

BOARD OF DAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

Board of Davis County Commissioners - Regular Meeting Minutes Tuesday, January 20, 2026

The Board of Davis County Commissioners met for their regularly scheduled meeting at 10:00 AM on January 20, 2026, in room 303 of the Davis County Administration Building, 61 South Main Street, Farmington, Utah. Required legal notice of this meeting was given.

All documents from this meeting are on file in the Davis County Clerk’s Office. The agenda for this meeting is incorporated into the minutes as item headers.

Following the approved Davis County policy, artificial intelligence (AI) was utilized in the preliminary creation of these minutes. The final minutes were edited and completed by Davis County Clerk's Office staff.

PRESENT

Davis County Commission Chair John Crofts
Davis County Commission Vice Chair Bob Stevenson
Davis County Commissioner Lorene Kamalu
Chief Deputy Clerk Rebecca Abbott

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting convened at 10:00 AM, and Irene Hill of Layton City led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Irene Hill, of Layton City, spoke regarding child safety and the integrity of the community. She expressed concern about how the Commission handled priorities regarding child protection and the funding used for the County Attorney's Department. She stated that prosecutors have been extraordinarily successful in prosecuting child abuse and sexual exploitation, but this "mission-critical public safety work" was funded using "temporary dollars." She argued that relying on temporary funding for permanent child protection is "poor governance and irresponsible budgeting." Irene raised concerns about how citizens have been treated when speaking up to defend children. She stated she has not forgiven the actions of Commissioner Kamalu, Commissioner Stevenson, and emeritus Commissioner Randy Elliot during discussions regarding a permanent homeless shelter. She claimed parents raising safety concerns were labeled "unchristian," which she found offensive. She cited "unhinged comments" made by Commissioner Stevenson, saying he threatened to have citizens arrested or removed from the chambers while a woman was holding a child and addressing the Commission. She characterized this as intimidation rather than leadership. Irene declared that Davis County residents are "among the most charitable people in the United States," donating generously and volunteering constantly for those in need. She noted that disagreeing with a policy does not make someone immoral and that parents should never feel shamed for advocating for their children. She closed with a request to the Board to fund child protection permanently and responsibly, and to treat the citizens of Davis County with respect.

Commissioner Crofts said that public comments are always appreciated, even if they are sometimes "difficult to hear."

MEETING MINUTES

- 1 **#2026-107. Approval of the Work Session Meeting Minutes for January 06, 2026** - *recommended by John Crofts, Davis County Commission Chair, Commissioners' Office*
- 2 **#2026-109. Approval of the Regular Commission Meeting Minutes for January 06, 2026** - *recommended by John Crofts, Davis County Commission Chair, Commissioners' Office*

VOTING:

Motion to Approve Items 1-2: Lorene Kamalu. Second: Bob Stevenson. All present voted aye.

BUSINESS/ACTION

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- 3
- #2026-98. Approval and Execution of a Quitclaim Deed to Finalize the Conveyance of Surplus Real Property (Item #2025-1284) Known as Tax ID 01-168-0020 to the City of North Salt Lake for the Benefit of the North Salt Lake Drain - recommended by Kent Andersen, Director, Community & Economic Development - Planning

Financial Information: N/A

Terms:

- Beginning Date: One Time
- Ending Date: Runs with the Land

Kent Anderson, Director of Community and Economic Development, corrected a clerical error in the agenda, saying the Tax ID listed as "01-168-0020" should be "06-168-0020." He explained that this is for North Salt Lake to build a new drain that will relieve pressure on the County's drain located at 2600 South. He noted this was the final agenda item submitted by employee Tony Thompson, who is recently retired after 34 years of service. Commissioner Crofts mentioned attending Tony’s farewell and praised his "faithful service" and "institutional knowledge."

VOTING:

Motion to Approve Item 3: Bob Stevenson. Second: Lorene Kamalu. All present voted aye.

HEALTH

- 4
- #2026-84. Approval of Amendment #2 to Contract #2022-0319 with the Utah Department of Health and Human Services for Electronic Case Reporting - recommended by Brian Hatch, Director, Health - Epidemiology

Financial Information:

- Type: Receivable
- Amount: N/A

Terms:

- Beginning Date: 01/01/2026
- Ending Date: 01/31/2026

Brian Hatch, Health Department Director, explained that this amendment is to end the contract early.

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- #2026-88. Approval of an Agreement with Metopio, Inc., for Community Health Assessment & Community Health Improvement Plan Modernization & Public Data Platform - recommended by Brian Hatch, Director, Health - Admin

Financial Information:

- Type: Payable
- Amount: \$96,200.00

Terms:

- Beginning Date: 01/20/2026
- Ending Date: 12/31/2028

This is a three-year payable contract totaling \$96,200.00, with the first year contribution being \$32,500.00.

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- #2026-89. Approval of Amendment #1 of Contract #2024-0329 with the Utah Department of Health & Human Services for Disease Response, Evaluation, Analysis, and Monitoring (DREAM) 2024 - recommended by Brian Hatch, Director, Health - Epidemiology

Financial Information:

- Type: Receivable
- Amount: \$25,875.00

Terms:

- Beginning Date: 08/01/2025
- Ending Date: 07/31/2026

VOTING:

Motion to Approve Items 4-6: Lorene Kamalu. Second: Bob Stevenson. All present voted aye.

LIBRARY

7 **#2026-100. Approval of an Updated Memorandum of Agreement with Utah State Library for Access to the Overdrive Beehive Library Consortium** - *recommended by Ellen Peterson, Deputy Director, Library*

Financial Information:	Terms:
• Type: Payable • Amount: \$122,654.03	• Beginning Date: 01/01/2026 • Ending Date: 12/31/2026

Ellen Peterson, Library Chief Deputy Director, noted the State Library made a rounding error in the previous version. The total amount was updated to \$122,654.03, a difference of \$13.64.

VOTING:
Motion to Approve Item 7: Lorene Kamalu. Second: Bob Stevenson. All present voted aye.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

8 **#2026-91. Approval of Subdivision Takeover Agreement Between Davis County and Weber Basin Conservancy District** - *recommended by Arnold Butcher, Chief Deputy, Sheriff's Office*

Financial Information: N/A	Terms:
	• Beginning Date: 12/25/2025 • Ending Date: 12/25/2025

Arnold Butcher, Chief Deputy Sheriff, explained that the District agreed to waive the standard one-year warranty period and immediately take over responsibility for metering at the new Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

9 **#2026-106. Approval of an Agreement with Joel Park Training to hold an Event at the Davis County Shooting Range** - *recommended by Arnold Butcher, Chief Deputy, Sheriff's Office*

Financial Information:	Terms:
• Type: Receivable • Amount: \$800.00, Payment Due May 31, 2026	• Beginning Date: 08/26/2026 • Ending Date: 08/29/2026

Chief Deputy Butcher explained that Joel Park is a firearms training group that travels nationally, and upon hearing about the County's range, offered to hold training classes there. This is anticipated to increase the County's national exposure.

VOTING:
Motion to Approve Items 8-9: Bob Stevenson. Second: Lorene Kamalu. All present voted aye.

CONSENT ITEMS

10 **#2026-102. Approval of an Agreement with USA Wrestling Utah for Wrestlemania Tournament** - *recommended by Kent Andersen, Director, Community & Economic Development - Western Sports Park*

Financial Information:	Terms:
• Type: Receivable • Amount: \$3,967.50	• Beginning Date: 04/03/2026 • Ending Date: 04/04/2026

11 **#2026-104. Approval of an Agreement with USA Ultimate for Ultimate Disc Tournament** - *recommended by Kent Andersen, Director, Community & Economic Development - Western Sports Park*

Financial Information:	Terms:
• Type: Receivable • Amount: \$2,095.98	• Beginning Date: 07/11/2026 • Ending Date: 07/12/2026

12 **#2026-97. Approval of a Summary of Low-Risk, Low-Dollar Agreements at the Western Sports Park - recommended by Kent Andersen, Director, Community & Economic Development - Western Sports Park**

Financial Information:	Terms:
• Type: Receivable • Amount: \$22,330.31	• Beginning Date: 06/28/2025 • Ending Date: 12/19/2025

13 **#2026-93. Approval of the Davis County Library 2025 Quarter 4 Donations Summary List - recommended by Joshua Johnson, Director, Library**

Financial Information:	Terms:
• Type: Receivable - In Kind • Amount: \$2,758.05	• Beginning Date: 10/01/2025 • Ending Date: 12/31/2025

14 **#2026-94. Approval of the Davis County Library Low-Dollar Contract Summary List - recommended by Joshua Johnson, Director, Library**

Financial Information:	Terms:
• Type: Payable • Amount: \$1,385.00	• Beginning Date: 12/01/2025 • Ending Date: 04/11/2026

Commissioner Crofts commented that the Western Sports Park contracts are continuing, and the venue is gaining popularity, jokingly worrying about availability.

VOTING:
Motion to Approve Item 14: Bob Stevenson. Second: Lorene Kamalu. All present voted aye.

VOTING:
Motion to Recess to Board of Equalization: Bob Stevenson. Second: Lorene Kamalu. All present voted aye.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

15 **#2026-3. Property Tax Register 01-20-2026 - recommended by Cheri Mayer, Tax Administration Lead, on behalf of Scott Parke, County Controller, Tax Administration**

The Property Tax Register for 01/20/2026 was presented and contained the following: Controller’s Adjustments consisting of Appeals reports and Corrections; Assessor’s Adjustments consisting of Corrections. This record is maintained by the Davis County Controller as the Clerk of the Board of Equalization.

VOTING:
Motion to Approve Item 15: Bob Stevenson. Second: Lorene Kamalu. All present voted aye.

VOTING:
Motion to Reconvene Commission Meeting: Lorene Kamalu. Second: John Crofts. All present voted aye.

CLOSING REMARKS

Commissioner Kamalu thanked Irene Hill for her attendance and provided additional information regarding her concerns. She explained that the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and local fiscal relief funds were one-time federal monies with specific laws governing their use. She stated these funds were used responsibly for "one-time" needs, as well as handling the "tsunami of criminal justice needs" during that period. Commissioner Kamalu asserted that Troy Rawlings, elected County Attorney, is deeply committed to appropriate prosecution, including crimes against children. She noted that Attorney Rawlings allocated the additional work based on the numbers and needs of the County. Commissioner Kamalu addressed the recent tax increase, noting that both Attorney Rawlings and Kelly Sparks, County Sheriff, previously discussed how the County's level of service has grown since the last tax increase in 2016, and public service experts have urged the current level be maintained. However, she stated the Commission did not have the "political will" to maintain that funding level. Consequently, discussions are ongoing regarding how to cut \$6 million from the

General Fund, and can be found in the public budget meetings. Commissioner Kamalu thanked Irene for voicing concerns and invited further communication.

Commissioner Stevenson provided an update on the 911 dispatch consolidation, reporting that the Mayor of Clinton called to request a meeting with Sheriff Sparks and Chief Deputy Taylor West to understand the management structure, the ties with Layton, and whether it would be classified as a special service district. Clinton City indicated it would need to work out some details before signing an agreement to join. Commissioner Stevenson reported that Layton hopes to be in their new Dispatch building by July 1st. The goal is to bring the north end of the County into the dispatch center by mid-October, at which point the Davis County dispatch center will close.

Commissioner Crofts announced Blake Moore's upcoming town hall at the Historic Courthouse [the meeting has since been canceled]. Commissioner Crofts explained that Davis County has two congressional districts, with Blake Moore and Celeste Malloy being the County's representatives. Commissioner Crofts praised Congressman Moore's bravery for holding town halls and confronting difficult situations. He referenced a past town hall in Layton where protesters were present, noting that Congressman Moore remained polite and collected despite the hostility.

Commissioner Crofts encouraged the public to read the Great Salt Lake Advisory Council's update, available on <https://greatsaltlake.utah.gov/updates>. He then apologized to Chief Deputy West for incorrectly addressing him as "Captain West" during the previous week's meeting. He discussed a letter he wrote to the editor of the Davis Journal, suggesting that if every taxpayer paid the cost of a "gallon of milk," the County could fund a county-wide newspaper. He acknowledged community feedback that an additional charge was not prudent, and said that "a couple of very wise residents here in Davis County" suggested the formation of an advisory committee to explore non-taxpayer-funded options for public outreach, such as involving schools or creating an online newspaper. Commissioner Crofts expressed gratitude to residents for volunteering to help improve the County, stating he would be heading up committees to utilize this "well of wisdom," with plans to publicly share the completed reports. Commissioner Crofts concluded by stating Davis County has some of the best residents in the world, and is a community full of people who want to volunteer and "make this a better place to live."

MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting adjourned at 10:27 AM.

Minutes Prepared by:
Solana Guest
Deputy Clerk

Minutes Approved on:
02/03/2026


Brian McKenzie (Feb 4, 2026 11:47:37 MST)

Brian McKenzie
Davis County Clerk


John Crofts (Feb 3, 2026 18:46:47 MST)

John V. Crofts
Commission Chair

