

RICH COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES NOVEMBER 5, 2025

The Rich County Commission Meeting was held on November 5, 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 Cox **moved to approve** the November 5, 2025, agenda with one addition: a personal property tax exemption application for Christina and Mitchell Bogar. Commissioner Lee seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Cox **moved to accept** the primary residence exemption for Christina and Mitchell Bogar (Parcel 41-06-04-0001). Commissioner Lee seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Wes Thompson, Trails Board Chairman, presented the Trails Master Plan consultant selection. Bio West of Logan, Utah, was selected from three qualified firms. Commissioner Cox **moved to adopt** the resolution authorizing the Trails Master Plan contract. Commissioner Lee seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Cox **moved to execute** the contract with Bio West for the Trails Master Plan. Commissioner Lee seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Jayne Davis, Garden City Cemetery Board, requested a 60.45% tax increase (\$30,000) for expansion property, shed work, and irrigation projects. Commissioner Cox **moved to approve** the Cemetery District's proposed budget increase. Commissioner Lee seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Joshua Barson, Bear River Health Department, recommended Danelle Wasden for the Behavioral Health Advisory Council (four-year term beginning January 1, 2026). Commissioner Cox **moved to appoint** Danelle Wasden to the Advisory Council. Commissioner Lee seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Tami Leonhardt, Tourism Director, and Norm Mecham, Tourism Tax Advisory Board, presented grant recommendations totaling \$126,157 from \$136,745 requested. The Commissioners reviewed the applications for future budget consideration.

Mitch Poulsen, Planning Administrator, Mike Leonhardt, Garden City Mayor, and

Tanner Gappmayer (via video), discussed property jurisdiction for Parcel 41-34-000-0016 at Highway 89 and Sweetwater Parkway. The matter was tabled until the December meeting to allow the Recorder to review annexation documents and determine the correct jurisdiction.

Mitch Poulsen, Norm Mecham, and Teri Eynon presented the Big Bear Subdivision Final Plat. Commissioner Cox **moved to approve** the final plat subject to the inclusion of the Garden City Water Company signature block, completion of the financial guarantee bond with revised estimates, and designation of the dumpster location. Commissioner Lee seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Sydney Davis, Resident, raised concerns about materials stored at the Bear Lake Golf Course stage affecting her property. The Commissioners explained that the County cannot regulate appearance on private property, but can address blowing trash nuisances. Commissioner Lee offered to speak with the property owner.

Travis Hobbs, Fire Warden, presented the 2026 Cooperative Wildfire System Participation Commitment of \$58,291 (increased from \$79). The County can meet this through equipment purchases and mitigation efforts. Discussion included using the commitment toward a brush truck, potentially over multiple years. Mr. Hobbs will provide a proposal by February.

The meeting was recessed for lunch and called back to order at 1:00 p.m.

Richard Droesbeke, Bear Lake State Park Manager, presented the 2024 annual parks report showing record visitation of 664,220 visitors and revenues of approximately \$2.8 million. The marina expansion project is progressing ahead of schedule. The Tourism Tax Advisory Board recommended funding for launch ramp reconstruction.

Thad Willis and Kami McKinnon, Residents, presented concerns about significant delays in recording property deeds through the Recorder's office. Commissioner Lee acknowledged complaints have been received and the Commission is working to address systemic issues.

Kim Wilson, Assessor, presented stipulations for Greenbelt corrections. Commissioner Lee **moved to sign** the stipulation for the Michael Cook property. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lee **moved to correct** three parcels owned by Norm Mecham for Greenbelt status. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

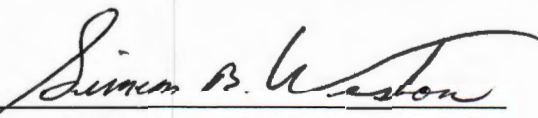
Reganne Briggs, Utah State Extension Office, presented the 2026 budget request to align staff salaries with Utah State University grade requirements. The County's portion would increase from \$55,800 to \$64,000, with a total budget increase of approximately \$4,000. The Commissioners reviewed the proposal for future budget consideration.

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

Commissioner Cox **moved to approve** Resolution R25-10 appointing Commissioner Cox as Rich County Representative and Chairman Weston as alternate to the Utah County Indemnity Pool annual membership meeting. Commissioner Lee seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

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

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

Approved: 
Simeon B. Weston, Chairman

Attest: 
Anneliesa Peart, Clerk