

MINUTES OF BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MILLARD COUNTY THE 3rd DAY OF MARCH 2026
AT THE COURTHOUSE, FILLMORE, UTAH

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

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

ALSO PRESENT: Kristine Camp..... County Treasurer
Bonnie Smith and Vickie Bennett..... County Auditor’s Office
Jacob Nielson..... County HR Director
Patrick Bennett, Jerid Bennett, and Lindsay Mitchell..... County Sheriff’s Office
Adam Richins..... County Planner
Klint Penney and Bill Lister..... County Maintenance
Brenden Turner..... East County Recreation Supervisor
Rachel West and J. Bryan..... County Tourism
Cindy Ledbetter..... BLM
Dennis Alldredge, Brandon Anderson, Justin Ashby,
Kevin Morris, Russell Finlinson, Steve O’Camb, Clete Carter,
Burke Davenport, Eric Reid, Ron Larsen, Carl Aldrich,
Richard Carter, Ed Phillips, Barbara Barnhurst, Christy Myers,
Rex Williams, Savana Canales, Chris Blad, Ranae Williams,
JoLynn Stevens, and Vickiann Mitchell..... 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 Wright said the invocation. Everyone stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 17 , 2026 COMMISSION MINUTES

The proposed minutes of a regular County Commission meeting held February 17, 2026, were presented for consideration and approval.

Interim Attorney Harris requested that approval be given during the next meeting as she would like to research an issue discussed.

FOLLOW UP ACTION ITEMS FROM FEBRUARY 17, 2026

There were none.

IGP WAIVERS

Three IGP waivers for volleyball at \$40.00 a piece were presented for approval.

Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve the IGP waivers as presented.

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

RATIFICATION OF THE INDIGENT BURIAL FOR JACKIE ROBERTSON AND INCREASING THE AMOUNT ALLOCATED FOR EACH APPROVED BURIAL 2.7 PERCENT

Commissioner Lyman made a motion to ratify the indigent burial for Jackie Robertson and increase the amount allocated for each approved burial by 2.7 percent.

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

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 26-03-03, RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MILLARD COUNTY, UTAH, AMENDING THE DESIGNATION OF EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF ALL TIER 2 ELECTED OFFICIALS AND APPOINTED POSITIONS FOR PURPOSES OF ELIGIBILITY FOR PARTICIPATION IN MILLARD COUNTY'S RETIREMENT PROGRAM WITH UTAH STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

Commissioner Lyman made a motion to strike this resolution from the agenda.

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

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF ENTERING INTO AN MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT (BLM) AS A COOPERATING AGENCY FOR THE HIGH DESERT TRAIL

Tourism Director West presented the MOU and explained that it carries no financial obligations for the County.

Interim Attorney Harris further clarified that under the MOU the County's role is limited to providing background information and data related to the High Desert Trail upon request.

Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve the MOU with the BLM.

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

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF USING V6 AS THE 2026/2027 SOUND VENDOR FOR THE DAYS OF THE OLD WEST RODEO AS A SOLE SOURCE PROVIDER

Tourism Director West explained that the contract is for video services only and does not include sound. She stated that the purchase qualifies as a sole source due to liability concerns associated with other vendors. Under this agreement, the selected vendor will provide large display screens and camera operators, whereas other vendors were not willing to provide labor services. The proposed contract term is two years. The cost for the first year is \$24,431.00 and the second year is \$26,002.50. She confirmed that the total cost is already included in the approved budget.

Commissioner Lyman made a motion to approve using V6 as a sole source provider.

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

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF TOURISM PURCHASING DATA COLLECTING SOFTWARE

Tourism Director West explained that due to recent legislative changes, it would be beneficial for the County to utilize a data collection software. She presented two providers, Placer AI and Datify, and briefly outlined the differences and capabilities of each platform. She noted that the software could be utilized to support economic development efforts and would be available for use by any Millard County Board or Department.

Interim Attorney Harris inquired about data privacy concerns.

Tourism Director West responded that she is currently only comparing the companies and reviewing the data capabilities. She clarified that the County is not selling any data and is not entering into any agreement at this time.

Interim Attorney Harris recommended approval, subject to review of the final contract.

Commissioner Johnson expressed concerns regarding how beneficial the software would be to the County.

Tourism Director West responded by outlining the potential benefits, explaining that the software would be particularly valuable in supporting tourism efforts. She noted that it could provide data insights to better understand visitor trends, travel patterns, and economic impact related to tourism activities. Director West stated that the agreement would be a one-year contract to allow the County to evaluate the software before making any long-term commitment. She explained that, under the agreement, the County would be gaining access to data that the company has already collected and will continue to collect, rather than generating or selling its own data.

Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve Tourism purchasing a data collecting software from Datify, subject to review of the final contract.

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

PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING PUBLIC COMMENT ON TRANSFERRING APPROXIMATELY 2.75 ACRES OF LAND, PARCEL F-7055-1, FROM MILLARD COUNTY TO THE MILLARD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Commissioner Lyman made a motion to enter into a public hearing for the purpose of receiving public comment on transferring approximately 2.75 acres of land, Parcel F-7055-1, from Millard County to the Millard County School District.

Commissioner Wright SECONDED the motion. The voting was unanimous and the motion carried. The public hearing began at 10:26 a.m..

Present were: Treasurer Camp, Auditor Smith, HR Director Nielson, Supervisor Penney, Bill Lister, Supervisor Turner, Tourism Director West, J. Bryan, Cindy Ledbetter Lindsey Mitchell, Lt. Bennett, Captain Bennett, Planner Richins, Dennis Alldredge, Brandon Anderson, Justin Ashby, Kevin Morris, Russell Finlinson, Steve O'Camb, Clete Carter, Burke Davenport, Eric Reid, Ron Larsen, Carl Aldrich, and Richard Carter.

Commissioner Johnson briefly explained the background of the proposed transfer, noting that discussions have been ongoing for some time regarding acquiring the property in order to construct sports fields.

Fillmore Councilman Dennis Alldredge explained that the land had previously been developed; however, the District now wishes to obtain full ownership of the property.

Interim Attorney Harris explained that the County and the City of Fillmore would like to enter into a MOU allowing them to use the property when the School District is not utilizing it.

There were no other comments made.

Commissioner Lyman made a motion to close the public hearing.

Commissioner Wright SECONDED the motion. The voting was unanimous and the motion carried. The public hearing closed at approximately 10:29 a.m..

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 26-03-03A, A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MILLARD COUNTY, UTAH, TRANSFERRING APPROXIMATELY 2.75 ACRES OF LAND, PARCEL F-7055-1, FROM MILLARD COUNTY TO THE MILLARD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Commissioner Johnson stated that the School District is eager for the transfer to be approved so that preparations for the sports fields can begin as soon as possible.

Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve Resolution 26-03-03A, a resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Millard County, Utah, transferring approximately 2.75 acres of land, Parcel F-7055-1, from Millard County to the Millard County School District.

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

PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING PUBLIC COMMENT ON ZONING ORDINANCE MAP AMENDMENT APPLICATION #Z-2025-076 REQUESTING A ZONE CHANGE FROM AGRICULTURE (AG) TO HEAVY INDUSTRIAL (HI) OF APPROXIMATELY 1.03 ACRES OF LAND LOCATED APPROXIMATELY ½ MILE NORTH OF DELTA. TROY TASKER, OWNER/APPLICANT

Commissioner Lyman made a motion to enter into a public hearing for the purpose of receiving public comment on Ordinance Map Amendment Application #Z-2025-076, changing the zoning of approximately 1.03 acres of land located approximately ½ mile north of Delta, Utah from AG to HI.

Commissioner Wright SECONDED the motion. The voting was unanimous and the motion carried. The public hearing began at 10:31 a.m..

Present were: Treasurer Camp, Auditor Smith, HR Director Nielson, Supervisor Penney, Bill Lister, Supervisor Turner, Tourism Director West, J. Bryan, Cindy Ledbetter Lindsey Mitchell, Lt. Bennett, Captain Bennett, Planner Richins, Dennis Alldredge, Brandon Anderson, Justin Ashby, Kevin Morris, Russell Finlinson, Steve O'Camb, Clete Carter, Burke Davenport, Eric Reid, Ron Larsen, Carl Aldrich, Richard Carter, Ed Phillips, Barbara Barnhurst, Christy Myers, Rex Williams, Savana Canales, Chris Blad, Ranae Williams, JoLynn Stevens, and Vickiann Mitchell

Planner Richins explained the application, noting that it had been presented to the Planning and Zoning Board and received a favorable recommendation. He stated that the intent of the application is to construct a storage facility for impounded vehicles. He also explained that the neighbors did not express any unfavorable opinions towards it.

There were no other comments made.

Commissioner Lyman made a motion to close the public hearing.

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

carried. The public hearing closed at approximately 10:35 a.m..

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 26-03-03, AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MILLARD COUNTY, UTAH CHANGING THE ZONING OF APPROXIMATELY 1.03 ACRES LAND LOCATED APPROXIMATELY ½ MILE NORTH OF DELTA FROM AGRICULTURE (AG) TO HEAVY INDUSTRIAL (HI)

Commissioner Wright made a motion to adopt Ordinance 26-03-03, an ordinance of the Board of County Commissioners of Millard County, Utah, changing the zoning of approximately 1.03 acres of land located approximately ½ mile north of Delta, Utah from AG to HI.

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

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE AWARDING OF BID FOR MAGNESIUM CHLORIDE FOR ROAD DUST CONTROL

HR Director Nielson, on behalf of Road Department Supervisor Wingett, recommended that the bid be awarded to Envirotech Solutions, which was the lowest bid.

Commissioner Lyman made a motion to award the bid for magnesium chloride to Envirotech Solutions.

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

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE AWARDING OF BID FOR TWO TRUCKS FOR THE ROAD DEPARTMENT

HR Director Nielson, on behalf of Road Department Supervisor Wingett, recommended that the bid be awarded to Murdock Ford, which provided the lowest bid.

Commissioner Johnson stated that, for a difference of \$2,000.00, he would prefer awarding the contract to the local business.

Interim Attorney Harris responded that the County may apply a local bid preference. However, she noted the importance of maintaining competitiveness with outside vendors. She recommended a future discussion to establish clear parameters for a local bid preference, potentially based on a defined percentage difference in cost.

HR Director Nielson stated that Supervisor Wingett did not have a preference as to the make of the truck.

Interim Attorney Harris advised that the County should proceed with awarding the contract to the lowest bidder, as the bid notice did not specify that a local preference could be applied.

Commissioner Lyman made a motion to award the bid for two trucks for the Road Department to Murdock Ford.

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

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE AWARDING OF BID FOR DENTAL SERVICES FOR THE JAIL

Captain Bennett and Lt. Bennett stated that they are not prepared to move forward with awarding the bid at this time. They indicated that additional discussions with the provider are necessary before making a decision.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE AWARDING OF BID FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION & TREATMENT PROGRAMMING

Lt. Bennett recommended that the bid be awarded to Sandstone Psychology.

Commissioner Lyman made a motion to award the bid for substance abuse prevention and treatment to Sandstone Psychology.

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

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE AWARDING OF BID FOR AT LEAST FOUR TRUCKS FOR PATROL DEPLOYMENT AND ONE SUV FOR PATROL K9 DEPLOYMENT

After reviewing and comparing all submitted bids, Captain Bennett stated that the lowest bid was received from Sahara Motors. He recommended proceeding with the purchase of the pursuit all-wheel-drive SUV, which is the highest-priced of the three options submitted by Sahara Motors, but still lower than the other bids. He further recommended purchasing Dodge Ram trucks for the patrol vehicles.

Commissioner Lyman made a motion to award the bid for four patrol trucks and one SUV to Sahara Motors.

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

OPENING THE SEALED BIDS FOR WEST MAINTENANCE FORKLIFT

Auditor Smith opened the following bids:

- Octain Forklifts in the amount of \$153,500.00
- Carter Agri-Systems in the amount of \$129,435.02
- Peak JCB in the amount of \$142,262.04
- All Around Access, LLC in the amount of \$117,895.00

Commissioner Lyman made a motion to accept the bids as presented for the West

Maintenance forklift.

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

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REVIEW

The monthly financial review for January 2026 was presented.

Commissioner Lyman questioned the percentage by which the Sheriff's Office expenditures appear as it is higher than anticipated.

Commissioner Johnson responded that while the total appears higher overall, when averaged over a twelve month period, the budget remains within acceptable limits.

Auditor Smith confirmed that statement.

Lindsey Mitchell and Captain Bennett explained that medical expenses and workers' compensation expenses are paid at the beginning of the year, which accounts for the higher percentage at this time.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS FOR FILLMORE EQUESTRIAN RACE TRACK

Commissioner Johnson provided a brief recap of the discussion from the previous meeting and outlined the actions taken since that time. He stated that he had spoken with Fillmore City Mayor Hare regarding the matter. He explained that the City would be willing to operate and maintain the facility and Mayor Hare also expressed interest in potentially assuming responsibility for the indoor arena and other equestrian-related facilities. Commissioner Johnson said that no additional discussions or formal agreements have taken place at this time. Commissioner Johnson noted that there are still concerns regarding land ownership but emphasized the desire to continue providing diverse recreational facilities to the community.

Fillmore City Councilman Alldredge stated that he also received a phone call from Mayor Hare. He said that Fillmore City Council is willing to enter into further discussions regarding the potential management of the racetrack.

East Recreation Supervisor Turner stated that there has been a miscommunication between citizens and the County regarding what was planned for the racetrack. He clarified that the outdoor arena was never part of any discussion and no facilities are being removed or demolished. Previous discussions have been limited to the usage of the race track only. He emphasized that the County is not considering eliminating all equestrian facilities, but rather discussing only the future of the race track. Supervisor Turner added that there are still many factors that would need to be considered before entering into any agreement with the City, including concerns about blow sand causing damage to other County property.

East Maintenance Supervisor Penney also explained that the only thing that was proposed was grass being planted on the north side of the track in an effort to solve the blow sand problem

Commissioner Wright stated that regardless of who ultimately assumes ownership or

management of the property, the issue of blowing sand must be addressed.

Supervisor Penney discussed the potential water impact if another complex were to be constructed. He noted that any new development would require an adequate water supply.

Commissioner Johnson stated that the County should continue discussions with Fillmore City regarding the matter.

HR Director Nielson stated that discussions are also taking place with the School District regarding a potential partnership. He suggested the possibility of a three-way partnership involving the School District, the City, and the County. He expressed appreciation that all three entities are engaged in discussions concerning the race track and sports facilities. He noted the importance of exploring all possible solutions, as well as identifying concerns associated with each option. Director Nielson emphasized that while equestrian matters remain important, broader recreational opportunities should also be considered.

PUBLIC INPUT

Barbara Barnhurst stated that school facilities could be utilized for sports activities.

Rick Carter thanked the Commission for hearing and considering alternative options. He expressed concern about what would occur if the property is not transferred to Fillmore City. He noted that the soccer fields will require time to properly establish and grow. He stated that he would like to see the County move forward with reorganizing the soccer fields within the track area without eliminating the track itself. He suggested that the facilities could be used collaboratively to maximize their benefit. He also recommended removing parking from inside the track to allow for more effective use of the space.

Supervisor Turner stated that there are often more than 500 individuals present at the site during sporting events. He noted that every available space is being utilized to capacity during the sports season.

Ed Phillips stated that he would like to admonish the Commission not to tear down any additional facilities without first developing a comprehensive master plan.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was none.

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

Auditor Smith presented a few items for surplus, specifically asset #4452.

Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve the list of surplus items.

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

carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS COUNTY BOARDS

There was none.

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

There was none.

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

Commissioner Wright discussed the new MOU with PacificCorp regarding the landfill fee deduction. He noted that the previous MOU had expired and that the new agreement appears to be substantially the same as the prior version.

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 11:21 a.m.

Chief Deputy Auditor Bennett presented a list of properties currently on annual exemption status. She also requested that the Commission revisit the exemption status of the Hinckley Lions Club. She explained that the organization is classified as a 501(c)(4) and operates as a member-centric organization. She stated that it is within the Commission's authority to approve or deny the continuation of the exemption status.

Interim Attorney Harris reminded the Commission of prior discussions regarding the Club and the factors that could prohibit it from qualifying for exemption status.

Chief Deputy Auditor Bennett reported that the Great Basin Church of Christ has not submitted the required paperwork. She stated that a letter has been emailed to the organization and that the matter will be discussed further once the documentation is received.

Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve the list, with the exemption of the Great Basin Church of Christ and IHC, pending further discussions.

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

Commissioner Wright made motion to close the BOE.

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

carried. The BOE closed at 11:30 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

Commissioner Lyman made a motion to go into a closed executive session for the purpose of discussing pending and/or threatened litigation.

Commissioner Wright SECONDED the motion. All three commissioners voted unanimously and the motion carried. Present in the closed session were Interim Attorney Harris, Commissioner Lyman, Commissioner Wright, and Commissioner Johnson.

After the closed executive session the regular meeting reconvened at 11:55 a.m..

WHERE UPON THE MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting adjourned at 11:56 p.m..

Attest: _____

Approved: _____