

## **SANPETE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING**

**December 16, 2025, 2:00 PM**

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

Present are: Commission Chair Scott Bartholomew, Commissioners Mike Bennett and Jim Cheney. County Attorney Kevin Daniels 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 Cade Penney. Pledge of allegiance is recited by all.

### **SWEARING IN OF JAIL DEPUTY CODY MILLS.**

Sheriff Jared Buchanan swears in Jail Deputy Cody Mills.

### **STACEY LYON: APPROVAL OF CLAIMS; APPROVAL OF FINANCES; APPROVAL TO PAY STACEY CARLISLE A MONTHLY CELL PHONE STIPEND**

Stacey Lyon presents the agenda items. No questions or concerns are voiced in regards to the claims. Motion is made by Commissioner Bennett to approve payment of claims #363280 through #363474. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Cheney. Vote by voice is taken: Commissioner Cheney votes aye, Commissioner Bartholomew votes yes, and Commissioner Bennett votes aye. The vote is unanimous and the motion passes. No questions or concerns are voiced in regards to the finances. Motion to approve the finances as of December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025, is made by Commissioner Bennett. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Cheney, and the motion passes. Ms. Lyon explains Stacey Carlisle is the new Senior Nutrition Coordinator. Ms. Carlisle has to travel between all of the centers in the county and she receives a lot of phone calls on her personal phone. Ms. Lyon suggests that she receive a cell phone stipend like the rest of the department heads. Motion is made by Commissioner Cheney to approve the monthly cell phone stipend for Stacey Carlisle in the amount of \$38.00 per month. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Bennett, and the motion passes.

### **TOM SEELY: APPROVAL TO PAY CONTECH INVOICES (2); APPROVAL TO PAY TRIPLE S INVOICE FOR THE WEED DEPARTMENT; DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL APPROVAL OF CAMERAS FOR THE ROAD DEPARTMENT TRUCKS.**

Tom Seely presents the agenda items. Mr. Seely explains the Road Department gets their culverts from Contech every year. The money to pay for the culverts will come out of SSD1 funds. They receive \$50,000.00 a year for salt and culverts. There are two invoices from Contech that need to be paid for the total amount of \$37,057.72. Motion is made by Commissioner Bennett to approve the two invoices to Contech Engineering in the amount of \$37,057.72. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Cheney, and the motion passes. Mr. Seely explains they get the weed department chemicals from Triple S for the next year. Motion is made by Commissioner Cheney to approve the payment of the invoice to Triple S Agriculture for the spray for the weed department in the amount of \$17,989.44. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Bennett, and the motion passes. Mr. Seely explains while he was visiting Sevier County's Road Department, an accident occurred with one of Sevier's Road Department vehicles. The incident was recorded on the truck's camera which revealed the

truck driver was not at fault. Mr. Seely explains this would be valuable for Sanpete to have on the Road vehicles. They have 15 vehicles that Mr. Seely would like to install the cameras on. Commissioner Bartholomew states it is a good thing and it should have been done a long time ago. Motion is made by Commissioner Cheney to approve the cameras to be placed in the road department vehicles and equipment at the cost of \$11,892.00. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Bennett, and the motion passes.

**KASEY PETERSEN: DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL APPROVAL OF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY EXCAVATION LICENSE ON THE CORNER OF 11180 W. AND 10100 SOUTH, THAT WAS DISCUSSED IN THE LAST COMMISSION MEETING, DECEMBER 2, 2025.**

Kasey Petersen presents the agenda item. Commissioner Bartholomew states this agenda item was discussed at the last meeting and Mr. Petersen needed to provide a bond. A copy of the bond has been provided. Motion is made by Commissioner Bennett to approve the right-of-way excavation license on the corner of 11180 W. and 10100 South in Centerfield on Farmers Freeway. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Cheney, and the motion passes. The right-of-way excavation license is signed by Commissioner Bartholomew and County Clerk Linda Christiansen.

Gerrick Willden has not arrived to the meeting; they skip ahead to the next agenda item. Jeff Jacobsen has not arrived. They proceed to the next agenda item which is Danny Summers with the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources.

**GARRICK WILLDEN: DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL APPROVAL OF SANPETE COUNTY PROPERTY PURCHASE RELATED TO NORTH SUGAR FACTORY ROAD IMPROVEMENTS RIGHT-OF-WAY.**

Gerrick Willden presents the agenda item. Mr. Willden explains the road construction project on North Sugar Factory road is planned for next year. Mr. Willden also states Memorandums of Understanding are in place and have been obtained from all of the property owners affected by the road construction. The next step is the formality of getting the property acquired. The Yardley's would rather exchange property in lieu of payment. The County owns parcel #10020x1, that consists of 1.1 acres. The County would like to keep a small portion of the property to store chips and road materials. The County would trade the 1.1 acres and the remaining .60 acres to complete the trade with the Yardley's. The Yardley's would be paid out by SSD1 in the amount of \$5,150.00 an acre which calculates to \$3,090.00 for .60 acres. Commissioner Bartholomew explains the property swap will help straighten out the road. Mr. Willden states this will help trucks with loaded trailers avoid hitting the guard rail. Motion is made by Commissioner Bennett to approve the Sanpete County property purchase related to North Sugar Factory Road improvements right-of-way as stated. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Cheney, and the motion passes.

Jeff Jacobsen has not arrived so; the Commissioners proceed to the Sheriff's agenda items.

**JEFF JACOBSEN REPRESENTING CITIZENS OF SANPETE COUNTY: DISCUSS THE CLOSING OF A COUNTY ROAD.**

Jeff Jacobsen will not be able to attend the meeting so his agenda item will be tabled until the next Commission Meeting which will be held on January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

**DANNY SUMMERS REPRESENTING UTAH DIVISION OF WILDLIFE RESOURCES: PRESENT SANPETE COUNTY WITH PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES CHECK AND DWR UPDATE.**

Danny Summers the Regional Supervisor for the DWR presents the agenda items. Mr. Summers is presenting the annual check for payment in lieu of taxes in the amount of \$12,470.13. The funds come from hunter and angler permits. Mr. Summers gives a brief description of the projects that they have completed this year. Discussion ensues in regards to installing tunnels to reduce the number of deer hit on the highways. The Commissioners accept the check issued by the State of Utah in the amount of \$12,470.13.

**SHERIFF JARED BUCHANAN: APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR AND EXPEND PSAP REMAINING FUNDS FROM UCA; APPROVAL TO AEGIX FOR ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION FROM HOMELAND SECURITY FUNDS; APPROVAL TO PURCHASE FIVE (5) TASERS FROM AXON ENTERPRISE FOR THE JAIL; APPROVAL TO PAY RESCO EQUIPMENT FOR GAS TILTING SKILLET FOR JAIL; APPROVAL TO PAY I-CON FOR JAIL TOILET AND LAVATORY BOWL.**

Sheriff Jared Buchanan presents the agenda items. Sheriff Buchanan explains the first item is to expend Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) remaining funds of \$14,508.46. Sheriff Buchanan is not sure how Neil Johnson plans to use the funding at this time but he believes there will be restrictions on how it is used. Motion is made by Commissioner Bennett to approve to apply for and expend PSAP remaining funds from UCA in the amount of \$14,508.46 for dispatch. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Cheney, and the motion passes. Sheriff Buchanan is under the impression that this will be the last year that UCA will distribute the funds. Sheriff Buchanan states the next approval is for the active shooter app in the Courthouse. Sheriff Buchanan will discuss the needs for the app with Josh Allsop and Linda Christiansen to determine whether or not this is the last year that it will be used. Motion is made by Commissioner Cheney to approve the payment of the invoice to AEGIX for the annual subscription with Homeland Security funds in the amount of \$3,472.88. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Bennett, and the motion passes. The next agenda item is in regards to the purchase of tasers. The Sheriff states the JAG Grant can cover \$4,500.00 of the cost. The remaining balance would come out of the operations budget. The tasers would be the most current product versus the out dated versions that the Sheriff's office currently has. The tasers are used for court security, transportation and in the jail, if needed. The patrol deputies do not carry the tasers because they are so expensive and the ones they have now are so outdated they can't even replace the batteries any more. Motion is made by Commissioner Cheney to approve the purchase of five (5) tasers from AXON Enterprise for the jail; one taser from JAG grant 10-4960-510 in the amount of \$4,500. The remaining balance from the operations budget, 10-4230-250 in the amount of \$15,550.00. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Bennett, and the motion passes. Captain Jeff Nielsen explains there is a piece of equipment in the jail kitchen that was there when the jail opened and it needs to be replaced because parts are getting harder to acquire. Motion is made by Commissioner Bennett to approve the quote from Resco Equipment, quote #36794 for tilting skillet at the jail, in the amount of \$21,956.31 out of 10-4230-210. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Cheney, and the motion passes. The last agenda item is in regards to a smaller toilet sink combo that has been discussed previously. Sheriff Buchanan explains they would like to have a cell that is designed for a maximum security inmate in one of the sally port cells. They would like to install this piece of equipment in the cell to begin the remodel project. Motion is made by Commissioner Bennett to approve the I-Con quote for rear mount 15" combo toilet and sink in the amount of \$3,000.00 out of 10-4230-250. The motion is seconded by Commissioner

Cheney, and the motion passes.

Linda Christiansen states Jeff Jacobsen did not realize the meeting was today so he will not be in attendance. Ms. Christiansen will put him on the next agenda.

**MARKELL BARCLAY REPRESENTING CENTRAL UTAH TREE FESTIVAL: DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL APPROVAL TO RENT THE EVENT CENTER FOR A 3-DAY EVENT AT A DISCOUNTED PRICE.**

Markell Barclay presents the agenda item. Ms. Barclay explains they held the second Central Utah Tree Festival in November. They feel like they have outgrown the facilities they used and are interested in using the new Fairpark building in 2026 for free or at least at a reduced rental rate. There is no charge to attend the event; monies collected at the event stay locally. The hope is to grow the event and accommodate more trees and people. They had 29 Christmas trees at this year's event. The event is held the week before Thanksgiving; set-up on Wednesday evening, Thursday, Friday and Saturday are the days of the event. All but a couple of trees were sold at the event; the trees that did not sell were donated locally.

Commissioner Bartholomew states the County does have costs associated with the building such as power, heating and air conditioning. He questions whether or not they had any funding available to help pay for the minimal costs of the building. Ms. Barclay questions whether or not they could do an in-kind donation for a write off since they are a non-profit organization. The Commissioners feel they might have a better idea of the actual costs closer to the event and ask if Ms. Barclay needs an answer right away. Commissioner Cheney suggests getting on the schedule now with Kevin Christensen. Commissioner Bennett and Commissioner Cheney are willing to pay the fee personally if the cost is too much.

Commissioner Bartholomew suggests they use the Commission funds to cover the cost because it is a great cause. Linda Christiansen scheduled Kevin Christensen after this agenda item in hopes to get his feedback in regards to the issue but he has not arrived to the meeting yet.

Kevin Christensen nor Scott Olsen are present in order to address their agenda items; the Commissioners move on to Heidi Sorensen's agenda item.

**KEVIN CHRISTENSEN: APPROVAL OF ANNUAL HOOKED ON UTAH OUTDOORS ADVERTISING AND SHOWS.**

Kevin Christensen presents the agenda item. Mr. Christensen explains that he works with Hooked on Utah every year for advertising. The shows are aired at various times on multiple days. Motion is made by Commissioner Bennett to approve the annual Hooked on Utah Outdoors advertising and shows in the amount of \$7,500.00. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Cheney, and the motion passes. The Commissioners request that Kevin Christensen work with Markell Barclay in regards to the tree festival.

**SCOTT OLSEN: APPROVAL TO HIRE ILEANA GUBELI AS A PERMIT TECHNICIAN IN THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT.**

Scott Olsen presents the agenda item. Ileana Gubeli introduces herself to the Commissioners. Mr. Olsen states he would like to start Ms. Gubeli at a Grade 2, Step 1 at the hourly rate of \$18.63 an hour on December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Motion is made by Commissioner Bennett to approve hiring Ileana Gubeli at a Grade 2, Step 1, effective December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025, in the amount of \$18.63 an hour. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Cheney, and the motion passes.

**HEIDI SORENSEN: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE SIGNING FOR A ONE LOT MAJOR SUBDIVISION (MATT OLSEN SUBDIVISION) APPLICATION BY MATT & ANGELA OLSEN. THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED WEST OF MT. PLEASANT, UTAH IN THE AGRICULTURE ZONE, PARCEL # S-26060x5, CONSISTING OF 9.59 ACRES.**

Heidi Sorensen presents the agenda items. Ms. Sorensen states the Olsen's have completed their application and everything was approved by the Planning Commission. Commissioner Bartholomew inquires in regards to water; Ms. Sorensen states the well has been drilled. Ms. Sorensen verifies that everything has been reviewed and is good. Matt and Angela Olsen are present. Motion is made by Commissioner Bennett to approve the signing of the one lot major subdivision application by Matt & Angela Olsen; property is located west of Mt. Pleasant, in the Agriculture Zone, parcel # S-26060x5. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Cheney, and the motion passes. The Mylar is signed by Commissioner Bartholomew and County Clerk Linda Christiansen. Kevin Daniels will need to sign the Mylar before it is recorded. Kevin Christensen is present so the Commissioners return to his agenda item.

**BRYAN BIES: APPROVAL OF BIDS FOR COUNTY COMMISSION REMODEL; APPROVAL OF BIDS FOR THE BOILERS; DISCUSSION IN REGARDS TO REPAIR OF OR PURCHASE NEW SNOWPLOW FOR THE CHEVY TRUCK AT THE COURTHOUSE; DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL APPROVAL OF THE BIDS FOR THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT REMODEL PROJECT; DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL APPROVAL OF HOUSE OF GLASS BID FOR ASSESSOR'S OFFICE.**

Bryan Bies presents the agenda items. Commissioner Bartholomew addresses the approval of the boilers first. Mr. Bies presents three bids for the boilers. Commissioner Bennett questions whether or not the new resolution for SSD 3 would qualify for an expenditure to replace the boilers. Kevin Daniels and Commissioner Cheney agree that it would, if the equipment installed is energy efficient. Discussion ensues in regards to verifying the equipment bid would qualify for energy efficient standards. The Commissioners discuss the differences of the bids; the highest and lowest bid differ by over one hundred thousand dollars. The low bid is from the company that currently holds the maintenance contract with the County; they believe that might be part of the large discrepancy. It has been stated that there are many costs that the contract covers and another company would not honor the same discounted prices. It is discussed that they would like Mr. Bies to go back to the companies that submitted bids and request the specs on the equipment in order to verify they meet energy efficiency standards. Discussion ensues in regards to the upcoming SSD3 agenda item. Commissioner Cheney suggests reaching out to the low bid contractor and make sure nothing was missed. Commissioner Bartholomew also suggests verifying whether he will hold the bid amount until February. Kevin Daniels reiterates the need for the specs on the equipment. This agenda item will be tabled until February. The agenda item in regards to the building department remodel is addressed. Discussion begins in regards to flooring that is available to use for the building department remodel and if Mr. Bies would be able to install the square carpet tiles to save installation costs. It is mentioned that the flooring bid includes replacing the carpet at the entry ways but Mr. Bies suggests tabling that for now because it is not as pressing as other projects. Commissioner Bartholomew suggests getting a new flooring bid for the product (carpet and glue) only if they are going to do the installation themselves. Mr. Bies presents the electrical bids for the building department remodel. A-Plus and Custom Electric bid the job; A-Plus submitted the low bid. Motion is made by Commissioner Cheney

to accept the bid from A-Plus Electric to re-do the electrical in the Building and Zoning offices in the amount of \$3,219.00. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Bartholomew, and the motion passes. Vote by voice is taken; Commissioner Cheney votes aye, Commissioner Bartholomew votes aye, and Commissioner Bennett abstains. The next agenda item discussed is in regards to the Assessor's office remodel. Mr. Bies has one bid to add glass office walls and doors from House of Glass. Motion is made by Commissioner Bennett to approve House of Glass for the Assessor's office in the amount of \$10,592.88. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Cheney, and the motion passes. Mr. Bies explains the old snow plow is currently at Ry Guy's for repairs; it needs new brackets and wiring which will need to be sent off or they can get a new one for approximately \$3,500.00 more. The original plow was on the old blue Chevy that the County no longer owns. Mr. Bies needs a snow plow on the Duramax that they got from the Road Department. A new plow will cost approximately \$7,200.00. If they approve Mr. Bies to purchase a new plow, they suggest the old plow is surplus. Commissioner Cheney believes they would be better off with a new one, long term. Commissioner Bennett points out the tax should not be charged to the County, so the invoice should be adjusted. Mr. Bies has money available in the building repair budget to cover the cost of a new plow. Motion is made by Commissioner Bennett to approve the purchase of a plow from Redding Truck in the amount of \$6,667.00 for the administration building. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Cheney, and the motion passes. Commissioner Bennett adds that he does not want Mr. Bies putting salt on any of the concrete at the exhibit building; use kitty litter or sand instead. Mr. Bies states he has floor dry that he can use. The last agenda item that Mr. Bies needs to address with the Commissioners is the Commission room remodel project. Mr. Bies has two bids; one from Barry Gardner and Big Rig Construction. Motion is made by Commissioner Bennett to approve the bid from Big Rig Construction for the new Commission room remodel in the amount of \$126,357.00. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Cheney, and the motion passes.

**DISCUSSION AND PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF NEW SSD3 RESOLUTION, SUBJECT TO UTAH CODE ANNOTATED 17D-1-201.**

Kevin Daniels presents the agenda item. Mr. Daniels explains there had been discussions as to which version of the SSD3 resolutions were which. Mr. Daniels has drafted a new version of the resolution to include everything from the last meeting of the SSD. The public hearing will be posted for 45 days and will potentially be held in the second Commission Meeting of February. The protests will be sent to the County Clerk when that time comes. Motion is made by Commissioner Cheney to approve the preliminary approval of the SSD3 Resolution and put it out to notice. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Bennett, and the motion passes. The notice will be sent to the paper tomorrow, December 17<sup>th</sup>.

**APPROVAL OF APPOINTING TRAVIS GOOD TO THE R6 COUNCIL.**

Commissioner Bartholomew addresses the agenda item and the position is to replace Chuck Bigelow. Motion is made by Commissioner Bennett to approve the appointing of Travis Good to the R6 Council to replace Chuck Bigelow, the outgoing Manti Mayor. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Cheney, and the motion passes.

**LINDA CHRISTIANSEN: APPROVAL OF THE SANPETE COUNTY COMMISSION AND MUNICIPAL BUILDING AUTHORITY MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2026: APPROVAL OF THE SANPETE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2026.**

Linda Christiansen presents the agenda items. Ms. Christiansen explains the 2026 schedule has been discussed and the Commissioners have agreed to stay with the first and third Tuesday of the month for the regular Commission meeting dates and potential Municipal Building Authority meetings. The first meeting will start at 1:00 pm and the second meeting will begin at 2:00 pm. The only meeting that does not follow the schedule is the first November meeting which would fall on Election day (November 3<sup>rd</sup>); that meeting will be held on Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. The second Tuesday conflicts with Sanpete County Water Conservancy meeting schedule. Ms. Christiansen explains the next agenda item addresses the Planning Commission schedule and it has been decided that Planning and Zoning meetings will be moved from the second Wednesday to the same day as the first County Commission meeting of each month. Motion is made by Commissioner Bennett to approve the Sanpete County Commission and Municipal Building Authority Meeting Schedule for 2026 as stated. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Cheney, and the motion passes. Motion is made by Commissioner Bennett to approve the Sanpete County Planning Commission Meeting Schedule for 2026 as stated. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Cheney, and the motion passes.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

No questions or concerns are voiced in regards to the minutes. Motion is made by Commissioner Bennett to approve the minutes from December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 meeting. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Cheney, and the motion passes.

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

No closed session was needed. Commissioner Bartholomew raises concern in regards to Kevin Daniels recent hairstyle.

The Commissioners will need to take a break until the budget hearing that will take place at 6:00 pm. Motion is made by Commissioner Cheney to adjourn until the budget hearing at 6:00 pm. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Bennett, and the motion passes. The meeting adjourns at 3:08 pm.

#### **6:00 PM PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR 2025; PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2026 BUDGET.**

Commissioner Bartholomew opens the public hearing in regards to the 2025 budget. Stacey Lyon presents the agenda items. Ms. Lyon states the 2025 Budget will not be exceeded so there will not be any amendments required. A few departments have exceeded on certain line items but as a whole the departments have not exceeded the budget allotted to them; the overall budget will not change. Ms. Lyon verifies that there are no amendments required for the 2025 Budget. Commissioner Bartholomew opens the public hearing for the 2026 Budget. Sheriff Jared Buchanan asks a question in regards to the carry over every year. Ms. Lyon explains that the Treasurer, Amy Willden keeps the surplus money in two accounts. One is a PTIF account that is an interest bearing account which Ms. Willden tries to keep as much money as she can in, in order to benefit the County with interest accrued. Sheriff Buchanan refers to the report that shows \$20 million in unrestricted government funds; he questions whether or not that is the PTIF account. Ms. Lyon states it is a combination; Sheriff Buchanan questions where that money goes. Commissioner Bartholomew explains the money is used in the following year; most cities operate the same way. Ms. Lyon also states the money is not being put into the budget; the money is used in the checking account to write checks and pay bills until grant reimbursements are issued and tax distributions are collected for the year. Sheriff

Buchanan returns to the unrestricted funds in approximately \$20 million and the restricted that has approximately \$8 million. Ms. Lyon states those accounts are a combination of PTIF and Zions bank accounts. Sheriff Buchanan wants to know how the public can see what is coming out of those accounts. Ms. Lyon gives an example by referring to a person's personal account; some bills can't be paid until the paycheck is received so there are times a person may have to take money out of savings to cover their expenses. Commissioner Bennett explains that the Grants are paid before money is reimbursed. Discussion ensues in regards to how the money fills the gap when tax revenue is short. Commissioner Cheney explains that when the budget reflects an overage of 1.5 million in the accounts last year and the next year the amount is 2 million. The amounts aren't added together; the amount of the overage is what is stated. Ms. Lyon states the money reflected in the financial statement includes money that is earmarked and is not considered restricted. Sheriff Buchanan points out the line items on the report that he is referring to. Sheriff Buchanan understands the explanation he received; he is just trying to understand how it appears to the general public that 18 million is sitting in the bank, why can't it be used. Sheriff Buchanan then questions the reason payroll went down on the Communications payroll budget line when everyone should be getting \$1.50 an hour raise. Ms. Lyon explains that Neil Johnson and the lowest paid employee are taken out of the 911 budget line. The lowest paid employee is now paid less than last year's lowest paid person so it went down. Commissioner Bartholomew explains that a lot of the grants come through the Sheriff's office and have multiple restricted funding requirements. Ms. Lyon gives an example of how the Recorder's office was bringing in more revenue than needed to operate and then the revenue took a big dip and did not cover a quarter of the expenses. She explains that is where part of the 2 million dollars could help cover the shortage. Commissioner Bennett gives another example as to how the County fronts approximately \$200,000.00 for the County fair before any revenue is collected. Junior Livestock money is still being collected yet the participants have already been paid out. Sheriff Buchanan just wanted to understand it and he does now. No other public comment is made. Commissioner Bartholomew closes the public hearing and they wait until 6:30 pm for the next agenda items.

**6:30 PM ADOPTION OF THE SANPETE COUNTY 2026 BUDGET AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION SETTING 2026 SALARIES FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS.**

The Commissioners go back into the regular meeting for the adoption of the 2026 budget and the salaries for the elected officials. Commissioner Bartholomew refers to Resolution #12162025 which will adopt the budget for 2026. The 2026 budget amount of \$26,126,367.09 will be adopted. Motion is made by Commissioner Bennett to approve Resolution #12162025, adoption of the 2026 budget in the amount of \$26,126,367.09. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Cheney. Vote by voice is taken: Commissioner Cheney votes aye, Commissioner Bartholomew votes aye, and Commissioner Bennett votes aye. The vote is unanimous and the motion passes. Commissioner Bartholomew then addresses the next agenda item in regards to the 2026 salaries for the elected officials; Resolution #12162025A. Commissioner Bartholomew states this is not addressing the \$1.50 raise that all hourly employees received, although the elected officials did receive the raise as well. The resolution is for the salaried elected officials. Motion is made by Commissioner Bennett to approve the adoption of Resolution #12162025A; establishing the salaries of the Sanpete County elected officials for 2026. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Cheney. Vote by voice is taken: Commissioner Cheney votes aye, Commissioner Bartholomew votes aye, and Commissioner Bennett votes aye. The vote is unanimous and the motion passes.

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

The meeting is adjourned at 6:36 P.M.

ATTEST:



Linda Christiansen  
Sanpete County Clerk

APPROVED:



Scott Bartholomew  
Commission Chair