

SANPETE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

April 1, 2025, 1:00 PM

Sanpete County Courthouse, 160 North Main, Suite 101, Manti, Utah

Present are: Commission Chair Scott Bartholomew, Commissioners Mike Bennett and Jim Cheney. County Deputy Attorney Wes Mangum and County Clerk Linda Christiansen.

Meeting is called to order by Commission Chair Scott Bartholomew.

OPENING PRAYER OR REMARKS AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Prayer is offered by Bryan Bies. Pledge of allegiance is recited by all.

LINDA CHRISTIANSEN ACCEPTANCE OF SANPETE COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY LETTER IN REGARDS TO INTERIM COUNTY COMMISSION SEAT VACATED BY COMMISSIONER SCOTT COLLARD.

County Clerk Linda Christiansen reads a letter from the Sanpete County Republican Party in regards to fulfillment of interim County Commission seat vacated by Commissioner Scott Collard. There was over fifty percent attendance of the Republican Party delegates. Jim Cheney won the majority delegate vote and has been elected to serve the remainder of Scott Collards term.

OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEWLY ELECTED COUNTY COMMISSIONER JIM CHENEY.

County Clerk Linda Christiansen swears in newly appointed County Commissioner Jim Cheney.

DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL APPROVAL OF REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE COMMISSION DEALING WITH DUAL IMMERSION AT NORTH SANPETE SCHOOL DISTRICT.

Commissioner Bartholomew addresses the agenda item. Commissioner Bartholomew explains this item came about when Commissioner Collard voiced concerns in regards to the dual immersion program at the North Sanpete School District. Former Commissioner Scott Collard has been actively involved in voicing his concerns and would like to see some changes made with the program. Commissioner Bartholomew has discussed the concerns with Superintendent Hansen. Commissioner Bartholomew asks if anyone would like to speak in regards to the discussion. Commissioner Bennett understands what Commissioner Collard was trying to do but he questions whether or not this is a County issue; he does not feel it is. Commissioner Bennett voices he would be against appointing a representative in regards to the issue. Commissioner Cheney also voices concerns; he reached out to three school board members as well as Scott Collard. Commissioner Cheney and Commissioner Bennett state the State School Board is aware of the concerns and is taking a closer look at the issues. Commissioner Cheney does not state whether he agrees with the program or not but he does not feel the Commission needs to appoint a representative. He believes Scott Collard could continue to address his concerns as a citizen. All three Commissioners have discussed this issue with school board members and they feel the discussions have been productive. Commissioner Bartholomew expresses his view on the program and if it was happening to him he would not like it. Commissioner Bartholomew has concern in regards to forcing a child to learn another language or requiring to be bused elsewhere if they don't participate is unfair. The children and parents should have a choice. Commissioner Bartholomew also states it is not uncommon to appoint representation for different purposes. For example, former Commissioner Reed Hatch and

Kevin Christensen began the Event Center project at the Fairpark and even though Commissioner Hatch no longer serves the County on the Commission he continues to contribute his time with the project until its completion. Rena Orton, Assistant Superintendent for North Sanpete School Board addresses the Commission. Ms. Orton states there are five elected school board members that were elected by the people to govern North Sanpete School District and by adding a representative, not voted on by the people, and by doing that it would be taking power away from the board. The school board's sole responsibility is to address school issues. Commissioner Bartholomew reiterates that they understand the Commission has no authority over the school district and it goes the other way as well, the school board can not govern the County. Commissioner Bartholomew expresses Scott Collards want to be heard by the Board with his concerns and Ms. Orton states he has addressed the Board twice and they listened. Ms. Orton humbly asks the Commission to let the school board do their job while allowing Mr. Collard to speak as a public citizen, which all citizens have the right to do, so they can continue to educate students in the best way possible. No other comments or concerns are voiced. Motion is made by Commissioner Bennett to not appoint a representative from the Sanpete County Commission to deal with dual immersion at North Sanpete School District. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Cheney. Vote by voice is taken: Commissioner Cheney votes yes, Commissioner Bartholomew votes yes and Commissioner Bennett votes yes. The vote is unanimous and the motion passes.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS AND APPROVAL OF FINANCES

Deputy Auditor Amanda Olsen presents the agenda items in the absence of Stacey Lyon. Commissioner Bartholomew gives a brief explanation of the processes in regards to finances leading up to Commission meeting for Commissioner Cheney. Motion is made by Commissioner Bennett to approve payment of claims # 361245 through # 361341. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Cheney, and the motion passes. No questions or concerns are voiced in regards to the finances. Motion is made by Commissioner Bennett to approve the finances as of 3/31/2025. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Cheney, and the motion passes.

KEVIN CHRISTENSEN: DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL APPROVAL TO PAY INVOICE FOR CHAIRS AND TABLES AT THE FAIRPARK EVENT CENTER.

Tourism and Travel Director Kevin Christensen presents the agenda item. Mr. Christensen reports he received a bid from Lifetime for tables and chairs at the Event Center. The bid is for 30 round tables, 10 rectangle (added to 20 they already have), 432 chairs which would fit on six racks, and another six racks for tables. The total cost with shipping comes to \$26,345.26. The floor needs to be finished before they are stored in the new building. It should only take a week or two to get them once they place the order. It is unclear which account this will come out of; Mr. Christensen states it is up to Stacey Lyon. It depends on whether or not funds are still available in the unrestricted ARPA funds. Motion is made by Commissioner Bennett to approve the purchase of tables and chairs for the new building at the Fairpark from Lifetime in the amount of \$26,345.26. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Cheney, and the motion passes. Mr. Christensen may be able to purchase the same chairs for a cheaper price through Amazon.

BRYAN BIES: DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL APPROVAL TO ACCEPT A BID FOR THE REMODEL OF OFFICE SPACE, FORMERLY THE DISTRICT COURTS OFFICE, TO BE USED BY THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE WHEN COMPLETED.

Facilities Manager Bryan Bies presents the agenda item. Mr. Bies presents three bids for the remodel of office space that was formerly used by the District Courts. Commissioner Bartholomew reads the bid amounts; Todd Alder Construction \$19,820.00, Big Rig Construction \$24,700.00 and Mikkelsen Construction \$15,401.00 but this bid did not include glass for the counter top and doors. Bryan Bies explains the glass bid is one of the most expensive items on the other two bids. Commissioner Bennett questions the differences on the bids as to whether or not the old cabinet is going to be used for the counter or if a new one is being built. Mr. Bies was under the impression that the old cabinets are being moved and used. Commissioner Bartholomew estimates the additional glass cost to Mikkelsen Constructions bid will add an extra \$8,700.00 minimally which then makes it one of the higher bid costs, not the lowest. Commissioner Cheney questions whether or not all of the contractors received the same information; Mr. Bies affirms that they did. Todd Alder Construction ends up being the cheapest bid. Motion is made by Commissioner Bennett to approve the remodeling of the old District Court office to the Sanpete County Assessor's office; award the bid to Todd Alder Construction in the amount of \$19,820.00. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Cheney, and the motion passes. Mr. Bies will notify Todd Alder.

SCOTT OLSEN: DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL APPROVAL TO OPEN A FULL-TIME POSITION FOR A BUILDING INSPECTOR/ ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER; APPROVAL TO HIRE JAMES RICHINS AS A BUILDING INSPECTOR 1/ ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER; APPROVAL TO HIRE ZANE PETERSEN AS A FULL-TIME BUILDING INSPECTOR 1.

Building Official Scott Olsen presents the agenda item. Commissioner Bartholomew verifies that in the budget an approval was given for a part time zoning enforcement officer. Scott Olsen explains the Building Department was approved for two full-time building inspectors. Rather than fill the two positions he would like to combine one of the full time positions with the part time Zoning Enforcement Officer position. Motion is made by Commissioner Bennett to approve to open a full-time position for a Building Inspector / Zoning Enforcement Officer. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Cheney, and the motion passes. Mr. Olsen is proposing the County hires James Richins to fill the Building Inspector I / Zoning Enforcement Officer position. Motion is made by Commissioner Bennett to approve hiring James Richins as a Building Inspector I (part-time) / Zoning Enforcement Officer (part-time) at a Grade 8, Step 1 at \$22.81 per hour, effective today, April 1, 2025. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Cheney, and the motion passes. Neither new hire has any certifications so they will work towards getting those. There were a few certified applicants but they were not willing to come to Sanpete at this point. Motion is made by Commissioner Bennett to approve hiring Zane Petersen as a Full-Time Building Inspector I, Grade 8, Step 1 at \$22.81 per hour, effective April 7th, 2025. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Cheney, and the motion passes. The difference in starting dates are; James Richins was available to start and Zane Petersen needs to finalize some things in his business. Mr. Olsen introduces James Richins to the Commissioners. One of the inspector positions being filled is to prepare for the retirement of Claude Hamilton in July of 2025.

LUANN GREENWELL: APPROVAL OF SPENDING CJC STATE FUNDS FOR ANNUAL CHILDREN'S JUSTICE CENTER SYMPOSIUM FOR 18 MULTI DISCIPLINARY TEAM MEMBERS; APPROVAL OF SPENDING CJC FUNDS AS PROVIDED AND ALLOCATED BY THE STATE AG'S OFFICE FOR LUANN GREENWELL TO ATTEND THE NATIONAL CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON DC.

CJC Director LuAnn Greenwell presents the agenda items. Ms. Greenwell explains she is requesting the release of funds for an annual conference. The symposium is for three days at Snowbird and the State allocates funding for this; there is a total of \$20,000.00 for this type of event or training. Even though the money is allocated by the State, she needs the Commissioners to approve the release of funds. The total is approximately \$8,500.00 for the conference. The training is for 18 team members and can be used for annual credit hours needed. Ms. Greenwell states the training is great and she has a wait list of people that want to attend because it is so beneficial. Motion is made by Commissioner Bennett to approve the spending of CJC State funds for Annual Children's Justice Center Symposium for 18 multi disciplinary team members for an amount up to \$8,500.00. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Cheney, and the motion passes. Ms. Greenwell has attended this conference virtually in the past; she would really like to attend in person this year. Over half of the State CJC directors are attending in person and she has the money to pay for it. The problem she is running into is airfare and hotel costs. Motion is made by Commissioner Bennett to approve to send LuAnn Greenwell to attend the National Children's Alliance Leadership Conference in Washington DC in the amount up to \$3,250.00. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Cheney, and the motion passes. The conference is four days and she will arrive a day before and leave the day after.

SHERIFF JARED BUCHANAN: APPROVAL TO HIRE AS A PATROL DEPUTY ADAM JAMES SPENCER; APPROVAL TO PAY ESI MANAGEMENT GROUP FOR NINE REGISTRATIONS TO GENERATIONS CONFERENCE.

Sheriff Jared Buchanan presents the agenda items. Sheriff Buchanan explains the County hired Adam James Spencer last Commission meeting as a jail deputy. There has been a probation spot open since September and Jeff Greenwell retiring in a year he has received internal interest in filling a probation spot. Officer Greenwell's position is funded by a grant. Breezy Anderson will eventually fill the probation spot once he can fill the detective slot. Deputy Spencer had applied under the patrol spot for the academy but no positions were available at the time so he was originally hired for a jail position. Once Deputy Spencer is moved to the patrol roster he will have another opening at the jail. Deputy Spencer will move to road deputy and he starts the academy on April 7th. Instead of attending the correctional officer block he will attending the law enforcement block of the academy. Commissioner Bartholomew inquires about Officer Greenwell's retirement date. Sheriff Buchanan believes it is on or before August 1st, 2026. LuAnn Greenwell states it will be prior to that date. Motion is made by Commissioner Bennett to approve moving Jail Deputy Adam James Spencer to patrol deputy from Grade 5, year 1 at \$25.72 an hour to a Grade 7, year 1 \$27.11 per hour, effective 3/31/2025. The motion is seconded by Commissioner , and the motion passes. Sheriff Buchanan explains generations conference is focused on drug addiction and is held in Sandy. Nine staff members from the jail and clinical therapists will be attending the conference. The cost of the conference will be paid by the RSAT Grant. Motion is made by Commissioner Bennett to approve the payment of the ESI invoice for nine registrations to generations conference in the amount of \$2,970.00 out of 10-4960-450. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Cheney, and the motion passes.

Wes Mangum arrives to the meeting.

APPROVAL TO PAY INVOICE TO R6 REGIONAL COUNCIL FOR 2025 UTAH CONGRESSIONAL

BRIEFING SPONSORSHIP.

Commissioner Bartholomew explains this is a yearly fee that the County pays and it goes towards a travel sponsorship for members of Congress. The tour starts in Salt Lake and the areas they tour in our area are; the wild horse burro facility, Redmond Salt Mines, and up to Johnson Ranch in Salina Canyon. A lot of participants have never rode a horse or four-wheeler or even shot a gun. They are able to experience common things in our every day lives. They also visit some of the State and National Parks. Statewide it costs approximately \$90,000 - \$100,000; Sanpete only contributes \$2,500.00. Commissioner Bartholomew explains the individuals that join the tour vary every year; this year they would like to take Senators and members of Congress. Motion is made by Commissioner Bennett to approve to pay the invoice to R6 Regional Council for the 2025 Utah Congressional Briefing Sponsorship, invoice #25-108 in the amount of \$2,500.00. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Cheney, and the motion passes.

KEVIN DANIELS: APPROVAL TO PAY DENTONS INVOICE #975356 IN REGARDS TO THE QUACKENBUSH MATTER.

Deputy County Attorney Wes Mangum presents the agenda item. Wes Mangum verifies it is ok to pay the invoice that has been presented. Motion is made by Commissioner Bennett to approve the payment of Denton's invoice # 975356 in regards to the Quackenbush matter in the amount of \$2,714.55. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Cheney, and the motion passes.

PARKER PICKENS REPRESENTING VERIZON WIRELESS: DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL APPROVAL TO SIGN LETTER OF INTENT IN REGARDS TO MODIFICATIONS TO THE CELL TOWER LEASE AGREEMENT (PREVIOUSLY SIGNED 2017) REGARDING THE VERIZON WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY ON COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY AT 4860 E 12000 NORTH, CHESTER, PARCEL #27207X

Parker Pickens is not in attendance. Commissioner Bennett had a discussion with Parker Pickens in regards to the document that he sent for approval in regards to modifications to the cell tower lease agreement at the Chester landfill. Mr. Pickens did not indicate to the County Clerk whether he would be in attendance or not. Mr. Pickens told Commissioner Bennett he would be. Commissioner Bartholomew suggests moving on to the next agenda item and Ms. Christiansen will send an email to Mr. Pickens to see if he is running late. *Following the agenda item with the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, the Commissioners return to this agenda item.* Commissioner Bartholomew wishes a representative was here to discuss the contract. Commissioner Cheney addresses the possibility of a counter offer. Commissioner Bennett states he talked to Mr. Pickens and they discussed the current monthly payment \$1,378.42. When the lease is renewed, the monthly payment will go down to \$825.00 a month, with a 2 percent increase every year. There is no clear understanding as to why the amount is going down in price. Commissioner Bennett states they offered a one time payment in the amount of \$150,000.00 for a 99 year easement but he told them that is not an option. Commissioner Bennett proposed a 40 year lease for \$150,000.00 because he has concern on the longevity of cell towers and the possibility everything will go to satellite within 15 years. Stacey Lyon ran the numbers and if they were to compare a one time payment to the lower monthly payment with the 2% increase; it is still better financially to go with the monthly amounts. Discussion continues as to which option is better financially. Commissioner Cheney suggests going back to Verizon and tell them the lease needs to stay the way it is. The current agreement has exceeded the five year term which was agreed upon in 2017. Commissioner

Cheney is aware of another property owner that receives a monthly payment for a cell tower lease and it is similar to the thirteen hundred dollars that the County receives. Commissioner Cheney also believes they are working on other leases to renegotiate the terms. Building Official Scott Olsen comments their office is still issuing cell tower permits so there is always a need for cell tower sites. Commissioner Bennett suggests going back to Verizon and tell them the County is fine with the current amount. Motion is made by Commissioner Bennett to contact Parker Pickens representing Verizon Wireless on the discussion and potential approval for the lease agreement on the Chester Landfill Tower; negotiate the terms to keep the current lease amount at the current rate of \$1,378.42, with a two percent increase every year. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Cheney, and the motion passes. Commissioner Bartholomew suggests a five minute break before addressing the next agenda item; discussion and potential approval of Commission Vice-Chair.

BRETT PENROD: REVIEW, DISCUSS AND POTENTIALLY RESOLVE ISSUES IN REGARDS TO LOT 162-165 WHISPERING PINES; PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED ON JANUARY 7TH AND MARCH 4TH, 2025.

Brett Penrod is before the County Commission. Commissioner Bartholomew states the County has a statement on the County's position in regards to Mr. Penrod's property in Whispering Pines. Wes Mangum, Deputy County Attorney states the County is not going to get involved until the civil case is taken care of. Brett Penrod asks a question he has previously asked, why the civil case hangs up a decision. Mr. Mangum invites Mr. Penrod to reach out to Kevin Daniels Sanpete County Attorney. Mr. Mangum states this meeting is not the place for a discussion but he can call Mr. Daniels to set up a meeting. The Penrods were under the impression that Mr. Mangum was aware of the situation and he could discuss it further today. Mr. Mangum is only representing his decision that the County will not take any action until the civil case with Mr. Penrod's sister-in-law is resolved. Mr. Penrod still believes that does not have anything to do with his concerns in regards to upholding requirements of the ordinance. Mr. Penrod feels like he is being brushed off. Mr. Mangum explains this is not the place for debate and it needs to be discussed further in a meeting with Mr. Daniels. Mr. Mangum will let Mr. Daniels know the frustration Mr. Penrod is feeling in regards to being pushed off to another meeting. Mr. Penrod poses the question, if the lawsuit is dropped, then could a discussion in regards to amending the plat correctly. Mr. Mangum questions if that is the cause of the lawsuit. Mr. Penrod states, that is why he has placed a lien a on the property because he is trying to protect his rights from his sister-in-law selling the property. The Penrod's were instructed by their attorney to handle the situation in this matter. Mr. Penrod can not recall his lawyers name. Mr. Penrod states Mr. Daniels instructed him that this was a civil matter; Mr. Penrod believes it is not based on the information he has researched in previous minutes. Mr. Penrod gives a brief history of previously stated information in regards to events that have taken place. Mr. Mangum states the County can not represent every individuals interest. Mr. Penrod states he filed the lawsuit against his sister-in-law. Mr. Mangum states whomever files the lawsuit does so to protect their rights. Mr. Penrod believes his rights were taken away from him due to the recording of the plat. Mr. Mangum explains anyone can record a document as long as it meets the legal parameters of the State for recording. Mr. Penrod believes the recording of the plat took away his access. Commissioner Bartholomew states the amendment was legally recorded at that time; the access was there. Mr. Penrod states he was not aware that he did not have access at the time of the recording. According to Mr. Penrod, his attorney discovered the boundary lines had been changed when he tried to put his property into a trust. Mr. Penrod continues to explain things that transpired in reference to the issues with the property, the processes he had to go

through to get his building permit and his interpretation of previous meeting minutes in regards to his property. Mr. Penrod refers to an easement that should have been granted by his sister-in-law to all property owners. Mr. Penrod expresses frustration because he feels this is not a civil issue but a County issue. Wes Mangum explains if Mr. Penrod would have found fault with the County initially he would have included the County in the lawsuit. Mr. Penrod explains the history of the lawsuit with his sister-in-law. Wes Mangum takes the Penrod's to his office to schedule a time to meet with Kevin Daniels.

County Clerk Linda Christiansen received an email response from Parker Pickens. He did not plan on attending. He just needs the lease document returned to him once it is signed. The Commissioners move on to the next agenda item in order to wait for Wes Mangum's return.

CHRIS ABBOTT REPRESENTING AMERICA250 UTAH COMMISSION: PRESENTATION ABOUT AMERICA250 UTAH AND WAYS TO WORK TOGETHER; DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL APPROVAL TO BECOME A UTAH250 COMMUNITY WHICH COMES WITH A BRANDED LOGO AND A SMALL STIPEND.

Chris Abbott, Associate Director for America250 Utah joins the meeting via ZOOM. Mr. Abbott shares his screen to give a brief explanation of America250 Utah. America250 was formed in 2016 as a National movement to commemorate the 250 years of signing the Declaration of Independence. Each state in the nation has signed on with a Commission to schedule activities and events in celebration of the anniversary and what it means to be an American. America250 Utah was formed in 2023 by Governor Cox and the committee is working towards creating opportunities for the State of Utah to come together and celebrate. The official terminology of the event is the semiquincentennial. The mission of the movement is to honor the nations past and celebrate the present and future. America250 Utah works under three pillars; Educate, Engage and Unite with six signature programs within the pillars. The programs will kick off in July of 2025. Mr. Abbott explains the six signature programs; 500 for our Future, The Pen is Mightier Exhibit, Walk 250 Utah, 250 service projects, speaker series and Americas Potluck on July 5th, 2026. One other element they will be bringing on the road is a Stars and Stripes Semiquincentnnial Statewide Tour. They will work with the 29 counties to customize an event specifically for each County that relates to the theme. Mr. Abbott then explains the process on how to become an America250 Utah community. The County will need to create a community committee. Once the committee is formed a Resolution will need to be passed in a public meeting. Mr. Abbott has sample Resolutions that can be used and he will be a point of contact to help with the process along the way. The America250 Utah Commission has earmarked \$3,000.00 for each County to utilize once they pass a resolution. Municipalities can also apply to be a part of the America250 program and they can receive \$1,500.00. Mr. Abbott shares his contact information.

ROBBY EDGEL REPRESENTING THE UTAH DIVISION OF WILDLIFE RESOURCES: DISCUSSION IN REGARDS TO ROAD CLOSURES AT THE BLACK HILL WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA.

Robby Edgel, Habitat Restoration Biologist presents the agenda item. Mr Edgel introduces Mark Farmer, Habitat Program Manager. Also present, Danny Summers Assistant Habitat Section Chief and Jason Vernon, Regional Supervisor for the Central Region. Mr. Edgel explains the purpose of their meeting with the Commission today. In 2022, they met with Kevin Christensen with

Tourism, as well as mountain bike teams and schools in regards to trail usage in the Black Hills, White Hills and eight other Wildlife Management Areas. They are currently revising the management plan that was written in 2009. Since the last plan was written there has been a lot of growth and more recreation is taking place out in the County. In their discussions with others they have identified roads that some felt could be closed and trails that are used often. Their hope is to increase new possibilities for recreation by separating use on the trails for horseback riding, motorcycle and side by sides and mountain bikes. And ultimately the purpose of the property is to be a benefit to wildlife to help them survive. Commissioner Bartholomew addresses the map that the Division of Wildllife Resources has presented. The roads in red are proposed to be closed. Discussion ensues between the DWR and the Commissioners by identifying property and road indicated on the map in the Black Hills WMA. Commissioner Bartholomew requests Kevin Christensen join the discussion. County Clerk Linda Christiansen calls Kevin Christensen to request his attendance. As they review the map, Mr. Farmer explains which roads are considered good or not and the designation of use they may be identified as; horse trails, biking, hiking, etc. Mr. Edgel states they have tried to follow a recently passed bill HB103; in regards to roads. The main purpose of their visit today is to get feedback from the Commissioners and whether or not they buy into the proposed trail system. Mr. Edgel explains the win for the DWR is to continue granting access while separating uses on the trails. A resident can ride a horse without a side by side zooming past or they can hike without a dirt bike buzzing past. There will be specific trails for side by sides, dirt bikes and vehicles to give them options as well. Commissioner Bartholomew explains the Commission gets most of the complaints in regards to access during hunting season. Discussion ensues in regards to which roads have been proposed to be closed and kept open. Kevin Christensen arrives and he notices the map has been updated since the last time he reviewed it. Mr. Christensen points out roads that should be left open, that have been marked red indicating closure and one that is marked to stay open that is not good. Gates will be installed on roads and trails to deter improper use. Commissioner Bartholomew requests information in regards to livestock and if any of the roads they are proposing to close are used for grazing, salting or watering. The response from Mr. Farmer is no. Sheriff Buchanan observes a road that is indicated on the map to be closed which he uses for Search and Rescue missions often, he requests the road remain open and the DWR responds that is not a problem. Sheriff Buchanan inquires as to whether or not they have invited the public to any public hearings in regards to the roads. Jason Vernon indicates they have a public hearing scheduled for next week in Springville. Mr. Vernon also states people can comment on this project on their website and the statement will be read at the public meeting or they can attend the meeting to voice their opinion. Sheriff Buchanan requests a public hearing in Sanpete. Discussion ensues with Kevin Christensen and the DWR as to where the roads should be closed and open. Scott Olsen agrees with Sheriff Buchanan that the public hearing should be in Sanpete County where it affects the residents, not Utah County. Mr. Olsen poses the question as to why the meeting is in Springville. Mr. Edgel states they have held three meetings with some folks in Ephraim. Mr. Vernon replies that is where the regular meetings take place for a centralized location. Mr. Edgel feels this exciting for the residents to enable them to use new trails for varied uses and they should be able to see wildlife as well. A map displaying the trail systems is shown to the Commissioners. Mr. Farmer states once the map is approved, they will place signs along the trail with names and numbers in order to identify the use. Commissioner Bennett questions one of the roads and it is stated it will be a horse trail. Once they compile all of the data they will update the map to reflect all of the discussions and feedback they received. Sheriff Buchanan

expresses concern as to whom will enforce the violations when individuals go on to the closed roads. The DWR does not expect the Sheriff to enforce compliance with road closures in that area so they will handle it within their department. Eventually they would like to put in a horse trailer parking area. Once the Commissioners agree to the Habitat Management Plan and associated road closures, the DWR will need a letter stating as such. Wes Mangum does not believe the County would want to take any position until the public has been heard. Mr. Vernon states they will present the revised map at the public hearing and explain they are working with the County. Commissioner Bartholomew agrees with Scott Olsen on his comment in regards to a public hearing taking place in Sanpete County; they agree that they can do that. Kevin Christensen states any of the County roads that are affected by the HMP road closures will have be removed from the public access road maps. The process of abandoning roads will have to take place; public notice of a public hearing and so forth. Sheriff Buchanan explains the importance of updating the maps in order for his deputies to know which roads are open or closed. Commissioner Bartholomew explains the process of removing a road from the public access road map. Discussion ensues regarding Class D roads. Sargent Andy Lyons had reached out to Commissioner Bartholomew in regards to the map needing an update and Kevin Christensen agrees there has been changes recently that are not reflected on the map. Mr. Christensen hopes the newly hired GIS employee can get the map updated. Commissioner Bartholomew makes a request that Mr. Vernon let them know when a public hearing is scheduled for Sanpete County. The meeting needs to be separate from a County Commission meeting. Kevin Christensen and Linda Christiansen can help spread the word in regards to the public hearing once a date and place has been established by Mr. Edgel.

DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL APPROVAL OF COMMISSION VICE-CHAIR (CHAIR PRO-TEM); DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL APPROVAL OF ASSIGNMENTS OF COMMISSIONER DUTIES.

Following the five minute break, Commissioner Bartholomew addresses the agenda item. The first item needed is to choose a Vice-Chair in the absence of Commissioner Bartholomew. Commissioner Bennett is willing to take on the role of Vice-Chair. Motion is made by Commissioner Cheney to approve Commissioner Bennett as the Commission Vice-Chair (Chair Pro-Tem). The motion is seconded by Commissioner Bartholomew, and the motion passes. Commissioner Bartholomew makes the motion that Commissioner Cheney assumes all of Commissioner Collards assignments. Commissioner Cheney states he has discussed this with Commissioner Bennett and due to one of Commissioner Bennetts assignments in the northern end of the county (SMR and Indian Ridge) and most of the Planning Board members reside in the north he proposes swapping those two assignments. Commissioner Bartholomew questions Wes Mangum as to whether a Closed Session is needed, he responds that today they do. Motion is made by Commissioner Bartholomew to go into closed session to discuss Commission duties. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Cheney. Vote by voice is taken: Commissioner Cheney votes aye, Commissioner Bartholomew votes yes, and Commissioner Bennett votes yes. The vote is unanimous and the motion passes.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion is made by Commissioner Bennett to go out of closed session. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Cheney, and the motion passes.

Commissioner Bartholomew states due to the closed session there are items that they need to go

over in regards to the Commission assignments. Commissioner Bennett voices a concern due to a conflict of interest in regards to Ecolife managing the mosquito abatement program so Commissioner Cheney agreed to taking the Mosquito/ Grasshopper abatement duty. Commissioner Bennett agrees to keep the Ex Officio Representative for the Airport. Commissioner Bennett agrees to releasing duties for the Skyline Mountain / Indian Ridge Water Conservancy District to Commissioner Cheney; Commissioner Cheney affirms. Commissioner Bennett is good to continue with the Weed Board. Commissioner Bennett is good with all of the assignments he previously held; unless Commissioner Cheney wants to exchange one more for the two that he gave up. Commissioner Bartholomew reminds Commissioner Bennett that he had mentioned taking the Forest Service / BLM liaison. Commissioner Bennett and Commissioner Cheney agreed to the Forest Service exchange and now they have officially swapped two assignments each. Not including Commissioner Bennett is now the Commission Chair Pro-Tem, which was previously held by Commissioner Collard. Commissioner Bartholomew verifies with Commissioner Cheney that the County Fair is included on his assignment list. Motion is made by Commissioner Bennett to approve the changes to the Commissioner assignments as stated. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Cheney, and the motion passes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion is made by Commissioner Bennett to approve the minutes from March 18th, 2025 with no corrections. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Bartholomew, and the motion passes.

Motion is made by Commissioner Bennett to adjourn. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Cheney, and the motion passes.

The meeting is adjourned at 4:04 P.M.

ATTEST:



Linda Christiansen
Sanpete County Clerk

APPROVED:



Scott Bartholomew
Commission Chair