

GARFIELD COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
JANUARY 12, 2026 AT 10:00 A.M.

Present: Commissioner Leland Pollock, Commissioner Jerry Taylor, Commissioner David Tebbs, Attorney Barry Huntington, Clerk Camille Moore and Deputy Clerk Kylee Orton.

Commissioner Pollock called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance.

Commissioner Taylor made a MOTION to adopt the agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Tebbs. Motion carried. Voting: Pollock - Aye, Taylor - Aye, Tebbs - Aye

Commissioner Tebbs made a MOTION to approve the minutes of the December 15th and December 22nd meetings. Seconded by Commissioner Taylor. Motion carried. Voting: Pollock - Aye, Taylor - Aye, Tebbs - Aye

LONGEVITY AWARDS

Gina Peterson, Garfield County Treasurer, was recognized for 25 years of service to Garfield County.

BOARD REPORTS

Commissioner Tebbs attended a Forest Service Meeting and the County Fire Chiefs' meeting last week. He reported there was discussion regarding SBA testing.

Commissioner Taylor attended the Community Impact Board meeting. He will be attending the Behavior Health Meeting and a Five County Meeting this week. He recognized Nick Reynolds for his 32 years of service representing Garfield County on the Southwest Utah Board of Health. He mentioned Gus Torgerson, a biologist based in Escalante, noting that he is a local resident who returned to the area to work and currently has multiple projects planned in the Escalante area.

Commissioner Pollock reported on the International Park Visitor Fee. He also provided an update on the Forest Service Contract and the Hatch Down Dam.

PUBLIC WORK BUSINESS

Dave Dodds, Public Works Director, provided an update on the Panguitch Lake Dam Project. He also addressed the Antimony Mine, noting that he has contacted the company and that they are currently drilling 20-30 test holes.

PANGUITCH SIXTH GRADE

Hendrix Pollock, Henley Oldham, Degan Johnson, Torque Black, and Maddie Feller, were present to report on their trip to Washington D.C. The students shared a video from their trip and each spoke about their favorite part of the experience.

SOLID WASTE/LANDFILL FEE

Robert and Terri Driedonks, owners of the Bryce Canyon Museum, were present to discuss their concerns regarding their ability to keep the museum open.

AGENCY REPORTS

Kasey King, Antimony Town Mayor, was present to discuss senior meals in Antimony. Meal will be provided twice a month for seniors in the Antimony area.

Jennifer Thomas, Escalante Ranger, reported that a Notice of Intent has been received for a mining operation in the Escalante area.

COUNTY BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Camille Moore, Clerk/Auditor, presented the 2026 Board Appointment List. Commissioner Taylor made a MOTION to approve the County Board appointments as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Tebbs. Motion carried. Voting: Pollock - Aye, Taylor - Aye, Tebbs - Aye.

Garfield County Travel Council

Twelve Members/Two Year Term

Lance Syrett - Chairman	12/31/2027
Sam Marshall - Vice Chairman	12/31/2027
Elaina Purcell	12/31/2027
Merrilee Mecham	12/31/2026
Gladys Lefevre	12/31/2026
Staci Hall	12/31/2026
Scott Roundy	12/31/2026
Ralph Perkins	12/31/2027
Kami Brinkerhoff	12/31/2027
Burkey Rigby	12/31/2027

Panguitch Lake Fire Protection Special District

4 Year Term

Rick Beals	12/31/2026
Bill Johnson	12/31/2027
Sandra Ipson	12/31/2027
Don Hancock	12/31/2028

Mammoth Creek Special Service District for Fire Protection

5 Members/4 Year Term

Dal Askew - Clerk	12/31/2028
Pam Borgos - Treasurer	12/31/2027
Carl A. Radomski	12/31/2029
David Johnson	12/31/2029
Clayton Carr	12/31/2026
Paul Martino	12/31/2027

Ticaboo Utility Improvement District

3 Members/4 Year Term

Michael Morlang	12/31/2029
Amy Golden	12/31/2026
Alexa Wilson	12/31/2030

Planning & Zoning Committee

7 Members/3 Year Term

David Tebbs	Commission
Elaine Baldwin - Chairman	12/31/2028
Judy Drain	12/31/2028
Allen Henrie	12/31/2026
Tony Dingess	12/31/2027
Brittney Feller	12/31/2028
Simone Griffin	12/31/2026
Dani Harding	12/31/2027

Alternates

Gina Peterson
Kade Fullmer
Amy Dodds

Garfield County Hospital Board

4 Year Term

Leland Pollock - Commission	
Dr. Colin Marshall - Panguitch	
Ron Harris - Bryce Valley	12/31/2027
Melanie Torgerson - Escalante	12/31/2029
Brent Griffin - Escalante	12/31/2026
Kim Soper - Panguitch	12/31/2029
Ron Hatch - Panguitch	12/31/2028
Jon Torgerson - Panguitch	12/31/2028
Wendy Eyre - Panguitch	12/31/2029
Sam Marshall - Panguitch	12/31/2029
Scott Dalton - Piute Commission	
Kerry Alvey - Tropic	12/31/2023

Garfield County CED Board

2 Year Term / Ex Officio Members

Kaden Figgins - Director
David Tebbs - Commission
Anne Excell - Secretary

Falyn Owens - Tourism	12/31/2026
Joni Anderson	12/31/2026
Lance Syrett	12/31/2026
Joey Martel	12/31/2026
Melani Torgerson	12/31/2027

Abatement Appeals Board

Denise Olson
 Denny Orton
 Dan Thornton

Ambulance Board

David Tebbs - Commissioner
 Kara Owens
 Mayiah Grant
 Three Squad Leaders
 Dr. Mooney
 ER Nurse Administration

Cemetery Districts

Antimony

Raymond Henrie	4 Years	12/31/2029
Kenneth King	6 Years	12/31/2026
Ryan Westwood	4 Years	12/31/2026
Kasey King	4 Years	12/31/2028

Cannonville

Mark Nelson	4 Years	12/31/2026
Anita Fletcher	4 Years	12/31/2026
Sue Bell	4 Years	12/31/2028
Quinn Willis	4 Years	12/31/2029

Escalante

Lisa Young	4 Years	12/31/2028
Melani Torgerson	2 Years	12/31/2026
Terry Olsen	2 Years	12/31/2026

Hatch

Russell Torgerson	6 Years	12/31/2027
Betty Kabonic	2 Years	12/31/2027
Mason Lefevre	4 Years	12/31/2029
Nikki Dinges	4 Years	12/31/2026
John Garn	4 Years	12/31/2026

Henrieville

Travis Shakespear	6 Years	12/31/2026
Brett Palmer	4 Years	12/31/2028
Brooke Palmer	4 Years	12/31/2028
Erica Shakespeare	4 Years	12/31/2026

Panguitch

David Owens	6 Years	12/31/2028
Lola Henrie	4 Years	12/31/2028
Mike Tebbs (Spry)	6 Years	12/31/2026
Sherril England	4 Years	12/31/2026
Linda Miller	4 Years	12/31/2028
Anne Excell	4 Year	12/31/2028

Tropic

Rick Bybee	4 Years	12/31/2027
Herb Baugh	4 Years	12/31/2027
Dana Courtright	6 Years	12/31/2030

BUSINESS LICENSE

A business license application has been received from PLS Partners LLC dba Panguitch Lake Storage and Simkins LLC. After review, Commissioner Tebbs made a MOTION to issue a business license to PLS Partners LLC and Simkins LLC. Seconded by Commissioner Taylor. Motion carried. Voting: Taylor - Aye, Pollock - Aye, Tebbs - Aye

Commissioner Taylor made a MOTION to enter Executive Session. Seconded by Commissioner Tebbs. Motion carried. Voting: Pollock- Aye, Taylor - Aye, Tebbs - Aye

Present: Danny Perkins and McKay Morgan

AFFIDAVIT REGARDING CLOSED MEETING

STATE OF UTAH)
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COUNTY OF GARFIELD)

The undersigned, as presiding officer of the Board of County Commissioners of Garfield County, State of Utah, after being duly sworn, hereby states, swears and affirms as follows:

1. That on the 12th day of January, 2026, during a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Garfield County, State of Utah, the board, upon the affirmative vote of two-thirds or more of the members present at the meeting for which notice was given pursuant to Section 52-4-6, voted to close the meeting to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual under Subsection 52-4-5 (1)(a)(I), Utah Code Annotated and pending litigation.
2. That a quorum was present.
3. That I do hereby affirm that the sole purpose for closing the meeting was to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual and pending litigation.

DATED this 12th day of January, 2026.

Commission Chair

NOTARY PUBLIC

Commissioner Taylor made a MOTION to return to the general session. Seconded by Commissioner Tebbs. Motion carried. Voting: Pollock - Aye, Taylor - Aye, Tebbs - Aye

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

The accounts payable list was reviewed and signed by the Commission.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Commission Chair

Clerk/Auditor