

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

Monday, August 24, 2026, from 12:45 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 Gage Froerer, Commissioner Sharon Bolos, Commissioner Jim Harvey

**Discussion and/or action for approval of minutes for the Commission Work Session held on August 17, 2026**

*Commissioner Harvey made a motion to approve the minutes for the Commission Work Session held on August 17, 2026. Commissioner Froerer seconded the motion. All voted aye. The motion carries.*

**Discussion regarding Westbridge** – Charlie Ewert, Rick Grover, Sean Wilkinson, Liam Keogh, Gary Myers, Ashley Thoman, Tucker Weight, Jessika Clark, Stephanie Russell, Chris Crockett, Andrew Favero

Ashley Thoman discussed the Westbridge development agreement, which expires at the end of August. Charlie Ewert reviewed proposed changes to the agreement, including allowing multiple landowners to participate while maintaining Westbridge LLC as the master developer along with the county retaining ownership of approximately 67 acres for a county road or if UDOT decides to relocate the freeway through the property. The Commissioners addressed concerns about buffer zones along the river and the Great Salt Lake, discussing potential agricultural uses and the possibility of creating wetland parks. The updated agreement will be on the agenda for tomorrow's Commission meeting for final approval.

**Discussion regarding Possible Budget Items** – Chief Terance Lively, Laura Andolin, Julie Stoddard, Chris Crockett, Jessika Clark

The meeting focused on budget discussions for reentry coordinator positions within the Sheriff's Office. Chief Lively discussed these positions are currently grant-funded through June 2027, but they are requesting this position be funded through the general budget, assuming the state will not reauthorize the funds after June 2027. He also explained further their request for funding the two community reentry coordinator positions, with potential revenue from a Medicaid Justice waiver to offset costs. The amount needed is approximately \$90,000 for the remainder of 2027, with the possibility of ongoing revenue through Medicaid reimbursements for services required by the 1115 waiver. Laura Andolin discussed implementing a Medicaid Justice Benefit Program, noting they are the first facility in Utah to do so and have completed necessary steps, including getting the Sheriff's Office approved as a Medicaid provider. She reviewed potential revenue projections based on case management services, though emphasized these were illustrative rather than predictive estimates. The discussion also included plans to seek state funding and legislative support, with recommendations to add this to the legislative priority list and potentially include provisions for funding rollback if state dollars are granted.

**Discussion regarding Enforcement Captain Position** – Chief Josh Gard, Julia Stoddard, Emily Wilde, Chris Crockett

Chief Josh Gard discussed creating an enforcement captain position using approximately \$28,000 from savings, which would enhance an existing sergeant position and provide oversight for Weber Metro operations, reporting to the chief and handling contract city meetings. The position would be funded by contract cities rather than the general fund, with Emily Wilde supporting the staffing need based on the division's separation requirements. Commissioner Bolos expressed hesitation about approving the new captain position, suggesting instead to wait until the 6-month data review in October and the budget season in December to make a decision. She emphasized the importance of getting buy-in from contract cities and having clear data on deputy assignments before committing to the position. Chief Gard explained the rationale for separating general fund and contract city duties and argued that the captain position would improve accounting and oversight, particularly by eliminating current issues where lieutenants are performing contract city duties while on the general fund payroll. The Commissioners requested more data and transparency before implementing any changes,

particularly regarding the impact on contract cities, with the goal to ensure taxpayers who receive services are the ones paying for them.

**Discussion regarding Ogden City Wildcat Square CRA** – Stephanie Russell, Sean Wilkinson, David Sawyer, Mark Halverson, Jessika Clark, Chris Crockett

Stephanie Russell reviewed a proposal for the Wildcat Square Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) on Weber State University campus, which would involve a 513-unit student housing development, which would generate over \$25 million in tax revenue over 99 years from currently non-taxable land. Stephanie also discussed the Finance Committee will determine a financial cap for the County's participation in the CRA and establish a trigger date for when the CRA would begin generating revenue. The Commissioners agreed to move forward with the proposal while seeking to cap participation at 8% and setting a trigger date for 2027.

**Break from Work Session**

*Commissioner Harvey made a motion to leave the public work session and go into a scheduled administrative meeting. Commissioner Froerer seconded the motion. All voted aye. The motion carries.*

*Commissioner Harvey made a motion to return to the public work session. Commissioner Bolos seconded the motion. All voted aye. The motion carries.*

**Discussion regarding proposed changes to the ordinance regarding code enforcement; specifically, watercraft storage in Ogden Canyon** – Rick Grover, Lauren Thomas, Chris Crockett, Gary Myers, Charlie Ewert, Sean Wilkinson, Jessika Clark

Rick Grover addressed code enforcement issues regarding watercraft storage in Ogden Canyon, specifically dealing with a long-standing problem involving multiple vehicles and a boat on someone's property. They decided to give the property owner until September 15th to comply with existing vehicle removal notices, after which fines would begin, or the county could opt to have the vehicles towed. The discussion also included expediting the process for creating an ordinance to address vessel storage, though this would require additional time to go through the Planning Commission process.

**Closed session to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property**

*Commissioner Harvey made a motion to go into a closed session to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property. Commissioner Bolos seconded the motion. All voted aye. The motion carries.*

*Commissioner Harvey made a motion to come out of the closed session. Commissioner Bolos seconded the motion. All voted aye. The motion carries.*

**Adjourn**

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