



Executive Committee Meeting

August 5, 2025

6:30 pm

**Davis County Administration Building, Farmington
In the same building as the Farmington Library.**

Attendance is found on [Roster and Attendance 2025-2027](#)

Agenda: 5 minute time limit per item

Call to Order at 6:30pm__

- Prayer: Ben Spencer
- Pledge: Bruce Finch
- Chair Report: Thank you for work on Special Election
 - a. Storage unit..Not done yet
 - b. We, as a party, stand against increased taxes.
 - c. Add technology up-date to every meeting.
- Vice Chair Report
- Secretary Report: Thank you for all your hard work.
 - a. Jim Harris and Shane Shirliff
 - b. Don't add people to Ragic. I will do it or approve it and ask you to do it.
 - c. Norm making a platform
 - d. Group Me for Executive Committee: Thank you Melanie!
 - e. Signed document to make substitute for a delegate:
 - Bylaw suggestion: Don't attend a certain number of times then automatically replaced with alternate.
*10.6.1 bylaws
*Britshauna Barfuss will put a bylaw suggestion together
 - F. Suggestion: contact schools about educating 4th graders about the caucus system and then again as seniors before graduation
- Treasurer Report: all bills are made, all deposits made.
 - a. Suggestion: please pull up on screen numbers connected with budget

- Discussion of Special County Convention
 - a. What went right: Success in selecting a new Controller.
 - Meet the candidate events went well including the ZOOM: questions were very good.
 - Credentialing and election went really smooth
 - Convention was put together quickly
 - b. What could be improved. Bruce Finch: take laptop to convention.
 - Parking at Layton Christian Academy, not enough for 430 people
 - Publish answers to question at meet the candidate nights. Doug is on it:). Suggestion: use AI, technology, to evaluate the video of meet and greet to come up with exact questions and answers.
 - Security at convention
 - Explain ranked choice voting better
 - Remind everyone to bring a pen
- Central Committee Meeting-Potential Oct 21, Tuesday Farmington OR Kaysville
 - a. Suggestion: 1st training for caucus Sherry Paul
 - b. Ben Spencer: suggestion online discussion prior to CCC on new bylaw
- Caucus Discussion: Let Britshana know if you like a different or the same school that you are helping at.
- County Convention - Discuss Potential Dates Depending on Dates State Chooses 18th or 25th of April: state on one Davis County on the other
 - a. Motion and vote affirmative unanimous
- Storage Unit Update: defer until next meeting
- Election Integrity Discussion: Statement about election integrity (at the bottom of these minutes)
 - a. Bruce Finch: motion to release statement to email to state and local officials (legislators, county partisan elected officials), Twitter, Facebook, and others in Utah
 - 2nded and Discussion: SB 54 is unconstitutional
 - Vote: unanimous passed
- Lincoln Day Committee Report: Susan is not available
- Discussion on if the EC would like to take a position on the Davis School Board Tax increase (letter found at the bottom of these minutes): Davis School District Meeting: August 19th at 6pm at the District Building: 45 E State St, Farmington, UT 84025
 - a. Come speak for 2 minutes
 - b. Vote to send out the letter to social media accounts: unanimous in the affirmative

Upcoming Dates to remember:

- Davis Republican Executive Committee EC - Executive Meeting: September 2nd
 - Plan on the 1st Tuesday of each month
- Davis County Republican Central Committee Meeting: October 21st, 2025
- Lincoln Day Dinner: February 21 Davis Convention Center 6:30pm
- Davis County Republican Caucus: March 10th tentative, verified on Sept. 6 at SCC
- Davis County Republican Convention: either April 18th or 25th
- State Republican Convention: either April 18th or 25th

Statement on Election Integrity:

Free and fair elections are the cornerstone of our Republic. Every citizen must have confidence that their vote counts and that our electoral process is secure, accurate, and transparent. Without this trust, the very foundation of our republic is at risk.

We call upon our Lt. Governor and County Clerks to lead with transparency and accountability. Open and honest communication with the public, clear procedures, and transparent reporting are essential to restoring and maintaining faith in our elections.

We also urge our Governor and State Legislature to prioritize and pass legislation that strengthens election integrity and transparency. This includes measures that ensure accurate voter rolls, secure and verifiable voting systems, robust audits, and clear oversight mechanisms.

While signature gathering violates our county party bylaws, candidates should be able to audit signatures of their opponents.

The integrity of our elections should never be a partisan issue. It is a matter of preserving the trust of the people. We must unite in our commitment to uphold the principles of transparency, fairness, and accountability in every step of the electoral process.

Let us work together to ensure that every Utah citizen can cast their vote with confidence, knowing that our elections are conducted with the highest standards of integrity.

Davis School Board Tax increase:

To Our Fellow Davis County Republicans,

As fiscal conservatives, we understand that taxation is necessary for government to perform essential services. However, we also recognize that **the power to tax is the**

power to control. It is imperative that we, as citizens, remain vigilant and engaged when it comes to government spending and taxation decisions that affect our families, businesses, and communities.

This month, both the **Weber Basin Water Conservancy District** and the **Davis School District** have scheduled **Truth in Taxation hearings** to propose property tax increases. Additionally, Davis County and several cities are considering tax hikes in their upcoming budgets. These proposals come at a time when many in our community are already facing the challenges of inflation and rising living costs.

Our **Davis County Republican Platform** is clear:

“We recognize the necessity for taxation in order for government to perform and administer those services that meet the public needs. However, we recognize the power to tax is also the power to control, and that the best way to control government is to strictly control the amount and form of taxes imposed on the people.”

We believe taxes should be:

1. Inexpensive to administer and collect.
2. Free from creating excessive burdens on taxpayers.
3. Designed to avoid competitive disadvantages.
4. Non-disruptive to market dynamics.

Before any tax increases are considered, we urge our elected officials to put government back into its proper role and ensure that spending is controlled.

Now is the time for your voice to be heard. We call upon all Davis County Republicans to participate in these upcoming public hearings and contact their elected officials. Let them know that you stand for **fiscal responsibility, limited government,** and that you expect tax increases to be a measure of **last resort—not a routine practice.**

Here's how you can make a difference:

- **Attend the Truth in Taxation hearings** for the Weber Basin Water District and Davis School District.
- **Contact the Davis County Commissioners** and your City Council members to express your opposition to unnecessary tax increases.
- **Encourage friends and neighbors** to join you in advocating for responsible government spending.

When government functions within its proper role, tax increases are not necessary. Together, we can hold our elected officials accountable and ensure that government remains a servant of the people, not a burden upon them.

Thank you for standing with us in defending the principles of **limited government, fiscal restraint, and individual liberty.**