MINUTES
WEBER COUNTY COMMISSION
Tuesday, August 4th, 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; Lauren Thomas, of the County Attorney's office; 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: We encourage all to attend our Weber County Fair. All 287,000 of you who live within Weber County, we hope will come and attend that fair. It's a great and wonderful thing. It's happy. It's the largest county fair in the state of Utah. And when you come, you're safe. It feels good. It's easy to park. You don't have to take a train or a bus or a plane to get there from the parking lot. There's good entertainment. There's a good atmosphere. For those of you who like things to do, fair food is always really fun. The first night we'll have a rodeo. Local cowboys from Weber County primarily participate. On the second night we have a monster truck pull competition. The third night we have bull fights. These are willing men who get in the ring with bulls. Don't try that at home. And then on the fourth night is demolition derby which is sold out. Again, willing men who put their cars in a ring and fight each other. Those things at night all cost a little extra. But fair admission, if you'll come before 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday you can get in and enjoy lunch at the fair. If you come after that, you'll pay an admission price. You can't say that at the movies. We also encourage the youth is 4H or junior livestock program out there where hogs, lambs, goats, and beef will be auctioned off and sold. The nice thing you don't need to worry about having a pasture in your backyard to put your beef because somebody will do that for you. They'll take it to a place that will process it. The only thing you'll need to do is pick it up and it'll be frozen and packaged the way you want it packaged. It's really a wonderful thing and it helps support Weber County youth. And let me just tell you, last year with the help of the volunteers, more than a million dollars went into the pockets of Weber County youth to help their education from local businesses and people just like you. We would hope you'd go out and participate in that because it's a great opportunity for our youth to learn those aged old, good Weber County work ethics. We hope that all of you will choose to participate in our Weber County Fair. Property tax does not subsidize any of our County activities.

   Chair Froerer: Just another great event we have in Weber County coming up this week. Probably the event of the year for Weber County. Anybody that doesn't look at Weber County as being the funnest county on top of other things that we are the best county of the 29 counties in the state, look at what we did in this past week. First, at the end of last week, we started off with the Korn Ferry PGA golf event, the second time this was held in Ogden. I attended a couple of days of this amazing event. Watching what real golfers do, it's just it's a different sport than I'm used to. There was a great turnout at a great location. All the players I talked with felt they were welcome. Visit Ogden and the Utah Sports Commission were a big part of that, along with others. It's just great to see those type of events coming back. If you aren't a golf fan, the musical Hairspray is playing at a little thing called Ogden Musical Theater through August 15th. Then you overlay that with the fair coming up tomorrow, what an opportunity for our citizens of Weber County.

2. August Stall of Fame: Kali Rhodes (Internal Auditor)
   Ricky Hatch (County Clerk/Auditor): I am happy briefly talk briefly about our Stall of Fame recipient. I think one thing that is a testament to this is that this Stall of Fame recipient was not nominated by me or anyone from my office because she does a tremendous amount of work across the county and that is Miss Kali Rhodes.
   Nobody knew that she was the recipient and I appreciate those from the department that came down to help celebrate Kali and her professionalism. Kali is our Internal Auditor and she has been here about ten months. It feels to her probably like 10 years because she came in, hit the ground sprinting, and has done extremely heavy lifting over the over the past 10 months. She has tackled some very heavy projects. Kali is new to governmental accounting and working for government. She was an auditor in private industry before this and did excellent in her job application and interview process. We were impressed, even though she didn't

have the governmental audit experience, that she would bring the necessary skills and she has done that. Several things that I've heard and that I think about with Kali is first off she is approachable. She's not one that is coming in to bust your chops. She recognizes the value of internal audit. She recognizes the value of independence and objectivity and of pushing but not being pushy. Like any good auditor, you have to question, you have to be professionally skeptical. And she does that very well. She has come in and learned the standards of Internal Auditing. She has implemented changes and trainings on a countywide basis. And she has completed multiple audits and reviews that have challenged her skill set, including soft skills as well as accounting and control work. And she does it with a smile and sometimes with a little bit of a potty mouth, frankly, which keeps us all awake and laughing. The thing is the folks that she has visited and audited appreciate her coming and they know that she is there to help. And sometimes helping means pointing out flaws. I mean that's really the purpose of internal audit. And she does that very well and in a way that is helpful, proactive and focuses on improvement. I was really excited when I was asked if we could do the stall of fame for her. She's a fantastic asset and team member for the county.

Commissioner Bolos: It also seems to me like she's been here for 10 years, and that's because she operates like she has been here 10 years, and I really appreciate that, Kali. I do know that this was not an area of expertise in government, and you can't even tell, Commissioners. You can't even tell that she didn't come with that experience. She's been amazing. When I've talked to my family about Kali, I've said before that she has no friends. But what I mean by that is the word Ricky used - independence. Kali does have friends, but she's independent and unbiased and that's just so important when you're helping departments and offices in the County improve. And I love that she is approachable. All the adjectives that Ricky used, I just really appreciate about you, Kali.

Commissioner Harvey: I used to hate audits. I remember the first auditor sent out Golden Spike over 30 years ago, I thought, "This guy has no clue." His bedside manner was so poor. When I matured enough to understand what he was really trying to teach, it really helped us a lot to have procedures in place. With all due respect to our attorneys, I'd like to spend the minimal amount of money on lawyers that we have to. And whenever we as leaders put the county at risk at a position of liability, whether it's not just things that we do but practices or procedures that we have, we do better if we can follow best practices that have been instituted for not just decades but centuries by people who've studied those kind of things. You know those folks that wear pocket protectors and you understand what those are. Kaylee, you've done a wonderful job. Thank you for what you've done. Ricky, you said talking about uh busting your chops, I just want to remind people that you can get plenty of pork chops out at the Weber County Fair on Saturday.

Chair Froerer: I'll tell you, as we hire a new internal auditor, there's always the concern will they come in with the mentality that it's their job to bust chops or rather to educate and basically make sure that they understand that proper changes help them as well as the County. I can tell you without exception that Kaylee has done a great job. She's had the opportunity to do some very heavy audits; some that would probably turn a lot of people off and she's come away with friends from those audits. And really that's, to me, the key of a professional auditor. Nobody likes the term audit but it's necessary in our business. It's necessary to reduce risk because we're dealing with taxpayer dollars and it's necessary because our employees need to know that small changes can make a big difference. Kaylee points that out on a daily basis. So, Kali, very well deserved.

Kali Rhodes: Thank you. I really couldn't have done any of these audits or reviews without you guys. I'm still learning the whole government thing and there's a lot of pieces, but every time I ask anybody a question here at Weber County, they're more than happy to explain it and break it down for me in a way that I understand. I really appreciate the culture that we have in this County of "We're learning this together. We're in this together". If I ask, I will receive and sometimes a lot more than I wanted, but that's how it goes. But thank you. I really couldn't do any of this without my partners like Ricky, HR, IT, and others. It takes a village to run an Internal Audit department, but you guys make it a lot easier and I really appreciate it. Thank you.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE.

F. CONSENT ITEMS:

1. Purchase orders in the amount of $ $149,279.59.
2. Warrants #108759-108818, 497647-497752 and 550-551 in the amount of $888,994.23.
3. Summary of Warrants and Purchase Orders.
4. New business licenses.
5. New beer license.
6. Minutes for the meetings held on July 28th, 2026.
7. Surplus a 2016 Ford F450 CAB Chassis Medic Truck for the Emergency Management/Homeland Security Department.
8. Agreement with Ogden Nordic, Inc. for snow grooming operations at North Fork Park.
9. Right-of-Way Purchase Agreement with Bill and Denise Sanders for widening project, along 2550 South.
10. Right-of-Way Purchase Agreement with Brighton Canal Company, LLC for widening project, along 2550 South.
11. Seventh amendment to the Master Services Agreement with Securus Technologies, LLC to comply with recent Federal Communications Commission regulations.
12. Deputy Sheriff Basic Training Reimbursement Agreements by and between Weber County and the following individuals:

Brayden Aldridge	Jackson Arbogast	Tyson Beus	Colton Brown
JaDee Christoffersen	Daxon Coggins	Trent Dickson	AJ Hughes
Wesley Lowe	Kegan Miller	Jan Rodriguez	Tyler Sanders
	Carlos Tafoya	Andrew Velasquez	

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

G. ACTION ITEMS:

1. **APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 30-2026 REGARDING THE TRANSFER OF 2026 MUNICIPAL TAX REVENUES TO OGDEN VALLEY CITY.**

   Chair Froerer: One member of the Ogden Valley Park Service Area has resigned. The position was noticed and three qualified applications were received. The term expires December 31st, 2026.

   Commissioner Bolos moved to approve Resolution 30-2026 appointing Brian Smith trustee to the board of the Ogden Valley Parks Service Area; Commissioner Harvey seconded.
   Roll Call Vote: Chair Froerer – aye; Commissioner Harvey – aye; Commissioner Bolos – aye

H. 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, 10:24 a.m.; Commissioner Harvey seconded.
   Chair Froerer – aye; Commissioner Harvey – aye; Commissioner Bolos – aye

2. Public hearing to discuss amendments to the operating and capital budget of Weber County for the 2026 calendar year.

   Steffani Ebert (Weber County Comptroller): Weber County passed a budget in December 2025. Periodically changes within that budget are needed. Some of the highlights from this quarter's budget change include:
   - $5M ARPA grant received from the State for sewer in West Weber
   - Increases to Health Department grants from Federal and State sources.
   - Fleet budget change for Sheriff's contracts for increase in vehicles.
   - Transfer of impact fees to Ogden Valley City.
   - Reinstatement of a Planner position in our Planning Department.

   Commissioner Bolos: The additional fleet vehicles for the Sheriff's department are part of the additional billing to the contract cities?

   Ms. Ebert: That is correct.

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, 10:28 am; Commissioner Bolos seconded.
   Chair Froerer – aye; Commissioner Harvey – aye; Commissioner Bolos – aye

5. Action on public hearing:
   H2: Approval of Resolution 31-2026 amending the operating and capital budget of Weber County for the 2026 calendar year.

   Commissioner Harvey moved to approve Resolution 31-2026 amending the operating and capital budget of Weber County for the 2026 calendar year; Commissioner Bolos seconded.
   Roll Call Vote: Chair Froerer – aye; Commissioner Harvey – aye; Commissioner Bolos – aye

J. ADJOURN

Commissioner Harvey moved to adjourn at 10:29 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