

**GARFIELD COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
JULY 27, 2026 AT 10:00 A.M.**

Present: Commissioner Leland Pollock, Commissioner Jerry Taylor, Commissioner David Tebbs, Attorney Barry Huntington, and Clerk Camille Moore.

Commissioner Pollock called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance.

Commissioner Taylor made a MOTION to adopt the agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Tebbs. Motion carried. Voting: Pollock - Aye, Taylor - Aye, Tebbs - Aye

Commissioner Tebbs made a MOTION to approve the minutes of the July 13th. Seconded by Commissioner Taylor. Motion carried. Voting: Pollock - Aye, Taylor, Tebbs - Aye

BOARD REPORTS

Commissioner Tebbs reported on a UCIP board meeting. He met with the Panguitch Lake Fire Board and Kara Owens, Ambulance Director.

Commissioner Taylor reported on the NACO Conference, he was appointed Chair of the Public Land Committee. He attended a meeting with Dr. Allen Savory regarding public land management. He toured the Cottonwood fire damage with Congresswoman Celeste Maloy, Senator John Curtis, Michael Boren, Under Secretary of Agriculture, and Congressman Bruce Westerman, National Resource Committee Chair. The Congressional Briefing will be held August 10th and 11th.

Commissioner Pollock reported that a Good Neighbor Authority Agreement between Garfield County and the Forest Service is being developed. The County is working with state funding to improve trails on the Forest and B.L.M. land.

PUBLIC WORK BUSINESS

Jay Brooks was recognised for his 32 years of service to Garfield County.

SPIRIT OF GARFIELD COUNTY

Naketa Martel, Escalante was awarded the Spirit of Garfield County Award recognizing her service, leadership, kindness, volunteerism, or other meaningful contributions. This recognition honors those whose actions strengthen our county, inspire others, and exemplify the values and community spirit that make Garfield County a special place to live, work, and visit.

ESCALANTE HERITAGE CENTER

Chad Lyman updated the Commission on the Escalante Heritage Center Board, the visitor's center and campground. He expressed appreciation for the County's continued support.

BUSINESS LICENSE

A business license application has been received from Cooper Vendors, Panguitch and Way Out, Hatch. After review, Commissioner Tebbs made a MOTION to issue business licenses to Cooper Vendors and Way Out. Seconded by Commissioner Taylor. Motion carried. Voting: Pollock - Aye, Taylor - Aye, Tebbs - Aye.

AGENCY REPORTS

Carson Brown, Senator Curtis' Office introduced himself and gave a update from Senator Curtis.

Allana Olbrich, Bryce Canyon National Park, gave an update on the projects at the Park.

Bruce Summers, Congresswoman Maloy's Office, gave a update from the congresswoman.

Chris Werlhi and Jennifer Thomas, Forest Service, gave an update on the flooding damage, trails and grazing improvement on the Forest.

Commissioner Tebbs made a MOTION to enter Executive Session. Seconded by Commissioner Pollock. Motion carried. Voting: Pollock- Aye, Tebbs - Aye

Present: Kaden Figgins, Falyn Owens, and Richard Birch

AFFIDAVIT REGARDING CLOSED MEETING

STATE OF UTAH)
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COUNTY OF GARFIELD)

The undersigned, as presiding officer of the Board of County Commissioners of Garfield County, State of Utah, after being duly sworn, hereby states, swears and affirms as follows:

1. That on the 8th day of June, 2026, during a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Garfield County, State of Utah, the board, upon the affirmative vote of two-thirds or more of the members present at the meeting for which notice was given pursuant to Section 52-4-6, voted to close the meeting to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual under Subsection 52-4-5 (1)(a)(I), Utah Code Annotated and pending litigation.

2. That a quorum was present.

3. That I do hereby affirm that the sole purpose for closing the meeting was to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual and pending litigation.

DATED this 8th day of June, 2026.

Commission Chair

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to before me this day of , 2026.

NOTARY PUBLIC

Commissioner Tebbs made a MOTION to return to the general session. Seconded by Commissioner Pollock. Motion carried. Voting: Pollock - Aye, Tebbs - Aye

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

The accounts payable list was reviewed and signed by the Commission.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Commission Chair

Clerk/Auditor