



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
117 South Main Street, Monticello, Utah 84535. Commission Chambers
April 07, 2026 at 11:00 AM

MINUTES

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AUDIO: <https://www.utah.gov/pmnp/files/1415299.MP3>

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CALL TO ORDER

Time Stamp 0:00:01 (audio) & 0:001:53 (video)

Commission Chair Maughan called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Time Stamp 0:00:08 (audio) & 0:01:59 (video)

Commission Chair Maughan called for attendance:

PRESENT

Lori Maughan, Chair
Jamie Harvey, Vice-Chair
Silvia Stubbs, Commissioner

STAFF

Mack McDonald, County Administrator
Lyman W. Duncan, Clerk/Auditor
Jens Nielson, Deputy County Attorney
Vicky Kuykendall, Deputy Clerk/Auditor
Mitch Maughan, County Attorney
Mike Moulton, Interim Public Health Director
Tranner Sharpe, Human Resources Director
Corey Coleman, Planning & Zoning Director
Tammy Gallegos, Aging Director
Scoot Flannery, Jones & DeMille Project Manager
Rick Meyer, Assessor
Cindy Holyoak, Recorder

INVOCATION

Time Stamp 0:00:27 (audio) & 0:02:18 (video)

Jens Nielson, resident of Blanding, offered the opening prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Time Stamp 0:02:27 (audio) & 0:04:18 (video)

Jamie Harvey, resident of Montezuma Creek, led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE

Time Stamp 0:02:51 (audio) & 0:04:42 (video)

Commission Chair Maughan asked the members of the commission if they had any conflicts of interest with today's commission agenda: Each affirmed they did not have any conflicts with the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments will be accepted through the following Zoom Meet link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88279631170> Meeting ID: 882 7963 1170 One tap mobile +13462487799,,88279631170# US (Houston)

There will be a three-minute time limit for each person wishing to comment. If you exceed that three-minute time limit the meeting controller will mute your line.

As indicated in our Commission Policies and Procedures, the following applies:

The purpose of the San Juan County Commission meeting is to conduct county business in a public setting, as provided by law. We truly value and welcome public comment, as it gives citizens an important opportunity to share ideas, concerns, and suggestions that help strengthen our county.

To ensure everyone has a fair opportunity to speak, comments are limited to three minutes and should focus on county programs and operations. Objective criticism is welcome; however, complaints about specific county personnel or private individuals will not be permitted.

Please understand that public comment is not a debate or question-and-answer session, and an immediate response from the Commission should not be expected.

If you would like more information or further discussion, a member of our staff will be happy to assist you in setting up a follow-up meeting. We appreciate your participation and your willingness to be involved in your county government.

Time Stamp 0:03:06 (audio) & 0:04:47 (video)

Commission Chair Maughan opened the meeting for the public comment portion. She checked the sign-in sheet, then online for anyone interested in offering any comments.

Joy Howell, resident of Mexican Hat, spoke about agenda item #14. She mentioned the water owned by the Mexican Hat Service District is not sufficient to supply the neighboring community of Halchita with water. She feels the residents are not being listened to and they feel the commission should look elsewhere for a solution.

CONSENT AGENDA (Routine Matters) Lori Maughan, Commission Chair

The Consent Agenda is a means of expediting the consideration of routine matters. If a commissioner requests that items be removed from the consent agenda, those items are placed at the beginning of the regular agenda as a new business action item. Other than requests to remove items, a motion to approve the items on the consent agenda is not debatable.

Time Stamp 0:05:37 (audio) & 0:07:28 (video)

Commission Chair Maughan presented the consent agenda for the commission to review and approve: Commissioner Stubbs asked to move item consent agenda item #7 to a future work session. Commission Chair Maughan stated the contract has been signed, but that it needs to be ratified.

She gave a brief history of the Mud Springs Trail project and the match which was required of the county. The BLM has completed their portion in creating the trail. UDOT wants the road to be moved farther down the road. SITLA would not allow any construction until all their clearances were completed. The road department will provide in-kind contributions by grading the road and several parking spaces to bring the project to fruition.

Commission Vice-Chair Harvey spoke about the opportunity to work with Grand County, BLM, and to have an economic development tool be completed for the two races to occur this fall. The funding is from a federal grant, with SITLA, BLM, Grand County, and San Juan County being the beneficiaries of the award money.

Motion to approve all agenda items:

Motion made by Commissioner Vice-Chair Harvey, Seconded by Commissioner Stubbs.

Voting Yea: Commission Chair Maughan, Commissioner Vice-Chair Harvey, Commissioner Stubbs

1. Approval of \$14,616.14 in Small Purchases: \$5,154 on Ice Machine Replacement for the San Juan County Jail, \$8,245.91 on Turbo GP Bas and \$1,216.23 on Clutch, Fan Advantage for the Road Department
2. Approval of March 17, 2026, Commission Work Session Meeting Minutes
3. Approval of March 17, 2026, Commission Meeting Minutes
4. Approval of Single Event Local Consent Permit for Electric Honey Experience LLC Music Event in Pack Creek
5. Approval of the Check Registers March 7 through April 2, 2026
6. Approval of the 2025 San Juan County Fourth Year of the Four-Year Plan for Aging Services

7. Ratification of a Right-Of-Way Agreement between San Juan County and the State of Utah Trust Lands Administration for the Road Located in Spanish Valley Leading to the Mud Springs Trail Network
8. Approval of the Amendment #1 to the Standard Agreement for Architectural Services for the Children's Justice Center Building with AJC Architects. Samuel Long, Facilities Maintenance Director
9. Approval of the Appointment of Trevor Palmer to the San Juan County Water Conservancy District for a 4-Year Term
10. Approval of the Re-Appointment of Melissa Rigg for a 4-Year Term to the San Juan County Planning Commission
11. Ratification of the Letter of Support for SkyWest Airlines to Provide Commercial Air Service at Canyonlands Regional Airport (Moab, Utah)
12. Ratification of the Recapture Dam Improvements Funding for the San Juan Water Conservancy District

RECOGNITIONS, PRESENTATIONS, AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

13. Presentation of October 1 - December 31, 2025, Quarterly Financial

Time Stamp 0:27:06 (audio) & 0:28:55 (video)

Vicky Kuykendall, Chief Deputy Clerk, presented the 2025 Year-end Quarterly Financial Report. She covered the annual revenues and expenses. She reported that once the audit is completed, new audit adjusting entries will be recorded, thereby changing the reports.

14. Seven County Coalition Planning Presentation. Daniel Hawley, and Brian Barton, CEO Jones & DeMille Engineering, Inc

Time Stamp 0:38:30 (audio) & 0:40:21 (video)

Brian Barton, Jones & DeMille presented the background of the Rural Utah County Coalition. They focus on large, multi-county infrastructure projects for central & southeast counties. He is very supportive of taking the information to the residents.

Dan Holly, Jones & DeMille engineer, stated the coalition identified water projects that are designed to help the Utah chapterhouses with clean drinking water (funded by the Utah Navajo Water Settlement Agreement). They identified two water system areas, eastern & western. They created a GIS map identifying residents who do not have access to water, they must transport the water to their homes.

The Halchita water project has been identified as a high need. The funding for the water study came from the Utah Division of Water Quality. The study expects the improvements to cost as much as \$200,000,000. NTUA is studying the mineral levels in current water wells. Dan wants the study proposals to be distributed throughout the reservation and to have the residents contribute by having significant discussion about the project.

Commission Vice-Chair Harvey expressed his appreciation for former Senator Mitt Romney in securing the funding for the water settlement agreement. He wants the interests of the Navajo Nation (and NTUA) chapterhouses and the state of Utah to be in consensus and not divided. He is also concerned that the money should be managed by the state of Utah, and not the Navajo Nation. In addition, he wants the Utah Navajo Commission and the Utah Navajo Trust Fund leadership to be involved with the local planning.

Dr. Carma Clah, Aneth Chapterhouse President, wants to gain all the information she can for the project. She feels the residents have been bypassed in these important discussions. She stated the Navajo Nation wants to manage the overall funding, but she recommended that the state of Utah manages these funds.

Commissioner Stubbs said that the local communities want to ensure the money is managed by the state of Utah, and not the Navajo Nation. The water project which brought water to Westwater was a day of great rejoicing for her and the residents of the community.

BUSINESS/ACTION

15. Approval of the San Juan County Health Department Fiscal Year 2023 through 2027 Preventive Block Grant Between San Juan County and the State of Utah Department of Health and Human Services, Amendment #1. Mike Moulton, Public Health Interim Director

Time Stamp 1:19:08 (audio) & 1:20:57 (video)

Mike Moulton, Interim Public Health Director, presented the Utah Department of Health and Human Services Preventive Block Grant for the commission to review and approve.

Motion made by Commissioner Vice-Chair Harvey, Seconded by Commissioner Stubbs.
Voting Yea: Commission Chair Maughan, Commissioner Vice-Chair Harvey, Commissioner Stubbs

16. Approval of the San Juan Public Health Department Contract Between San Juan County and the State of Utah Department of Health and Human Services Fiscal Year 2023 through Fiscal Year 2027, Violence and Injury Prevention Program, Amendment #4. Mike Moulton, Public Health Interim Director

Time Stamp 1:20:30 (audio) & 1:22:19 (video)

Mike Moulton, Interim Public Health Director, presented the State of Utah Health and Human Services Violence and Injury Prevention Program Contract for the Commission to review and approve.

Motion made by Commissioner Vice-Chair Harvey, Seconded by Commissioner Stubbs.
Voting Yea: Commission Chair Maughan, Commissioner Vice-Chair Harvey, Commissioner Stubbs

17. Consideration and Approval of Letter of Comment on Forest Service Proposed Rule for Locatable Minerals. Nick Sandberg, Public Lands Coordinator

Time Stamp 1:21:09 (audio) & 1:22:58 (video)

Mack presented on behalf of Nick Sandberg, Public Lands Coordinator, a Letter of Comment on Forest Service Proposed Rule for Locatable Minerals for the commission to review and approve. He is concerned that the rule will adversely impact small mining operators.

Motion made by Commissioner Stubbs, Seconded by Commission Chair Maughan.
Voting Yea: Commission Chair Maughan, Commissioner Vice-Chair Harvey, Commissioner Stubbs

18. Consideration and Approval of the 2026 Emergency Drought Declaration. Tammy Gallegos, Emergency Manager

Time Stamp 1:29:58 (audio) & 1:31:47 (video)

Tammy Gallegos, Emergency Manager, presented the 2026 Emergency Drouth Declaration for the commission to review and approve.

Motion made by Commissioner Vice-Chair Harvey, Seconded by Commissioner Stubbs.
Voting Yea: Commission Chair Maughan, Commissioner Vice-Chair Harvey, Commissioner Stubbs

19. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2021-06 ESTABLISHING THE PURCHASE CARD USE POLICY WITHIN SAN JUAN COUNTY. Tranner Sharpe, Human Resources

Time Stamp 1:30:51 (audio) & 1:32:40 (video)

Tranner presented the Purchase Card Policy Ordinance (Amended) for the commission to review and approve.

Motion made by Commissioner Vice-Chair Harvey, Seconded by Commissioner Stubbs.
Voting Yea: Commission Chair Maughan, Commissioner Vice-Chair Harvey, Commissioner Stubbs

20. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION CLARIFYING THE COUNTY COMMISSION FORM OF GOVERNMENT AND THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE SAN JUAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS. Mitchell Maughan, County Attorney

Time Stamp 1:32:07 (audio) & 1:33:56 (video)

Mitch Maughan, County Attorney, presented the resolution clarifying county commission form of government and the governing authority of the county commissioners for the commission to review and approve. There was discussion regarding changes to commission assignments and administrative oversight of departments. Mitch stated, "the risk managers representing the county feel that we are not following commission leaderships roles as stated in state code."

There was a significant amount of discussion related to the "org chart" and how it is to be applied to the county departments and employees.

Motion to Accept the Resolution:

Motion made by Commissioner Vice-Chair Harvey, Seconded by Commission Chair Maughan.
Voting Yea: Commission Chair Maughan, Commissioner Vice-Chair Harvey
Voting Nay: Commissioner Stubbs

21. Consideration and Approval of the Updated Policies, Procedures, and Rules Governing the San Juan County Commission. Mitchell Maughan, County Attorney

Time Stamp 1:59:06 (audio) & 1:60:55 (video)

Motion to Postpone:

Motion made by Commissioner Vice-Chair Harvey, Seconded by Commissioner Stubbs.
Voting Yea: Commissioner Vice-Chair Harvey, Commissioner Stubbs

COMMISSION REPORTS

Time Stamp 2:02:10 (audio) & 2:03:59 (video)

Commissioner Stubbs thanked the community residents for their participation in the Easter programs held in Blanding & Monticello. She is working on housing development and realizes the shortage of housing is impeding the economic development of the county. Her attempt to secure funding for a van to transport patients to the hospital was denied at the federal level. She expressed her appreciation for the Seven County Coalition (Rural Utah Coalition) and their projects within the county. She mentioned that UDOT performed concrete repairs in the front of San Juan Theatre.

Commissioner Harvey highlighted the visit by the Utah Department of Energy Office to the towns of Bluff & Montezuma Creek. The meetings were facilitated by Logan Monson. The intent of the visit was to study the need to repair windows, crack in walls, and install insulation in Utah Navajo homes that meet certain conditions. He hopes the state of Utah preserves the awarded federal funding and allows the weatherization projects to be completed.

Commissioner Maughan spoke about attending the weatherization meeting with the state of Utah Department of Energy Office. She felt the state understood a little better of the need to provide these home weatherization repairs for the residents on the reservation. after the visit

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Time Stamp 2:17:13 (audio) & 2:18:58 (video)

The commission agreed to postpone the executive session until a future commission work session meeting.

22. Motion to Enter Into A Closed Executive Session for a Strategy Session to Discuss Potential Litigation as Permitted Under UCA 52-4-205.

ADJOURNMENT

Time Stamp 2:17:32 (audio) & 2:19:21 (video)

Motion to Adjourn:


Motion made by Commissioner Vice-Chair Harvey, Seconded by Commissioner Stubbs.
Voting Yea: Commission Chair Maughan, Commissioner Vice-Chair Harvey, Commissioner Stubbs

The Board of San Juan County Commissioners can call a closed meeting at any time during the Regular Session, if necessary, for reasons permitted under UCA 52-4-205

All agenda items shall be considered as having potential Commission action components and may be completed by an electronic method **In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing auxiliary communicative aids and services for this meeting should contact the San Juan County Clerk's Office: 117 South Main, Monticello or telephone 435-587-3223, giving reasonable notice**

APPROVED: 
San Juan County Board of County Commissioners

DATE: 4/21/26

ATTEST: 
San Juan County Clerk/Auditor

DATE: 4/21/26