

BOARD OF DAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

Board of Davis County Commissioners - Regular Meeting Minutes Tuesday, July 14, 2026

The Board of Davis County Commissioners met for their regularly scheduled meeting at 10:00 AM on July 14, 2026, in room 303 of the Davis County Administration Building, 61 South Main Street, Farmington, Utah. Required legal notice of this meeting was given.

All documents from this meeting are on file in the Davis County Clerk's Office. The agenda for this meeting is incorporated into the minutes as item headers.

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PRESENT

Davis County Commission Chair Bob Stevenson
Davis County Commission Vice Chair Lorene Kamalu
Davis County Commissioner John Crofts
Chief Deputy Clerk Rebecca Abbott

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting convened at 10:00 AM, and Commissioner Stevenson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Stevenson announced that Public Comments would be held following Item #1, July's Employee Service Awards.

RECOGNITION, PRESENTATION, AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- 1 **#2026-717. July Employee Service Awards** - *recommended by Lorene Kamalu, Davis County Commission Vice Chair, Commissioners' Office*

Sheriff

Lucas Chappell, 5 Years - Lucas was not in attendance, but was recognized with a round of applause.

Ash Buckley, 10 Years - Lead Jail Operations Specialist Brendan Joseph praised Ash's consistently fun attitude and her critical role in the facility's peer support group, where she actively seeks out staff to provide emotional and mental check-ins following high-stress jail incidents. Brendan playfully gave her grief about her pet snake and shared a cat joke, asking what the best award a cat could receive is, and answering: "a purr-litzer prize."

Stephanie Dinsmore, 5 Years - Stephanie was not in attendance, but was recognized with a round of applause.

Justin Vicente, 15 Years - Sergeant Brad Harrop detailed Justin's career path, noting he began in Corrections as a field training officer, spent three years in the transportation unit, and volunteered to be on the physical training committee before being promoted to Corporal to supervise a Corrections crew. Justin transferred to the Courts Division in June 2024 to serve the Farmington and Bountiful Courthouses. In his spare time, he enjoys pickleball and baseball, and Sgt Harrop joked about not holding Justin's love for the New York Yankees and Knicks against him.

Animal Care

Kevan Sherbine, 5 Years - Field Supervisor Tom Crocker introduced Kevan as being "loved and respected" by the shelter staff. He highlighted that Kevan, one of only two Animal Care dispatchers for the entire County, has taken calls on over 13,000 cases and possesses unmatched attention to detail. Kevan hates sitting idle and takes on numerous extra tasks, including serving as a team-building party planner, doing adoption reports, assigning ticket follow-ups, collecting jurisdiction reports, training new staff and management on dispatch procedures, and being the backup terminal agency coordinator.

Assessor

Jeff Melville, 5 Years - Assessor Lead Austin Crezee praised Jeff for successfully completing the rigorous requirements to earn his state appraiser license, which involved over a thousand hours of experience and passing a difficult test. Jeff is credited with helping create statistical models to value homes, establishing standard operating procedures, and being instrumental in a grueling software and data conversion process that Austin admits he could not have handled alone. Austin said that Jeff has made himself a subject-matter expert on a lot of different software, making life easier for everyone around the Assessor's Office.

Health

Teresa Garcia, 20 Years - Deputy Director Rachelle Blackham introduced Teresa as the "definition of hardworking," and described her as "spicy and a little scary" at times, but deeply loyal and dedicated to the County. Teresa has made an outstanding impact on the Latino community over two decades by providing medical interpretation, assisting with new mother visits, assisting older adults on home visits, aiding tuberculosis screenings, and managing low-income dental grants. She noted that Teresa has also taught the Spanish food handler course for nearly twenty years, earning deep respect and the title of "teacher" from local food truck and restaurant workers. Deputy Director Blackham said that to her and the other colleagues, Teresa is like "extended family."

Library

Jennifer Ingram, 5 Years - Jennifer was not in attendance, but was recognized with a round of applause.

Amy Chase, 10 Years - Amy was not in attendance, but was recognized with a round of applause.

Kori Roberts, 10 Years - Kori was not in attendance, but was recognized with a round of applause.

Golf Courses

Bradley Nielson, 5 Years - Bradley was not in attendance, but was recognized with a round of applause.

Shane Scott, 10 Years - Shane was not in attendance, but was recognized with a round of applause.

Information Systems

Micheal Brewer, 5 Years - Deputy Director Mike Pace joked that Mike was brought onto his team for "motorcycle street cred" and has willingly taken on "other duties as assigned." Deputy Director Pace praised Mike for taking the lead in patch management and for updating construction documents.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Commissioner Stevenson invited public comments, asking people to keep their comments to three minutes and stating that public comments will be limited to a total of 15 minutes.

Layne Kamalu, of Kaysville City, clarified that he is speaking on his own behalf and not that of his wife, Commissioner Kamalu, to assert that Commissioner Crofts has cultivated a toxic work environment over the past eighteen months. His intent is to set the historical record straight, positing that while a newly elected official is expected to collaborate for the County's best interests, Commissioner Crofts immediately embarked on a destructive path, openly declaring his primary objective was to thwart the reelection of several local officials. According to Layne, this malicious intent manifested in slander, verbal abuse, and bullying that targeted numerous County leaders, with Commissioner Kamalu enduring particularly persistent defamation. Layne expressed profound shock at discovering he, too, had become the subject of Commissioner Crofts's false and damaging accusations despite their lack of a personal acquaintance. He asserted that this unprecedented cycle of hostility has permeated the organization, cultivating a deeply toxic work environment that forced several highly valued employees to resign rather than endure further abuse, ultimately costing the County immense institutional knowledge and substantial financial burdens via extensive legal and Human Resources interventions. Defending the integrity of the recent independent investigation, Layne refuted any allegations of political weaponization, noting that discussions for the inquiry predated budget negotiations and election cycles. He emphasized that the investigator interviewed over two dozen independent witnesses—all of whom were known to the investigator and whose identities were redacted solely to shield them from retaliation. He concluded his remarks by declaring that continued support for Commissioner Crofts is fundamentally foolish and formally called for his resignation.

Laurene Starkey, of Kaysville City, then offered a prayer, petitioning for the Commission to be guided by wisdom, fairness, truth, and a sincere dedication to public service. She then transitioned into a personal narrative, reflecting on her former disengagement from local politics prior to meeting Commissioner Crofts, who inspired her civic participation through his genuine willingness to listen and show up for the community. Laurene highlighted that Commissioner Crofts received over 106,000 votes, advocates for evening Commission meetings to accommodate working families, defended a 0% property tax increase, and helped to secure an appropriate location for a Code Blue homeless shelter. While acknowledging the gravity of the allegations presented in the investigative report, Laurene clarified her intent is not to determine the allegations' veracity, but rather to advocate for public confidence through transparency and due process. She expressed profound dismay over the sudden nature of the Commission's recent vote to censure Commissioner Crofts and strip him of his leadership roles. She urged the Commission to conduct all future proceedings with absolute fairness, warning that the preservation of public confidence relies entirely on the people believing their County government is open, equitable, and worthy of their trust.

Irene Hill, of Layton City, echoed this support, sharing that her recent introduction to Commissioner Crofts solidified her belief that he is the solitary official actively combating oppressive property tax hikes. Drawing upon her formal education in accounting, Irene acknowledged the reality of rising expenses but recounted conversations with vulnerable residents, including homeowners who fear they must sell the houses where they raised their families, and seniors on fixed Social Security incomes who are dangerously rationing their food to the point of clinical malnourishment just to afford their tax bills. Irene pointedly questioned the rationale behind publicly releasing a purportedly confidential investigative report, arguing that Commissioner Crofts is merely functioning as an essential voice for the citizens, and commended him as the only advocate genuinely prioritizing the welfare of Davis County residents.

Jill Dredge [of Kaysville City] addressed the Commission to articulate her severe distress regarding the previous week's censure proceedings, noting she had already formally written to Commissioner Stevenson and Commissioner Kamalu about her concerns. Jill emphasized that Commissioner Crofts won the election by over 70%. Calling on her experience of six years of deep political involvement as a delegate, Jill raised concerns about what she's seeing "at every level." She praised Commissioner Crofts for fulfilling his campaign promises of greater accessibility and evening Commission meetings. She inquired about whether Commissioner Crofts was afforded the right to face and interact with his accusers, recounting a specific confrontation she personally witnessed between Commissioner Crofts and another individual, describing the filmed incident as feeling like a calculated "setup." She relayed community concerns, questioning whether the recent disciplinary actions against Commissioner Crofts were actually retaliation for his staunch opposition to County spending.

Lance Hamblin, of unincorporated Syracuse area, condemned the Commission's actions against Commissioner Crofts as both "ironic and pathetic," claiming to possess irrefutable photographic and audio evidence contradicting the integrity of the other two Commissioners. Lance posed rhetorical questions, challenging Commissioner Kamalu on whether she gathered signatures at a Davis County public event discussing "the master plan," and challenging Commissioner Stevenson on whether he dismissively stated that written words "don't mean anything." Lance contended that the "hostility" perceived from Commissioner Crofts is born out of his disagreement with the "craziness" of the Commission's standard operations. He questioned the reason behind Commissioner Crofts being shut down "while the other two do whatever they want to do to the County in their last six months of term," when he brings sensibility, honesty, and integrity to the government.

Susan Lee, of Kaysville City, offered a unifying message, briefly thanking the Commissioners for their difficult service and acknowledging that while perspectives differ, the community must ultimately work together to move forward. She then redirected her focus to speak directly and compassionately to the County employees. Susan denied pervasive online rumors and social media claims suggesting she harbors plans to terminate 25% of the County's workforce, stating unequivocally, "That is not true." Recognizing the deep anxiety and uncertainty such falsehoods inflict upon families, she reassured the staff that they are the essential backbone of the County government, noting that every vital service relies entirely on their unwavering professionalism and dedication. Susan pledged her commitment to lead with unshakable integrity, transparency, and respect, promising to actively listen to employee concerns, cultivate a highly positive workplace, and make thoughtful decisions in the best interests of both the workforce and the taxpayers. She implored the employees to judge her character solely by her proven words, her deliberate actions, and her record.

ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

- 2 **#2026-711. Approval of Utah Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force Memorandum of Understanding for the Award for Fiscal Year 2027 between Davis County and Utah Attorney General's Office** - recommended by Neal Geddes, Chief Deputy, Brent Baggs, Attorney's Office

Financial Information:

- Type: Receivable
- Amount: \$15,000.00

Terms:

- Beginning Date: 07/01/2026
- Ending Date: 06/30/2027

Craig Webb, Bureau Chief of Investigations at the County Attorney's Office, presented a grant award to help fund software, equipment, and investigative support to actively "hunt" predators targeting children in the County. He noted that since 2016, the task force has participated in the investigation of over a thousand individuals.

VOTING:

Motion to Approve Item 2: John Crofts. Second: Lorene Kamalu. All present voted aye.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE

- 3 **#2026-697. Consideration of the Abatement Register for 07-14-2026** - recommended by Bob Stevenson, Davis County Commission Chair, Commissioners' Office

Commissioner Stevenson clarified that approving Item 3 effectively served to approve the denial as recommended by the Tax Committee.

VOTING:

Motion to Approve Item 3: John Crofts. Second: Lorene Kamalu. All present voted aye.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- 4 **#2026-695. Approval of an Agreement with Shums Coda Associates, Inc. for a Standard Professional Services Contract for Nonexclusive Building and Fire Plan Examination and Inspection Services** - recommended by Kent Andersen, Director, Community & Economic Development - Planning

Financial Information:

- Type: Payable
- Amount: Hourly Rates Vary from \$50.00 to \$140.00 per Contract Sections 5.1 and 5.2

Terms:

- Beginning Date: 07/14/2026
- Ending Date: 06/31/2031

Director Andersen noted that the firm has provided excellent third-party services since 2021, and the hourly fees are appropriately passed on to the applicants. He recognized Jenny Bloeman from the Community and Economic Development Department, for her hard work in getting this renewal in place.

VOTING:

Motion to Approve Item 4: Lorene Kamalu. Second: John Crofts. All present voted aye.

CONTROLLER'S OFFICE

- 5 **#2026-699. Approval of an Agreement with Tyson Plastow for an Auditing Services Professional Services Contract** - recommended by Scott Parke, County Controller, Controller's Office

Financial Information:

- Type: Payable
- Amount: \$3,200.00

Terms:

- Beginning Date: 07/14/2026
- Ending Date: 12/31/2026

Jordan Tilley, Contract and Grant Administrator, presented the auditing agreement as a short-term trial to help the County decide whether to continue the partnership or explore alternative options in the future.

- 6 **#2026-719. Approval of an Agreement with Wells Fargo for the WellsOne Commercial Card Program - recommended by Jordan Tilley, Contract & Grant Administrator, Controller's Office**

Financial Information:

- Type: Receivable
- Amount: See Fee Schedule

Terms:

- Beginning Date: 07/14/2026
- Ending Date: Until Terminated

VOTING:

Motion to Approve Items 5-6: Lorene Kamalu. Second: John Crofts. All present voted aye.

FACILITIES

- 7 **#2026-703. Approval of an Agreement with Benchland Water District for Irrigation Water Rights on 153 S Main Street, Farmington Property - recommended by Lane Rose, Director, Facilities**

Financial Information: N/A

Terms:

- Beginning Date: 07/14/2026
- Ending Date: N/A

VOTING:

Motion to Approve Item 7: Lorene Kamalu. Second: John Crofts. All present voted aye.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

- 8 **#2026-714. Approval of the Annual Limited Use Agreement for Use of the Davis County Shooting Range by WDSA, Inc., a Non-profit Corporation - recommended by Arnold Butcher, Chief Deputy, Sheriff's Office**

Financial Information:

- Type: Receivable
- Amount: \$5,400.00

Terms:

- Beginning Date: 07/14/2026
- Ending Date: 07/14/2027

- 9 **#2026-716. Approval of the Standard Professional Services Contract between Davis County and Holbrook Service, LLC for Chiller Replacement - recommended by Arnold Butcher, Chief Deputy, Sheriff's Office**

Financial Information:

- Type: Payable
- Amount: \$120,454.77

Terms:

- Beginning Date: 07/14/2026
- Ending Date: 11/30/2026

- 10 **#2026-720. Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding Between Wellpath, LLC and Davis County to Establish the Framework for Governing the County's Access to CorEMR for the Purpose of Identifying, Managing, Deleting, and Consolidating Legacy Records - recommended by Arnold Butcher, Chief Deputy, Sheriff's Office**

Financial Information: N/A

Terms:

- Beginning Date: Upon Final Signature
- Ending Date: N/A

Chief Deputy Arnold Butcher presented the memorandum of understanding with Wellpath to establish a clear framework for governing and managing legacy inmate medical records currently housed in the CorEMR database.

VOTING:

Motion to Approve Items 7-10: Lorene Kamalu. Second: John Crofts. All present voted aye.

CONSENT ITEMS

- 11 **#2026-701. Approval of an Amendment to Contract #230347 (Davis County Contract #2023-0726) with the State of Utah, Utah Attorney General's Office for FY27 Davis County Children's Justice Center Funding** - recommended by Julie Stephenson, Children's Justice Center Director, Attorney's Office

Financial Information:

- Type: Pass-Through
- Amount: \$388,704.00

Terms:

- Beginning Date: 07/01/2026
- Ending Date: 06/20/2027

- 12 **#2026-691. Approval of an Agreement with Premier Lacrosse for Lacrosse Games at the Western Sports Park** - recommended by Kent Andersen, Director, Community & Economic Development - Western Sports Park

Financial Information:

- Type: Receivable
- Amount: \$4,197.11

Terms:

- Beginning Date: 07/25/2026
- Ending Date: 08/01/2026

- 13 **#2026-698. Approval of an Agreement with Intermountain Health for Sponsorship of the 2026 Antelope by Moonlight Bike Ride** - recommended by Kent Andersen, Director, Community & Economic Development - Tourism

Financial Information:

- Type: Receivable
- Amount: \$1,500.00

Terms:

- Beginning Date: 07/31/2026
- Ending Date: 07/31/2026

- 14 **#2026-710. Approval of an Agreement with Weber State University for Sponsorship of the 2026 Antelope by Moonlight Bike Ride** - recommended by Kent Andersen, Director, Community & Economic Development - Tourism

Financial Information:

- Type: Receivable
- Amount: \$2,500.00

Terms:

- Beginning Date: 07/31/2026
- Ending Date: 07/31/2026

- 15 **#2026-721. Approval of the Law Enforcement Officer Training Reimbursement Agreement between Davis County and Christian Rae Pagano** - recommended by Arnold Butcher, Chief Deputy, Sheriff's Office

Financial Information:

- Type: Receivable
- Amount: \$17,738.00

Terms:

- Beginning Date: 07/14/2026
- Ending Date: This Agreement Will Terminate on the Date that All Parties Have Satisfied Each of Their Respective Duties Under the Agreement

- 16 **#2026-715. Approval of List of 24/7 SCRAM (Continuous Transdermal Alcohol Monitoring Program) Agreements with Davis County Sheriff's Office for June 2026** - recommended by Arnold Butcher, Chief Deputy, Sheriff's Office

Financial Information:

- Type: Receivable
- Amount: See Additional Financial Information

Terms:

- Beginning Date: Upon Final Signature
- Ending Date: Until the Individual is No Longer Under Court Order to Participate in the Program

- 17 **#2026-722. Approval of the Application and Agreements to be Considered for Placement on One or More Towing Rotation Lists Created and Maintained by Davis County and Layton City Through the Respective Dispatch Centers** - *recommended by Arnold Butcher, Chief Deputy, Sheriff's Office*

Financial Information: N/A

Terms:

- Beginning Date: 07/01/2026
- Ending Date: 06/30/2027

VOTING:

Motion to Approve Items 11-17: Lorene Kamalu. Second: Bob Stevenson. All present voted aye.

VOTING:

Motion to Recess to Board of Equalization: Lorene Kamalu. Second: John Crofts. All present voted aye.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

- 18 **#2026-28. Property Tax Register 07-14-2026** - *recommended by Scott Parke, County Controller, Tax Administration*

The Property Tax Register for 07/14/2026 is maintained by the Davis County Controller as the Clerk of the Board of Equalization.

VOTING:

Motion to Approve Item 18: Lorene Kamalu. Second: John Crofts. All present voted aye.

VOTING:

Motion to Reconvene Commission Meeting: Bob Stevenson. Second: Lorene Kamalu. All present voted aye.

CLOSING REMARKS

Commissioner Stevenson formally announced that Max Elliott will be retiring from his position as County Surveyor on September 4th at 11:59 PM. He reflected on Surveyor Elliott's sixty-plus years of extensive service, calling it a bittersweet day. He noted that the Republican Party Chair has been notified and the party will begin the replacement process. He also shared the tragic news that Cody Stewart, a lobbyist who works with the County, recently lost his twenty-two-year-old son, and offered sincere prayers and condolences to the family.

Commissioner Kamalu provided a highly positive and encouraging update from the recent Fire Officers meeting, reporting that the emergency dispatch consolidation remains on track. She praised Sheriff Sparks for his outstanding leadership and hard work in collaborating with various emergency entities to efficiently reduce the number of dispatch centers from four down to two, a crucial move that will greatly improve safety, operational efficiency, and overall service for County residents. Commissioner Kamalu noted that by the end of September, the consolidated operations should be relocated into the new building situated in Layton, expertly serving all areas except the Bountiful group operating in the southern part of the County.

MEETING ADJOURNED

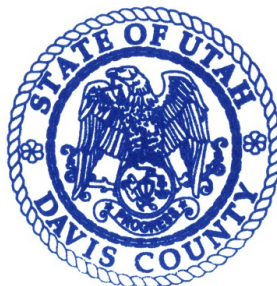
The meeting adjourned at 10:49 AM.

Minutes Prepared by:

Solana Guest
Deputy Clerk


Brian McKenzie (Jul 29, 2026 12:02:34 MDT)

Brian McKenzie
Davis County Clerk



Minutes Approved on:

07/28/2026


Bob Stevenson (Jul 29, 2026 09:13:29 MDT)

Bob J Stevenson
Commission Chair

Max B. Elliott
Davis County Surveyor
61 South Main Street
Room 107
Farmington, UT 84025

July 9, 2026

Commissioner Bob Stephenson
Chairman
Davis County

Dear Commissioner Bob Stephenson:

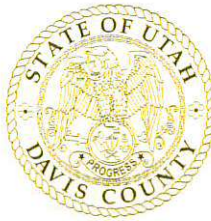
Please accept this as the official notice of my resignation as Davis County Surveyor.

My last day at Davis County will be September 4, 2026. It has been a great experience and honor to serve as the Davis County Surveyor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Max B. Elliott". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent flourish at the end.

Max B. Elliott
Davis County Surveyor



Davis County Commission

Commissioner John V. Crofts

Commissioner Lorene Miner Kamalu

Commissioner Bob J Stevenson

July 13, 2026

Don Guymon
Utah Republican Party Chair – Davis County Liaison
chair@davisgop.org

Dear Mr. Guymon,

The purpose of this letter is to inform the Republican Party, per Utah Code 20A-1-508(3), of the mid-term vacancy of the Davis County Surveyor. In a letter to the Commissioners dated July 9, 2026, Max Elliott gave official notice of his resignation as the Davis County Surveyor effective on 11:59 pm, Friday, September 4, 2026.

In accordance with Utah Code 20A-1-508(3)(c)(ii) the Davis County Board of Commissioners invites you to submit the name of an individual to fill this vacancy.

Kind Regards,


Lorene Miner Kamalu


John V. Crofts


Bob J Stevenson

cc: vice-chair@davisgop.org, secretary@davisgop.org, treasurer@davisgop.org,
bmckenzie@co.davis.ut.us, troy@co.davis.ut.us, NGeddes@co.davis.ut.us