MINUTES OF BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MILLARD COUNTY THE 19th DAY OF AUGUST, 2025
AT THE COURTHOUSE, FILLMORE, UTAH

PRESENT: Trevor Johnson.. . . . . Chairperson
Bill Wright. . . . . Commissioner
Vicki Lyman.. . . . . Commissioner

Elise Harris.. . . . . Interim County Attorney
Marki Rowley. . . . . County Clerk
Kayla Freeman. . . . . Deputy County Clerk

ALSO PRESENT: Kristine Camp. . . . . County Treasurer
Bonnie Smith and Vicki Bennett. County Auditor's Office
Sierra Dickens. . . . . County Recorder
Susan Wilcox. . . . . County Assessor's Office
Jacob Nielson.. . . . . County HR Director
Richard Jacobson and Patrick Bennett.. . . . . County Sheriff's Office
Copeland Anderson. . . . . County Fire Warden
Heather Williams-Young. Children's Justice Center (CJC)
Dennis Alldredge, Ted Recupero, Sue Recupero, and
Ron Larsen. . . . . Citizens

PURSUANT TO AN AGENDA WHICH HERETOFORE HAD BEEN PROVIDED TO each member of the governing body, posted at the principal office of the Millard County Commission, posted on the Utah Public Notice Website, and provided to the Millard County Chronicle Progress, a newspaper of general circulation within Millard County, Utah, as required by law, the following proceedings were had:

PUBLIC WAS WELCOMED

The meeting began at 10:00 a.m. after a brief welcome by Commissioner Johnson to the public and Commission members.

OPENING STATEMENTS

Commissioner Johnson said the invocation. Everyone stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Commissioner Johnson encouraged everyone to attend the "Taste of Millard County" dinner scheduled on Friday at 6:00 p.m. and reminded attendees to purchase tickets in advance.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 5, 2025 COMMISSION MINUTES

The proposed minutes of a regular County Commission meeting held August 5, 2025 were presented for consideration and approval. Following review and consideration of minor corrections, Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve the minutes of August 5, 2025 as corrected.

Commissioner Lyman SECONDED the motion. The voting was unanimous and the motion carried.

FOLLOW UP ACTION ITEMS FROM AUGUST 5, 2025

There were none.

IGP WAIVERS

One IGP waiver in the amount of $50.00 for soccer was presented for approval.

Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve the IGP waiver in the amount of $50.00 for soccer.

Commissioner Lyman SECONDED the motion. The voting was unanimous and the motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 25-08-19, A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MILLARD COUNTY UTAH, AMENDING RESOLUTION 13-01-22 (ADOPTING THE MILLARD COUNTY STEP AND GRADE SCALE) BY CREATING A STEP AND GRADE POSITION FOR THE USU EXTENSION SECRETARY

Kalen Taylor explained how the secretary position is funded and noted the confusion caused by differences between the USU grade scale and the County grade scale. He reported that discussions have taken place with HR and the Auditor’s Office to address the issue.

HR Director Nielson stated that the position needs to align with the County’s internal step and grade progression system. He clarified that the resolution will establish potential increases but does not automatically grant them to employees.

Mr. Taylor added that the position would still follow the University’s grade scale but is currently compensated below the midpoint.

Commissioner Lyman made a motion to approve Resolution 25-08-19, a resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Millard County, Utah, amending Resolution 13-01-22 (Adopting the Millard County Step and Grade Scale) by creating a step and grade position for the USU Extension Secretary.

Commissioner Wright SECONDED the motion. Clerk Rowley called for a roll call vote. Commissioner Lyman voted YES. Commissioner Wright voted YES. Commissioner Johnson voted YES. The voting was unanimous and the motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 25-08-19A, A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MILLARD COUNTY, UTAH, AMENDING RESOLUTION 13-01-22 (ADOPTING THE MILLARD COUNTY STEP AND GRADE SCALE) BY CHANGING THE STEP AND GRADE DESIGNATIONS FOR THE POSITIONS OF APPRAISER

HR Director Nielson discussed the criteria for appraiser positions across the state, noting that the requirements are very rigorous and now include additional certifications and higher educational standards. Because the State mandates extensive training and certifications, the positions should be compensated on a higher pay scale. He emphasized that offering appropriate compensation will allow the County to hire more qualified employees and retain them long-term.

Auditor Smith explained the potential budget impacts, stating that the changes fit within the current budget but future budgets will need to be adjusted accordingly.

Commissioner Lyman made a motion to approve Resolution 25-08-19A, a resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Millard County, Utah, amending Resolution 13-01-22 (Adopting the Millard County Step and Grade Scale) by changing the step and grade designations for the positions of appraiser.

Commissioner Wright SECONDED the motion. Clerk Rowley called for a roll call vote. Commissioner Lyman voted YES. Commissioner Wright voted YES. Commissioner Johnson voted NO. The motion carried by majority vote.

UPDATE FROM JUAB/MILLARD CHILDREN'S JUSTICE CENTER

Heather Williams-Young presented the Children's Justice Center annual report, noting that it serves Millard and Juab Counties, working with Division of Child and Family Services and law enforcement. Last year, the center opened 53 new cases and served 166 individuals, including services specific to Millard County. She reported plans for a new facility in Nephi and a satellite center in Delta within the five-year strategic plan, which will require local support.

Commissioner Wright requested additional details regarding how cases are initiated, tracked, and ultimately closed.

PUBLIC INPUT

Ted Recupero raised concern that his tax notice listed an incorrect physical address.

Auditor Smith explained that it was mailed to the deed's mailing address.

Mr. Recupero clarified that the mailing address was correct, but the County had changed the physical address to a vacant lot.

Recorder Dickens explained that the GIS/911 system controls addresses and advised him to contact Adam Britt for correction.

Commissioner Johnson reported receiving a citizen letter opposing the proposed data center, citing water, power, and light concerns, and calling for public input.

Ron Larsen noted that such issues would be addressed through the conditional use permit.

Commissioner Wright emphasized that continued discussion helps to dispel misunderstandings, and Mr. Larsen suggested proactive outreach, such as a dedicated website.

Mr. Alldredge expressed confusion regarding the source of power for the data center, noting that the Chronicle Progress reported multiple possible options.

Commissioner Wright clarified that the data center would be responsible for purchasing its own power, noting that there are multiple discussions and options regarding the source of that power.

Mr. Taylor explained concerns over water use at the proposed data center. He noted that the State manages water and meters most wells, assuming full annual usage. Since the County is in a drought, residents worry the data center will use its full allocation year-round, impacting other well users.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was none.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL FOR THE SALE OR TRANSFER OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

HR Director Nielson reported that the Ford Escape is now operational and will be used by the Delta Office.

Commissioner Wright made a motion to assign the Ford Escape vehicle to the Delta Office.

Commissioner Lyman SECONDED the motion. The voting was unanimous and the motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS COUNTY BOARDS

Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve the appointment of Carl Aldrich to serve on the Great Basin Heritage Area Partnership Board.

Commissioner Lyman SECONDED the motion. The voting was unanimous and the motion carried.

POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF APPLICATION(S) FOR SETTLEMENT OR DEFERRAL OF DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAX

There were none.

DISCUSSION BY EACH COMMISSIONER, COUNTY ATTORNEY, ELECTED OFFICIAL AND SECRETARY

Clerk Rowley reported that municipal elections were held for Hinckley and Kanosh Town. She said that the canvasses will be conducted within the individual towns on August 25, 2025 and are not managed by the County. The post-election audit is scheduled for Thursday, August 21, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. at the Clerk's Office and is open to the public.

Commissioner Lyman asked why some entities are not taxed within the cemetery special districts.

Interim Attorney Harris explained that, in connection with merging the two cemetery districts as discussed at the previous meeting, one option is to dissolve one district, annex it into the other, and expand it to accurately include such entities.

Auditor Smith asked if the process could be completed before January 1, 2026, so that it would be in effect for 2026.

Interim Attorney Harris said that she was not certain of the time line but would work to make it possible.

POSSIBLE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION (BOE) DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

Commissioner Lyman made a motion to enter into a BOE.

Commissioner Wright SECONDED the motion. The voting was unanimous and the motion carried. The BOE began at 11:11 a.m.

Chief Deputy Auditor Bennett presented a list of assessor adjustments for approval along with one stipulation, which required no adjustment.

Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve the list of assessor adjustments and stipulation as presented.

Commissioner Lyman SECONDED the motion. The voting was unanimous and the motion carried.

Commissioner Lyman made motion to close the BOE.

Commissioner Wright SECONDED the motion. The voting was unanimous and the motion carried. The BOE closed at 11:15 a.m.

POSSIBLE REVIEW OF COUNTY POLICIES AND CONTRACTS

There was none.

POSSIBLE CLOSED MEETING PURSUANT TO UTAH CODE ANNOTATED SECTION 52-4-204 & 205

WHERE UPON THE MEETING ADJOURNED

Commissioner Lyman made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Commissioner Wright SECONDED the motion. The voting was unanimous and the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m..

Attest:_______________________________ Approved:_____________________________