

**MINUTES**  
**WEBER COUNTY COMMISSION**  
Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 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; Christopher Crockett, Chief Civil Deputy; and Craig 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:** Commissioner Bolos

**D. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

1. Commissioner Harvey: I want to publicly thank our Culture, Parks, and Recreation team for a phenomenal World Curling event that, while not officially, was the really of the first test event for the 2034 Olympics. They set a lofty goal for the budget and they exceeded that goal which means once again property tax is not paying for that event at our facilities. When you talk about the labor involved, many employees were there often by 6:30 or 7:00 in the morning and the last event didn't end until 9:30 every night. By the time they get cleaned up and ready to go, it's often times at 10:30, 11:00pm before they can clear the building and make ready for the next day. That went for a solid ten days, two weekends. The marketing from our VisitOgden folks and the team that Marty and the ad folks put together, Jay, it was just absolutely phenomenal. Again, set us apart on that world stage, especially for Curling. Just a phenomenal job. People were here from USA and World Curling. It was just a really a phenomenal experience. Thanks for those who attended. Thanks for the support of this commission to make that happen. It's so nice to be associated with a group of individuals who understand our budget, our needs. Then they don't have to dip into the property taxes to support all this tourism that comes as a result and the benefit for the Olympics that'll come as a result of it. It's just really good. I just wanted to say hats off and thank you. And thank you to the fantastic volunteer base. We have more volunteers per capita than any other city in the US. We couldn't have done it without them.
2. Chair Froerer: I had the opportunity to speak with locals, out of state, and international people and no one had a bad word to say about the event. Many said it was the best Curling event they have attended.

**E. PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE.**

1. Tom Hanson, Washington Terrace City Manager: We wanted to let you know how much we appreciate the team that is the RAMP Board in Weber County. We see often other areas throughout the state who have RAMP opportunities and they have to do it all on their own and in their own environment rather than a pooled environment like we have here. We appreciate that pooled environment where we take one penny for every \$10 spent. And when you look at all the out-of-town money that comes into Weber County for recreation, leisure services, and hotel they all add up so much and we appreciate that pooling and that bundling approach to RAMP. We particularly appreciate Shelly, Kevin, and the whole team that is the RAMP Board. They review those applications ethically, with a high standard of vision that says, "Will this truly support the vision for Weber County and bring forward those things that will benefit the region and our individual cities and residents and stakeholders in our area?" We just want to express our gratitude for being part of that process. We truly appreciate you for accepting their recommendations and moving forward.
2. Carlos Grava, Washington Terrace Parks and Recreation Director: I appreciate everything that Shelly, the RAMP Board, and you commissioners do for small communities like Washington Terrace. We appreciate very much everything you do.

**F. CONSENT ITEMS:**

1. Purchase orders in the amount of \$73,057.36.
2. Warrants #107622-107683 and #495897-495993 in the amount of \$1,050,014.98.
3. Summary of warrants and purchase orders.
4. Minutes for the meeting held on March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026.
5. Declare parcel #22-023-0131 as surplus property.
6. Conveyance to Roy City, of any interest that Weber County may have in any avenues, streets, and/or alleys as shown on the plat of Cloverdale Addition, dedicated to Ogden City on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of May, 1890.
7. Contract with SelectHealth, Inc. allowing parties to receive, share and have access to PHI and PII in order to enroll inmates in a Medicaid Plan and receive Medicaid Services.

8. Contract with Backcountry Horseman of Utah to hold for parking services at the Golden Spike Event Center for the Muddy Dash event.
9. Contract with Backcountry Horseman of Utah to hold for parking services at the Golden Spike Event Center for the Terrain Race Event.
10. Contract with Live a Little Entertainment Group for performance of Monster Truck Show at the 2026 Weber County Fair.
11. Contract with Turn Pro Jackpots for the Turn Pro 2 Day Race to be held at the Golden Spike Event Center.
12. Contract with Whiskey Throttle School District, LLC to hold the May 2026 Whiskey Throttle Race Nights at the Golden Spike Event Center.
13. Contract with Whiskey Throttle School District, LLC to hold the June 2026 Whiskey Throttle Race Nights at the Golden Spike Event Center.

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

#### G. ACTION ITEMS:

1. **APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE RECREATION, ARTS, MUSEUMS AND PARK (RAMP) BOARD FOR THE 2026 MAJOR, RECREATION & PARKS AND ARTS & MUSEUMS GRANTS.**

Kevin Burns (RAMP Committee Chair): Our RAMP Board is made up of all volunteers. They're a diverse group from around the county overseeing these funds and reviewing these applications. We received 90ish applications altogether that all have to be reviewed. That is done after folks are working their own their own jobs and doing their own things and then review all of those applications meeting with each applicant. We assign each grant applicant a liaison from the board. We meet with them, review their applications, and do site surveys where they're going to complete their projects. Over the last 20 years, \$78,991,111 in RAMP funds have been distributed throughout the County for a variety of projects. We have some pretty large parks that have been funded through RAMP grants. RAMP was a part of the skateboard park on 40th Street there by the South Ogden City office and Smith Family Park in Farr West. Washington Terrace has been good with phasing in and finishing some things at Rohmer Park. And then there's some smaller parks such as the West Ogden Park on West 24th Street and Beus Pond Park. Everybody gets to benefit from this a little bit.

Commissioner Harvey: Every city and unincorporated Weber County has received RAMP funds out of the \$78M?

Mr. Burns: Yes, it's spread around. It's really accomplished some pretty cool projects. We had 189 total requests this year that includes our EZ Grants. This year we collected \$6.6M in RAMP tax. That money is divided into thirds with one third going to major grants. The other two thirds are put into a category and then we subtract from that. We subtract municipal grants which is the \$1 per city per resident that goes to each city. And then we take out EZ Grants, which we have coming up. This year we boosted our easy grants from \$1,500 to \$3,500 because \$1,500 just doesn't go very far. And then our free summer Saturdays, we back out \$80,000 for that. That includes a number of facilities around Weber County that offer free admission on Saturdays such as the Dinosaur Park, Treehouse, Nature Center, the aquatic centers, and Peery's Egyptian Theater. We take the remainder and that's where we pull our money from for our grants. This year in our major grants, we had \$3M more in requests than we had funding. We had \$2M more in request for Arts and Museums and we had in excess of \$220k in Parks and Recreation. When we finish the application process, we move the money that we have remaining in Parks and Recreation and move that to Arts and Museums or to Majors, whichever we can best fund something with that money. At the end of the day, we want zero dollars in our RAMP account and start fresh every year. This year was a hard year particularly in Arts and Museums and tears were shed in the meeting because our folks really take it serious and they have a lot of passion for all those projects. That's just the way they are. Before we give you our recommendation, we want to say RAMP would not survive without you and your support and your support of Shelly and all of the staff in your office that manage RAMP. Shelly has so many applications to go through, she puts all our boxes together for us so we have all of our paperwork, and she answers all of our questions. RAMP season is 24/7. Some people can wake up at 2 o'clock in the morning with a RAMP question, shoot Shelly a text, and she'll get back to us when she wakes up. We know we're getting an answer. Thank you for your support and the support of our volunteer board that puts in so much time.

Commissioner Bolos: The RAMP tax is voter approved and not imposed by the Commission. And it was recently approved a third time for another 10 years. It shows the message is getting out there and people understand what they are approving. I appreciate the Board and their thorough vetting of each application.

Commissioner Harvey: Kevin Burns – I know it’s very intense for several weeks and it’s all volunteer. Thank you to you and all the other board members. We appreciate your service. My hat is off to the Commissioners in 2004 that got this started.

Chair Froerer: Thanks Kevin for what you and the volunteers do. And especially to our office staff, Shelly, Christy, Stacy, who put in long hours with the Board to make good decisions making sure money is directed to the right spot. You had more money requested than spent which means you took time to go through and evaluate these applications. Taxpayers can be assured those dollars were spent in a wise and efficient manner. Thank you very much for what you do.

Commissioner Bolos moved to approve the recommendations of the Recreation, Arts, Museums and Park (RAMP) Board for the 2026 Major, Recreation & Parks and Arts & Museums grants; Commissioner Harvey seconded.

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

**2. APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION 14-2026 APPROVING THE 2025 MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER PLANNING PROGRAM ANNUAL REPORT.**

Joshua Bryant (Engineering): The survey is sent out every year to the State to help them track how sewer systems are functioning and how they are being watched over. Last year almost 2.5 mile of sewer was added last year with 159 new connections for a total of 1,126 connections. Everything is running good.

Commissioner Harvey moved to approve Resolution 14-2026 approving the 2025 Municipal Wastewater Planning Program Annual Report; Commissioner Bolos seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Chair Froerer – aye; Commissioner Harvey – aye; Commissioner Bolos – aye

**3. APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION 15-2026 APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH CACHE COUNTY FOR LIMITED LAND USE, SUBDIVISION AND BUILDING PERMIT AUTHORITY AT POWDER MOUNTAIN.**

Sean Wilkinson (Community Development Director): Powder Mountain is asking permission to build a fire station and improve the Timberline parking lot at the ski resort which lies mostly within Cache County. This agreement would make Weber County the land use authority over these projects, including subdivisions, site plans, building permits and inspections, and any other land use permitting required for these developments. Weber County would be allowed to collect associated fees and termination of the agreement would occur if the projects are abandoned or 10 years from the agreement approval date. Cache County has not yet approved it but has had it for several weeks.

Commissioner Bolos moved to approve Resolution 15-2026 approving an Interlocal Agreement with Cache County for limited land use, subdivision and building permit authority at Powder Mountain; Commissioner Harvey seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Chair Froerer – aye; Commissioner Harvey – aye; Commissioner Bolos – aye

**4. APPROVE A CONTRACT WITH UTAH CUTTING HORSE ASSOCIATION FOR THE UCHA GOLDEN SPIKE CUTTING EVENT TO BE HELD AT THE GOLDEN SPIKE EVENT CENTER.**

Duncan Olsen (GSEC Director): This contract is with the Utah Cutting Horse Association. We have a portion of naming rights which is new this because of the sponsorship trade. As our rates go up, we had a tough conversation with them about bringing more to the table. We will have some of their saddles branded with the Golden Spike logo and the show will be named the Golden Spike Cutting Show. The show will be at the end of October, first of November.

Commissioner Harvey: This is the second richest equine event behind thoroughbred racing. A great deal of money is spent for two and a half minutes and a chance of winning. ‘Cutting’ means to cut a cow out of the herd.

Commissioner Harvey moved to approve a contract with Utah Cutting Horse Association for the UCHA Golden Spike Cutting Event to be held at the Golden Spike Event Center; Commissioner Bolos seconded.  
Chair Froerer – aye; Commissioner Harvey – aye; Commissioner Bolos – aye

5. **APPROVE A CONTRACT WITH SKYLER NEIBAUR FOR MOUNTAIN WEST PULLING NATIONALS TO BE HELD AT THE GOLDEN SPIKE EVENT CENTER.**

Duncan Olsen (GSEC Director): This is a new motorsports event that we will do in the infield of the fairgrounds and it does not fit within our fee ordinance. We have had them the last couple of years with 3.2k people showing up two years ago. The event will be held in June.

Commissioner Harvey moved to approve a contract with Skyler Neibaur for Mountain West Pulling Nationals to be held at the Golden Spike Event Center; Commissioner Bolos seconded.  
Chair Froerer – aye; Commissioner Harvey – aye; Commissioner Bolos – aye

**H. ADJOURN**

Commissioner Bolos moved to adjourn at 10:23 am.; Commissioner Harvey seconded.  
Chair Froerer – aye; Commissioner Harvey – aye; Commissioner Bolos – aye

Attest:

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Gage Froerer, Chair  
Weber County Commission

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Ricky D. Hatch, CPA  
Weber County Clerk/Auditor