

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 16, 2026

The regular meeting of the Juab County Commission was held June 16, 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

Jared Rowley ----- Attorney

Tanielle Callaway----- Clerk/Auditor

Others present: Myrna Trauntvein, Riley Park, Ruth Bonzo, Brent Boswell, Jason Morrell, Kevin Bailey, Zack Buck, Debbie Zirbes, David Fletcher, Travis Kenison, Drake Underwood, Chris Painter

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

Commissioner Palmer made a motion to accept the minutes from June 1, 2026.

Commissioner Kenison seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Riley Park and Jason Morrell, representing the Economic Development Committee, presented their recommendation for distributing the \$200,000 Economic Grant from the state. They would like to retain \$20,000 for an entrepreneur training series and pitch competition, and award \$60,000 to Nebo Truss, \$60,000 to Cedar Ridge Farms, \$30,000 to Cinder Creek, and \$30,000 to Bar W Beef, with payments tied to post-performance triggers. Mr. Park also stated the Committee would like to request permission to apply for the funds again next year.

Commissioner Painter noted he's no longer on the committee to avoid double voting.

Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the grant recipients. Commissioner Kenison seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Mr. Morrell reported on the opening and ribbon cutting for Central Bank. They have been around in Springville and have mostly been serving in Utah County. This branch will be the first one outside of Utah County. They will be building a new building next to Red Cliffs Elementary school. He is the branch manager and is excited for them to be in Nephi. Chairman Painter congratulated him and commented on the good things happening in Nephi and Juab County.

Debbie Zirbes presented the three bids she received for her Monumentation Grant. The bids were as follows: Chad Poulsen (\$875/monument), Corey Squires (\$380/section corner), and Red Sands (\$900/monument). Ms. Zirbes explained that some corners already have markers and would only need tie sheets and state-plane coordinates, which makes Squires' lower per-corner price attractive. The grant amount has not been yet awarded. She needs to submit the approved bid with the grant paperwork before receiving the actual grant. The commissioners

discussed scope, potential hidden costs (vegetation/tree clearing), and future work (including possible surveying on the Goshute reservation). Commissioner Palmer made a motion to accept Corey Squires' \$380 bid contingent on receiving the grant. Commissioner Kenison seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Ruth Bonzo, representing Nephi City Library, came before the Commission and described attending a national conference and securing a \$1,000 stipend to support the America250 exhibit. She proposed a county-library partnership to create interactive activities (seek-and-find for kids, written responses for older kids), distribute Constitution booklets to families, and promote the exhibit heavily in July (including being open on July 4), and asked for flyers and promotional support. Chairman Painter agreed to share materials and help promote. Ruth also reported strong library engagement and high summer reading signup numbers. Ms. Bonzo offered to donate program materials and coordinate publicity to encourage the summer reading program and other summer activities.

Kevin Bailey reported securing two invasive species mitigation grants—the Juab Multiple Species grant for \$41,900 and the Square Rose CWA grant for \$62,830—stating the attorney's office has reviewed the contracts. Mr. Bailey summarized past program successes (about 35,000 acres sprayed and 5,000 acres rehabbed/seeded) and requested approval to accept and sign both grants. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the Juab Multiple Species grant for \$41,900 and authorize the Commission Chair to sign. Commissioner Kenison seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Kenison made a motion to approve the Squarrose CWMA grant for \$62,830. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Lt. Travis Kenison came before the Commission to request approval to switch the jail's pharmacy from Ridley's to Diamond Pharmacy. He stated Diamond prepackages medications in blister packs, accepts returns of unused meds (allowing reimbursement), and offers next-day shipping with no freight cost. The staff noted some drugs may cost more while others are cheaper and that the change would reduce staff work (packing) and allow redeploying Jackie to medical records. The contract revisions were sent to the county attorney for his review. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the change pending the attorney's review. Chairman Kenison seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Lt. Kenison next presented an amendment to the BLM contract that adds a nondiscrimination/DEI clause but does not change dollar amounts or project scope. The commissioners discussed it briefly (noting it's now common on federal contracts) and confirmed it doesn't increase county liability. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the BLM amendment to the contract and authorize the Commission Chair to sign. Commissioner Kenison seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Lt. Kenison had a few personnel action forms for approval. Chairman Painter advised that they could submit these and have them approved at the same time all the others are approved. The first is for Olivia Swenson. They would like to correct her wage to match another deputy with

the same experience. They also have asked her to take over the TAC for the Sheriff's Office, as well as handling the 24/7 program with the prior person leaving. She is currently working in the jail. The next one is for a potential hire. They have given him a conditional offer if he passes a polygraph. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the two personnel action forms. Commissioner Kenison seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Lt. Kenison stated the last item he had was regarding the security assessment he gave them last commission meeting, but he would like to discuss the matter further in closed session due to security issues. Commissioner Kenison made a motion to move the item to Closed Session. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Other Business:

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. The first were for the Attorney's office: for Jared Rowley moving him to the elected official and not a merited employee; Amy Taylor for a longevity increase for 30 years and Christian Lee, a new attorney they have hired that will start in August. The last one is for the EMS department: Josh Mecham who is moving from volunteer to PRN AEMT. The last one was for the Sheriff's office for a secretary that was leaving. Lt. Kenison asked to hold off on that one for the time being. 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.

The annual Ute Stampede Car Show had requested a sponsorship of \$50.00. This has traditionally been done in the past. Chairman Painter stated they used to pick a Commissioner's Choice award, but they haven't done that in a few years. Commissioner Kenison made a motion to do the sponsorship for the car show. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Palmer made a motion to convene the Municipal Building Authority and open the meeting. Commissioner Kenison seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Chairman Painter stated they needed to consider and adopt a resolution (Res. 2026-07) confirming the authority's geographic boundaries and that the Board of Trustees consists of the three county commissioners (with secretary/treasurer identified). Commissioner Kenison made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-07 to reform/establish the authority. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Palmer made a motion to adjourn the Municipal Building Authority Board and go back into Open Commission Meeting. Commissioner Kenison seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

The commission reviewed a URS contribution increase for public safety/firefighter (Tier 2) from 4.73% to 5.98% (a 1.25% rise). Since the county historically covers this employer contribution,

they voted to accept the change via Resolution 2026-08. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-08. Commissioner Kenison seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

The Commission reviewed the volunteer list for the Juab Xtreme Racing and the new Fair Board Directors for approval. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the volunteers. Commissioner Kenison seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Palmer made a motion to move to Closed Session for the purpose of security. Commissioner Kenison seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. Chairman Painter called for a roll call vote.

Commissioner Palmer voted, "Yes."

Chairman Painter voted, "Yes."

Commissioner Kenison voted, "Yes."

Commissioner Kenison made a motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned.

ATTEST: 
Tanielle Callaway
Juab County Clerk/Auditor

APPROVED: 
Clinton Painter
Commission Chair