

**GARFIELD COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING  
MARCH 9, 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 Mike Mower 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 February 23rd meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Taylor. Motion carried. Voting: Pollock - Aye, Taylor - Aye, Tebbs - Aye

**BOARD REPORTS**

Commissioner Tebbs attended the County Fire Chiefs meeting. He mentioned there is a new UCIP location in Salt Lake. He recognized the Garfield County Sheriff's office for their work this last week. He reported the Range Livestock Workshop is scheduled for March 24th-26th.

Commissioner Taylor expressed condolences regarding the recent tragedy in Wayne County. He gave an update on the missing woman from Escalante, noting that her vehicle has been located, but she remains missing. He attended the NACO conference in Washington, D.C., where he serves as Chairman of the Public Lands Steering Committee. He recognized Commissioner Pollock for receiving the High Country Cowboy Award from Governor Cox.

Commissioner Pollock reported that a new BLM National Director will be appointed. He met with Governor Cox to discuss the Tropic Water issue and expressed appreciation for the Governor's continued support of Garfield County. He reported that work on the Hole-in-the-Rock Road is expected to begin in May. He met with Congresswoman Maloy and recognized her for her work on behalf of Garfield County.

**PUBLIC WORK BUSINESS**

Dave Dodds, Public Works Director, gave an update on the Panguitch Lake Dam.

## **DIVISION OF WILDLIFE**

Kyle Christensen and Dax Magnus, Division of Wildlife, were present to deliver the PILT payment. There was discussion on projects impacting Garfield County.

Oakley Toomer presented on the Habitat Management Plan project. He reviewed proposed updates and stated that a draft will be distributed for public comment.

## **ESCALANTE HERITAGE FESTIVAL**

Jill Phillips requested funding assistance for the Escalante Heritage Festival. She plans to include a focus on Western Heritage, featuring a chuckwagon dinner and a ranch rodeo. After discussion, Commissioner Taylor made a MOTION to approve \$4,000 to help fund the Escalante Heritage Festival - Western Portion. Seconded by Commissioner Tebbs. Motion carried. Voting: Pollock - Aye, Taylor - Aye, Tebbs - Aye

## **FIRE AGREEMENTS**

Josh Soper and Dan Hulet presented the State Wildland Program Agreement and the Fire Warden Funding Agreement. Commissioner Tebbs made a MOTION to approve the CWS Agreement and the Fire Warden Agreement. Seconded by Commissioner Taylor. Motion carried. Voting: Pollock - Aye, Taylor - Aye, Tebbs - Aye

## **PANGUITCH BASKETBALL SUMMER PROGRAM**

Clint Barney requests funding to help with a basketball summer camp held in Panguitch. They host multiple teams throughout the county. Commissioner Taylor made a MOTION to approve \$1,200 to fund the Panguitch Basketball Summer Program. Seconded by Commissioner Tebbs. Motion carried. Voting: Pollock - Aye, Taylor - Aye, Tebbs - Aye

## **UAC AGREEMENT FOR LEGAL SERVICES**

After discussion, Commissioner Tebbs made a MOTION to approve the agreement with UAC to provide legal services. The amount of the contract is \$10,000 per year. Seconded by Commissioner Taylor. Motion carried. Voting: Pollock - Aye, Taylor - Aye, Tebbs - Aye

## **OPEN MEETING TRAINING**

Barry Huntington, County Attorney, presented the Open Meeting Training to the Commission.

## **ATTORNEY INTERNSHIP**

Barry Huntington, County Attorney, expressed his intent to hire a law student as an intern for the summer months.

## **COUNTY YOUTH BASEBALL**

After discussion, Commissioner Tebbs made a MOTION to approve \$700 for all youth baseball programs throughout the county and \$500 for youth softball programs. Seconded by Commissioner Taylor. Motion carried. Voting: Pollock - Aye, Taylor - Aye, Tebbs - Aye

## **TUID BOARD APPOINTMENT**

After discussion, Commissioner Tebbs made a MOTION to appoint Jean Babilis to the Ticaboo Utility Improvement District Board. Seconded by Commissioner Taylor. Motion carried. Voting: Pollock - Aye, Taylor - Aye, Tebbs - Aye

## **AGENCY REPORTS**

Jennifer Thomas, Escalante Ranger, reported that staff will be available at the Escalante Office on the second and fourth Thursdays for wood permit purchases.

Chris Wehrli, Dixie Forest Ranger, reported the Red Canyon Visitor Center will open in April, and wood permits will also be available for purchase at that location.

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

Present: David Dodds, Mark Boshell



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

**BUSINESS LICENSE**

Three business license applications have been received from Pretty Penny Farmstead, 6K Concrete, and NX Level Landscaping. After review, Commissioner Taylor made a MOTION to issue a business license to Pretty Penny Farmstead. Seconded by Commissioner Taylor. Motion carried. Voting: Taylor - Aye, Pollock - Aye, Tebbs - Aye

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

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Commission Chair

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Clerk/Auditor