



Commission Meeting

Minutes

Monday, May 18, 2026 at 10:00 am

1. Public/County Employees Attendance

Minutes:

- Commissioner Chair, Dennis Blackburn
- Commissioner Brian
- Commissioner Cook
- Attorney, Michael Winn
- Clerk/Auditor, Felicia Snow

Others: Steve Lutz, Julie Chappell, Maggie Ellett, Barbara Tewell, Jim Duddleston, Milly Edwards, Noreen Johnson, Colleen Allen, Jakelle Pace, Easton Rees, Brion Terry, Eric, John Spendlove

2. Approve minutes of previous meeting

Minutes:

Commissioner Brian made a motion to approve the minutes of May 4, 2026.
Commissioner Cook seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Vote results:

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0

3. Appointments for discussion and business with the Commissioners

a. 10:00 AM Maggie Ellett-Creation of Recreation Center Board

Minutes:

Maggie Ellett states she is proposing a recreation board to include Tammy Perkins, Julie Chappell, Breanne Hallows and Maggie Ellett with Jakelle Pace being the county representative. Commissioner Brian made a motion to approve the board. Commissioner Cook seconds the motion. The motion passed.

Vote results:

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0

b. 10:30 AM Representative from Jones & DeMille/Prairie Dog Fence FAA Grant Application

Minutes:

John Spendlove states the application for FAA Funds \$1,198,000 for the prairie dog fence needs to be signed. The FAA will pay 95% of the fee, the state will pay 2.5%, the county will pay for 2.5%. This will be \$30,000 for the county. Commissioner Blackburn states that the county was informed the fees would be 100% covered and the county wouldn't be liable. Commissioner Cook makes a motion to table the discussion. There is no second motion. The motion dies. Commissioner Brian made a motion to approve the application. There was no seconded. The motion dies.

Vote results:

Ayes: 0 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0

4. Other Items of Business

a. IDC Grant

Minutes:

Felicia Snow, states that Candace Reid is the managing defender for Sanpete, Sevier, and Wayne Counties. She has prepared the annual grant application for the IDC. She is requesting continued grant funding for the district court, justice court and child welfare budget. Ms. Reid is requesting changes for the delinquency contract. The change would benefit Wayne County by regionalizing the delinquency contracts for the Sixth District Court. To include having one full time and one half time contract that covers the entire Sixth District Court. The time line for the positions to start is July 1 and would be funded by IDC.

Commissioner Brian made a motion to approve the contract. Commissioner Cook seconds the motion. The motion passed.

Vote results:

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0

b. Ban on Burning

Minutes:

Commissioner Blackburn states the county has had 3 fires in the last 3 weeks. Brion Terry states that there has been an increase in the number of fires. Property damage has been high this year. The conditions are currently dry and by the end of the week fire levels will be extreme. Current fires were cause by controlled burns. One structure was burned, the fire was not attended. Steve is suggesting a complete fire ban. Michael Winn reads a resolution, see attached. The fire restriction is only for Wayne County, not including incorporated towns. A home owner could ask for a waiver to burn if needed.

Commissioner Cook made a motion to approve resolution 2026-02.

Commissioner Brian seconds the motion. The motion passed.

Vote results:

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0

5. Approve Vouchers

Minutes:

Commissioner Brian made a motion to approve the vouchers. Commissioner Cook seconds the motion. The motion passed.

Vote results:

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0

6. Commission Business

a. Closed Session to Discuss Personnel

Minutes:

Commissioner Brian made a motion to go into closed session. Commissioner Cook seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Commissioner Cook made a motion to come out of closed session.

Commissioner Brian seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Commissioner Brian made a motion to proceed accordingly. Commissioner Cook seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Vote results:

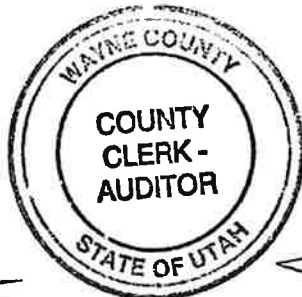
Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0

7. Adjourned

Minutes:

Commissioner Blackburn adjourned the meeting.

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Commission Chair, Blackburn



Clerk Auditor, Snow



Resolution 2026-02

A RESOLUTION IMPOSING FIRE RESTRICTIONS DUE TO HAZARDOUS ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS

The Wayne County fire official has determined that existing hazardous environmental conditions necessitate certain fire restrictions and it is proposed that Wayne County adopt the restrictions in the Notice of Fire Restrictions attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

UTAH CODE SECTION 15A-5-202.5 provides that a county legislative body may impose fire restrictions based upon such a finding of the fire code official; and

Wayne County is faced with a significant light fuel load in its wildland urban interface and watershed, that is now drying out; and

After considering the facts presented to the Wayne County Commission, the Commission finds that (i) the attached Notice of Fire Restrictions should be approved, and (ii) such action furthers the health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of Wayne County.

THEREFORE, the Wayne County Commission resolves as follows:

The Notice of Fire Restrictions attached as Exhibit A is approved and the restrictions stated therein are implemented. This order is effective until rescinded in writing by the Wayne County Commission.

This resolution is effective immediately.

Exhibit A

Notice of Fire Restrictions

By order of the Wayne County Commission, the following fire restrictions are in place within Wayne County effective at 12:01 a.m., Tuesday, May 19, 2026. Open fires are ***prohibited***. The use of personal fire pits at individual residences are ***prohibited***. Additionally, the following acts are prohibited:

- Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire or campfire including charcoal grills, pellet grills, or ash producing fuels.
- Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle, trailer, or building, a developed recreation site, or while stopped in an area that is paved or free from any vegetation.
- Discharging or using any fireworks, tracer ammunition, or other pyrotechnic devices, including exploding targets.
- Cutting, welding, or grinding metal in areas of dry vegetation.
- Operating a motorcycle, chainsaw, ATV, or other small internal combustion engine without an approved and working spark arrestor.

The only open fires allowed within Wayne County, at this time, are propane stoves that can be turned off at a valve or switch.

The restricted area includes all mountains, canyons, parks, and campgrounds throughout Wayne County.

These restrictions are put in place to protect the County water supply. Due to the dry spring there is decreased fuel moisture content in the grass and brush that has already begun to dry out and increase the risk of catastrophic fire. Continued high temperatures combined with little appreciable precipitation requires this extraordinary level of fire restriction.

Violations of this Fire Restriction Order are a Class C Misdemeanor in violation of UTAH CODE SECTION 64A-8-211. Questions regarding these fire restrictions may be directed to the Wayne County fire Official at (801) 376-2027 or (435) 588-5570.

Fire restrictions are effective beginning at 12:01 a.m., Tuesday, May 19, 2026. This fire restriction notice was published on Monday, May 18, 2026. This order shall remain in effect until rescinded.

