

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

Monday, March 30, 2026, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m., held in the Commission Conference Room #365, Weber County Commission Office 2380 Washington Blvd, Ste. 360, Ogden, UT

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

Discussion and/or action for approval of minutes for the Commission Work Session held on March 23, 2026

Commissioner Harvey made a motion to approve the minutes for the Commission Work Session held on March 23, 2026. Commissioner Bolos seconded the motion. All voted aye. The motion carries.

Discussion regarding Interlocal Agreement with Plain City for 2200 North – Sean Wilkinson. Bill Ross, Gary Myers, Courtlan Erickson, Joe Hadley

Sean Wilkinson discussed an interlocal agreement with Plain City regarding road improvements on 2200 North. The key changes included the county taking over the eminent domain process instead of Plain City, removing plans for expanded 33-foot paving due to right-of-way concerns, and maintaining the current 22-foot width. The County will complete drainage piping, road base installation, and asphalt paving by July 1st, 2026, on the unincorporated portions, with Plain City adopting annexation within 60 days after completion. The Commissioners approved moving forward with the agreement changes and proceeding with the eminent domain process for the remaining property acquisition.

Discussion regarding County Fire Warden Agreement- Britt Clark, Dusty Richards, Steffani Ebert, Stephanie Russell, Jessika Clark, Chris Crockett

Chief Britt Clark discussed updating a 2016 cooperative agreement for wildland fire services, which had not been reviewed in the required 5-year timeframe. The current agreement requires \$60,000 in funding, which was confirmed to have already been approved in the 2026 budget by Steffani Ebert. This agreement will be presented to the Commissioners at a future Commission meeting. The Commissioners also discussed seeking an exemption from DAQ (Division of Air Quality) regarding open burn dates, with plans to draft a supporting letter and present it at an upcoming Commission meeting.

Discussion regarding Using Roll Back Tax Funding for Conservation Easements - Wendy Fisher - Utah Open Lands, Craig Call, Jessika Clark, Chris Crockett

Wendy Fisher from Utah Open Lands presented an overview of conservation easements, explaining their purpose and process. She discussed the steps involved in creating a conservation easement, including determining its value through a qualified appraisal. The meeting aimed to explore how Weber County could utilize its expected \$2.5-3 million in rollback tax funds for conservation efforts, particularly in Western Weber County. Wendy discussed conservation easement processes and funding mechanisms, explaining how land values are calculated and how different funding sources can be leveraged. She also covered typical transaction processes including appraisals, due diligence, and the importance of preserving water rights in conservation easements, with Utah Open Lands sometimes co-owning water shares to ensure continued agricultural use. Craig Hall discussed the need to balance the complexity of the process with the opportunities available, particularly in the Ogden Valley area, and suggested creating a group to help prioritize and manage opportunities on the west side of the county also. Lastly, Wendy focused on strategies for implementing conservation easements in Weber County, with discussions on leveraging available funds and engaging landowners through different approaches such as hosting "landowner nights" to educate farmers and ranchers about conservation easements, using existing land trusts like the Ogden Valley Land Trust, and considering simpler processes for smaller tracts.

Commissioner Bolos made a motion to saunter until 3:00 p.m. Commissioner Harvey seconded the motion. All voted aye. The motion carries.

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

Discussion regarding General Fund Deputies – Commissioners, Sheriff Ryan Arbon, Chief Josh Gard, Steffani Ebert, Courtlan Erickson, Chris Crockett, Jessika Clark, Stetson Talbot – Pleasant View, Casey Warren – Riverdale, Mayor Steve Gibson – Pleasant View, Armando Perez – Roy PD, Mayor Mark Allen – Washington Terrace, Tom Hanson – Washington Terrace, Darin Parke – South Ogden, Summer Palmer – South Ogden, Matthew Gwynn – Roy PD, Mayor Rob Vanderwood – West Haven, Mayor Les Syme – Marriott-Slaterville, Mayor Brandon Mitchell – Riverdale, Mayor Sheri Bingham – Hooper, Zoom: Kristi Bell – Uintah City, Tyler Ziegler – Ogden PD, Mayor Richard Sorensen - Huntsville Town, Matt Dixon – South Ogden City

The meeting focused on adjusting the allocation of general fund deputies between contract cities and cities with their own police departments. The Commissioners and Sheriff Arbon have agreed to increase the number of deputies paid by contract cities from 23 to 28, representing a shift rather than a reduction in overall deputy numbers. Stephanie Ebert presented financial impact data showing minimal changes to contract cities' budgets, with a \$10,006 difference compared to the previously proposed \$10,608. The discussion included clarification that school resource officer costs would be reallocated to contract cities, and that the Sheriff's Office would collect more detailed data over the next year to potentially adjust the deputy allocation numbers in the future. Sheriff Arbon discussed changes to Sheriff's Department staffing levels, including the methodology used to determine how many deputies and how it was arrived at through an internal audit, which started from zero and built up. The conversation also touched on the need for contract cities to pay a larger share of the costs, moving from 0.57 to approximately 0.72 per thousand residents, though this still falls short of the 1.3 per thousand typically seen in larger cities. The discussion then focused on the internal audit, although the final report has not been finished, and the need for more data to increase the number of deputies. The Commissioners also emphasized that any changes to deputy allocations would need to be addressed in the upcoming budget discussions in October, and they urged the Mayors to review the final audit report when it is finished before forming opinions on the proposed changes.

Adjourn

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