



Commission Meeting

Minutes

Monday, August 3, 2026 at 10:00 am

1. Public/County Employees Attendance

Minutes:

- Commissioner Blackburn
- Commissioner Brian
- Commissioner Cook
- County Attorney Michael Winn
- County Deputy Clerk Auditor Emily Edwards
- County Recorder/Treasurer Colleen Allan
- County Assessor Sharon Torgerson

Others: Nadia Harris, Carson Brown, Lauren Evans, Noreen Johnson, Barbara Tewell, Easton Rees, Milly Edwards, Alex Gribenko, Bowen Pace, Brenda Harris, Alania Grundy, Teresa Brian, Nycole Durfey, Jakelle Pace, Rylie Taylor, Adus Dorsey.

2. Approve minutes of previous meeting

Minutes:

Commissioner Cook made a motion to approve the minutes of July 20, 2026 with the adjustments of The Dump Road Canal being a letter of support for grant funding to finish the project. Commissioner Brian seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Vote results:

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0

3. Appointments for discussion and business with the Commissioners

a. 10:00 AM Nadia Harris Southern Region Ambassadors

Minutes:

Presented by Southern Region Ambassadors, Brenda Harris, Bowen Pace, Alania Grundy, Leader Nadia Harris.

Miss Harris, stated to the commission on what being a Southern Region Ambassador is and what they do throughout Wayne County and the State of Utah. Mr. Pace presented on how he enjoys being apart of this ambassadorship helps him grown and learn . Miss Grundy also spoke about the program and how it helps her to learn new things and how it helps teens learn different life skills and service. She also stated that once a month they meet with other

ambassadors from the state and plan retreats . Mrs. Nadia Harris announced the ambassador team as Brenda Harris , Bowen Pace, Alania Grundy, Kylie Stewart, CJ Clark.

b. 10:30 AM Lauren Evans Sheriff Dept. County Paid Phones for Deputies

Minutes:

Lauren Evans of the Wayne County Sheriff Dept. Presented a request to the Commission for the Sheriff Department, to receive 6 cell phones for the Wayne County deputies for work duties and criteria . Ms. Evans also stated the cost would be \$2,880.00 this would remove the phone stipend of \$600.00 yearly per person that is in place. This will reduce the cost per year significantly , It would be more safe & professional for the deputies to have a work phone.

Commissioner Brian made a motion to approve that the Sheriff Dept. Receive 6 cell phones provided by the County. Commissioner Cook seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Vote results:

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0

c. 11:00 AM Tiffany Martineau MOU Competitive Grant

Minutes:

Commissioner Cook, presented on behalf of Tiffany Martineau, He presented that the MOU is a grant that is to cover the Zoll device for the new ambulance and other needed items, and cover the cost of trainings for our new and current EMT's and Alex Gribenko will be the individual who will be doing the paramedic training.

Commissioner Brian made the motion for MOU grant for \$75,000 to be approved .

Commissioner Cook seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Vote results:

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0

d. 11:10 AM Tiffany Martineau Education Assistance and Service Commitment Agreement

Minutes:

Commissioner Cook stated that Alex Gribenko will be going to the paramedic training, offered By PERCOM online Incorporated in Abilene, Texas it is offered virtually, except for the hands on exams and testing at the end of the course. The initial cost will be \$7,04.00 which the county will cover. That costs include text books and course fees and exam fees , etc. Alex will pay his portion of \$4,300.20 will cover travel costs and the county will reimbursed him when his 4 year commitment with the county is completed. Books purchased for the course will be, and remain property of Wayne County.

Commissioner Brian Made motion to approve the Education Assistance and Service Commitment Agreement for the EMT's

Commissioner Cook seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Vote results:

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0

4. County Approvals

a. Drought Emergency Declaration

Minutes:

Wayne County Emergency Manager, Teresa Brian presented to the commission the Drought Emergency Declaration for approval. It will be a very valuable tool for the county and how it is impacted. Mrs. Brian will oversee the project as it moves forward, The declaration will be in effect until the commission terminates it. Mrs. Brian stated the county is still in a severe drought even with the moisture we have had the past few months and will extend into next year. Data will be collected and tracked .

Commissioner Cook made a motion to approve the Drought Emergency Declaration, for the existing drought emergency in Wayne County, until conditions improve greatly.

Commission Brian seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Vote results:

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0

b. Wayne County Tourism Tax Advisory Board (WCTTAB)

Minutes:

Commissioner Blackburn, Stated that Wayne County is in need of having a Wayne County Tourism Tax Advisory board. With legislation from the State of Utah.

Commissioner Brian announced the individuals who have applied for the board positions, as follows

- Jayden Blackburn
- Rachelle Williams
- Jake Velky
- Duane Dasse
- Jared Alvey
- Nycole Durfey Tourism Director

Commissioner Brian made motion to approve the following 5 Individuals as the board for the Wayne County Tax Advisory Board:

- Jayden Blackburn of Bicknell
- Rachelle Williams of Teasdale
- Jake Velky of Torrey
- Duane Dasse Wayne Co. Fire Chief
- Jared Alvey of Hanksville

Commissioner Brian also to include in that motion to have Nycole Durfey as a Advisor to the board members. Commissioner Cook Seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Vote results:

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0

c. Letter of Support Outdoor Recreation Application

Minutes:

Michael Winn, presented the Letter of Support for the Outdoor Recreation Application: Development of a County Recreation Master Plan. The letter is an intent from the Wayne County Commission to express strong support for the application for development of a comprehensive County Recreation Master Plan. Mr. Winn, stated that this planning effort represents an important investment for future of our community and will also provide the vision of strategic framework needed to guide recreation opportunities for years to come. As our county continues to grow and evolve, thoughtful planning is essential to ensure that parks, trails, open spaces, and recreational facilities meet the needs of the residents and visitors alike. By having this master plan in place it will help prioritize projects and establish clearer goals, and used as a tool for funding and leverage and partnerships. This will foster with collaboration with local governments, schools , business, and individuals. This will also help preserve the county with its natural and culture resources for the counties future.

Commissioner Cook made a motion to support the letter for the Outdoor Recreation Master Plan.

Commissioner Brian seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Vote results:

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0

d. Ratify Agreement McGrath Human Resources Group For Compensation & Classification Study

Minutes:

Commissioner Brian made the motion to ratify this agreement with McGrath Human Resources for hire of the counties compensation and classification study.

Commissioner Cook seconded the motion . The motion passed.

Vote results:

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0

e. Community Rental Fee Waiver Application

Minutes:

Emily Edwards stated this is a fee waiver request on the behalf of Nicole Brinkerhoff of Sage Brush Academy to use the Wayne County Community Center for a reduction of the rental rate for the use of the facilities, for cooking classes for younger children.

Commissioner Brian made a motion for the fee to be waived for the use of the Wayne County Community Center in addition that Nicole Brinkerhoff of Sage Brush Academy to be added to a future Commissioner's meeting agenda, for a presentation of more details on the program she is offering to the children of the county, And does not cause any conflicts with any other activities that are already scheduled for the date and times that she is requesting.

Commissioner Cook second the motion. The motion passed.

Vote results:

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0

f. Cooperative Agreement UDOT Teasdale Road Rehabilitation

Minutes:

On behalf of the Wayne County Road Dept , Adus Dorsey Stated that Wayne County has entered into a cooperative agreement with Utah Dept. of Transportation that federal funds will be exchanged with State funds to bypass some federal regulations and conflicts, Area includes the Teasdale Rd that goes from Hwy 24 to Hwy 12. This will take place in 2027. To improve that section of roadway.

Commissioner Cook made a motion to approve the UDOT Cooperative Agreement Commissioner Brian Seconded the motion. The Motion passed

Vote results:

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0

5. Commissioner Reports

6. Approve Vouchers

Minutes:

Commissioner Brian made a motion to approve the vouchers with addition of PerCom and State Court and Elletts service.

Commissioner Cook seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Vote results:

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0

7. Closed Session as Commission States

8. Adjourned

Minutes:

Commissioner Blackburn declared the meeting of August 3rd 2026 adjourned.

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Commissioner Blackburn



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