

BOARD OF DAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

Board of Davis County Commissioners - Regular Meeting Minutes Tuesday, June 16, 2026

The Board of Davis County Commissioners met for their regularly scheduled meeting at 10:00 AM on June 16, 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.

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PRESENT

Davis County Commission Chair John Crofts
Davis County Commission Vice Chair Bob Stevenson
Davis County Commissioner Lorene Kamalu
Deputy Clerk Jessy Turner

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting convened at 10:00 AM, and Scott Parke, County Controller, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Commissioner Crofts invited public comments; no comments were made.

RECOGNITION, PRESENTATION, AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- 1 **#2026-596. Approval of a Proclamation Declaring June 30, 2026 as "Colonel Daniel L. Cornelius Day" in Davis and Weber Counties for His Induction into the Order of the Western Big Hat** - *recommended by Bob Stevenson, Davis County Commission Vice Chair, Commissioners' Office*

Commissioner Stevenson noted that Davis and Weber Counties run the Order of the Western Big Hat, and Commissioner Kamalu praised base commander Colonel Cornelius and his family as he transitions to Air Force duties at the Pentagon.

VOTING:

Motion to Approve Item 1: Bob Stevenson. Second: John Crofts. All present voted aye.

MEETING MINUTES

- 2 **#2026-614. Approval of the Regular Commission Meeting Minutes for May 19, 2026** - *recommended by John Crofts, Davis County Commission Chair, Commissioners' Office*
- 3 **#2026-615. Approval of the Work Session Meeting Minutes for May 19, 2026** - *recommended by John Crofts, Davis County Commission Chair, Commissioners' Office*
- 4 **#2026-616. Approval of the Regular Commission Meeting Minutes for May 26, 2026** - *recommended by John Crofts, Davis County Commission Chair, Commissioners' Office*
- 5 **#2026-622. Approval of the Regular Commission Meeting Minutes for June 2, 2026** - *recommended by John Crofts, Davis County Commission Chair, Commissioners' Office*

Commissioner Crofts noted that Items 2–4 had previously been approved, but Item 5 still needed approval.

VOTING:

Motion to Approve Item 5: John Crofts. Second: Lorene Kamalu. All present voted aye.

BUSINESS/ACTION

ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

6 **#2026-613. Approval of a Settlement Agreement and Release of Claims with Jake Santos - recommended by Neal Geddes, Chief Deputy, Attorney's Office**

Financial Information:	Terms:
• Type: Payable • Amount: \$9,627.12	• Beginning Date: 06/01/2026 • Ending Date: 06/01/2026

Chief Deputy Geddes explained that the County's Human Resources (HR) department worked with Utah Counties Indemnity Pool (UCIP) to fully resolve an auto accident involving a pedestrian, successfully verifying the medical bills and attorney's fees without the need to hire outside counsel.

VOTING:
Motion to Approve Item 6: Lorene Kamalu. Second: Bob Stevenson. All present voted aye.

CLERK'S OFFICE

7 **#2026-634. Approve the Cancellation of the Regular Commission Meeting and Work Session Scheduled for Tuesday, July 14th - presented by Brian McKenzie, Clerk**

Deputy Clerk Jessy Turner apprised the Commission that the July 14 meeting will proceed as originally scheduled, retracting the prior need for its cancellation, clarifying that no action needs to be taken. Adding context to this update, Commissioner Kamalu clarified that the scheduling conflict had been resolved after an anticipated change of command ceremony was rescheduled to Monday, July 13.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

8 **#2026-611. Approval of a Sponsorship Agreement with CenterPoint Legacy Theatre for 2026 Season Sponsorship and Two Shows of the 2027 Season - recommended by Kent Andersen, Director, Community & Economic Development - Tourism**

Financial Information:	Terms:
• Type: Payable • Amount: \$10,000.00	• Beginning Date: 06/16/2026 • Ending Date: 05/31/2027

9 **#2026-612. Approval of a Sponsorship Agreement with Davis Arts Council for 2026 Season Sponsorship - recommended by Kent Andersen, Director, Community & Economic Development - Tourism**

Financial Information:	Terms:
• Type: Payable • Amount: \$10,000.00	• Beginning Date: 06/16/2026 • Ending Date: 12/31/2026

Director Kent specified that both agreements come from the Tourism Fund, and Commissioner Kamalu expressed appreciation for the County's support of the arts.

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

PUBLIC HEARING: CONTROLLER'S OFFICE

10 **RES #2026-0022. Public Hearing for and Approval of a Resolution to Amend the 2026 Operating and Capital Budgets** - *recommended by Scott Parke, County Controller, Controller's Office*

Financial Information: N/A

Terms: N/A

Controller Parke presented requests to amend the 2026 operating and capital budgets. The amendments included recognizing nearly \$96,000.00 from a State grant for elections equipment, a \$1 million Department of Environmental Quality grant for an Electrified Vehicle (EV) wrap program, and \$123,000.00 in new revenue for election petition processing. Additional budget adjustments involved transferring a property management position from the municipal services General Fund to the Facilities Fund without adding additional costs to the County, funding a small remodel to make space for that employee, authorizing \$64,000.00 in insurance proceeds to replace equipment damaged in a golf course fire, making accounting changes to move workers' compensation between funds, and correcting an omission of expenses in the original 2026 budget for the Inmate Services Fund.

VOTING:
Motion to Open a Public Hearing: Lorene Kamalu. Second: John Crofts. All present voted aye.

Commissioner Crofts invited public comments; no comments were made.

VOTING:
Motion to Close the Public Hearing and Approve Item 10 : Lorene Kamalu. Second: Bob Stevenson. All present voted aye.

CONTROLLER'S OFFICE

11 **#2026-629. Approval of the 1347 Register for 06-16-2026** - *recommended by Scott Parke, County Controller, Tax Administration*

Controller Parke noted that, as discussed in a prior work session, the recommendation from the Tax Advisory Committee was to deny the first two items because of missed deadlines (with no fault on the part of the County), and a third item had been withdrawn.

VOTING:
Motion to Approve Item 11: John Crofts. Second: Bob Stevenson. All present voted aye.

HEALTH

12 **#2026-618. Approval of a Bus Use Agreement with the Bountiful Historic Preservation Foundation in Conjunction with Bountiful City for the Historical Homes Tour as a Component of Bountiful Handcart Days** - *recommended by Brian Hatch, Director, Health - Senior Services*

Financial Information:

Terms:

- Type: Receivable
- Amount: Service Dependent

- Beginning Date: 07/25/2026
- Ending Date: 07/25/2026

Director Hatch clarified that the County will provide two buses and drivers for seniors to take a historic homes tour, and that there is no age limit for participation.

VOTING:
Motion to Approve Item 12: Bob Stevenson. Second: John Crofts. All present voted aye.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

13 **#2026-586. Approval of Amendment 7 to Contract #2019-0488 for an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with West Point City for Law Enforcement Services - recommended by Arnold Butcher, Chief Deputy, Sheriff's Office**

Financial Information:	Terms:
• Type: Receivable • Amount: \$899,126.56	• Beginning Date: 07/01/2026 • Ending Date: 06/30/2027

Commissioner Stevenson praised West Point City for stepping up to match service levels, especially following a recent homicide investigation that required significant manpower from the Sheriff's Office. Chief Deputy Butcher echoed the sentiments and added that Controller Parke was integral in the discussion with West Point City as well.

14 **#2026-623. Approval of the Warranty Agreement between Hogan & Associates Construction, Inc., Ram Exteriors, Inc., and Davis County for the Construction Services on the Emergency Operations Center - recommended by Arnold Butcher, Chief Deputy, Sheriff's Office**

Financial Information: N/A	Terms:
	• Beginning Date: 06/16/2026 • Ending Date: 06/16/2033

15 **#2026-627. Approval of an Amendment to Contract #2026-0162 for the Cooperative Law Enforcement Agreement between Davis County and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest - recommended by Arnold Butcher, Chief Deputy, Sheriff's Office**

Financial Information:	Terms:
• Type: Receivable • Amount: \$15,000.00	• Beginning Date: 02/12/2026 • Ending Date: 12/31/2030

Chief Deputy Butcher explained that the funding increased to \$15,000.00, and is expected to incrementally increase in the following years, determined by USDA's available funding.

VOTING:
Motion to Approve Items 13-15: Bob Stevenson. Second: Lorene Kamalu. All present voted aye.

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

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

16 **#2026-24. Property Tax Register 06-16-2026 - recommended by Scott Parke, County Controller, Tax Administration**

The Property Tax Register for 06/16/2026 is maintained by the Davis County Controller as the Clerk of the Board of Equalization.

VOTING:
Motion to Approve Item 16: John Crofts. 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 provided an in-depth update on the upcoming June 23rd election, reminding citizens that mail-in ballots must be physically received by Election Day regardless of when they were mailed. She encouraged citizens to mail their ballots early or utilize the secure dropboxes located in every city, noting

there is a convenient location right in Farmington. Commissioner Kamalu then provided a detailed summary of a recent Council of Governments meeting, which is composed of the County's 15 Mayors, three Commissioners, and other regional leaders. She highlighted a presentation from the Weber Basin Conservancy District regarding the severe ongoing drought. The district is implementing a Level 3 moderate drought response, requiring a 20% reduction in water contracts. She noted that irrigation water started a month late in mid-May and is expected to shut down early. She shared guidelines limiting residential watering to three days a week and highlighted successful pilot programs for warm-season grasses, such as hybrid Bermuda, which uses 60% to 70% less water than Kentucky bluegrass and offers significant long-term savings. Additionally, she mentioned ongoing efforts to secure State and federal support for regional water projects like the Bear River project and the White Valley Reservoir, though she noted this is currently challenging due to the heavy legislative focus on the Great Salt Lake.

Commissioner Crofts began by recognizing the Clerk's Office, and observed that Farmington uniquely has two ballot drop-off locations within a single block of each other. He shared details about attending a patriotic Sunday service alongside Senator John Curtis and various other elected officials. Commissioner Crofts also announced that a committee is currently developing recommendations and proposals to address credible threats made against elected officials and County employees. He stressed that public service inherently involves risk and acknowledged the dedication of government workers who put themselves out there. He then recognized the Juneteenth holiday, celebrating the end of slavery and highlighting how it represents America correcting a terrible mistake from its past, noting that the country continually works to mend its flaws.

Commissioner Crofts detailed his recent experience serving on the Great Salt Lake Advisory Committee, describing the lake as being in a state of crisis. He recounted taking an airboat tour with subject-matter experts to witness miles of exposed, dying coral, which brine shrimp rely on to survive. Emphasizing the importance of listening to sound science, he drew an analogy to the D-Day invasion in World War II, where military leaders had to rely on a weather scientist to find a narrow window for the invasion to avoid 12-foot waves that would have caused a disaster. He urged the Commission and the public to similarly trust experts and scientific models regarding climate variability and the drought. Warning that three out of four climate models offer hope for saving the lake, he emphasized that failing to learn from the past will result in a lack of vision for the future. He expressed hope that through regional cooperation and mitigation efforts, the Great Salt Lake can be preserved.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting adjourned at 10:26 AM.

Minutes Prepared by:
Solana Guest
Deputy Clerk

Minutes Approved on:
06/30/2026

Rebecca Abbott for

Brian McKenzie
Davis County Clerk

John V. Crofts

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Commission Chair

