



Wasatch County Council Meeting Minutes

Minutes for July 8, 2026

The Wasatch County Council met in work session live and online on Wednesday, July 8, 2026, in the Wasatch County Chambers located in the Wasatch County Administrative Building at 25 North Main, Heber City, Utah 84032.

A video recording of the meeting may be viewed by using the Wasatch County Public Portal (<https://wasatchcount.portal.civicclerk.com/>) and selecting the desired meeting.

Agenda

Call to Order

1. Prayer / Remark and Pledge of Allegiance were held during the Wasatch County Solid Waste Special Service District meeting prior to the start of the council work meeting.

Public Comment

Public comments will be accepted in-person or via Zoom Webinar. Please limit comments to three minutes. If action is necessary, the item will be listed on a future agenda. The Council may elect to discuss the item if it is an immediate matter of concern. Email public comments to publiccomment@wasatchcounty.gov.

Summary:

No public comment

Call for Agenda Items

Councilmember Bonner asked if Heber Valley Transit could meet with Seniors to teach them how to use the service. **Councilmember Crittenden** suggested they work with SCC to have them available during a congregate lunch. **Manager Dustin Grabau:** Nancy O'toole is looking for support towards a "Provo River Day". Also, Heber City has requested a letter of support for them to pursue grants from the FAA for the airport upgrade. Council asked for additional information before providing a letter or requesting a presentation.

Council Items

1. Heber Valley EIS Update – Craig Hancock

Summary: The Utah Department of Transportation is working on finalizing the draft EIS for the Heber Valley Corridor. Currently, they are processing public comment feedback and reviewing any potential changes that could be applied.

Summary: Craig Hancock: Last month we met with the North Fields Irrigation Company. They asked to be a consulting party on historic property and historic features. We met with them in the field and spent time going over key historical features, primarily historic ditches. We will continue to coordinate with them. Additional work is still needed.
No motion was made.

2. Discussion and direction on the Wasatch County Historian Position – Dustin Grabau

Summary: Wasatch County budgeted for a historian position as part of the 2026 budget. The funding available was for a year-round part-time position or for half of a year of a full-time position. Staff have recommended that if the council seeks to fill this role with a qualified candidate, a full-time position will be more viable. Otherwise, council direction is sought on how to fill this position.

Council recognizes this could turn into a budgeted department and public input would be helpful. Preserving our past is important and relates to understanding what our future should look like. Council agrees it's safe to say we want to hire a full-time person and see where this goes.

No motion was made.

3. Council discussion on board assignments – Erik Rowland

Summary: There are various boards that each member of the council is assigned to. This discussion is intended to explore new methods regarding how those assignments are made.

Councilmember Rowland: This proposal isn't to affect all boards. We as a council will decide which board is applicable to ensure we get a rotation to share knowledge, and maybe provide redundancy if there is some health-wise availability or something a council member couldn't attend, then another member could fill in.

Richard, if you could resend to the council, so everyone can look at the presentation and let's bring it back at the August work meeting.

No motion was needed.

4. Discussion and presentation of Trails, Arts, and Parks allocations and expenditures – Dustin Grabau

Summary: As part of the Council's retreat in June, the County Council asked for a more detailed discussion of the Trails, Arts, and Parks (TAP) funds that have been allocated and spent since its inception. These funds are collected by the county and allocated between Heber City (48.45%), Midway City (17.26%), and Wasatch County (34.29%) based on the adopted interlocal agreement.

The total funds generated are as follows:

- 2023 – \$891,800.50
- 2024 – \$1,239,375.22
- 2025 – \$1,379,374.69

Wasatch County has issued grants using our portion of these funds and, in 2026, allocated a \$200,000 portion to county-priority projects. Wasatch County has had four Grant Application Cycles with the funds being allocated by year as follows:

- 2024 – \$285,151.95
- 2025 – \$649,360.49
- 2026 – \$211,921.82

Funds are tracked and released on a grant-by-grant basis. Not all allocated funds have been expended.

No motion needed

Council/Board Reports

Summary:

Councilmember Bonner: The weed board is planning on sending their updated weed plan to the attorney's office and if there's any recommendation to adopt the plan. They're also looking at their board terms who will be going off, and pick up a couple of new.

Councilmember Rowland: Went to a meet and greet with MIDA

Councilman Crittenden: UAC is on Sept 8-10 at the Utah Valley Conference Center. Registration is now open.

Councilmember Searle: The Library Board is conducting interviews this Friday for those that applied and were selected for interviews. Also, I went to the soil conservation meeting. They do a lot of things, working in conjunction with the North Field Irrigation and trying to work with Heber City, to ensure all the proper procedures that are happening with the slope development and storm water.

Councilmember Park: I would like to find out where we are going with the coronation with the state. I want to make sure we are moving forward with it, can we have a meeting in 2 weeks? I would like to keep moving, especially with the recent election. It will maybe help us.

Councilmember Bonner: I just wanted to mention myself, Councilmember Rowland, Councilmember Nelson and Mayor Franco of Heber City, went and walked a mile with Senator Curtis for the 250 celebration.

Manager's Report

1. MIDA Report – DVE Restricted Sales Tax Projections – Richard Breitenbeker

Summary: MIDA Reports keep council and the public updated and have included financial

projections since 2024. This report updates Municipal Service Revenue Fund projections in preparation for the 2027 budget cycle and also adds detail to how project area growth could affect various restricted sales tax revenues.

Summary: County Manager Grabau: A couple of minor things: the Courthouse is done, and we have a certificate of occupancy.

I had a meeting with the sheriff who had inquired about placing 5 to 7 staff members in the County Attorney's Building. Also, the Parks and Rec would like to put 2 or 3 people in the building.

Councilmember Crittenden, has been working on an alternate plan. The Community Action Food Bank is looking for a new space. I will need to talk to Quinn Davis to see if the structure could be worked with.

Closed Session - as needed

Closed sessions may be held in accordance with Utah State Code 52-4-205 to discuss the following: Purchase, Exchange or Lease of Property; Pending or Reasonably Imminent Litigation; The Character, Professional Competence, or Physical or Mental Health of an Individual.

Summary:

Councilmember Bonner: At 6:17pm, made a motion to go into Property Accusation. **Councilmember Crittenden:** Second the motion

All - 5-0.

Councilmember Kendall Crittenden made the motion to come out of closed session **Councilmember Spencer Park:** Second the motion.

All - 5-0.

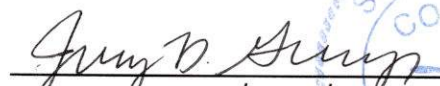
Adjournment

Summary:

Councilmember Bonner: Made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Park second the Motion.

All voted 5-0


Chair


Joey D. Granger/Clerk/Auditor

