

RICH COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES JUNE 3, 2026

The Rich County Commission Meeting was held on June 3, 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 June 3, 2026 agenda as presented. Commissioner Lee seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Estee Hunt and Trevor Cook, Bear River Health Department, presented the department's 2025 annual report. Highlights included TB monitoring follow-ups at 124 patients funded entirely by county dollars; a new CDC Foundation-supported public health data dashboard now publicly available; a rapid measles exposure response that was recognized in the New England Journal of Medicine; behavioral health services showing a nearly 200% increase in clients served with an 80% improvement rate; and tobacco retailer compliance at 94%. The department noted next year's budget will increase by approximately \$10 million as behavioral health funding flows through the health department to Bear River Mental Health. Commissioner Cox **moved to approve** the 2025 Bear River Health Department annual report. Commissioner Lee seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Trevor Cook also presented the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Area Plan, required annually by state statute. The Board of Health held a public hearing with no public comment and recommended county approval. Bear River Mental Health will rename to Bear River Behavioral Health effective July 1, 2026, when substance use and mental health services will be combined under capitated Medicaid. A new receiving center will open June 24, 2026. Commissioner Cox **moved to approve** the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Area Plan for Rich County. Commissioner Lee seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

The **Rich County Conservation District** submitted a letter requesting the county's annual contribution. The Conservation District supports local grazing improvement programs and provides agricultural equipment available to area producers. Commissioner Cox **moved to approve** a \$2,500 contribution to the Rich County Conservation District. Commissioner Lee seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Randall Knight, Garden City Fire District Board Chairman, provided an update by telephone on the fire district's new lot and discussed funding options for site improvement,

which requires approximately three feet of fill dirt at an estimated cost exceeding \$100,000. Mr. Knight is pursuing CDBG grant funding through BRAG and will attend the required training. The Commissioners confirmed the fire district qualifies as a government entity to serve as its own grant sponsor, with the county available to co-sponsor if needed.

Brandon Rowe, Road Supervisor, presented road business. Commissioner Cox **moved to award** the Sweetwater Park Drive pavement overlay bid to Consolidated Paving of Ogden, the low bidder. Commissioner Lee seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous. Work is anticipated to begin in late July 2026.

Mr. Rowe provided an update on the bridge failure on Sterling Lane. The concrete bridge, constructed in 1952, suffered structural failure during a recent inspection. Staff will install two culverts as a temporary measure, utilizing an existing six-foot culvert from the North Eden project, while longer-term replacement funding is pursued. The Commissioners also **directed** staff to send a letter to the contractor on the recent bridge projects confirming county approval of a change order substituting wood posts for T-posts, which had been made with landowner approval.

Kaia Bowden, Recorder; Maydi Eastman, Deputy Recorder; Kim Wilson, Assessor; Brian Johnson, IT Director; Anneliesa Peart, Clerk/Auditor; with Zach Beck, UGRC, and Jarom Hlebasko, Sunrise Engineering, participating by video conference, discussed the 2026 GIS Engineering Services contract amendment with Sunrise Engineering. The group discussed hosting options, database integration, and website maintenance. The Commissioners **directed** staff to follow up with Sunrise Engineering to resolve outstanding deliverable issues before proceeding with the contract amendment.

Kim Wilson, Assessor, presented personal property tax exemptions for approval. Commissioner Cox **moved to approve** the personal property tax exemptions as presented. Commissioner Lee seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Cox **moved to approve** the May 13, 2026 minutes. Commissioner Lee seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

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

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