IRON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
OCTOBER 12, 2026

Minutes of the Iron County Commission meeting convened at 9:00 a.m. October 12, 2026 in Commission Chambers at the Iron County Courthouse, Parowan, Utah.

Officers in attendance included:

Kenneth Robinson	Commission Chair
Michael Bleak	Commissioner
Paul Cozzens	Commissioner
Jonathan T. Whittaker	County Clerk

Also present:

Nicole Rosenberg	County Treasurer
Carrie Christensen	Deputy Auditor
Terry Palmer	Building & Zoning
Richard Wilson	Engineer
Jami Evans	Fair Director
Jennifer Bradbury	Human Resources (HR)
Brett Hamilton	Planner
Bruce Anderson	Public Works

Others present:

Mark Abernathy	Ingrid Akerblom	Tyler Allred
Rand Bettridge	Wesley Curtis	Joe Deaser
David Dunn	Christian Jones	Mike Keil
Brian Nichols	Frank Nichols	Reed Page
Brian Penny	Russell Reber	Jeff Richards
Rich Saunders	Danny Stewart	Byron Stubbs
Mary Stults	Melisa Strickland	Kyle Verzello
Spencer Viernes	Bruce Washburn	

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INVOCATION

An invocation was offered by Michael Bleak.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Those assembled were led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Paul Cozzens.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Paul Cozzens made a motion to approve the minutes of the Iron County Commission meeting held on September 28, 2026. Second by Michael Bleak. Voting: Michael Bleak, Aye; Paul Cozzens, Aye; Kenneth Robinson, Aye.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT

Michael Bleak made a motion to approve Claims for Payment from September 28, 2026 to October 11, 2026. Second by Paul Cozzens. Voting: Michael Bleak, Aye; Paul Cozzens, Aye; Kenneth Robinson, Aye.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Jami Evans, Iron County Fair Director, thanked the commissioners for their continued support of the Iron County Fair and Event Center. Kaelyn Radle joined the office and brought her marketing experience with her, which has been a great help. She thanked her staff for doing a great job. Jami reported receiving many compliments on the improvements to the fairgrounds, especially the removal of a hill and brick wall between the arena area and the Exhibit Building. She noted that the 25 Year Fairgrounds Master Plan continued to move forward, making meaningful improvements each year. They were prioritizing projects according to available funding, time, and resources. With continued growth and multiple sold-out events, additional seating and improvements to traffic flow and event space would be important priorities moving forward. Jami reported that they began brainstorming ideas for the 2027 Iron County Fair theme and Grand Marshal. There continued to be positive feedback from the Boots & Buddies Adaptive Rodeo and the PCRA Rodeo stock contractors. The PCRA Rodeo and Demolition Derby were sold-out events, which reinforces the need to plan for additional seating. She noted that there were 20 new sponsors this year for a total of 146. Confirmed monetary in-kind sponsorships totaled $186,400. Jami reported on additional events and facility rentals. She expressed her appreciation and recognition to the Iron County Maintenance Department, Engineering, Road Department, Sheriff's Office, Search and Rescue, Volunteers, committee members, and everyone who helped make the fair a success.

Nicole Rosenberg, Iron County Treasurer, noted that product sales as of January 2025 were $79,348,397.53. Nicole reported on the tax distribution and pooled cash reports. The Public Treasurers Investment Fund (PTIF) interest rate was up to 4.06% and had collected $1,818,412.61 in interest this year. State Bank was now matching the PTIF interest rate, and since July, the collected tax payment was $152,944.02. Total earned interest to date was $2,839,375.08. She noted that Moreton Assets invested additional funds with long-term rates over 4.3% and collected $733,299.29 in interest. Nicole reported that the Outstanding Taxes were $2,182,255.10 compared to $2,558,530.37 in 2025. The tax notice process was beginning today. Nicole explained that the Treasurer's Office no longer accepted payments over the phone

to ensure taxpayers' safety by not taking their card numbers. All payments were either online or in person, which helps keep merchant fees lower. She encouraged the public to sign up to receive their tax notice by email to ensure their payment was received on time She explained that Utah law mandates that payments received by mail are credited by postmark when determining timeliness. Checks may be submitted through E-check; just include the account and routing number. Any credit or debit card payment was charged a 2.5% processing fee. Nicole reported that the Treasurer's budget was on track and expressed her appreciation to her staff for all their hard work.

Paul Cozzens, Iron County Commissioner, reported that he and the other commissioners began the 2027 department budget meetings last week, which continued this week. Paul participated in a virtual 5 County Association of Governments (AOG) meeting, which included Beaver, Kane, Washington, Panguitch, and Iron County. It was a great opportunity to work together and be stronger. There was a challenge with a leaking roof, which was not taken care of during the last remodel of the building. Paul agreed with the gratitude expressed during the invocation, that it was great to receive the moisture from Hurricane Rachel without any damage or flooding. Iron County was prepared with excavators placed at all bridges in Iron County for expected flooding. Iron County began staging excavators at those locations since the last flooding incident, so they were available and ready for work.

Michael Bleak, Iron County Commissioner, reported that he met with the Tourism Advisory Board to finalize funding through the grant application process. He participated in a focus group with the 2034 Winter Olympics Committee to begin discussions on how the Olympics could benefit all counties in the state. Mike reported that, as Paul Cozzens mentioned, he had been participating in the budget meetings and would continue this week. The commissioners discussed each current budget request, previous budgets, and expenditures, and whether to raise or cut back on any requests. Unfortunately, fuel and maintenance costs were increasing in all departments. He met with the Inland Port Authority and Representative Paul Cutler, who, per Mike Schultz, Speaker of the House, oversees all state-level legislation regarding data centers. They discussed projects in Iron County related to upcoming state legislation and ensuring safeguards were in place. Mike reported that he attended the Southern Utah Economic Alliance Executive Committee meeting, which was a regional economic development organization that focuses on the 5 counties of Beaver, Panguitch, Kane, Washington, and Iron County, and attended the Southwest Technical College Gala.

Paul Cozzens noted that he attended the Iron County Planning Commission (ICPC) meeting and was unable to attend the Southwest Technical Gala.

Kenneth Robinson, Iron County Commissioner, noted that the departmental budget meetings were ongoing. Ken reported that he attended the ICPC, and there were good discussions and comments regarding the upcoming Zoning Ordinance. He attended the Farm Bureau meeting where they discussed the Cedar City Mountain Wool Growers Association. This week, there would be several representatives from throughout the state who would be in Washington, D.C., to represent the Wool Growers of America and discuss the need for tariffs to be placed on imported wool and lamb that were coming into the country and devastating local markets. He noted that he had several conversations regarding the Brian Head expansion and how it would impact the different entities throughout Iron County. Ken expressed his appreciation to George Colson, Iron County Emergency Management Manager, for the fantastic job he did monitoring the storm that was coming last weekend. He noted that he had received calls regarding issues with the motocross venue north of Parowan.

PUBLIC HEARING, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE IRON COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE, INCLUDING REPEALING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 17.37 TO ESTABLISH THE STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT ZONE (SDZ) OVERLAY, CHAPTER 17.33 RELATED TO SOLAR POWER PLANTS, CHAPTER 17.20 RELATED TO USE DEFINITION AND CHAPTER 17.16 RELATED TO THE TABLE OF USES

Brett Hamilton, Iron County Planner, presented the Strategic Development Zone Overlay (SDZ). The purpose of the Overlay was to identify policy direction from the commissioners before any formal considerations. Brett explained the reason for the work on the ordinance process, gave an overview of the 2 hours of public comments and discussion at the recent Iron County Planning Commission (ICPC) meeting, and Policy questions to consider for the commissioners' direction. Brett explained that today's discussion goal was to retain, modify, replace, or remove policies, and identify any additional policy issues, discussions, and not action would be taken.

Paul Cozzens noted that he had read the document and expressed his concerns regarding the proposed amendment, which included: decommissioning bonds, projects with tax incentives, no solar panels in the landfill, companies being responsible for their own PR, buildings left over if they decide to leave, too much regulation that may keep companies from coming to Iron County in the future, the need to keep the document as basic and simple as possible, and water usage and how to regulate it. He noted that if any groups come in and use water, they have to buy the water rights from someone, companies could not use more water by changing ownership Commissioner Cozzens also touched on the need to be careful about public outreach; we need to embrace companies wanting to come to Iron County, and make sure they are responsible companies that follow rules. He noted that the state, not Iron County, regulates clean air quality; noise would not be an issue, and there was plenty of space for wildlife habitat. The Commission discussed issues raised by Commissioner Cozzens.

Kenneth Robinson, Iron County Commission Chair, declared a Public Hearing open regarding proposed amendments to the Iron County Zoning Ordinance.

Brian Penny, an Iron County resident, thanked Brett Hamilton for the work he put into this SDZ. Brian expressed his concern that this was not building a tax base that was vulnerable to just one industry. He asked for clarification on the purchase of water rights and what happened with the overuse of water rights. Mike Bleak explained that water issues in Iron County were under the jurisdiction of the Cedar Valley Water Conservancy (CVWC). These companies would be on a contract and metered by CVWC.

Brian Nichols, an Iron County resident, agreed with Mr. Penny on diversifying the economy and that it was important to Iron County. Brian noted that he believed that this process was born of political controversy, and the current commissioners were taking the backlash. He expressed his appreciation to the commissioners for all their hard work concerning the SDZ. His concerns were: who was responsible for "bad projects" in Iron County; too much regulation regarding the disposal of solar panels; other industrial projects should not be included in the SDZ, and if the SDZ was too strict, it would deter other businesses from coming to Iron County, and it would affect the sales tax revenue and job opportunities.

Mark Abernathy, an Iron County resident, was concerned about the large amount of water used to cool hardware in the data centers. Brett Hamilton explained that current facilities were using newer technology with closed-loop systems and used far less water than older facilities.

Mary Stults, an Iron County resident, read a letter from Marion Munn, who could not attend today's meeting. Ms. Munn's concerns were: the lack of engagement from the ICPC during their deliberation regarding a list of suggested revisions before the vote; did not grant a request for a continuance; gas-powered station producing massive air pollution, significant heat, and complex industrial noise; a better buffer zone; and to incorporate reasonable protective measures requested by the community into the SDZ. Mary Stults asked if anyone had visited a Nova Power station. Commissioner Bleak reported that he had visited the data center in Eagle Valley. He stood outside the center, and there was no noise coming from the center. Mary noted

that she was surprised that there was not an issue with noise, and agreed that there needed to be a larger buffer zone and wildlife protection.

Mike Kiel, a Parowan resident, was concerned that the commissioner's contemplation of this SDZ was a dream scenario, but their political opponents say that the commissioners were making a rash decision. Mike asked that the commission consider the implications of the SDZ on Iron County culture, tradition, and well-balanced small-town life; air quality from natural gas infrastructure; decommissioning; and Iron County's economic and environmental welfare.

Rick Saunders, representative of BrightNight, expressed his appreciation for Brett Hamilton and Iron County for the hard work and time that had been put toward the SDZ. He noted that the goal was to hold developers responsible, but not to stop them from developing. Rick was pleased with the major improvements in the SDZ, including noise provisions. He reported that BrightNight respected and supported the ordinance's objectives and strong protections for water resources, neighboring properties, infrastructure, and public safety. Rick noted that there were two specific refinements that BrightNight would like the ICPC and Iron County Commission to consider. 1. Water standards should be performance-based. Iron County could require legally available supply, conservation, efficient cooling, monitoring, and enforceable mitigation without a rigid fixed limit that may not fit every project. 2. Air quality was an incredibly technical field, and developers do not want to be held up to two different sets of standards language. The Federal and State standards were created to protect people across the country with the standards themselves.

Bruce Washburn, an Iron County resident, was concerned with gas-fired generation of power. Wind and geothermal power should be considered as possible sources.

Spencer Viernes, E3 platforms, noted that, in general, the intent of the SDZ was well founded, and it was important to balance appropriate sustainable development with economic development objectives. Spencer reported that he used to be a Land Use Attorney and would caution governments against getting into really rigid thresholds that might potentially tie their hands in the future, such as water thresholds, decommissioning thresholds, and public outreach thresholds. Spencer explained that the commission needed to consider that, from a legal perspective, does this meet public safety? Is a project in the public safety's interest, and was it an unreasonable infringement on any specific rights, constitutional rights, or civil rights that any private landowner might have? He gave three examples based on the thresholds in the SDZ.

Christian Jones, an Iron County resident, noted that there had been many saying they were concerned about agriculture. If this were true, then why was the City and County allowing more subdivisions to be built that were, and would be, using more water? The increase of subdivisions was not being treated as restrictively as the data center. His family had to sell property because people kept cutting fences and letting their cows out. They continue to fight the changes in the designated livestock trails. Development was forcing agriculture out. Too many people were moving in and do not care about those already here. Change is coming, but we need to be smart, reasonable, and responsible.

Ingrid Akerblom, an Iron County resident, noted that the Iron County Commission should strongly encourage the use of sustainable technologies, in particular, solid oxide fuel cell technology. Fuel cell technology using natural gas as a power source does not emit smog chemicals that were the source of deteriorating air quality and associated health effects for communities near a data center.

Byron Stubbs, an Iron County resident, was concerned that, regarding a data center, Iron County had to be careful not to take the whole data center theme and throw out the dragnet that involved every project, wrapping it in a data center-themed caution category.

Russell Reber, an Iron County resident, reported that he was one of the larger landowners on the Three Peak Solar and Appaloosa Solar One Projects. He noted that Iron County had some of the best solar resources in the United States (as far as solar production potential), and to not utilize that would not be in the best interests of Iron County. Russell expressed his appreciation for all the work that had been done towards the SDZ. He reported that he had been approached because of the ability to generate power on their property. There were 7,000 acres still available,

and he would be applying for an application with the Richie Group for a data center off of Lund Highway in the same zone.

Kenneth Robinson, Iron County Commission Chair, declared the Public Hearing closed.

Michael Bleak explained that the commissioners had agreed that today was not the day to vote on this issue. It was a time to listen to more public input without actually making a decision. Mike noted that he would take the information and concerns and meet with Brett and the ICPC moving forward to make sure this was all addressed.

Ken Robinson noted that the complexity of these issues was extremely large. The far reaches that each of these projects has, the impact that they would have on the community, both positive and negative, were incredible. He expressed his appreciation for all the feedback they had received, and assured everyone that this was not a rushed decision. All concerns brought up today would be looked at and discussed. The water issues would be handled by the CVWC; there were no issues with wildlife mitigation or livestock being disrupted.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No Public Comments were offered.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION 2026-7, AMENDING THE IRON COUNTY SUBDIVISION CONSTRUCTION AND DESIGN STANDARDS BY ESTABLISHING A 24-INCH DEPTH OF COMPACTED SUB-BASE FOR ALL NEW IRON COUNTY ROADS (SECTION 109-ROAD STANDARDS CROSS SECTIONS AND EXHIBITS)

Richard Wilson, Iron County Engineer, explained that in 2022 a resolution was passed that created a road standard, which determined the depth requirement for subbase based upon soil reports. The minimum would be 12 inches and the maximum 30 inches of road base. There was confusion among contractors on the subbase because, at times, the Geotech reports were quoting Cedar City standards and not those of Iron County. As a result, the Engineering Department was proposing to establish a flat 24 inch subbase under the road base.

Paul Cozzens made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-7, establishing a 24 inch depth of compacted subbase for all new Iron County roads, as presented. Second by Michael Bleak. Voting: Michael Bleak, Aye; Paul Cozzens, Aye; Kenneth Robinson, Aye.

IRON COUNTY RESOLUTION 2026-7

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE IRON COUNTY SUBDIVISION CONSTRUCTION AND DESIGN STANDARDS

Whereas, the Iron County Commission finds that the amendment will promote the general welfare of the citizens of Iron County to amend the Iron County Subdivision Construction and Design Standards to further the orderly and efficient construction of subdivisions in Iron County; and,

Whereas, the Iron County Planning Commission has reviewed and discussed the proposed standards and has voted to forward the proposed Resolution to the Iron County Commission with a recommendation for approval; and,

Whereas, the Iron County Commission has considered the proposed compacted sub-base standards and finds that they appropriately consider and balance all interests in accordance with the purposes and goals of the County Land Use, Development, and Management Act; the Iron County General Plan; the Iron County Subdivision Ordinance; and the Iron County Zoning Ordinance.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF IRON COUNTY, UTAH AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Iron County Subdivision Construction and Design Standards, as adopted November 28, 2005 by the Iron County Commission, and subsequently amended, are hereby further amended to establish a twenty-four (24) inch compacted sub-base requirement for the applicable road cross sections identified in Section 109 – Road Standards, Cross Sections Sheets 1–6 of Exhibit A. This twenty-four (24) inch requirement shall replace the existing compacted sub-base thickness requirements ranging from twelve (12) inches to thirty (30) inches.

The road cross-section included as Exhibit A is provided as an example of the revised standard. The same twenty-four (24) inch compacted sub-base requirement shall apply to the applicable road cross sections identified in Section 109, Cross Sections Sheets 1–6.

Except as expressly amended by this Resolution, all other provisions of the Iron County Subdivision Construction and Design Standards shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage by a majority vote of the Iron County Board of County Commissioners. Nothing in this Resolution shall preclude the Iron County Commission from modifying or amending this Resolution at any time.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF IRON COUNTY, UTAH this 12th day of October, 2026.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
IRON COUNTY, UTAH

By:_____
Kenneth Robinson, Chair

ATTEST:

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Jonathan T. Whittaker,
County Clerk

RESOLUTION 2026-8 APPOINTING A REPRESENTATIVE AND AN ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE ANNUAL UTAH COUNTIES INDEMNITY POOL (UCIP) ANNUAL MEETING TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 18, 2026 IN MURRAY, UTAH

Jon Whittaker, Iron County Clerk, noted that he would be willing to continue as a UCIP Representative, and Jennifer Bradbury as an Alternate Representative.

Michael Bleak made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-8, appointing Jonathan Whittaker as a Representative and Jennifer Bradbury as an Alternate Representative for the UCIP meeting to be held on November 18, 2026. Second by Paul Cozzens. Voting: Michael Bleak, aye; Paul Cozzens, Aye; Kenneth Robinson, Aye.

IRON COUNTY RESOLUTION 2026-8

A RESOLUTION OF THE IRON COUNTY COMMISSION APPOINTING A REPRESENTATIVE AND AN ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE UTAH COUNTIES INDEMNITY POOL ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING.

Whereas, the Governing Body of Iron County, Utah, is the proper authority to appoint a qualified person to act as the official representative for Iron County at the Utah Counties Indemnity Pool Membership Meeting to be held on November 18, 2026; and

Whereas, the Governing Body of Iron County, Utah, has been informed that the By-laws of the Utah Counties Indemnity Pool require that the official representative and an alternate representative for Iron County must be an elected or appointed officer or employee of a Member and must be appointed by majority vote of the Governing Body of the Member to be the Member's official representative for the purposes of the Pool.

Now, Therefore, be it hereby resolved that the Governing Body of Iron County, Utah, hereby appoints Jonathan T. Whittaker as the official Iron County Representative for the Utah Counties Indemnity Pool Membership Meeting to be held on November 18, 2026, with Jennifer Bradbury as an alternative representative.

RESOLVED, ADOPTED, AND ORDERED this 12th day of October, 2026.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
IRON COUNTY, UTAH

By: _____
Kenneth Robinson - Chairman

ATTEST:

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Jonathan T. Whittaker – Iron County Clerk

COUNTY OF IRON COUNTY CLERK STATE OF UTAH

Michael P. Bleak _Aye_
Paul Cozzens _Aye_
Kenneth Robinson _Aye_

CONVENE AS THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Kenneth Robinson, Iron County Commission Chair, declared the convening of the Iron County Board of Equalization (BOE)

PRESENTATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION (BOE) HEARING OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS AND DECISIONS FOR APPEALS FILED FOR THE 2026 TAX YEAR

Carrie Christiansen, Iron County Deputy Auditor, reported the recommendation for Valuation Appeals filed for the 2026 Tax Year. Carrie noted that there were 344 appeals this year for the BOE board. Of the appeals, there were 188 stipulations, 5 withdrawals, 59 with no adjustments, 28 with adjustments made during the hearing, 7 were dismissed, 56 assessors' adjustments were made, and one voided account, for a total of 272 adjustments. Of those 344 appeals, the total market value adjustment was $19,652,589 and the total taxable value adjustment was $21,452,161. Carrie reported that the Iron County tax and revenue adjustment was $25,978.57, and Municipal services adjustment was $16,151.36 for a total tax adjustment of $42,129.92.

Paul Cozzens made a motion to approve the BOE Hearing Officer recommendations for Valuation Appeals filed for the 2026 tax year. Second by Michael Bleak. Voting: Michael Bleak, Aye; Paul Cozzens, Aye; Kenneth Robinson, Aye.

RECONVENE AS THE IRON COUNTY COMMISSION

Kenneth Robinson, Iron County Commission Chair, declared the reconvening of the Iron County Commission.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF THE SALE OF AN INSIGNIFICANT PARCEL TO THE ADJACENT OWNER, PART OF APN: D-531-4. LEGAL DESCRIPTION: BEGINNING AT A POINT BEING N000°34'15" E ALONG THE QUARTER SECTION LINE 1,339.92 FEET FROM THE SOUTH ¼ CORNER, SECTION 9 T35S, R11W, SLB&M; THENCE N89°38'15" E, 55.89 FEET; THENCE N00°30'29" W, 44.58 TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; RECTANGULAR PORTION OF LOT 4, PAINTED DESERT SUBDIVISION AND CONTAINING 0.057 ACRES, MORE OR LESS. **NOTE: THIS PORTION OF THE MEETING MAY BE CLOSED PER UCA§52-4-205 (d)

Richard Wilson, Iron County Engineer, explained that Iron County purchased a property to create a retention pond. There was approximately 0.057 acres that was not utilized and Mr. Duncan contacted Richard saying he was interested in purchasing the 0.057 acres that was adjacent to his property. Richard noted that the property was of no value to Iron County. The price agreed upon was $9,500 and he recommended to sell the property.

Michael Bleak made a motion to approve the sale of 0.057 acres of property to Mr. Duncan for the amount of $9,500. Second by Paul Cozzens. Voting: Michael Bleak, Aye; Paul Cozzens, Aye; Kenneth Robinson, Aye.

PERSONNEL

Jennifer Bradbury, Iron County Human Resource (HR) Director, presented the new hires of Ashton Rafferty and Alondra Galvan as Full-time Deputy 1 positions in the Sheriff's Office-Corrections, effective October 12th. These were backfills of vacant positions; the new hires of Kristy Stratton and Jessica Russell as Full-Time Motor Vehicle Technicians in the Assessor's DMV Office in Cedar City, effective October 26th for Kristy and October 19th for Jessica. These were backfills of vacant positions, and the new hire of Pascual Mariscal as a Part-Time Driver for Council on Aging (COA), effective October 12th. This was a backfill of a vacant position.

Paul Cozzens made a motion to approve the Personnel changes as presented by Jennifer Bradbury. Second by Michael Bleak. Voting: Michael Bleak, Aye; Paul Cozzens, Aye; Kenneth Robinson, Aye.

Jennifer Bradbury presented Proposal for approval of the Employee Insurance Benefits for the 2027 plan year. Jennifer expressed her appreciation to the Insurance Committee for doing their due diligence this year by meeting and for making sure their departments knew what was discussed. She also expressed her appreciation to the commission for its support of the employees and to Sam Woodall for attending the meetings. Jennifer reported that the committee

recommended that the commission approve staying with PEHP on a high-deductible healthcare plan with an HSA component. The renewal rate for PEHP was an increase in premiums of 13.1% and was negotiated down to 10.6%. Jennifer reported that the increased cost for the 2027 High Deductible Healthcare Plan premium rate increase was $1750 per person for Single Coverage, and $3,500 for family coverage, for a total cost increase of $73,075.00. She noted that Dental, Vision, and all basic Life Insurance, and Accidental AD&D had no additional increases. The Insurance Committee recommended acceptance of the renewal with REMX addition to continue with the contributions as well as the HSA accounts to account for the op-out payments for those who have outside insurance. Jennifer explained that the top 11 high-cost prescriptions would be outsourced to another company for subsidized rates.

Michael Bleak made a motion to approve the proposal for the Employee Insurance Benefits for the 2027 year as presented by Jennifer Bradbury. Second by Paul Cozzens. Voting: Voting: Michael Bleak, Aye; Paul Cozzens, Aye; Kenneth Robinson, Aye.

CLOSED SESSION

Paul Cozzens made a motion to move into a closed session pursuant to UCA §52-4-205 (1) (a) to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual. Second by Michael Bleak. Voting: Michael Bleak, Aye; Paul Cozzens, Aye; Kenneth Robinson, Aye.

STATE OF UTAH)
) s.s.
COUNTY OF IRON)

I, Kenneth Robinson, Chairman of the Iron County Utah Commission, hereby certify that the purpose of the closed session convened was conducted in accordance with UCA § 52-4-205(a) for discussion regarding the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual.

Signed: Kenneth Robinson, Chairman

Attest: Jonathan Whittaker, County Clerk

COUNTY OF IRON COUNTY CLERK STATE OF UTAH

END OF CLOSED SESSION

Kenneth Robinson, Iron County Commission Chair, declared the closed session ended, and the return to open Commission meeting.

NON-DELEGATED ITEMS

County Boards:

Jon Whittaker noted that Kim Evans had requested to be taken off the Special Service District #3 (SSD#3) board and someone would need to replace him.

ADJOURNMENT

Kenneth Robinson, Iron County Commission Chair, declared adjournment.

Signed: Kenneth Robinson, Chair

Attest: Jonathan T. Whittaker, County Clerk

COUNTY OF IRON COUNTY CLERK STATE OF UTAH