

**MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WEBER COUNTY**

Monday, January 5, 2026, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., held in the Commission Conference Room #365, Weber County Commission Office 2380 Washington Blvd, Ste. 360, Ogden, UT

Members Present: Commissioner Sharon Bolos, Commissioner Gage Froerer, Commissioner Jim Harvey

Discussion and/or action for approval of minutes for the Commission Work Session held on December 22, 2025

Commissioner Harvey made a motion to approve the minutes for the Commission Work Session held on December 22, 2025. Commissioner Froerer seconded the motion. All voted aye. The motion carries.

Presentation of the Weber County P-Card and Travel Audit – Kali Rhodes, Chris Crockett, Jessika Clark

Kali Rhodes presented findings from the countywide Weber County P-Card and Travel audit, which revealed 6 findings and 48 recommendations for policy updates and additional training. Ricky Hatch and Jason Horne agreed with the recommendations except for one, which was the proposed double-approval system. They are in favor of improved education and clearer policies instead of the double-approval system. Kali also discussed the Weber Housing Authority (WHA) audit. This was not finished as the Weber Housing Authority became a separate independent entity. She will give this information to Andi Beadles at the WHA.

Discussion regarding RFSW and Reentry appropriations – Stephanie Russell, Jim Retallick, Dr. Daniel Lancaster, Laura Andelin, Chief Terance Lavelly, Chris Crockett, Jessika Clark

Stephanie Russell discussed combining the RFSW and Reentry appropriation programs and presenting them to the State for funding. Dr. Daniel Lancaster discussed the success of the two programs, Reentry and Forensic Social Work, in Weber County, which have shown significant cost savings and recidivism benefits over the past two years. The programs, which serve nearly 2,000 justice-involved clients, have achieved a 45% reduction in one-year reincarceration rates and over a million dollars in operational savings annually. He highlighted the importance of coordination between the two programs, explaining that the success of both programs is a direct result of their ability to work together. Daniel also covered the budget proposal for the programs, which includes a fee structure for serving clients from other counties. He focused on operational savings and recidivism reduction and explained how forensic social workers can expedite legal case resolution, leading to cost savings in jail time and court proceedings. Commissioner Froerer raised concerns about budget constraints, noting that state revenues are below expectations and agencies are being asked to take a 5% cut next year. He emphasized the need to be deliberate in their requests to the state legislature. The Commissioners support both programs and their efforts in asking for funding from the State but would like them to also talk to the surrounding counties about funding.

Discussion regarding CPI increases from Republic – Bill Ross, Sean Wilkinson, John Watson, Chris Crockett, Jessika Clark, Stephanie Russell

Sean Wilkinson discussed that Republic Services increased their rate to \$36.37 per ton as if January 1st, with an additional 3% increase coming in July if Weber County renews the contract with Republic, which will end at midnight on June 30th. He also discussed the need to get commitments from surrounding cities to keep the Weber County Transfer Station open. Republic has stated that they will not renew the contract if the cities won't agree to use the Transfer Station. If Republic does not come back, the Transfer Station will have a \$1.3 million loss for 2026. After discussing how to get the cities on board, Sean will let the mayors know that they have until the first of April to sign the interlocal agreements and if all the cities won't sign the agreements, then they will have to look at other options for keeping the Transfer Station open or possibly closing it.

Commissioner Froerer made a motion to saunter until 2:30 p.m. Commissioner Harvey seconded the motion. All voted aye. The motion carries.

Commissioner Harvey made a motion to cease to saunter. Commissioner Froerer seconded the motion. All voted aye. The motion carries.

Discussion regarding Medical and Mental Health Building – Sean Wilkinson, Scott Mendoza, Bill Ross, Chad Meyerhoffer, Sheriff Ryan Arbon, Chief Terance Lively, Jessika Clark, Chris Crockett, Stephanie Russell, Kevin Miller

Commissioner Bolos discussed what is needed for the Sheriff's medical and mental health facility and a potential shift in plans for this facility. The group debated whether to proceed with the current \$30 million design or explore a remodeled administrative building option that could potentially include additional services. The Commissioners agreed to have Kevin Miller provide cost estimates for both options, with a budget of \$5,000 to \$10,000 for preliminary estimates.

Adjourn

Commissioner Harvey made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Froerer seconded the motion. All voted aye. The motion carries.