

RICH COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES OCTOBER 1, 2025

The Rich County Commission Meeting was held on October 1, 2025, at the County Courthouse in Randolph, Utah, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Chairman Simeon B. Weston, Commissioner William E. Cox, Commissioner Jonathan B. Lee, and Clerk Anneliesa Peart were present.

Commissioner Lee **moved to approve** the October 1, 2025, agenda as presented, with two changes: the grant name was changed from RS2477 Grant to PLSS Grant Contract Review and Approval, and Mitch Poulsen was removed from the agenda because he would not be present. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Brandon Rowe, Roads Supervisor, requested changes to the encroachment permit process and fees. Discussion included enforcement of penalties for unpermitted encroachments, fee structures for different types of road cuts, and the need for deposits on dirt road work. Commissioner Cox noted that fee increases require a public hearing. The Commissioners will communicate with the County Attorney on this matter. Commissioner Cox **moved to add fees and right-of-way easements to the November agenda as a public hearing**. Commissioner Lee seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Chairman Weston led a discussion about the EMT course, as the instructors, Braydon Deru and Lacey Morse, were absent. The EMT Association does not want to pay for the class upfront, but will reimburse students after completion. The recommendation is that students pay for the class and, after 12 months of active EMT service, be reimbursed by the County. The Commissioners discussed concerns about previous applicants who completed County-paid classes but did not take the certification test. The Commissioners will continue to discuss how to pay for and manage this program.

Kaia Bowden, Recorder, Norm Mecham, and Teri Eynon, presented a plat amendment for Phase 8 of Sweetwater RV Park. The RV park wanted to purchase and add a portion of Mr. Mecham's property that residents use for access. Ms. Bowden recommended a partial subdivision amendment rather than creating separate parcels. The County Engineer recommended an alternative approach. Commissioner Lee noted that no public hearing had been held and stated the matter should go through Planning and Zoning before the Commissioners sign off. Commissioner Cox moved to send the plat to Planning and Zoning for review, but the motion died for lack of a second. The Commissioners will discuss the matter with the Planning Administrator and Engineer to establish the proper process before proceeding.

Nikki Weston, Community & Economic Development (CEO) Board Chair, and Shawn Milne, Director of Economic Development for the Bear River Association of Governments, presented recommendations for board appointments for the CEO. The recommended board members include Tammi Leonhardt, Nikki Weston, Joel Marler, Kam Bell, Thad Willis, Curtis Moldenhauer, and Mark Alexander, with Shawn Milne and Mitch Poulsen serving as ex officio non-voting members. All appointments are for one year, except for Tammi Leonhardt and Nikki Weston. Commissioner Cox **moved to appoint** the board members as presented with the recommended terms. Commissioner Lee seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Milne requested authorization to apply for the Rural Communities Opportunity Grant (RCOG) for up to \$125,000 with a required 10% grant match. The grant would support regional planning for anticipated growth challenges. Commissioner Cox **moved to approve** the grant application. Commissioner Lee seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Bryce Nielson, Emergency Manager, submitted his resignation after 23 years of service. The Commissioners expressed their gratitude for his dedicated service, including his previous role as County Commissioner. Mr. Nielson reported that he submitted the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) application and is working with Joey Stocking on the transition. Commissioner Lee **moved to accept the resignation and to appoint** Joey Stocking as County Emergency Manager, effective October 1, 2025. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Commissioner Cox **moved to approve** the September 2025 minutes. Commissioner Lee seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Commissioner Cox **moved to appoint** Dave Oram to the Rich County Variance Board, citing his experience and knowledge. Commissioner Lee seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Kaia Bowden, Recorder, presented the PLSS Grant Contract for approval. Commissioner Cox **moved to approve** the Chairman's signature on the PLSS Grant contract, otherwise known as the Monument Replacement and Restoration Committee contract, for the period from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026. Commissioner Lee seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

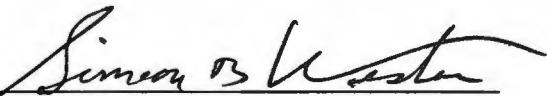
Camille Shinkle, Deputy Treasurer, presented Circuit Breaker applications for tax relief. The Commissioners reviewed the applications. Commissioner Lee **moved to approve** the applications as presented. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

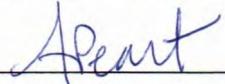
Commissioner Lee **moved to approve** the expenditures for September 2025. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

The meeting was recessed for a break and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Kim Wilson, Assessor, presented the Board of Equalization appeals to the Commissioners, acting as the BOE, for final approval and decision. The Commissioners discussed and deliberated on each tax appeal. Commissioner Cox **moved to approve** the appeals as presented and recommended. Commissioner Lee seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

With no further business before the Commission, Commissioner Cox **moved to adjourn** the meeting. Commissioner Lee seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Approved: 
Simeon B. Weston, Chairman

Attest: 
Anneliesa Peart, Clerk