



Wasatch County Council Meeting Minutes

Minutes for July 15, 2026

The Wasatch County Council met in regular session live and online on Wednesday, July 15, 2026, in the Wasatch County Chambers located in the Wasatch County Administrative Building at 25 North Main, Heber City, Utah 84032.

A video recording of the meeting may be viewed by using the Wasatch County Public Portal (<https://wasatchcount.portal.civicclerk.com/>) and selecting the desired meeting.

Agenda

Call to Order

1. Prayer/Remarks – Mark Nelson
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Colleen Bonner

Public Comment

Public comments will be accepted in-person or via Zoom Webinar. Please limit comments to three minutes. If action is necessary, the item will be listed on a future agenda. The Council may elect to discuss the item if it is an immediate matter of concern. Email public comments to publiccomment@wasatchcounty.gov.

Summary:

No public Comment

Call for Agenda Items

Summary:

No agenda items.

Consent Items

1. Approval of June 03, 2026 Minutes – Clerk/Auditor

Summary: Council held a regular meeting on June 03, 2026

Action Taken: **Councilmember Bonner** made a motion to **approve the June 3rd minutes. Councilmember Crittenden** seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following vote:

Voting Aye: Colleen Bonner, Erik Rowland, Kendall Crittenden, Luke Searle, Mark Nelson, Michael Murphy

Voting Nay: None

Board of Equalization

1. Consideration of an Assessor Adjustment parcel 00-0020-4021 – Jerry Jones

Summary: Taxpayer was following up on an appeal that he thought had been entered on his behalf by the Assessor's Office. The parcel of land (which is un-buildable) was erroneously assessed in 2023 at a value of \$400,000.00 and should only be valued at \$2,100.00.

The parcel was successfully appealed in 2024. Confusion over the 2023 appeal submission process prevented it from being filed as part of the SB 182 legislation.

Action Taken: Councilmember Crittenden: made a motion **that we make the assessor adjustment on parcel 00-0020-4021 from the incorrect assessment of \$400,000 for 2023 to the corrected \$2,100.00 and abate penalties and interest. Councilmember**

Searle: seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following vote:

Voting Aye: Colleen Bonner, Erik Rowland, Kendall Crittenden, Luke Searle, Mark Nelson, Michael Murphy

Voting Nay: None

Council Items

1. Discussion and consideration of approving funding for Provo River Days – Nancy O'Toole

Summary: The Provo River Watershed Council is seeking participation in Provo River Days. The intent is to better educate our community about the needs facing the Provo River Watershed. We are hosting Provo River Days, a multi-site, all-ages educational event, on September 12, 2026. Our goals are to increase public awareness of watershed health and environmental stewardship, engage community members through hands-on, place-based activities, and facilitate and strengthen the partnerships that will impact our local watershed.

The request is for \$3,000 and staff recommends the council discretionary fund be used for this item.

Continued, tabled until August 5, 2026.

Action Taken: Councilmember Crittenden: made a motion to **table this item until August. Councilmember Bonner:** seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following vote:

Voting Aye: Colleen Bonner, Erik Rowland, Kendall Crittenden, Luke Searle, Mark Nelson, Michael Murphy

Voting Nay: None

2. Consideration of awarding the Request for Proposals for construction management of the addition to the Children's Justice Center – Dustin Grabau

Summary: On 6/18/25, council awarded an RFP to conduct a facility needs assessment and optional architectural design for the Children's Justice Center. The results of the needs assessment and the availability of state funding strongly suggested moving forward with design and construction. This RFP for construction management services would allow the expansion to move forward to completion. Four proposals for construction management were received. Three proposing firms were interviewed. The selection committee now asks council to approve their unanimous recommendation.

Action Taken: Councilmember Bonner: made a motion that we award the Request For Proposal for construction management of the addition to the Children's Justice Center to contractors EKB. **Councilmember Crittenden:** seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following vote:

Voting Aye: Colleen Bonner, Erik Rowland, Kendall Crittenden, Luke Searle, Mark Nelson, Michael Murphy

Voting Nay: None

3. Approval of Resolution 26-04, which adopts "Policy 160-003: Appropriate use of Artificial intelligence (AI) at Work" – Don Wood, IT Director; or Heber Lefgren, Assistant County Manager

Summary: Wasatch County's Executive Team (which includes all department and office directors within Wasatch County, Solid Waste, Park and Recreation, and the Health Department) regularly meet to review, update, and/or create county-wide policies intended to improve operations, employee morale, and the public perspective towards Wasatch County Government. The policies being brought to Council through this council item include "Policy 160-003: Appropriate use of Artificial intelligence (AI) at Work." The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for the responsible acquisition, development, deployment, and use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) systems within Wasatch County, ensuring that AI is used ethically, transparently, and accountably.

Action Taken: Councilmember Crittenden made a motion that we approve Resolution 26-04 Appropriate use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) at Work". **Councilmember Searle** seconded the motion. The motion with the following vote:

Voting Aye: Colleen Bonner, Erik Rowland, Kendall Crittenden, Luke Searle, Mark Nelson, Michael Murphy

Voting Nay: None

4. Discussion and direction of updates to the 2019 Heber City Expansion Area MOU to further protect the North Fields – Dustin Grabau

Summary: In February of 2019, Wasatch County and Heber City executed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that adopted certain intents of handling aspects of Heber City's annexation of property on the north-side of the new boundaries. Last year, Wasatch County began discussing with Heber City the intent to strengthen the protections of the North Fields in response to the Heber Valley EIS's impacts to those areas. In those discussions, an interim solution has been to amend this MOU with the intent of working on a new MOU with a more comprehensive open space preservation focus. To that end, the following changes are proposed to amend the 2019 MOU:

Update section 6. Mutual Responsibilities section (a) to read as follows:

a. Heber City and Wasatch County agree to expend efforts to protect the rural character and agricultural nature of the North Fields as defined in Figure A, that are west of North US 40, North of Highway 113, east of the Heber Valley Western Corridor, and North of 900 North. The entities mutually agree that the North Fields will not be included in Heber City's annexation boundary and that Wasatch County will only zone this area to promote rural agricultural residences. Moreover, Heber City Commits to allocating its unit-based preservation fees collected from the North Village in Heber towards land acquisition and conservation easements within Figure A and adjacent to Highway-40 north of the new Potter-lane interchange.

Council advised Dustin to reconvene the subcommittee.

There was no formal motion.

Council/Board Reports

Summary:

Councilmember Searle: The Library Board met with Heber's City Representative, Manager's Office, and Juan Lee. They are to interview some candidates for the Library board. We had an exceptional group of people interviewed. We thought maybe we could utilize their talents. We are looking into a policy to ask the council to eventually expand the library board to seven members. This will be for a future agenda. We should all receive an email today about the outdoor recreation grant opportunity. Not the recreation grant, it's the mitigation of \$7 million. Perpetually, this is the way we can show the state we have an interest in need & mitigation funds for tourism.

Councilmember Crittenden: I got an e-mail, and you probably got one also for an invitation or public announcement for the Deer Creek High School ribbon cutting. The Fire Station situation with the problem that came up someone remembered fuel tanks there. I'm going to learn some history. I don't remember them there. **Councilmember Bonner:** Bud Remund said he thinks he remembers them taking the tanks out. **Dustin Grabau:** Let's go into closed session.

Councilmember Rowland: The Open Lands board meeting thoughts with MOU's, other updates from the board meeting. We did approve four designs, which are going to be printed and be distributed throughout the fair days. We also looked at a broacher that was approved to be handed out. Second thing, a reminder of our next work meeting. We need to

discuss on the board assignments, look through the different boards and come prepared with different thoughts.

Councilmember Bonner: Heidi reached out to Heath and wanted to know about the advertising and announcements for Wasatch Openlands Board. My suggestions would be to do a booth and market, and also an opportunity on main. The weed board had one there, and it's amazing the people stopped and asking for information. At the meeting at Wallsburg Smooth Hollow, Senator Stratton and Senator Winterton were there. They both seemed really concerned and are willing to look into this and try to help fix some of the problems.

Councilmember Nelson: Heritage days we were not going to do anything as a County 2026 for Heritage, but the Heber Valley Railroad was going to do its own heritage there on the weekend of the 24th, 25 and the next Monday of September. Jessica, Dallin and I talked about a couple of activities to build awareness in the North Fields and how great they are. We talked about whether we could do a 5K, or a run/walk or even a bike ride that went along those dirt roads in the North Fields, and then I received an email from Wendy Fisher that they would like to spouse a pancake breakfast on that Saturday the

25th. **Councilmember Rowland:** Them being? **Councilmember Nelson:** Utah Open Lands and then Heidi and others heard about that, and they all started talking to each other, saying Hey, this is a great idea, maybe we could, on that Saturday. Have a map and a tour of all the conservatories and let people drive around and look at them. So I just wanted to bring it to the Council. The Heber Valley Railroad is still doing their event, and we could hold the breakfast there.

Manager's Report

Summary: No manager report, we need to go into closed session for property accusations.

Closed Session – as needed

Closed sessions may be held in accordance with Utah State Code 52-4-205 to discuss the following: Purchase, Exchange or Lease of Property; Pending or Reasonably Imminent Litigation; The Character, Professional Competence, or Physical or Mental Health of an Individual.

Summary:

At 5:38 pm we went into closed session for property accusations.

Action Taken: Councilmember Crittenden: made a motion to go into closed session for property acquisition. **Councilmember Searle:** seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following vote:

Voting Aye: Colleen Bonner, Erik Rowland, Kendall Crittenden, Luke Searle, Mark Nelson, Michael Murphy

Voting Nay: None

Come out of closed at 5:44 PM

Action Taken: Councilmember Bonner: made a motion to come out of closed. **Councilmember Nelson:** seconded the motion. The motion with the following vote:

Voting Aye: Colleen Bonner, Erik Rowland, Kendall Crittenden, Luke Searle Mark Nelson

Michael Murphy
Voting Nay: None

Public Hearings 6:00

1. Tracey Cannon is requesting an extension of the time frame for installation of the asphalt trail in parcel C of the Crossing at Lake Creek as well as a possible change to the alignment of the trail. A condition of approval was for the trail to be completed by June 1st. (Misc-26-003) – Doug Smith

Summary:

On January 8, 2026, the planning commission recommended approval of a plat amendment to lot 1C of the Crossings at Lake Creek. Part of that amendment included a trail, including the width and the alignment, through the open space piece. As a condition of the approval, the planning commission set a date for the completion of the trail for June 1st. The county council approved the plat amendment on January 21, 2026, with the conditions of the planning commission.

The trail was not completed by the June 1st date. The applicant has asked for a new deadline. As per an email dated June 30th, the applicant has committed to building the trail in the approved alignment as well as the approved width of 10'.

Action Taken: Councilmember Nelson: made a motion **we revise the January 21, 2026, Crossings Lot 1 C Plat Amendment Conditions to require the deadline of August 20th for the trial to be completed and to turn over the open space to the HOA by September 20, 2026. Councilmember Bonner:** seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following vote:

Voting Aye: Colleen Bonner, Erik Rowland, Kendall Crittenden, Luke Searle, Mark Nelson, Michael Murphy

Voting Nay: None

2. Consideration of Ordinance 26-11 to adopt a new comprehensive update to the Wasatch County General Plan including updates to the County Resource Management Plan to become Appendix A, an implementation matrix as Appendix B, and updated Jordanelle Land Use Plan to be retitled Jordanelle Local Area Plan as Appendix C. If passed, the updated General Plan will repeal and replace the previous General Plan adopted in 2001, the Jordanelle Land Use Plan adopted in 1997, and the JSPA Plan Book adopted in 2014. – Austin Corry

Summary: In early 2025, the Wasatch County Planning Commission formally initiated a comprehensive General Plan update. The project title Cultivating Communities is intended to reflect the county's rural heritage and the deliberate nature of community building. It has been designed from the outset as a community-driven process. The Planning Department served as project manager, with staff leading all public engagement, policy development, and document production. The update process spanned approximately 18 months and involves four interconnected planning documents: the General Plan (the primary governing document), Appendix A (the County Resource Management Plan, required by Utah Code 17-79-402), Appendix B (an Implementation Matrix, providing an actionable framework), and Appendix C (the Jordanelle Local Area Plan, a comprehensive update

to the 1997 Jordanelle land use plan and 2014 JSPA Plan Book).

Whether or not the Wasatch County General Plan, titled Cultivating Communities, together with its accompanying appendices — Appendix A (County Resource Management Plan), Appendix B (Implementation Matrix), and Appendix C (Jordanelle Basin Local Area Plan) — should be adopted as the official, comprehensive land use and policy guidance document for unincorporated Wasatch County.

Action Taken: Councilmember Crittenden: made a motion that we adopt **Ordinance 26-11 to adopt a new comprehensive update to The Wasatch County General Plan, including updates to the County Resource Management Plan to become Appendix A, an Implementation Matrix that would become Appendix B, an updated Jordanelle Land Use Plan to be retitled Jordanelle Local Area Plan as Appendix C.** **Councilmember Bonner:** seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following vote:

Voting Aye: Colleen Bonner, Erik Rowland, Kendall Crittenden, Luke Searle, Mark Nelson, Michael Murphy

Voting Nay: None

Adjournment

Summary:

Action Taken: Councilmember Bonner: made a **motion to adjourn.** **Councilmember Nelson:** seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following vote:

Voting Aye: Colleen Bonner, Erik Rowland, Kendall Crittenden, Luke Searle, Mark Nelson, Michael Murphy

Voting Nay: None


Chair


Joey D. Granger/Clerk/Auditor

