

**RICH COUNTY COMMISSION
MINUTES
APRIL 8, 2026**

The Rich County Commission Meeting was held on April 8, 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 Lee **moved to approve** the April 8, 2026 agenda with the removal of the sanitation department item due to Supervisor Lyn Weston's absence. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

OC Frazier, President, George Peart, Vice President, and Wally Schulthess, Secretary-Treasurer, Woodruff Irrigation Company, presented the Woodruff Creek Watershed Management Plan design phase proposal for NRCS funding. The Commissioners expressed concerns about county liability under the co-sponsorship agreement, and **directed** the County Attorney to review the agreement. The Commissioners then tabled the approval until May 2026.

Lindsay Miner, Rich County Ambulance, and Joey Stocking, Rich County Emergency Manager, presented information about the Rural Healthcare Transformation Program (RHTP) grant, providing ongoing funds to Utah for the next five years. To receive funds, the County would need to participate in an Emergency Medical Services (EMS) needs assessment. The Commissioners discussed potential uses for the funds, and options for hiring a consultant for the needs assessment. The State could potentially cover assessment costs through RHTP funds or other grants.

PUBLIC HEARING – Resolution to Approve Interlocal Agreement to Place a School Resource Officer in the Rich School District.

Chairman Weston called for a motion to open a public hearing. Commissioner Cox **moved to open** a public hearing, Commissioner Lee seconded, and the vote was unanimous. **Ben Willoughby, County Attorney, Dale Stacey, Sheriff, Dale Lamborn, Rich School District Superintendent**, presented an interlocal agreement to place a school resource officer (SRO) in the Rich School District. The agreement establishes the SRO as a sheriff's office employee serving as law enforcement officer, educator, and mentor, rotating between three

campuses. The school district will reimburse the sheriff's office \$90,000 for fiscal year 2026-2027, with subsequent years negotiated prior to the district's budget deadline. The SRO will be present 30 minutes before and after school.

No public testimony was received. Chairman Weston called for a motion to close the public hearing. Commissioner Cox **moved to close** the public hearing, Commissioner Lee seconded, and the motion carried. Commissioner Cox **moved to approve** Resolution 26-1 for the school resource officer interlocal agreement. Commissioner Lee seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Ben Willoughby, County Attorney, discussed the Campaign Finance Disclosure Ordinance required by Utah Code 17-70-403. The ordinance establishes disclosure requirements, filing deadlines, and enforcement provisions. The Commissioners **directed** staff to schedule a public hearing for May 2026.

Mr. Willoughby reported that no attorneys filed for the county attorney position. The Commissioners must decide by October 2026 whether to open the position to non-resident attorneys.

Rob Johnson, Bear River Mental Health, presented the 2025 audit report. The independent auditor issued a clean opinion with no material weaknesses. Rich County contributed to \$599,000 in county funding that leveraged \$21 million in total revenue. Commissioner Lee **moved to sign** the audit certification. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Patrick Floyd, owner of Some Beaches, presented a proposal to address the Highway 30/Bear Lake Road intersection in Laketown. Mr. Floyd presented maps showing how straightening the intersection could improve safety without disturbing the Crossroads Cafe building with EPA fuel tank concerns. The Commissioners **directed** staff to pursue the matter with UDOT and the Highway Commission, collect data, and identify property ownership.

Travis Hobbs, Fire Warden, presented an update on Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) code adoption. House Bill 48 requires counties to identify WUI zones and enforce the 2024 International Wildland-Urban Interface Code. The county must include areas scoring 5 or higher on the state's structure exposure scale. The Commissioners **directed** Mr. Hobbs to create a draft WUI map for May 2026, using a middle-ground approach and including whole subdivisions for ease of enforcement.

Shelton Taylor, Benchmark Surveys, reported on discussions with Wasatch County Surveyor Jim Kaiserman regarding providing local field work for Rich County's survey services contract. Commissioner Cox **moved to approve** the previously tabled addendum

with Wasatch County for section corner monumentation work for the current AGRC funding cycle. Commissioner Lee seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Mitch Poulsen, Planning Administrator, Nikki Weston, and Shawn Milne, BRAG, presented Economic Advisory Board funding recommendations totaling \$89,000.87 distributed across multiple business expansion projects. Commissioner Cox **moved to approve** the recommendations as presented. Commissioner Lee seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Ben Marret, Utah Division of Water Resources, presented the High Hazard Potential Dams Grant agreement for Birch Creek Dam No. 2. The FEMA grant covers 65% of planning and design costs, with a state grant covering 35%. The initial agreement covers \$10,359 for an archaeological study, with amendments to follow for the remaining work. Commissioner Cox **moved to approve** the agreement. Commissioner Lee seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

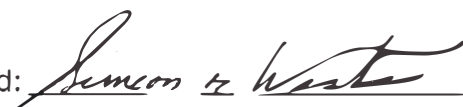
Commissioner Cox **moved to approve** the appointment of Camille Shinkle as Chief Deputy Treasurer and Shantel Jensen as Chief Deputy Clerk/Auditor. Commissioner Lee seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

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

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

Commissioner Cox **moved to adjourn** 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 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