

RICH COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES JULY 1, 2026

The Rich County Commission Meeting was held on July 1, 2026, at the County Courthouse in Randolph, Utah, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Chairman Simeon B. Weston, Commissioner William E. Cox, Commissioner Jonathan B. Lee, and Clerk Anneliesa Peart were present.

Commissioner Cox **moved to approve** the July 1, 2026 agenda with the addition of a URS technical amendment to reflect fiscal year rather than calendar year. Commissioner Lee seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Jordan Mathis, Bear River Health Department, presented an amended interlocal agreement between Rich County and the Bear River Health Department, clarifying duties and board membership following the first year of behavioral health integration. Commissioner Cox **moved to approve** the amended interlocal agreement. Commissioner Lee seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Cox **moved to appoint** the Executive Director of Bear River Behavioral Health as the contracted Director of Behavioral Health Programs for the three-county health department, effective until he is no longer the executive director or the contract with Bear River Behavioral Health ends. Commissioner Lee seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Randall Knight, Garden City Fire District Board Chairman, provided an update on the fire district's annexation lot, including donated fill material from the marina dredging project and ongoing discussions with BRAG regarding CDBG grant funding. No action was taken.

PUBLIC HEARING — Woodruff Irrigation Company / NRCS Woodruff Creek Watershed Design Agreement

Chairman Weston called for a motion to open a public hearing. Commissioner Cox **moved to open** the public hearing. Commissioner Lee seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Paul Willardson, JUB Engineers, and **Wally Schulthess, Woodruff Irrigation Company**, presented the proposed design phase agreement for the Woodruff Creek Watershed Management Project under the NRCS PL 566 program, with **Ben Willoughby, County**

Attorney, participating by telephone. The design phase is fully federally funded with no cost to the county or irrigation company, and the county's role remains as a pass-through funding sponsor. Public comments were heard, and questions were addressed by the presenters and **Zan Murray, JUB Engineers**, participating electronically. The Commissioners clarified the county's role as a funding pass-through and noted the County Attorney is working with NRCS on an MOU to formalize that role. No action was taken.

Commissioner Lee **moved to close** the public hearing. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Kirsten Earley, USU Extension 4H Coordinator, presented bids for replacement bleachers for the fairgrounds show ring on behalf of Reganne Briggs. Commissioner Cox **moved to defer** the decision until later in the meeting to allow time to review budget figures. Commissioner Lee seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Shawn Milne, BRAG Economic Development Director, and **Nikki Weston, Rich County CEO Board Chair**, provided an update on the Rural County Grant for fiscal year 2026, including reimbursement progress and ongoing projects. The board requested to be on the August agenda to present fiscal year 2027 grant recommendations for commission approval.

The Commission recessed for lunch and reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

BOARD OF CANVASSING — June 23, 2026 Primary Election: Clerk Anneliesa Peart presented the certified canvass summary and ballot tabulations for the June 23, 2026 primary election. All required post-election audits were completed successfully, and all election notices and reports were completed in accordance with Utah election law. Rich County achieved a 71% voter turnout, the highest in the state for the primary election. The official canvass record is maintained with the county's election materials. Commissioner Lee **moved to accept** the June 23, 2026 primary election canvass results as presented. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Kim Wilson, Assessor, presented personal property tax exemptions for approval. Commissioner Lee **moved to approve** the personal property tax exemptions as presented. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Wilson also presented three property tax adjustment requests. Commissioner Cox **moved to approve** a refund to Scott C. Jones in the amount of \$2,546.66 for overpayment of property taxes at the secondary residence rate for 2023, 2024, and 2025, as his Cisco Run property has served as his primary residence since that time. Commissioner Lee seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Cox **moved to approve** primary residence status for David C. Christensen for tax year 2026. Commissioner Lee seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Cox **moved to approve** the change of Daniel Barrett's property from primary to secondary residence status, as Mr. Barrett has established primary residence in Idaho. Commissioner Lee seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Wilson also informed the Commissioners of a data request from the State Auditor's Office, which her office will respond to consistent with the prior year.

Commissioner Cox **moved to approve** the June 3, 2026 minutes. Commissioner Lee seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

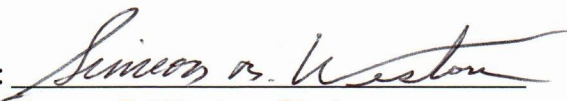
Commissioner Cox **moved to approve** the June 2026 expenditures and the April, May, and June 2026 quarterly report. Commissioner Lee seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

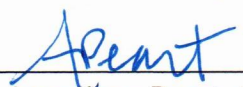
Commissioner Cox **moved to elect** 100% Title I distribution of USDA Forest Service Payments to States funds for fiscal year 2026, directing the full amount to the Special Service District for transportation needs. Commissioner Lee seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Cox **moved to amend** the county's December 2025 motion regarding Utah Retirement (URS) Tier 2 public safety employee retirement contributions to extend the funding period through June 30, 2027, consistent with the fiscal year transition, with the county continuing to fund 100% of the required contribution. Commissioner Lee seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Cox **moved to approve** the purchase of two 21-foot portable bleacher sections from the Park Facilities Catalog for up to \$61,000, pending freight negotiation for combined shipping. Commissioner Lee seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

With no further business before the Commission, Commissioner Lee **moved to adjourn** the meeting. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Approved: 
Simeon B. Weston, Chairman

Attest: 
Annetresa Peart, Clerk