

MINUTES
WEBER COUNTY COMMISSION
Tuesday, March 24th, 2026 – 10:00 a.m.
at Weber Center, 2380 Washington Blvd., Ogden, UT

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WEBER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS: Gage Froerer, James "Jim" H. Harvey, and Sharon Bolos
STAFF PRESENT: Ricky Hatch, County Clerk/Auditor; Chris Crockett, Chief Civil Deputy; and Craig D. Brandt, of the County Clerk/Auditor's office, who took minutes.

A. WELCOME: Chair Froerer

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All in attendance were invited to recite the Pledge.

C. INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE: Craig Brandt

D. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

1. Commissioner Harvey: I want to publicly thank the team at the Ice Sheet for turning it into a world class curling venue. There are probes in the ice measuring the temperature of the ice to keep the ice at even temperatures no matter what lane a team plays on. There are magnetic strips on each end of the ice and on each stone. The electromagnetic energy from a player's hand touching the stone will be detected when the scratch, or foul line, is crossed, leading to disqualification. The stones come from the same quarry in Scotland. The World Curling Championships are taking place every day at 9am, 2pm, and 7pm starting this Friday. Tickets are available on visitOgden.com.

2. Chair Froerer: I spent the better part of last week talking about water. We did not have a lot of snow this season. Snow Basin is already closed. We peaked water-wise on March 7th. We have good soil moisture at the moment. Weber Ogden drainage will not be at a high water level. 2023 was our highest snow pack in history and this year, 2026, will be our lowest snow pack in history. Weber Basin will meet on Thursday morning to determine conservation efforts needed for our area. Our reservoirs are at 60%; at this point in time in 2021 our reservoirs were 30-40%. If we do not have a 2023 water season next year, it will be even worse. I have had calls from some of our mayors saying they do not want to water restrictions that will burden our citizens. We are not making more water at this point in time. Now is the time to conserve. Because of the heat and lack of water and being a month ahead in our season, fires will become very critical. If we don't look at reality right now and manage our outdoor recreation uses right now, we are going to have problems.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Tim Kendall, Uintah: I want to thank the Commissioners for what you do. Our open burn season in Weber County is arbitrary. I wish it was a little more flexible. I wish we could have been burning the past month to get ahead of everything getting drier. I wish there was a way to be more flexible. I do not understand why March 30th is significant.
 - a. Chair Froerer: I understand what you are saying and we should bring this up with the Fire District.
2. Tom Favaro, 1294 North 4700 West: Last November I talked to Sean Wilkinson to get a special permit to burn dead wood piled up after the 2011 flood and stacked in piles in 2023 during that flood. We started to burn those but Weber County showed up and wanted to fine and penalize us. My particular property is annexed into Plain City with their own Fire Department and we were able to burn while conditions were favorable. We need to make our rules according to the needs of the burn.

F. PRESENTATION:

1. Presentation of the Outstanding Weed Board Award.

Chair Froerer: Weber County has always had a weed department, which is Bart's department. He has always done a good job. About seven years ago, we decided a larger effort was needed and we set up the Weed Board. They have done a great job keeping people informed and educated. Their website is now interactive. You can take a picture with your phone, get on the website, give a location, show you what weed it is, and the Weed Board can go out and deal with it from there. The Utah Weed Control Association has recognized our Board for their efforts and the award reads as follows:

The Weber County Weed Board has demonstrated outstanding leadership and commitment to noxious weed management. The Weed Board helps to strengthen partnerships between public agencies and landowners.

In 2025, the Weber County Weed Board secured funding to conduct drone treatment on Phragmites, produced social media videos for noxious weed outreach, and assisted in organizing the annual Weber County Pesticide and Weed Workshop.

Support from the Weed Board helps to advance weed management goals in Weber County and beyond their borders. When the Weed Supervisor, Bart Cragun, encountered challenges treating Rush Skeleton weed on a tricky stretch of interstate, the Weed Board used connections to quickly facilitate a partnership spray day.

The support that the Weber County Weed Board provides creates a synergy between Weber County officials, the Public Works Department, and the Weed Supervisor that makes Weber County a valuable partner in Noxious Weed Management for all of Utah.

Bren Edwards (Weed Board Chair): It was really awesome when they reached out to us and offered this award. We as a Board only do so much. Bart, Riley, and Stacy are the boots on the ground every day who keep things functioning and in order. And thanks to the Commission for allowing us to do things like the weed spray training day. We have held it for many years and this year's will be next Tuesday with 50 people pre-registered. Last week we had UDOT, USU Extension, and UDAF at our Board meeting. We are working together on training to get folks their applicator's license through the State. Over \$300k in grant funding has been received over the last seven years for noxious weed management. As Commissioner Froerer mentioned our drought conditions, the emphasis this year is on Phragmites that use a lot of water. Parker, UDAF representative on the Soil Conservation District, told me they are looking to secure \$1.7M to attack those phrags in the Weber Drainage area. I'd like to recognize the rest of the Board: Tom Favaro, Tim Kendall, Kelly Wangsgard, and Matt Marriott who couldn't make it here with us today.

Chair Froerer: We have brought a lot of agencies in to participate as this helps them as well as us. Utah State was a big player in this Board for the first three or four years, as well as the Soil Conservation District, Utah Power and Light, the railroads, Weber Basin to make this a community effort.

Commissioner Harvey: Bart is so accommodating all the time. We are lucky to have him and all others on the Board.

Commissioner Bolos: I want to echo what has been said. We really appreciate it.

G. CONSENT ITEMS:

1. Purchase orders in the amount of \$702,933.21.
2. Warrants #107523-107571 and #495728-495802 in the amount of \$1,656,368.50.
3. Summary of Warrants and Purchase Orders.
4. Minutes for the meetings held on March 17th, 2026.
5. New business licenses.
6. Contract with the Utah Quarter Horse Association to hold the 2026 UQHRA Spring Races.
7. Local Transportation Funding Agreement with Hooper City to establish terms related to the Hooper City 5500 West (Phase 3) project.
8. Local Transportation Funding Agreement with Roy City to establish terms related to the Roy City 3100 West Sidewalk project.
9. Agreement with Matt Wilson for variance and appeal hearing officer services.
10. Amendment #1 to the Food Service and Commissary Agreement with Summit Food Service, LLC.

Commissioner Bolos moved to approve the consent items; Commissioner Harvey seconded.
Chair Froerer – aye; Commissioner Harvey – aye; Commissioner Bolos – aye

H. ACTION ITEMS:

1. **APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 12-2026 OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WEBER COUNTY APPOINTING TRUSTEES TO THE BOARD OF THE OGDEN VALLEY PARKS SERVICE AREA.**

Stacy Skeen (Commission Office): Two members are resigning from the Board. Seven applications were received with all qualified to serve. One term will expire December 31st, 2026 and the other will expire

December 31st, 2028. This will be the last time Weber County Commission will fill positions for this Board. From this point on, members will be elected.

Commissioner Harvey moved to approve Resolution 12-2026 of the County Commissioners of Weber County appointing to the board of the Ogden Valley Parks Service Area Thomas Keefer for the December 31st, 2026 term and Jori Torman for the December 31st, 2028 term; Commissioner Bolos seconded.
Roll Call Vote: Chair Froerer – aye; Commissioner Harvey – aye; Commissioner Bolos – aye

2. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 13-2026 OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WEBER COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE USE OF FUNDS FOR PHASE 2 OF THE WEBER COUNTY 2550 SOUTH PROJECT.

Brooke Stewart (Community Development Office): Before you, today is a resolution authorizing the use of funds to widen and improve Phase 2 of Weber County's 2550 South project. As you are all aware, 2550 South is a major east west corridor in the county that has been a priority to the county and the Weber Area Council of Governments for the past several years. Currently Phase 1 is in the design phase. Phase 2, which runs from 4300 West to 4700 West, is in the early stages of right-of-way acquisition. This resolution authorizes the use of funds that were approved as part of the 2025 Transportation Priority List by WACOG and the County Commission back in November. This is the final portion of funding needed for Phase 2 to be fully funded and continue moving forward with the project.

Commissioner Harvey: All cities in the County look up to, respect, and admire Ms. Stewart for the job she does in helping facilitate their matching funds they receive from various entities for road projects. I count you as a valued employee here.

Commissioner Harvey moved to approve Resolution 13-2026 authorizing the use of funds for Phase 2 of the Weber County 2550 South Project; Commissioner Bolos seconded.
Roll Call Vote: Chair Froerer – aye; Commissioner Harvey – aye; Commissioner Bolos – aye

3. APPROVE A CRA PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT WITH THE PLEASANT VIEW CITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE RISE COMMUNITY INVESTMENT AREA.

Stephanie Russell (Economic Development Director): I am presenting an opportunity for us to participate in a new CRA in Pleasant View City. They have a great opportunity with one of their local businesses, Rise Bakery, doing a significant expansion. One item that really attracted us to the project is the inclusion of sustainability in their new development through the expansion. They will do significant hiring of up to 42 people. These projects tend to benefit a community more than bringing in a new business. This participation agreement adheres to our policies and our committee highly recommends approval. The interlocal has been redrafted to address comments from our work session discussion.

Commissioner Bolos moved to approve a CRA Participation Agreement with the Pleasant View City Redevelopment Agency to participate in the Rise Community Investment Area; Commissioner Harvey seconded.
Chair Froerer – aye; Commissioner Harvey – aye; Commissioner Bolos – aye

I. PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Request for a motion to adjourn public meeting and convene public hearings.

Commissioner Bolos moved to adjourn the public meeting and convene public hearings, 10:39 a.m.; Commissioner Harvey seconded.
Chair Froerer – aye; Commissioner Harvey – aye; Commissioner Bolos – aye

2. Public hearing to exempt Bermuda grass (*Cyndodon dactylon*) in Weber County from the State of Utah Noxious Weed List, so that it is not subject to provisions of the Utah Noxious Weed Law within the boundaries of Weber County.

Bren Edwards (Weber County Weed Control Board Chair): Recently, the state weed board that that controls the state noxious weed list had removed a portion of Bermuda. Weber Basin has a big push this year for this water-wise grass to be utilized in your grass in your lawns. Even a buyback program if you tear out Kentucky blue or other grasses, you can get so much money to put in this new hybrid version. We started looking at it from a broader perspective and started considering the

benefits versus the negatives of Bermuda grass. We worked with those partnerships, Utah State Extension and UDAF, and tried to figure out why originally Bermuda was listed on the state noxious weed list. We live in a desert state prone to droughts; water is very limited. And Bermuda is an extreme drought tolerant grass. Other benefits are Bermuda also helps choke out other noxious weeds. As it grows and it builds that mat across the ground and stuff like puncture weeds and other weeds can't grow through it. Bermuda was brought to the US in 1750 from Australia and New Zealand where it originated. We felt from a producer standpoint, there's a lot of benefits as well. As mentioned, the way it grows, it builds that mat in waterways, areas that cattle run on, it's very strong and is not going to get walked out like a traditional pasture grass, from an erosion standpoint, and it's going to help prevent erosion in those areas. We felt as a weed board that the benefits outweigh the negatives. The first step of this process is a recommendation from the County Weed Board to the County's legislative body to hold a public hearing on removing this. The next step would be as you as the County Commission, as the legislative body, make a recommendation to the Commissioner of Agriculture over the state of Utah, who will then take it to the State Weed Board for consideration of removal. Then the State administrative code would be updated to exempt Weber County. Currently Washington County is the only county in the state that is exempt from Bermuda being a noxious weed and we would be the second county in the state. In some communications I've had with UDAF, there's quite a few other counties looking at this as well just because they're starting to see the benefits versus the negatives with that.

Chair Froerer: The advantages of water tolerance, erosion control, and staying green in heat and low water outweigh the disadvantages.

3. Public Comments: None.

4. Request for a motion to adjourn public hearings and reconvene public meeting.

Commissioner Harvey moved to adjourn the public hearings and reconvene public meeting, 10:45 am; Commissioner Bolos seconded.

Chair Froerer – aye; Commissioner Harvey – aye; Commissioner Bolos – aye

5. Action on public hearing:

I2: Approval to exempt Bermuda grass (*Cynodon dactylon*) in Weber County from the State of Utah Noxious Weed List, so that it is not subject to provisions of the Utah Noxious Weed Law within the boundaries of Weber County.

Commissioner Bolos moved to exempt Bermuda grass (*Cynodon dactylon*) in Weber County from the State of Utah Noxious Weed List, so that it is not subject to provisions of the Utah Noxious Weed Law within the boundaries of Weber County; Commissioner Harvey seconded.

Chair Froerer – aye; Commissioner Harvey – aye; Commissioner Bolos – aye

J. ADJOURN

Commissioner Harvey moved to adjourn at 10:46 am.; Commissioner Bolos seconded.

Chair Froerer – aye; Commissioner Harvey – aye; Commissioner Bolos – aye

Attest:

Gage Froerer, Chair
Weber County Commission

Ricky D. Hatch, CPA
Weber Country Clerk/Auditor