MINUTES
WEBER COUNTY COMMISSION

Tuesday, September 8th, 2026 – 10:01 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; Liam Keogh, of the Civil 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: Commissioner Bolos
D. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

1. September Stall of Fame: *Held*.
2. Commissioner Harvey: I will take a point of privilege to thank all those who were involved fighting in the Broad Fire in Weber Canyon. This one started on the Davis County side and then it jumped to our side. To Captain Rick Cooper and his group there, they've done a great job in keeping that at bay as much as possible. There has been great aerial firefighting from a lot of planes and helicopters. It's still not where we hoped it would be, but I don't think it's jumped the ridge just quite yet. They called for our Mobile Command Center, which our team has been staffing 24 hours a day, making sure first responders in the fire area have a place to go and get out of the smoke and the heat. Weber County once again is responding and taking care of multiple things. I appreciate that. Talking about emergencies, a couple of other things that happened recently. We had a 6-inch secondary water main leak out at the fairgrounds on Sunday. Our guys were able to get it isolated and turned off. They worked with local contractors who came in over the weekend. Parts weren't available locally, so they were flown in this morning. A lot of great coordination happened so others could have secondary water before it is turned off on September 15th. I am really proud of our team. We're looking forward to a grand opening for our new base camp at North Fork Park. There are bathrooms, a shop, a barn and stalls for horses that have been badly needed for years and years, and a lot of wonderful things going there. Dates for the grand opening will be announced shortly. I also want you to know that today, all of the new trolleys at the shooting complex are up and working on all 18 lanes. Marty and Bryce, good job to you and your teams getting that all finished. Bryce always has his hand in somewhere. We talked before the meeting about the repurposed lighting and things going on at the Ice Sheet. It's the calm before the storm, but a lot of great things are happening there. And our Ogden Hockey League, our OHL, is going to be bumping up to 18 teams this year. The league started at nothing a couple of years ago and is already getting to 18 teams. At the Golden Spike Event Center, Duncan Olsen has got 17 events over the next 19 days. I would encourage people to go to their website for more information on events from motor sports to horse events to cattle events and everything else going on. And of course, the F-16 TCG (Technical Coordination Group) is loading in right now. That event brings in 30% of the annual revenue at the conference center in just three days. It's a huge event. There are a lot of great things going on in Weber County.
3. Chair Froerer: This is a very important week as we reflect back a major event that happened 25 years ago in this country. The September 11th attacks on the Twin Towers really changed the face of this country and how we looked at security all the way from airports to personal safety. I think after 25 years there's a number of people out there that weren't around that day and may not understand the significance of what took place and how this country came together like I've never quite seen. The camaraderie we saw as a country we really almost forced into because of that tragedy we experienced. For those that haven't seen the monument in New York, it's quite significant. I think it's important for us to reflect back on that as we look at those historical events. Hopefully we never have to go through that again. But having gone through that and understanding how significant that was, I think it's worth bringing that up.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE.

F. PRESENTATION:

1. Recognition of awards of Weber County's Elections Team:
   Commissioner Bolos: I want to recognize our Elections team. All of their work throughout the year is appreciated, not just during elections. I want to review some awards they have received recently. In August, they were awarded a Lieutenant Governor's Excellence in Elections for Best Practices for Contingency Planning, Emergency Response, Physical and Cyber Security during a ceremony at the State capitol. It celebrates their continuous and collaborative partnerships between Elections, Emergency Management, IT,

Property Management, Hazmat, the Sheriff's office, and the attorney's office. All these different offices come together to review the facilities and potential threats to security. And they've been invited to describe this model of cooperation at organizations across the country. We're setting the standard. Lauren Schaefer has recently received the Lieutenant Governor's Excellent in Elections MVP Pillar of Democracy Award. Lauren has a gift for connecting organizations and individuals. She's always looking for ways to serve others and recognize them for their contributions. As you know, anytime she speaks in front of us, she gives credit to her team, which is always appreciated from a leader. Her influence also extends far beyond the county and this is why the Lieutenant Governor recognized her by giving her the Pillar of Democracy Award. Stacy Cornell and Billy Hatch recently received our Winning in Weber awards. Stacy received the Learning Is Power award for her ability and decision to continue improving herself in all aspects of her job. She's always trying to do better. Billy received the Rising Star award. She continues to amaze all the people who work with her. Also, Lauren and Billy received Vote Certifications. The Vote Certification is a state training and certification program that requires completion of 10 full-day classes over a period of two years. These courses also involve submitting projects and completing other assignments. While Lauren, Billy, and Ricky are the most recent graduates, every member of the elections team is now Vote Certified. State law requires the County Clerk and Elections Director to be Vote Certified, but all team members wanted the certification, so they've all completed that. This week, Chris Crockett and Ricky will be presenting to the South Carolina Association of Registrars and Election Officials on model cooperation between elected officials and county legal teams. However, the two Laurens (Lauren Schaefer and Lauren Thomas, Attorney), in Ricky's words, should be the ones presenting because they work so well together. This is evident in the recent lawsuit that was brought against the elections office in April. As you recall, the coordination between these two offices was efficient and effective and we were able to have a decisive win in the courtroom for the County.

Ricky Hatch (Weber County Clerk/Auditor): A huge shout out to our partners and not just the commission, but part of the Innovation award from Lieutenant Governor's office was about the coordination between our Attorney's office, our Sheriff's office, IT, Hazmat, Emergency Management, Operations, Library, and Culture, Parks, and Rec when we use the Fairgrounds as a vote center, which is a great facility for us. Lauren does such a good job at reaching out and coordinating with all these organizations. It really is in the nature of our Elections team to help and to communicate and to support. You'll find them helping out with the tax sale. You'll find them helping to fold letters for property tax information that needs to be sent out. It's in their nature to help and they have such a positive attitude. They are always trying to do things better, trying to figure out how to improve our processes, to make it more secure, more accurate, and more efficient. These awards are well deserved and they're not the only awards that they've received. Our office has received a lot of awards over the years including national awards and we are really grateful for everything they do.

G. CONSENT ITEMS:

1. Purchase orders in the amount of $64,528.00.
2. Warrants #109098-109168 and #498086-498170 in the amount of $934,776.24.
3. Summary of Warrants and Purchase Orders.
4. Minutes for the meeting held on September 1st, 2026.
5. New business licenses.
6. Memorandum of Understanding with Ogden City for JAG Grant funding for law enforcement equipment for each agency.
7. Basic Training Reimbursement Agreements by and between Weber County and Eamon Mcelwain.

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

H. ACTION ITEMS:

1. **APPROVE RESOLUTION 36-2026 OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WEBER COUNTY APPOINTING A TRUSTEE TO THE BOARD OF THE LITTLE MOUNTAIN SERVICE AREA.**

Stacy Skeen (Commission Office): A midterm vacancy was created with the resignation of Joe Giordano. Two applications were received with one qualifying. Jason Harrop is proposed to fill the term expiring December 31st, 2028.

Commissioner Bolos moved to approve Resolution 36-2026 of the County Commissioners of Weber County appointing Jason Harrop as a Trustee to the board of the Little Mountain Service Area; Commissioner Harvey seconded.
Roll Call Vote: Chair Froerer – aye; Commissioner Harvey – aye; Commissioner Bolos – aye

2. **APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH PROFESSIONAL BULL RIDERS LLC. TO RENT THE FACILITY TO THE PBR TO HOUSE THEIR BULLS DURING THE 2027 SALT LAKE CITY EVENT AT THE DELTA CENTER.**

Duncan Olsen (GSEC Director): This is a unique contract. Last year we housed the bulls for the big PBR event at the Delta Center. We realized how much labor was involved afterward and had to raise prices significantly this year to almost $30k. The bulls will stay in the riding arena in eight different pens.

Commissioner Harvey: There are other places between here and the Delta Center that can hold livestock. We are uniquely qualified due to details such as the gauge and weight of our panels and piping. The way we move and stock the livestock is preferred as it keeps the people, animals, and athletes safer. There are two halves to a bull: the production half and the taking care of it half. These bulls come back as late as midnight, one in the morning. We support them so they can do well.

Commissioner Harvey moved to agreement by and between Weber County and Professional Bull Riders LLC. to rent the facility to the PBR to house their bulls during the 2027 Salt Lake City event at the Delta Center; Commissioner Bolos seconded.
Chair Froerer – aye; Commissioner Harvey – aye; Commissioner Bolos – aye

I. 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