditor

Others present: Myrna Trauntvein, Lucinda Kay, Noreen Harper, Jake Hadfield, Travis Kyhl, Douglas Anderson, Travis Kenison, Debbie Zirbes, HD Sanderson (Sen Curtis Office)

Chairman Painter welcomed all in attendance. Chairman Painter offered a word of prayer and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Debbie Zirbes reported that the legislature changed recording fees effective Wednesday, increase the base recording fee rising from \$40 to \$45, subdivision recording from \$50 to \$55, and redaction requests from \$5 to \$10. She provided the updated fee schedule. Commissioners asked clarifying questions about timing and posting. Debbie confirmed the changes were set by the state. Commissioner Painter made a motion to approve the updated fee schedule. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Lucinda Kay and Noreen Harper with the DUP Museum described the Juab Historical Jubilee set for July 18 at the fairgrounds. It will be an all-day event with wagon trains, tractors, displays, vendors and food trucks. She asked the commission to waive fairgrounds fees. Commissioners and staff discussed which areas/buildings and stalls would be used, possible need to use the barn, insurance requirements. They also discussed that the city might handle it or the organizers would secure the insurance for the event. They also discussed the logistical needs like setup timing and access for large exhibits. They are hoping for a big turnout.

Ms. Kay next updated the commission on the jail restoration project. They were able to secure a grant from the state, but the restoration must be completed by June 30th. They need water and power at the site (possibly via building hookups) and discussed foundation repairs, roof and interior sealing. She noted prior plans to have the sheriff's office handle foundation removal, but that would incur deputy costs, so they're seeking alternatives (community service or volunteers) and confirmed approval to dump debris at the county landfill without a fee. The Commissioners discussed coordinating scaffolding, site clearance and logistics with law enforcement.

Ms. Kay reviewed the updated bids and costs for the jail restoration and museum floor coverings. She dropped some areas they were going to include for new floor covering to drop

the bid from about \$27,615 to \$18,853 after scaling back scope. She summarized the total jail contract was approximately \$36,235. They will receive state funding for \$15,000. They have received approximately \$10,000 in local donations to add to what the county has already received. She is proposing to reallocate carpet funds to cover the shortfall so work can meet the June 30th deadline. They set carpet removal dates (May 28, June 11, June 25) and discussed using county staff, students and community volunteers for removal of the carpet. She stated they would like to plan an open house during the fair once improvements are complete.

Chairman Painter stated it was a good time to discuss the historic jubilee, which will include the June 20th baseball game reenactment and other activities. This will all be part of the America 250 celebration. He stated they have done a great job in coordinating activities. He stated that June 29th through August 19th there will be a display in the County Building, titled "Pen is Mightier." Chairman Painter stated he worked hard to get the display arranged.

Commissioner Palmer made a motion to waive the fees at the fairgrounds for their jubilee event. Commissioner Kenison seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Kenison made a motion to approve the use of the excess carpets funds to fund the jail restoration project, as needed. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve Child Enterprises as the jail restoration contractor in the amount of \$36,325.00. Commissioner Kenison seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Lt. Travis Kenison reported the boiler at the jail has failed and needs full replacement, which would include removing the old boiler, new piping, etc. The estimate they have received is for \$14,400 with Salt Creek Contractors. Commissioner Kenison made a motion to approve the repairs of the boiler not to exceed \$14,400. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Lt. Kenison next presented some personnel action forms. The first is for Jesse Taylor. He has been hired for patrol and is currently self-sponsored through the UVU academy. The next is for John Jackson. He has completed POST and needs the pay increase to go along with that. The next is Olivia Sweson and it is also a pay correction to get her to the correct pay. She came from Davis County. The final is Jaren Ercanbrack. He is moving from the jail to patrol and will begin POST training. Commissioner Kenison made a motion to approve the pay changes for the sheriff's office. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Lt. Kenison also had two personnel action forms for two reserve deputies they were picking up. The first is for Cooper Wall and the second is Kendall Newman. They will both be reserves for the jail. Commissioner Kenison made a motion to approve the reserve deputies. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Sheriff Doug Anderson announced his retirement effective May 17, 2026. He read a thank-you letter reflecting on nearly 40 years in law enforcement and 11½ years with Juab County. The Commissioners expressed appreciation and shared personal remarks. They reviewed the statutory replacement process. The chief deputy will serve temporarily. The county must notify the political party within 10 days after the Sheriff's last day, and the party must take no less than 30 days to submit a nominee, and the commission then has two weeks to approve.

Jake Hadfield said Utah State Extension stated their marketing team would like to get new signage for the Extension office/senior center on the back of the building. They will pay for the new sign. He asked permission to have Facilities install it. The Commissioners approved updating the back sign and discussed possibly adding a front sign. Chairman Painter also noted he helped judge the state ambassador interviews and praised the high quality of the participating youth. The Commissioners thanked Jake for all that USU brings to the community.

Lucinda Kay stepped back in with the building permit for the jail restoration project. She asked if the Commissioners would approve and sign the permit. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the building permit and authorize the Commission Chair to sign. Commissioner Kenison seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

HD Sanderson introduced himself as the new regional outreach director for Senator John Curtis, covering seven counties, and explained his prior work with Congressman Kennedy and what he will now do on Senator Curtis's team. He offered to be a local contact for county needs and events. The Commissioners welcomed him and encouraged ongoing contact.

Other Business:

Chairman Painter stated they needed to ratify the Four Mile Bypass Paving Contract. The Contract needed to be signed by a date prior to this meeting. He has signed that contract through Docusign. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to ratify the signing of the Four Mile Bypass Paving Contract. Commissioner Kenison seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Commissioners discussed the MOU with Forestry, Fire and State Lands (FFSL). They expressed frustration that the state is requiring the county to assume and indemnify responsibilities (equipment, training, budgeting, suppression liability) that have long been delegated to the local fire district. Attorney Perry Davis explained the county legally delegated fire suppression to the district for decades, yet the state now demands county-level obligations and threatened to withhold assistance unless the county signs. The Commissioners agreed to sign to ensure coverage for ongoing incidents, while working with UAC and the state to produce a clarifying letter/MOU that recognizes the delegation and addresses indemnification gaps. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to ratify the signing of the MOU. Commissioner Kenison seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the Juab County bills as presented. Commissioner Kenison seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

There were several personnel action forms for approval. For Landfill, Nick Painter is a longevity increase for 10 years. There are three for EMS: Kelsey Patton passed her EMT certification; Maria Thompson completed her six month probation and Christy Townsend is a new PRN and volunteer EMT. For Justice Court, Phelisa Hosea to receive the phone stipend. Commissioner Kenison made a motion to approve the personnel action forms as stated. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Palmer made a motion to table the discussion regarding the gate on the county road until they get coordinates and further information from the county road superintendent. Commissioner Kenison seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Chairman Painter presented a draft Resolution agreeing to the Nebo South Annexation by Nephi City. The Commissioners had a prior meeting that morning to discuss the matter. Chairman Painter made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-05. Commissioner Kenison seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. Chairman Painter called for a roll call vote.

Commissioner Kenison voted, "Aye."

Chairman Painter voted, "Aye."

Commissioner Palmer voted, "Nay."

Commissioner Kenison made a motion to move to Closed Sessions for the purpose of personnel issues and contract agreements. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. Chairman Painter called for a roll call vote.

Commissioner Palmer voted, "Aye."

Commissioner Kenison voted, "Aye."

Chairman Painter voted, "Aye."

Commissioner Kenison made a motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned.

ATTEST: Tanielle Callaway
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Juab County Clerk/Auditor

APPROVED: Clinton Painter Misty Palmer
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Commission Chair