

**WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 2, 2026**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of the Washington County Commission was called to order by Commissioner Gil Almquist at 4:00 p.m. on June 2, 2026, in the Washington County Commission Chambers, and via Zoom 111 East Tabernacle, St. George, Utah. Those in attendance were Commissioner Gil Almquist, Commissioner Victor Iverson, Deputy County Attorney Devin Snow, County Administrator Nicholle Felshaw and Deputy Clerk Sarah Lloyd.

Commissioner Adam Snow was excused.

INVOCATION BY: Kenny Nielsen, Interfaith Council

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Amelia Walker

PUBLIC COMMENT:

(None presented)

CONSENT AGENDA:

The Consent Agenda is a means of expediting the consideration of routine matters. If a commissioner requests that items be removed from the consent agenda, those items are placed at the beginning of the regular agenda. Other than requests to remove items, a motion to approve the items on the consent agenda is not debatable.

- Consideration of Auditor-Approved Claims for Payment for May 20, 2026, through May June 2, 2026.
- Consideration of Regular Commission Meeting Minutes of May 19, 2026
- Consideration of Administrative Adjustments: Real Property
- Consideration of Administrative Adjustments: Personal Property
- Consideration of Acknowledgement of Publishing: Notice of Adoption of Ordinance No. 2026-1320-O and 2026-1321-O, Published on Friday, May 29, 2026
- Consideration of amended Scope of Work for Cooperative Agreement with Utah Department of Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife Resources

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Approve the Consent Agenda as Outlined. Motion seconded by Commissioner Almquist and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Almquist and Iverson voting aye.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

PRESENTATION: DIXIE JUNIOR LIVESTOCK

St. George City Councilwoman Natalie Larsen introduced the winners of the 2026 Dixie Junior Livestock Show.

EMPLOYEE LONGEVITY

Building Maintenance Superintendent Trent Gardner recognized Zed Bradshaw on his 10 years of service to Washington County.

PRESENTATION: SWEARING IN OF NEW ACADEMY GRADUATES/NEW CHIEF DEPUTY OF PATROL

Sheriff Barry Golding swore in Chief Deputy of Patrol Ivor Fuller and new academy graduates Patrick Au and Joseph Tweedy.

CONSIDERATION OF PROCLAMATION NO. 2026-48, A PROCLAMATION DECLARING A LOCAL EMERGENCY REGARDING SEVERE DROUGHT CONDITIONS AND WILDFIRE RISK IN WASHINGTON COUNTY

Emergency Services Director Jason Bradley explained this Proclamation is a strategic move and a best practice in response to extreme draught response in Washington County and Utah in general to set up for emergency actions if needed.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Approve Proclamation No. R-2026-48, A Proclamation Declaring a Local Emergency Regarding Severe Drought Conditions and Wildfire Risk in Washington County. Motion seconded by Commissioner Almquist and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Almquist and Iverson voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2026-3768, A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH THE STATE OF UTAH TO PROVIDE COURT BAILIFF AND SECURITY SERVICE

Deputy County Attorney Devin Snow explained the Sheriff has statutory responsibility to provide court security and this contract provides for a total annual payment of \$590,000.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Approve Resolution No. R-2026-3768, A Resolution Approving a Contract with the State of Utah to Provide Court Bailiff and Security Service. Motion seconded by Commissioner Almquist and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Almquist and Iverson voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF PURCHASE REQUESTS:

Tourism, Casting for Campaign Shoot (\$22,350.00)
Tourism, Toilet and Setup for Cliffrose Trailhead (\$96,803.57)

Roads, Chip Oil for 2026 Chip Seal Projects	(\$375,489.20)
Roads, Chips for 2026 Chip Seal Projects	(\$242,200.00)
Emergency Operations, Robot Repair	(\$23,951.74)
Dixie Center, LED Video Walls	(\$95,489.00)

All purchases are budgeted, bonded, or paid for through grant funds.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Approve the Purchase Requests as Outlined. Motion seconded by Commissioner Almquist and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Almquist and Iverson voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2026-3769, A RESOLUTION APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH UTAH TECH UNIVERSITY FOR THE RED CLIFFS CONSERVATION EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP

Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) Director Cameron Rognan stated this item is a recommendation from the Habitat Conservation Advisory Committee (HCAC). This is for collaboration regarding conservation, public outreach, exhibit development and community science initiatives not to exceed \$10,000.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Approve Resolution No. R-2026-3769, A Resolution Approving a Memorandum of Understanding with Utah Tech University for the Red Cliffs Conservation Education Partnership. Motion seconded by Commissioner Almquist and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Almquist and Iverson voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2026-3770, A RESOLUTION APPROVING A MINOR BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT TO THE RED CLIFFS DESERT RESERVE

Mr. Rognan explained this item was also recommended by the HCAC. There is a road in development next to Zone 6 with utilities needing to move outside of the reserve. 3.5 acres will be moved out of the reserve, with 3.5 acres being moved in to the reserve. Fish and Wildlife Service would also have to approve the boundary adjustment.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Approve Resolution No. R-2026-3770, A Resolution Approving a Minor Boundary Adjustment to the Red Cliffs Desert Reserve. Motion seconded by Commissioner Almquist and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Almquist and Iverson voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2026-3771, A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, UTAH. CLARIFYING THAT NO SEPARATE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT IS REQUIRED IN CONNECTION WITH THE CREATION OF THE SOLARA PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE DISTRICTS

Deputy County Attorney Victoria Hales stated the Solara Public Infrastructure (PID) was approved in March with an amended governing document approved in April. There was some confusion in the PID policy if there are separate development agreements are necessary for the PID, and this Resolution would clarify the record. Ms. Hales specified this is only for the Solara PID and would not affect any future PID's.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Approve Resolution No. R-2026-3771, A Resolution of the County Commission of Washington County, Utah, clarifying that no Separate Development Agreement is Required in Connection with the Creation of the Solara Public Infrastructure Districts. Motion seconded by Commissioner Almquist and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Almquist and Iverson voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2026-3772, A RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH JONES & DEMILLE ENGINEERING, INC. FOR THE FORSYTH FIRE PROJECT

Public Works Director Todd Edwards explained his amendment would allow Jones & DeMille to provide construction management once this project begins that cannot be provided in house.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Almquist to Approve Resolution No. R-2026-3772, A Resolution Approving Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Service Agreement with Jones & DeMille Engineering, Inc. for the Forsyth Fire Project. Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Almquist and Iverson voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2026-3773, A RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH JONES & DEMILLE ENGINEERING, INC. FOR THE FORSYTH FIRE PROJECT

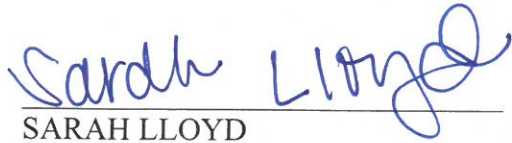
Mr. Edwards stated this Resolution is for additional funding to expand the scope of work on the Forsyth Fire Project that will be reimbursed from NRCS. Mr. Snow clarified that the previous Resolution addressed the NRCS agreement with this Resolution being for the project management services.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Approve Resolution No. R-2026-3773, A Resolution Approving Amendment No. 2 to the Professional Service Agreement with Jones & DeMille Engineering, Inc. for the Forsyth Fire Project. Motion seconded by Commissioner Almquist and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Almquist and Iverson voting aye.

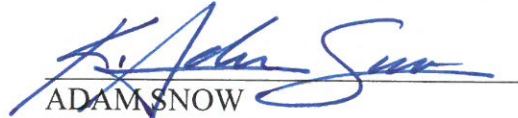
COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

None presented.

Having no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

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SARAH LLOYD
DEPUTY CLERK

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ADAM SNOW
COMMISSION CHAIR

Account Number	Tax ID No.	Tax Year	Owner	Pre Adj Taxes	Post Adj Taxes	Difference	Comments	MeetingDate
588585 H-DSP-G-85		2025	LONG RUSSELL TRUSTEES / LONG WENDY LYNN TRUSTEE	5,097.21	2,803.47	-2,293.74	Assessment level changed to primary.	06/02/26