



COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, July 20, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

Commission Chambers -- 160 N Main, Nephi, UT

MINUTES

Chairman Painter called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / INVOCATION

Chairman Painter led the Pledge of Allegiance and offered a prayer

ROLL CALL

Commissioners present include Chairman Clint Painter, Marty Palmer and Marv Kenison

Others present included County Attorney Jared Rowley, County Clerk/Auditor Tanielle Callaway, Myrna Trauntvein, Lt. Drake Underwood, Miranda Underwood, Kylee Davidson, Dominic Davidson, Rhonda Draper, Mike Draper, Kent Draper, Anabel Francucci, Annette Lovell, Lori Henri, Jessica Fletcher, Emma Snell, Jessy Taylor, Kyle Pace, Chris Painter, Kris Olcott, Brook Finlinson, Coletton Younger, Kim Lerwill, Don Beese, Raylund Smith, Ryan Keyte, Amy Taylor, Kristine Nielson, Melanie Cowan, Jamie Garrett, David Fletcher, Travis Kenison, Lynn Ingram, Zack Buck, Debbie Zirbes, Shanna Memmott, Jennell McGee

APPOINTMENTS/OATHS

The commissioners discussed the recent emergency meeting held on July 14, 2026 to announce the appointment of Drake Underwood as Juab County Sheriff following the Republican Party nomination process. County Clerk Tanielle Callaway administered the oath of office to Sheriff Underwood. Sheriff Underwood's family joined for photos and the commission congratulated Sheriff Underwood.

CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

3. Ratify Utah State Court Bailiff and Security Contract with Sheriff's Office

The Commissioners ratified the signing of the Utah State Court Bailiff and Security Contract. Chairman Painter previously signed the contract. Attorney Rowley had reviewed and approved. There were no changes from the prior year. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to ratify the contract. Commissioner Kenison seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

GENERAL BUSINESS – ACTIONS ITEMS – DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL

4. URS Commissioner Certification

Clerk Callaway reported an issue from the URS audit that commissioners had been inconsistently classified as part-time vs. full-time and that an open meeting decision was required.

Commissioner Kenison made a motion to classify the commission as part-time for URS purposes. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

5. Consider Employee Position Change and Part-Time Employee Request

Treasurer Melanie Cowan requested additional staffing for her office, explaining a shared part-time employee has shifted to full duties in the Assessor's office while motor vehicle workload and upcoming retirements (Barbara in November) justify hiring another full-time employee and a replacement for Barbara so training can occur concurrently. She noted interest earnings and anticipated SB 91 registration fee distributions as potential funding but acknowledged uncertainty. The commissioners expressed concern about relying on variable interest and timing of fee monies. Assessor Zack Buck confirmed he has been funding the shared employee. Commissioner Palmer asked if she would be willing to open her office full time on Wednesday if they approved the position. Treasurer Cowan stated she would. Commissioner Kenison made a motion to add the replacement position for Barbara and an additional full-time position. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

6. Consider Approval of Paving 4-Mile Cutoff Road

Lynn Ingram proposed paving the 4-Mile Cutoff Road and addressing damaged sections of Sheep Lane, combining both projects to save on mobilization costs. He stated the engineers' estimates total approximately \$622,000. The Commissioners discussed tying the pavement into the state right-of-way and tapering to existing asphalt at the highway and noted the project is budgeted in the road fund. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve and proceed with the work. Commissioner Kenison seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

7. Consider Approval of Leasing Shoulder Machine

Mr. Ingram reported the county's shoulder machine irreparably failed and parts are unavailable. To complete paving and shoulder work on Sheep Lane, 4-Mile Cutoff and other roads, he proposed leasing a self-propelled road widener/shoulder machine from Wheeler Machinery for one week (scheduled in between existing leases). Mr. Ingram explained leasing is more cost-effective than purchasing for infrequent use. He stated the old Flaherty machine should be determined as surplus and sold. Commissioner Kenison made a motion to approve the leasing of a road widener. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

8. Consider Fee Waiver for Rally for Utah Ranchers on August 15th

Commissioner Palmer requested the commission waive the hourly rental fee for the multi-purpose building for a benefit rally supporting Utah ranchers affected by recent fires. He noted cleaning fees and deposit would not be waived and staff confirmed the facility was available. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the fee waiver. Commissioner Kenison seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

9. Discuss Blue Springs and Red Iron Gates

Attorney Jared Rowley raised issues about locked gates on public roads (Blue Springs and Red Iron) that are blocking access to BLM land. It was noted the Sheriff's Office has cut locks previously. Owners keep re-locking, cameras were installed, and prior letters were sent with unclear responses. The commissioners directed Attorney Rowley to review existing correspondence/files, send follow-up letters to property owners, and involve the Sheriff if needed to resolve the access issues.

10. Discuss Valuation of Parcel on Utah and Juab County Border

Recorder/Surveyor Debbie Zirbes and Assessor Zack Buck discussed a long-standing boundary/parcel dispute with Utah County where a historically assessed Juab County parcel overlaps newly recorded plats and about 26 homes. Mapping shows discrepancies in the county line and Utah County has been assessing some of the developed lots. Options discussed included opening a Board of Equalization (BOE) appeal to adjust value (deadline Sept. 15), creating the subdivision record in Juab County so parcels exist here, or negotiating a swap/agreement with Utah County and using a joint meeting (with county staff and possibly a neutral facilitator) to resolve the issue. The commissioners asked staff to prepare records, proceed with subdivision setup as needed, and arrange a meeting with Utah County to reach a resolution.

11. Pay Bills

While the Commissioners were reviewing bills, they introduced Kyley Moody as the new county administrator. He gave brief background. He stated he grew up near Leamington, has lived in St. George and Orem, has 15+ years as an HR director in the private sector, is new to public sector work, and holds a master's degree in industrial/organizational psychology from the University of Nebraska. He expressed excitement to join Juab County and relocate here. The commissioners welcomed him.

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

Chairman Painter stated they had received the Fair Volunteer List that needed to be approved. It will be ratified at the next meeting, but needed the approval in time for the fair. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the Fair Volunteer list as presented. Commissioner Kenison seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

12. Employee Pay and New Employees

There were two personnel action forms for the EMS department. The first is for an EMT volunteer, Kelsey Patton; and then an EMS trainee, Amber Evans. Commissioner Kenison made a motion to approve the personnel action forms for EMS. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

The next personnel action form is for the new County Administrator, Kyley Moody. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the personnel action form for the county administrator. Commissioner Kenison seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

The Commission asked if anyone in attendance had anything they wanted to discuss. Jennell McGee stood and requested the gap in the sidewalk at the fairgrounds entrance be filled so pedestrians don't have to walk around gravel and parked trailers. The Commissioners and staff agreed to inspect and address it.

Sheriff Underwood raised a request to support the family of a recently deceased volunteer/search-and-rescue member and his family. The discussion favored a collective employee donation or using the employee fund in lieu of flowers and staff were asked to coordinate contributions and a card.

CLOSED SESSION (IF NECESSARY)

Commissioner Kenison made a motion to move to Closed Session for the purpose of contracts and personnel. Commissioner Palmer 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."

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Kenison made a motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned.

ATTEST: Tanielle Callaway
Tanielle Callaway
Juab County Clerk/Auditor

APPROVED: Clinton Painter
Clinton Painter
Commission Chair