

MINUTES of the public meeting of the Uintah County Commission held **August 4, 2026** in the Commission Chambers of the Uintah County Building at 147 East Main, Vernal, Utah. The meeting commenced at 3:00 pm.

PARTICIPANTS: Commissioners John Laursen, Sonja Norton and Willis LeFevre.

ATTENDANCE: Margie Shewell, Michael Cook, Koy Nielson, Leasha Williams, Angela Hawkins, Danette Brooks, Wendi Long, Deanna Baum, Matt Cazier, Brenda McDonald, Loren Anderson, Mike Wilkins

Minutes by Sheri Allen

WELCOME: Commissioner Laursen, Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

PRAYER by Commissioner Norton.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE by Michael Cook.

Mike Wilkins, Clerk-Auditor, introduced two new employees to the Clerk-Auditors office. Koy Neilson as the Staff Accountant and Leasha Williams as a Deputy Clerk-Auditor.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: July 28 Commission Meeting and July 29 Work Session

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the minutes for the July 28 Commission Meeting and July 29 Work Session. Motion passed unanimously.

2. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS – Mike Wilkins, Clerk-Auditor

Warrants dated July 30, 2026 in the amount of \$1,677,003.02. Payments of note are \$836,388.11 for the Central Canal Grant.

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the warrants as presented by Mike Wilkins. Motion passed unanimously.

3. TAX MATTERS:

Danette Brooks, Assessor, requested to adjust property taxes in the amount of \$1,470.32 for the 2026 tax year on serial number 05:072:0011 to the property owners on record, Building Dynamics Inc. The reason for this tax adjustment is the property was previously owned by the Uintah School District, an exempt entity, and has been purchased by Building Dynamics Inc. Taxes were prorated starting from the time the deed transfer until the end of the current tax year. The parcel will be moved from Tax District 97 to Tax District 2.

Commissioner LeFevre moved to approve the tax adjustment as presented by Danette Brooks. Motion passed unanimously.

4. ORDINANCE #07-29-2026 O1: ALLOWING SIGNS IN THE MH (RESIDENTIAL MOBILE HOME) ZONE- Deanna Baum, Community Development

Deanna Baum, Community Development, requested approval for Ordinance #07-29-2026 O1, allowing signs in the Residential Mobile Home (MH) zone. This ordinance corrects a previous oversight to permit signage for businesses allowed within the MH zone, such as RV parks. The proposed regulations align MH zone signage standards with those of commercial and industrial zones. The ordinance received a unanimous recommendation for approval from the Planning Commission following a public hearing on July 15 and was reviewed during the July 29 work session.

Commissioner LeFevre moved to approve Ordinance #07-29-2026 O1 as presented by Deanna Baum. Motion passed unanimously.

5. ORDINANCE #07-29-2026 O2: CONSIDERING CHANGES TO AUTOMOBILE REPAIR REGULATIONS ALLOWING FOR COLLECTOR VEHICLE RESTORATION IN THE A4 ZONE-

Matt Cazier, Community Development

Matt Cazier, Community Development, requested approval for Ordinance #07-29-2026 O2, which amends the zoning code to allow for collector vehicle restoration in the A4 Zone as a conditional use. This proposal follows a unanimous recommendation for approval from the Planning Commission, which held public hearings on the matter in June and July. The ordinance defines this use as the restoration, customization, or rebuilding of collector vehicles (vehicles 30 years or older) and specifically excludes routine mechanical repair, general public service, commercial body or paint shops, vehicle sales, or salvage yards.

Commissioner Norton moved to approve Ordinance #07-29-2026 O2 as presented by Matt Cazier. Motion passed unanimously.

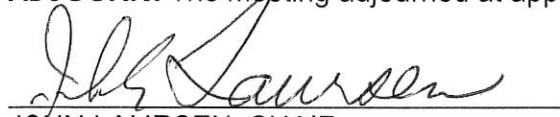
6. APPROVAL OF SITLA EASEMENT FOR BRONCO BUSTER TRAIL - Mike Cook, Trails

Mike Cook, Trails, requested approval for an easement from the Trust Lands Administration (TLA) for a 600-foot section of the Bronco Buster Trail. This easement completes the trail, which was previously approved by the BLM. The easement is funded by the OHV (Off-Highway Vehicle) fund, resulting in no cost to the county.

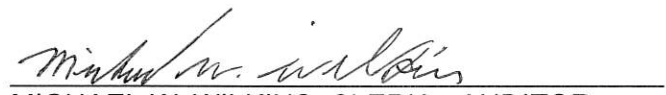
Commissioner LeFevre moved to approve the TLA Easement as presented by Mike Cook. Motion passed unanimously.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT - none

ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:11 pm.



JOHN LAURSEN, CHAIR



MICHAEL W. WILKINS, CLERK – AUDITOR