

**WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 1, 2026**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of the Washington County Commission was called to order by Chairman Adam Snow at 4:00 p.m. on September 1, 2026, in the Washington County Commission Chambers, and via Zoom 111 East Tabernacle, St. George, Utah. Those in attendance were Commissioner Adam Snow, Commissioner Gil Almquist, Commissioner Victor Iverson, Deputy County Attorney Devin Snow, County Administrator Nicholle Felshaw and Deputy Clerk Sarah Lloyd.

INVOCATION BY: John Ames

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Sergeant Lucas Alfred

PUBLIC COMMENT:

(See attached sign-up sheet for names and subject)

CONSENT AGENDA:

The Consent Agenda is a means of expediting the consideration of routine matters. If a commissioner requests that items be removed from the consent agenda, those items are placed at the beginning of the regular agenda. Other than requests to remove items, a motion to approve the items on the consent agenda is not debatable.

- Consideration of Auditor-Approved Claims for Payment for August 19, 2026, through September 1, 2026.
- Consideration of Commission Meeting Minutes of August 18, 2026
- Consideration of Administrative Adjustments: Personal Property
- Consideration of Proof of Publication of Ordinance No. 2026-1328-O and 2026-1329-O, Published Sunday, August 23, 2026
- Consideration of Approval of Disposal of Surplus Voting Machines
- Consideration of Renewal of Cvent Contract

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Almquist to Approve the Consent Agenda as Outlined. Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow, Almquist and Iverson voting aye.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

PRESENTATION: ELECTIONS TEAM HONORED AT STATE CAPITOL

Clerk/Auditor Ryan Sullivan informed the Commissioners that the Elections Division received a team award for Excellence in Elections in the category of Emerging Best Practices for

Modernization, Operations and Special Projects. An individual award for Chief Deputy Genna Goodwin was also awarded.

CONSIDERATION OF PURCHASE REQUESTS:

Legacy Park, Dump Truck	(\$37,135.00)
Legacy Park, Cinders for Practical Shooting	(\$16,376.46)
HCP, Tortoise Fence in Red Cliffs Desert Reserve Zone 6	(\$78,488.25)
HCP, Gates & Step/Ride Overs in Red Cliffs Desert Reserve Zone 6	(\$22,205.00)
Roads, Dump Truck Rental For Milling Process	(\$100,000.00)
Roads, Certified Flagging Services	(\$15,000.00)
Roads, Removal of Accumulated Sediment Along Santa Clara River	(\$20,335.20)
Roads, Geo Technical Field Exploration	(\$32,500.00)
Roads, Equipment Fuel	(\$56,208.54)
Sheriff, ARC Drug Testing Machine (Grant Funded)	(\$137,794.12)

All purchases are budgeted, bonded, or paid for through grant funds.

MOTION: **Motion by Commissioner Iverson Approve the Purchase Requests as Outlined. Motion seconded by Commissioner Almquist and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow, Almquist and Iverson voting aye.**

CONSIDERATION OF PROCLAMATION NO. 2026-49, A PROCLAMATION DECLARING SEPTEMBER 17, 2026 TO BE RECOVERY DAY IN WASHINGTON COUNTY

Deputy County Attorney Devin Snow read the Proclamation aloud.

MOTION: **Motion by Commissioner Almquist to Approve Proclamation No. R-2026-49, A Proclamation Declaring September 17, 2026 to be Recovery Day in Washington County. Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow, Almquist and Iverson voting aye.**

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2026-3813, A RESOLUTION DIRECTING WASHINGTON COUNTY STAFF TO DRAFT AND ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS SEEKING VENUE OPERATORS FOR THE RIFLE AND PISTOL RANGE, THE PRACTICAL SHOOTING AREA, AND THE PUBLIC BAYS AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SHOOTING SPORTS PARK

Commissioner Snow moved to table this item.

MOTION: **Motion by Commissioner Snow to Table Resolution No. R-2026-3813, A Resolution Directing Washington County Staff to Draft and Issue a Request for Proposals Seeking Venue Operators for the Rifle and Pistol Range, the**

Practical Shooting Area, and the Public Bays at the Washington County Shooting Sports Park. Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow, Almquist and Iverson voting table.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2026-3814, A RESOLUTION APPROVING A FENCING AGREEMENT WITH SG 730 LLC FOR TORTOISE EXCLUSION FENCING ADJACENT TO THE RED CLIFFS DESERT RESERVE

Habitat Conservation Director Cameron Rognan stated that Divario is moving next to Red Cliffs Desert Reserve and will fence the area to keep tortoises from an active construction site.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Approve Resolution No. R-2026-3814, A Resolution Approving a Fencing Agreement with SG 730 LLC for Tortoise Exclusion Fencing Adjacent to the Red Cliffs Desert Reserve. Motion seconded by Commissioner Almquist and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow, Almquist and Iverson voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2026-3815, A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE WASHINGTON COUNTY LAND ACQUISITION SUBCOMMITTEE

Mr. Rognan explained that the BLM has been without a realty plans specialist, and Erica Lopez has recently filled that position; it is recommended that she serve on the Land Acquisition Subcommittee.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Approve Resolution No. R-2026-3815, A Resolution Appointing a Member to the Washington County Land Acquisition Subcommittee. Motion seconded by Commissioner Almquist and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow, Almquist and Iverson voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2026-3816, A RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL DENTAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND BLAZE KROUGH DMD

Commissioner Iverson thanked Dr. Krough for his willingness to serve as the dentist at Purgatory Correctional Facility.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Approve Resolution No. R-2026-3816, A Resolution Approving a Professional Dental Services Agreement Between Washington County and Blaze Krough DMD. Motion seconded by Commissioner Almquist and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow and Almquist voting aye and Commissioner Iverson abstaining.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2026-3817, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE LOAN OF SURPLUS PORTABLE STADIUM SEATING FROM WASHINGTON COUNTY TO HURRICANE CITY FOR USE AT HURRICANE CITY'S ANNUAL PEACH DAYS CELEBRATION

Legacy Park Equestrian Events Director Kolbey Hughes stated that there are unused bleachers at Legacy Park and Hurricane City is willing to maintain and store the bleachers.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Almquist to Approve Resolution No. R-2026-3817, A Resolution Approving the Loan of Surplus Portable Stadium Seating From Washington County to Hurricane City for Use at Hurricane City's Annual Peach Days Celebration. Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow, Almquist and Iverson voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2026-3818, A RESOLUTION APPROVING TRT FUNDING FOR MARKETING SPONSORSHIPS TO PROMOTE VISITORS TO WASHINGTON COUNTY

Greater Zion Partner Relations & Strategic Insights Manager Matthew Watson explained the Tourism Advisory Board (TAB) recently voted to give marketing sponsorships to the following:

Organization	Purpose	Amount to Fund
Utah Tech University	2027 DOCUTAH International Film Festival (February 25-27, 2027)	\$5,000
Senior Softball-USA	2027 Spring World Championships (March 16-21, 2027)	\$25,000
Desert Roads & Trails Society	Winter 4x4 Jamboree (January 20-23, 2027)	\$12,000
Great Western Classic	Basketball Tournament (December 3-5, 2026)	\$5,000 up to \$10,000
	TOTAL:	\$52,000

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Approve Resolution No. R-2026-3818, A Resolution Approving TRT Funding for Marketing Sponsorships to Promote Visitors to Washington County. Motion seconded by Commissioner Almquist and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow, Almquist and Iverson voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2026-3819, A RESOLUTION APPROVING TRT FUNDING FOR NON-PROFIT EVENTS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY

Mr. Watson stated these items were recently approved by the TAB board for approval.

Organization	Purpose	Amount to Fund
Zion Canyon Visitor's Bureau	Production of Zion Canyon Tear Sheet Maps	\$5,000
Zion Canyon Music Festival	2026 Zion Canyon Music Festival (Event Branding and Promotion)	\$2,500
St. George Dance Company	2027 Red Rock Dance Festival	\$3,000
FMASU	2027 Horrorfest International Film Festival	\$3,500
TOTAL:		\$14,000

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Almquist to Approve Resolution No. R-2026-3819, A Resolution Approving TRT Funding for Non-Profit Events in Washington County. Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow, Almquist and Iverson voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2026-3820, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE COUNTY'S OPTION TO CONTRIBUTE TOURISM FUNDING TO ASSIST WITH RENTAL COSTS AT THE DIXIE CONVENTION CENTER

Greater Zion Meeting, Convention & Event Sales Manager Joy Schroeder explained a letter of support from August 11, 2025, was sent where Greater Zion committed to contribute \$7,500 per summer weekend toward the rental cost of the Dixie Convention Center in 2026 and 2027, at which point it will be reassessed.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Approve Resolution No. R-2026-3820, A Resolution Approving the County's Option to Contribute Tourism Funding to Assist with Rental Costs at the Dixie Convention Center. Motion seconded by Commissioner Almquist and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow, Almquist and Iverson voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2026-3821, A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH SAGE GOVERNMENT SOLUTIONS LLC FOR GOVERNMENT RELATIONS AND LOBBYING SERVICES

County Administrator Nicholle Felshaw explained Washington County retains professional consultants from time to time to represent and advance the County's legislative, regulatory and policy interests before the Utah Legislature, the Governor's Office and state agencies, boards and commissions. This agreement would be pending attorney review.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Almquist to Approve Resolution No. R-2026-3821, A Resolution Approving an Agreement for Professional Services with Sage Government Solutions LLC for Governments Relations and Lobbying Services Subject to Attorney Review. Motion seconded by Commissioner

Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow, Almquist and Iverson voting aye.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Iverson reported on the recent flooding. Commissioner Almquist commented on the Road Department's recent help in Springdale and New Harmony with flooding, and the recent Congressional Delegation meetings in Washington County.

Having no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:46 p.m.



SARAH LLOYD
DEPUTY CLERK



ADAM SNOW
COMMISSION CHAIR

Board of Equalization

Personal Property

Commission Meeting

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PUBLIC COMMENT SIGN-UP

(Up to 10 people, one comment per person with a limit of two minutes each. You must be present in person and provide information on sign-up sheet prior to meeting; no comments will be taken on behalf of others. If there are more than ten people wishing to give input, they will be selected by random draw.)

	Name	Subject	Washington County Resident (please circle one)
1	Tami Popke	Red Cliffs Range	Yes / No
2	Julie Kray	Red Cliffs Range	Yes / No
3	BOB EVANS	Red Cliffs Range	Yes / No
4	Barb Carey	Shooting	Yes / No
5	LARRY BRULEN	Red Cliffs	Yes / No
6	HARRY LOHME LOHME	" "	Yes / No
7	Allen Updyke	Red Cliffs	Yes / No
8	Tim Dwyer	Raceway	Yes / No
9	Steve Depnoff	Red Cliffs	Yes / No
10	Dan Burch	" "	Yes / No
11	Robert DAI	Red	Yes / No
12	Jim Rose	" "	Yes / No
13	Armen Kludjian	" "	Yes / No
14	Fred Birnbaum	Red Cliffs	Yes / No