



COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, October 5, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

Commission Chambers -- 160 N Main, Nephi, UT

MINUTES

Chairman Painter called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / INVOCATION

Commissioner Marv Kenison offered a prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

Commissioners present include Chairman Clint Painter, Marty Palmer and Marv Kenison

Others present included County Attorney Jared Rowley, County Clerk/Auditor Tanielle Callaway, Myrna Trauntvein, Sydney Gurney, Jobina Davis, Joran Carter, Jamie Garrett, Bryson Ashworth, Tyson Ashworth, Shanna Memmott, Jennifer White, Ryan Kay, Eva Monsen, Kaylee Curtis, Connor Hansen, Mattie Fowkes, Carly Sutherland, Amy Sutherland, Jim Carson, Scott Sorenson, Jeremy Christensen, Lucinda Kay, Noreen Harper, Tom Fowkes, Mont Barney, Shauna Lear, Cory Ballow, Ashley Olson, David Fletcher, Debra Barnes, Alice Gingham, Bobbi Smith, Donni Pay, Joe Humphrey, Jennell McGee, Travis Kenison, Celest Robinson, Emma Snell, Mika Sperry, Travis Kyhl, Michael Sperry, Colby Park, Zack Buck, Melanie Cowan, Amy Taylor, Bailee Bryan, HD Sanderson

MINUTES

1. Commissioner Kenison made a motion to approve the minutes from September 8, 2026 and September 21, 2026. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

GENERAL BUSINESS – ACTIONS ITEMS – DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL

5. DUP Sterling Scholar Certificates

Chairman Painter moved a few items around and moved to this item first.

Lucinda Kay and Noreen Harper of the Daughters of Utah Pioneers recognized local Sterling Scholars and other youth volunteers for their contributions to the Jubilee, museum improvements, and community service, including support from Juab High School football players and Mount Nebo FFA. They thanked the county for its support of the museum and jail restoration, and noted the jail's rededication was planned for October 10. Commissioners praised the students' service and community involvement.

Ms. Kay and Ms. Harper also thanked the commission for supporting the museum improvements and jail restoration. They described plans to expand museum displays, including Ute Indian Tribe and Eureka mining history, and requested continued budget support for security cameras, basement flood prevention, digitizing historical records, and eventually heating the Brough building. They also noted limited docent hours and volunteer availability, increased museum visitors, and plans to publish a history of the jail.

3. Events and County Support

Jamie Garrett requested stronger county support for community events through greater employee participation, coordinated access to county equipment, improved communication, and a shared sense of responsibility. She highlighted the events' community and economic value, reported substantial event revenue and thousands of visits, and described the significant volunteer hours they require. Volunteers and community representatives echoed the need for more support, citing difficulty accessing county resources and volunteer burnout. Chairman Painter recommended holding a brainstorming session with the commission and event organizers to identify ways to work together.

4. Consider Transport Vehicle and EMS Grant Expenses

EMS Director Mika Sperry reported receiving a \$75,000 state grant to support shift coverage, field training and retention, and crew training. She requested using \$9,780 from the grant for a virtual-reality training and a critical-care body-donor lab. Ms. Sperry also proposed using a separate \$30,000 Physio Control reimbursement toward a mental-health transport vehicle, which could free ambulances, paramedics, and sheriff's deputies for other calls. Lt. Kenison offered their appreciation and support from the Sheriff's Office and indicated it has been a huge help having EMS assist with the transports. Commissioner Kenison made a motion to approve the \$9,780 for the VR training and the critical body donor. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor. Ms. Sperry stated she will continue looking for a suitable transport vehicle and will return to the commission for approval.

6. Pledge Rights on Subdivision for Jim Carson

Mike Sperry presented a request to unpledge land for an existing house and rededicate 30 acres under the cluster subdivision rules for Jim Carson. County Attorney Jared Rowley reported no legal barrier, while noting the decision could set a precedent. The proposal also included dedicating the property's share of a 66-foot road right-of-way. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the undedication and then rededicate the pledge of 30 acres under the cluster subdivision rules. Commissioner Kenison seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

7. Foundation Membership with Nephi Area Chamber

Jodi Cox updated the commission on the Greater Nephi Chamber of Commerce, noting its growth over the past several years and its support for local businesses through ribbon cuttings, social media promotion, and other services. She said the chamber aims to maintain long-term

stability as board and leadership roles change, with membership dues as its primary revenue and membership packages designed for businesses of different sizes.

Ms. Cox presented the Chamber of Commerce's Pillar Partnership proposal, inviting the county to consider annual support in the upcoming budget cycle. She described the Chamber's work promoting county programs and connecting with local businesses, and said additional revenue would help sustain and grow its services. Commissioners asked about the county's current membership and possible partnership structure. Ms. Cox said the arrangement could be tailored to the county's budget and priorities. Joe Humphrey also praised the Chamber's Lunch and Learns for supporting local businesses.

8. DUP Budget Issues

See number 5 above.

9. County Ordinances

Tom Fowkes reviewed the county's conditional-use provisions and questioned whether a proposed data center in an A1 agricultural zone could be made compatible with surrounding properties, especially given concerns about water availability and other impacts. Attorney Jared Rowley explained that industry may be considered as a conditional use and that the Planning Commission would assess the permit and proposed conditions. Mr. Fowkes urged the county to review its authority and the ordinance carefully, suggested a phased approach and bonding for road-related costs, and said he would not support approving the full project at once. Commissioner Kenison noted that the project's water source would need approval. Attorney Rowley said commissioners were aware of concerns including water, electricity, emissions, and noise, and had those same concerns, as well. He indicated the Commission has been communicating with the developer and they are doing their best to make sure these concerns are addressed.

10. Consider Raccoon Eye Properties LLC Zone Change Request Recommendation

Colby Park and Joe Humphrey presented Raccoon Properties' request to rezone two parcels totaling just over 36 acres from A1 and GMRF to industrial. Mr. Humphrey said the plan was to create lots for outdoor dry storage, serving contractors and other businesses needing space outside town. No buildings were planned initially, and uses would need to comply with county code. Commissioners discussed consistency with Nephi City's industrial growth plans and Mr. Humphrey agreed to dedicate a 66-foot road right-of-way for future growth. Commissioner Kenison made a motion to approve the zone change by adopting Ordinance 2026-9, with the road dedication included in the motion. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

11. R6 Update

Travis Kyhl reported that the August congressional briefing was successful and announced the Fall Regional Growth Summit on October 22nd at 5 p.m. and the recognition banquet on December 2nd at 6 p.m. He said the Agra-Park master plan was complete and that an RFQ was underway for firms to help with next steps. He also described a medical-transport program that

reimburses mileage for rides to medical appointments, noted that county allocations would be sent later in the month and invoiced in January, and announced that Jess Peterson would serve as Juab County's community advisor.

12. Purchasing for Community Grant of Cameras, Tasers and Incinerator, SAR Purchase of Side by Side and Surplus of Side by Side and Trailer, Starlink and Computer

Travis Kenison presented three grant awards: a \$7,500 JAG grant for 17 Starlink devices for patrol vehicles, with installation costs partly covered by the department; a \$394,149 Community Projects Grant for approved law-enforcement equipment, including Tasers, cameras, and a mobile evidence incinerator; and a \$36,745 OHV-R grant for a side by side for Search and Rescue. Commissioner Kenison made a motion to approve the JAG grant purchases for \$7,500 for the Starlink devices. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Kenison made a motion to approve the Community Project Grant for \$394,149 for purchase of cameras, tasers, evidence incinerator and body cameras. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Kenison made a motion to surplus the existing side by side and trailer. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor. Commissioner Kenison made a motion to approve the purchase of a new side by side and trailer, including the trade in. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

13. Purchase of Grader Tires, Consider Culvert Project and Update on Flooding Problem
Lynn Ingram requested approval to purchase six grader tires through state contract pricing for \$6,873. He noted the existing tires had about 2,700–2,800 hours of use. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the purchase of the tires. Commissioner Kenison seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Mr. Ingram reported flood damage to a desert road and culvert and requested approval for engineering, permitting, and design of a permanent replacement, recommending a 12-foot structure to handle high water volumes. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the engineering costs not to exceed \$48,000, with Ingram to return with a construction estimate. Commissioner Kenison seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

He also updated the commission on ongoing flood repairs across county roads and said Mona Main Street improvements were nearing completion, though a water leak had been found beneath the newly paved roadway.

CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

2. Consider Rural County Economic Development Grant Contract

Chairman Painter presented the annual \$200,000 Rural County Economic Development Grant contract, noting that \$15,000 is reserved for the Rural Entrepreneur Academy and that the

county attorney had reviewed the agreement. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the contract and authorized the Commission Chair to sign. Commissioner Kenison seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

GENERAL BUSINESS – ACTIONS ITEMS – DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL

14. Pay Bills

Commissioner Kenison made a motion to approve the Juab County bills as presented. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Chairman Painter invited Jeremy Christensen with Utah Department of Agriculture and Food's land conservation program manager to introduce himself and gave him some time. Mr. Christensen introduced himself and discussed the state's agricultural land conservation resources and offered assistance implementing House Bill 237, which directs counties to set aside a portion of rollback tax collections for agricultural land protection. He described voluntary conservation easements and potential state and federal funding to help preserve working farms and ranches. Commissioners invited him to return for a work session and coordinate with Planning and Zoning staff.

15. Employee Pay and New Employees

There were several personnel action forms for approval. The first two were for the Treasurer's Office. They were for Calle Truscott and Ali Baird. They will both be full-time. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the Treasurer personnel action forms. Commissioner Kenison seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

There were two for EMS. One was a new paramedic, Dakota Steed, and the second was a pay correction for Jared Wetzal. Commissioner Kenison made a motion to approve the EMS personnel action forms. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

The last two were for the Sheriff's Office, moving Travis Kenison to Emergency Manager and Lori Henrie's successful completion of probation. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the Sheriff's personnel action forms. Commissioner Kenison seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Kenison made a motion to move to Closed Session for personnel issues. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. Chairman Painter called for a roll call vote.

Commissioner Palmer voted, "Yes."

Chairman Painter voted, "Yes."

Commissioner Kenison voted, "Yes."

OPEN SESSION

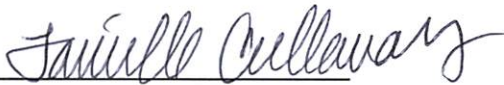
Commissioner Kenison made a motion to move to move back into Open Session due to the Closed Session matter not being qualified for a Closed Session. Commissioner Palmer seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries.

After returning to open session, the commission discussed EMS staffing shortages, reduced volunteer availability, increased call volume, and the resulting strain on Eureka coverage and staff. Emma Snell proposed expanding PRN staffing, with qualified personnel able to cover shifts across stations. The discussion focused on adding AEMT and paramedic coverage, with a 72-hour monthly minimum. Commissioner Kenison approved a staffing budget of up to \$111,456 annually (\$9,288 per month), to be included in the 2026 budget and ratified at the next meeting. Staff will review schedules, confirm coverage needs and costs, and prepare the implementation details. The group also briefly discussed a concern about ambulance service area designation.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Kenison made a motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned.

ATTEST: 
Tanielle Callaway
Juab County Clerk/Auditor

APPROVED: 
Clinton Painter
Commission Chair