

**RICH COUNTY COMMISSION
MINUTES
MARCH 4, 2026**

The Rich County Commission Meeting was held on March 4, 2026, 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 March 4, 2026, agenda as presented. Commissioner Lee seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Clayton Webb and Gerald Compton, American Legion, presented an update on the veterans memorial display project for the courthouse in recognition of America's 250th anniversary. The display will include a framed 48-star flag, photographs of Rich County veterans in rotating sleeves, and service information. The American Legion is funding the project and collecting photographs through a Facebook page. The Commissioners encouraged coordination with America 250 celebrations scheduled between June 25 and July 7, 2026.

Heidi Roskelley requested a business license for Blue Water Cleaning LLC, a cleaning service operating from her home serving Airbnbs and the new urgent care clinic in Garden City. Commissioner Cox **moved to approve** a business license for Blue Water Cleaning LLC at the \$50 rate. Commissioner Lee seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

LouJean Argyle, Treasurer, requested the removal of delinquent tax amounts for two parcels (41-21-490-0207 and 41-21-490-0307) totaling \$35.33 from 2021. The parcels were subdivided in 2021, but the new parcel information was not linked to the correct parent parcels in the system, resulting in tax notices being sent to the previous owners who had sold the properties. The issue has been corrected. Commissioner Cox **moved to approve** an adjustment to the tax roll to remove the 2021 delinquent taxes for parcels 41-21-490-0207 and 41-21-490-0307. Commissioner Lee seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Kim Wilson, Assessor, presented information about the Utah Revenue Recovery Program (URRP) for delinquent ambulance accounts. The program garnishes income tax returns, has no upfront costs, and charges a \$30 collection fee per successful recovery. Approximately \$36,000 in ambulance bills remain unpaid. The Commissioners directed staff to bring

Memorandums of Understanding with UAC and the Utah Division of Finance for approval at a future meeting.

Kim Wilson, Assessor, presented personal property tax exemptions for approval but noted the exemptions require Board of Equalization approval. The Commissioners determined the exemptions would be addressed during the Board of Equalization portion of the meeting later in the day.

Commissioner Cox **moved to approve** the February 4, 2026, minutes. Commissioner Lee seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

The Commissioners discussed scheduling a work meeting regarding Wildland Urban Interface Code adoption and WUI boundary maps. Fire Warden Travis Hobbs requested an in-depth discussion with state representatives about code enforcement requirements and map accuracy, as insurance companies will use the maps for coverage and rate decisions. The Commissioners directed staff to work with Travis Hobbs to identify potential meeting dates.

Commissioner Cox **moved to appoint** Jayden Larson to the Mountain Meadow Improvement District Board, replacing Jason Carrillo who moved to Randolph. Commissioner Lee seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

The Commissioners discussed America 250 celebrations planned for June 25 through July 7, 2026. Commissioner Cox will coordinate with Woodruff Mayor, Monica Schulthess regarding potential celebrations during the July 4th weekend and will reach out to other municipalities about participation.

Shelton Taylor, presented his interest in providing cadastral corner survey services for the county. The county currently has an interlocal agreement with Wasatch County for survey work funded through an AGRC grant. Mr. Taylor, a local surveyor, expressed willingness to perform the fieldwork and data processing if the county would consider transitioning the work locally. The Commissioners noted Wasatch County has handled both the grant application process and survey work for approximately 15 years. Commissioner Cox **moved to table** the interlocal agreement with Wasatch County for survey work to allow Mr. Taylor to research the process with Wasatch County Surveyor Jim Kaiserman and explore potential transition options. Commissioner Lee seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous. Mr. Taylor will present findings at the April commission meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING - Short-Term Rental Ordinance Amendment: Chairman Weston opened the public hearing. **Ben Willoughby, County Attorney, and Mitch Poulsen, Planning Administrator**, presented amendments to the short-term rental ordinance. The changes include moving the annual renewal period from January 1-March 31 to September

1-December 31 of the preceding year to resolve software compliance tracking issues, and removing the provision prohibiting enforcement based on advertising, as the corresponding state statute has been repealed. The Planning Commission held a public hearing in February with all notification requirements met; no testimony was received. No public testimony was received during the Commission's public hearing. Chairman Weston closed the public hearing. Commissioner Cox **moved to approve** Ordinance 026-1, amending the short-term rental ordinance as presented. Commissioner Lee seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Ben Willoughby, County Attorney, provided an update on the county code revision project. Attorney Willoughby and consultant Chris Crockett meet biweekly to review work and make assignments, with the completed packet expected to be ready for Commission review in approximately two months.

Lynn Weston, Landfill Supervisor, discussed the need to update the county's solid waste management plan. The current plan on file with DEQ dates from 1993. DEQ is requesting an updated plan by the end of 2026 addressing 20-year solid waste projections, waste minimization and recycling, treatment and disposal options, facility design and operation, funding alternatives, environmental and public health concerns, economic viability, and waste type and tonnage data.

Mr. Weston presented a proposal for quarterly methane monitoring services at the landfill, required by the county's permit. The proposed service would cost \$8,500-\$9,500 annually. Commissioner Lee suggested obtaining additional bids and consulting with DEQ contacts for a list of qualified providers. The Commissioners directed Lynn to obtain competitive bids before approving a contract.

Mr. Weston presented landfill fee comparison information and discussed implementing a comprehensive fee schedule. The Commissioners discussed the need for a credit card processing machine at the landfill to streamline transactions, with Commissioner Lee coordinating with IT staff to provide equipment. The Commissioners directed staff to develop a proposed fee schedule for a public hearing at a future meeting.

Commissioner Cox **moved to approve** a URS Roth IRA Service Agreement, authorizing URS to offer Roth IRA services to county employees, including benefit-ineligible employees who wish to make elective contributions. Commissioner Lee seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Cox **moved to approve** the February 2026 expenditures. Commissioner Lee seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.


Commissioner Cox **moved to reschedule** the April commission meeting from April 1 to April 8, 2026, and the May commission meeting from May 6 to May 13, 2026, due to scheduling conflicts. Commissioner Lee seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

The Commissioners adjourned the Commission meeting and reconvened as the Board of Equalization.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION: The Board of Equalization approved personal property tax exemptions as presented by Assessor Kim Wilson.

Commissioner Cox **moved to adjourn** the Board of Equalization and convene in executive session for personnel discussion with Sheriff Dale Stacey. Commissioner Lee seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous with Commissioner Cox: Yes; Commissioner Lee: Yes; and Chairman Weston: Yes.

Upon reconvening from executive session 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