



Wasatch County Council Meeting Minutes

DRAFT Minutes for August 19, 2026

The Wasatch County Council met in regular session live and online on Wednesday, August 19, 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://wasatchcout.portal.civicclerk.com/>) and selecting the desired meeting.

Agenda

Call to Order

1. Prayer/Remarks - Kendall Crittenden
2. Pledge of Allegiance - Luke Searle

Councilmember Park led the Pledge of Allegiance in Councilmember Searle's absence.

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:

Christopher Grange: gave an update about a safety concern at Wasatch Views. With the help of public works, there is now a brand-new stop sign and five new speed limit signs. Thank you for your help.

Shauna Raby: wanted to applaud Council for taking a stand on Senate Bill 258. It's very important to our state as well as our community. (see video minutes for more detail.)

Peter Nelson: representing Wallsburg Town Council mentioned that many of our Senators and the Representative also thought that bill was unconstitutional. Mr. Nelson suggests adding another "whereas" in the resolution to say the Council finds the bill to be unconstitutional.

Kristen Blum: concerned about the intersection of 1200 South and Mill Road with school being back in session, it is extremely unsafe for kids to cross. I'm told there's a plan in progress for a round about. Councilmember Crittenden says that it is Heber City property

and they are doing a study on the area. (See video minutes for more detail.)

Call for Agenda Items

Summary:

Councilmember Crittenden: inquired about when the affordable housing discussion will be added to the agenda.

Councilmember Bonner: requested to have someone from the Attorney's Office, Frank Wilkerson, report on how a GRAMA request works.

Consent Items

1. Approval of May 06. 2026 Minutes – Clerk/Auditor

Summary: A Council meeting was held on May 06, 2026. A joint motion is at the end of consent items.

2. Approval of May 20. 2026 Minutes – Clerk/Auditor

Summary: A council meeting was held on May 20, 2026. A joint motion is at the end of consent items.

3. Approval of July 1, 2026 Minutes – Clerk/Auditor

Summary: Council held a meeting on July 1st. A joint motion is at the end of consent items.

4. BOE Approval of Assessor Office Error – Jerry Jones

Summary: A primary residential application was submitted and approved in 2021 but an error in entering the code change in the COINS tax roll system was made (computer glitch regarding leases), resulting in the taxpayer being charged the secondary, full rate in the amount of \$40,792.90.

The taxpayer paid \$22,436.10 and a penalty fee on the late difference was charged in the amount of \$458.92 plus interest of \$1,067.53 (\$1,526.45 total plus accruing interest up to the correction date). A joint motion is at the end of consent items.

5. Consideration of award of the construction contract for the 2026 Wasatch County Traffic Marking Paint Project – Terry Ekker, Public Works Director

Summary: Wasatch County invited contractors to submit bids for the 2026 Wasatch County Traffic Marking Paint Project on various county roads, as described in the ITB, along with providing traffic control. The contract will run through October 15, 2026. The project is funded entirely through the County B Road Fund. Three contractors submitted bids: Done Rite Lines, LLC., RoadSafe Traffic Systems, Inc., and Clear Line Striping. The bids have been tabulated in the following bid summary.

 WASATCH COUNTY			BID SUMMARY						
			2026 Wasatch County						
			Traffic Paint Marking Project						
			Tuesday, August 11, 2026						
				Done Rite Line, LLC		RoadSafe Traffic Systems, Inc.		Clear Line Striping	
Item	Description	Unit	Estimated Quantity	Unit Price	Total Price	Unit Price	Total Price	Unit Price	Total Price
1	Mobilization	Lump	1	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
2	Traffic Control	Lump	1	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
7	Pavement Message Paint	Each	309	\$ 19.50	\$ 6,025.50	\$ 38.20	\$ 11,803.80	\$ 31.00	\$ 9,579.00
8	Pavement Marking Paint	Gallon	2043	\$ 30.00	\$ 61,290.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 71,505.00	\$ 36.50	\$ 74,569.50
					\$ 82,315.50		\$ 95,308.80		\$ 101,148.50

Done Rite Lines, LLC was the low bidder and provided all the required information with their bid. The project bid fits with the planned 2026 fiscal budget.

Wasatch County reserves the right to reject any or all bids in the Invitation to Bid. A joint motion is at the end of consent items.

6. Second Reading of Ordinance 26-12 establishing a Finance Department – Dustin Grabau

Summary: In the 2026 General Legislative Session, the State Adopted HB 457, which enabled the transfer of Finance Duties out of the Auditor's Office to an administrative department. After discussions with Council, Finance staff, the elected Clerk-Auditor, staff recommends proceeding with the creation of the Finance Department as an administrative department. This mirrors Summit County's organizational structure and those of most municipal governments in Utah. No staff changes are proposed, only the assignment of two existing positions with these duties to be reorganized in a new department. A joint motion is at the end of consent items.

7. Second reading of Ordinance 26-13 increasing the Library Board to seven members. – Heber Lefgren, Assistant County Manager

Summary: The Library Board recommends adding two seats to the Board membership, requiring a County ordinance amendment. Historically, the Library Board consisted of five (5) members. We are recommending increasing the board to seven (7) members. Expanding the Library Board increases the opportunities for public participation and community representation to assist the County Council and County Manager in matters relating to library services.

Action Taken: Councilmember Park: made a motion to **approve the items on the consent agenda as presented. Councilmember Nelson:** seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following vote:

Voting Aye: Colleen Bonner, Erik Rowland, Kendall Crittenden, Mark Nelson, Spencer

Park

Voting Nay: None

Council Items

1. Presentation from USU on available services – Trenton Wilson

Summary: USU reached out to the County Council about appearing at a meeting to share information about services they provide. The presentation will include an introduction by the local program specialist Trenton Wilson, information about courses and resources available, an annual report, support for economic development, and grant support.

No representative was available to present. No motion needed.

2. Approval of the 2027 Rural County Grant Proposal – Dallin Koecher

Summary: The Rural County Grant is administered by the Governor's Office of Economic Development and awards rural counties in Utah \$200,000 for their economic development needs. The Wasatch County Community Economic Opportunity Advisory Board (CEO) has met to create a recommended budget for the FY 27 Rural County Grant. The board seeks a motion to approve the Rural County Grant budget application as presented.

Action Taken: Councilmember Nelson: made a motion to **Approve the fiscal year 2027 RCP proposal as it's been presented. Councilmember Bonner:** seconded the motion.

The motion passed with the following vote:

Voting Aye: Colleen Bonner, Erik Rowland, Kendall Crittenden, Luke Searle, Mark Nelson, Spencer Park

Voting Nay: None

3. Presentation on 4th of July visitor data – Jessica Broadhead

Summary: On July 4th, numerous events were held around the County, including the Red, White and Blue Festival. Today's presentation will be reporting data collected on how many people attended the Red, White and Blue Festival activity.

Jessica Broadhead: Reported this event was a three-day event. Some of the key events were the musical 1776, main to main run by over 600 runners. 3 days of events in City Park, over 15,000 attendants down show. Total impact # for the three days was around \$6,708,000.

No motion was needed.

4. Discussion regarding the County Council's priorities for using TRT and TRCC Funds – Dallin Koecher

Summary: This is intended to be an open discussion about the County Council's priorities for using TRT and TRCC. The TTAB board wants to present a budget recommendation and ensure alignment between its priorities and the county's priorities. This is intended to be a discussion about how both groups can work together to ensure the flow of TRT and TRCC

remains consistent and healthy. No official motion is needed at this meeting. The TTAB plans to return at a future meeting to present a budget and some policy priorities.

No motion needed.

5. Recognition of Don Taylor – MAG Trail Planner for Wasatch County – Doug Smith

Summary: Don Taylor served as the Wasatch County Trail Planner under the direction of Mountainland Association of Governments for 6 years. He recently retired, and Wasatch County would like to recognize his service for helping to enhance the trail services in our community.

No motion was needed.

6. Discussion and direction on Resolution 26-11 calling for the repeal of state Preliminary Municipality Code – Dustin Grabau

Summary: Wasatch County feels that local government is best equipped to address local-land use considerations and preliminary municipalities unjustly usurp the established public processes for considering changes to land use designations. Currently proposed preliminary municipalities are in places that don't align with the county's general plan, are intended for preservation, and don't have adequate infrastructure within and adjoining the proposed developments. Furthermore, the affordable housing created by these projects is insufficient and has the potential to create more demand for affordable housing than the supply it creates.

In this resolution, Wasatch County is calling for the repeal of the state code changes enacted in SB 258 from the 2024 General Session of the Utah State Legislature.

Action Taken: Councilmember Bonner: made a motion that we direct the attorney's office and manager's office to relook at this resolution and bring it back to us on September 2nd. **Councilmember Park:** seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following vote:

Voting Aye: Colleen Bonner, Erik Rowland, Kendall Crittenden, Luke Searle, Mark Nelson, Spencer Park

Voting Nay: None

Council/Board Reports

Summary:

Councilmember Crittenden: The Senior Citizen has planned a resource fair on September 30th, 2026. There are 15 presenters. It was a great success last year. Also, we had a food drive that was successful. Crittenden reported that affordable housing had a presentation the other day with Mountain Land Housing, the housing board contract to do out income compliance on affordable housing that is in the community. We had a presentation with Wells Sagos. We presented part of the grant of \$25,000 to help develop a software

program. It's called the One Door Program.

Councilmember Bonner: We had our meeting with HVSSD. We contracted an independent contractor and it's going really well. They did a project in the lagoon and dredged through the winter and they came in and fixed the bubbling.

On the train we talked about the master plan and different things over the years, as the train moved forward, some of the things we would like to do there. We would like to have an open house with videos to show where the train is today and how to grow the train.

Reminded everyone that there are a lot of partners and it is a benefit to the county.

Councilmember Searle: reminder that our BOE training is due this week.

Manager's Report

Summary:

No manager report

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:

Went into closed session at 5:46 PM for Property Litigation and Personnel.

Action Taken: Councilmember Bonner: made a motion to go into closed session for personnel and litigation. **Councilmember Nelson:** seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following vote:

Voting Aye: Colleen Bonner, Erik Rowland, Kendall Crittenden, Luke Searle, Mark Nelson, Spencer Park

Voting Nay: None

Summary: Came out of closed session at 7:15 PM.

Action Taken: Councilmember Park made a motion to. **Councilmember Bonner:** seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following vote:

Voting Aye: Colleen Bonner, Erik Rowland, Kendall Crittenden, Luke Searle, Mark Nelson, Spencer Park

Voting Nay: None

Those present for closed session was the Council, Michael Murphy Excused, Dustin Grabau, Tierra Cooper, Scott Sweat, Heber Lefgren, Wendy McKnight.

Adjournment

Summary:

Action Taken: Councilmember Bonner: made a motion to adjourn. **Councilmember Nelson:** seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following vote:

Voting Aye: Colleen Bonner, Erik Rowland, Kendall Crittenden, Luke Searle, Mark Nelson, Spencer Park

Voting Nay: None

Chair

Joey D. Granger/Clerk/Auditor