

SANPETE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

June 16, 2026, 2:00 PM

Sanpete County Courthouse, 160 North Main, Suite 302, 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 Commissioner Jim Cheney. Pledge of allegiance is recited by all.

STACEY LYON: APPROVAL OF CLAIMS; APPROVAL OF FINANCES; APPROVAL TO PAY AMAZON BILL; APPROVAL TO PAY ABBOTT LAW FIRM INVOICE; APPROVAL TO PAY THE DATA CENTER INVOICE.

Auditor 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 checks #364362 through #364487 and, EFT's #428-#463. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Cheney. Vote by voice is taken: Commissioner Cheney votes aye, Commissioner Bartholomew votes yes, and Commissioner Bennett vote's 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 June 16th, 2026, is made by Commissioner Bennett. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Cheney, and the motion passes. Ms. Lyon states the invoice she is presenting is for the postage to mail disclosure notices. Motion is made by Commissioner Cheney to approve the payment of The Data Center invoice in the amount of \$12,065.00. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Bennett, and the motion passes. Ms. Lyon states the Amazon bill is for multiple departments and purchases. The bill she is presenting for payment includes two of the televisions and chairs in the commission room, as well as other random office supplies. Motion is made by Commissioner Bennett to approve the Amazon bill in the amount of \$4,750.13. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Cheney, and the motion passes. Commissioner Bartholomew questions why Kevin Daniels has to present his Amazon bill separately for approval. Ms. Lyon's states the bill for new desk's in the County Attorney's office was invoiced separately and it is specific to his office. The bill she presented is broken up between multiple offices. The last agenda item that she is presenting pertains to court mandated hearings and six individuals were listed on the invoice. Commissioner Bartholomew questions whether this is for inmates or individuals in the jail. Ms. Lyon explains it is a commitment hearing that the county has to pay for if an individual is arrested in another county but their residency shows in Sanpete. Motion is made by Commissioner Bennett to approve the Abbott Law Firm bill in the amount of \$2,400.00. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Cheney, and the motion passes.

TOM SEELY: DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL APPROVAL OF BIDS TO UPDATE THE WIRING IN THE SHOP.

Tom Seely presents the agenda item. Mr. Seely presents two bids for updating the wiring in the Road Department shop. The bids differ over twenty-thousand dollars. Commissioner Bartholomew suggests taking the lower bid but he requests that Tom reach out to the contractor

to verify the work bid out is what he expects. Motion is made by Commissioner Cheney to accept the bid from Custom Electric, for the Road Department building, in the amount of \$26,900.00. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Bartholomew. Vote by voice is taken: Commissioner Cheney votes aye, Commissioner Bartholomew votes aye and Commissioner Bennett abstains. Commissioner Bennett stated he has a conflict with the other bidding party.

APPROVAL OF RIGHT-OF-WAY EXCAVATION LICENSE FOR ROBERT HYDE/ HANDYMAN HYDE LLC TO INSTALL POWER IN 4" CONDUIT ALONGSIDE A COUNTY ROAD AND CROSSING THE ROAD; LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF SPRING CITY POND ROAD BEGINNING AT POWER POLE ON HIGHWAY 189 TO THE HYDE PROPERTY, PARCEL #26703.

Tom Seely has approved the application. Mr. Seely has spoken with the individuals regarding the application; they will come along the side of the road, the bond is in place and everything should be good. Motion is made by Commissioner Bennett to approve of the right-of-way excavation license for Robert Hyde to install 4" conduit alongside a county road, located on the south side of Spring City Pond Road beginning at power pole on Highway 189 to the Hyde property. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Cheney, and the motion passes. The excavation license is signed by Commissioner Bartholomew.

APPROVAL OF RIGHT-OF-WAY APPLICATION FOR JENNIFER WILLSON REPRESENTING FEISTY LLC TO INSTALL UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS AT MARIANNE ESTATES, APPROXIMATELY 10940 WEST 9300 SOUTH, CENTERFIELD.

Tom Seely has approved the application. Mr. Seely explains this application is by Dyreng's Dairy and it will be below the asphalt. They will be crossing with the sewer and possibly gas, he is not sure. The work will be done in the dirt to get the services to the subdivision. Motion is made by Commissioner Cheney to approve the right-of-way application for Jennifer Willson representing Feisty LLC to install utility improvements at Marianne Estates, approximately 10940 West 9300 South, Centerfield. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Bennett, and the motion passes. The excavation license is signed by Commissioner Bartholomew.

SHERIFF JARED BUCHANAN: APPROVAL TO PAY ADVANCED EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TECH FOR TRAINING APPROVAL TO PAY MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS FOR LICENSE PLATE READER; APPROVAL TO PAY LEXIS NEXIS FOR ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION; APPROVAL TO HIRE SIONE CASTRO AS A JAIL DEPUTY; APPROVAL TO HIRE RYAN YOU AS A PART TIME JAIL DEPUTY.

Sheriff Buchanan is not in attendance of the meeting today. Sergeant Keith Jensen presents the agenda items. Sergeant Jensen explains the first agenda item is for Haz-Mat training that will be paid for with a grant. The training is offered by a company out of Sigurd and the training has already taken place. Commissioner Bennett states this has already been approved a couple of months ago. Motion is made by Commissioner Bennett to approve the Advanced Emergency Management Tech invoice for Hazmat training in the amount of \$4,000.00. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Cheney, and the motion passes. The next agenda item is to purchase a license plate reader to track felons and stolen vehicles and will come out of the task force grant. The Commissioners believe this item was also approved previously. Sergeant Jensen states that they already have one; this would be to purchase a second one. Motion is made by Commissioner Cheney to approve the payment to Motorola Solutions for a license plate reader in the amount of \$4,704.50. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Bennett, and the motion passes. Lexis Nexis is the software the Sheriff's office uses for

resolutions. It is also used by the task force to track and monitor suspects and run background investigations. This will also be paid out of the task force grant. Motion is made by Commissioner Cheney to approve the payment to Lexis Nexis for the annual subscription in the amount of \$7,056.00. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Bennett, and the motion passes. Sione Castro will enter the academy on the 13th of July. Motion is made by Commissioner Bennett to approve hiring the Jail Deputy Sione Castro at Grade 5, Step 6, at \$26.22 an hour, effective 6/22/2026. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Cheney, and the motion passes. Ryan You was hired out of the jail, into patrol and then he got injured right when he entered the academy. They had filled the position in the jail so Ryan You resigned but they have a part-time opening that they would like to hire Ryan to fill. Motion is made by Commissioner Bennett to approve Ryan You as a part-time jail deputy; from \$30.62 patrol moved to \$26.22 as part-time jail wage, effective 6/22/2026. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Cheney, and the motion passes.

DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL APPROVAL OF AN ANNUAL FEE SCHEDULE FOR MUNICIPALITIES WITHIN SANPETE COUNTY FOR PARTICIPATION AND USE OF THE MY CITY INSPECT ONLINE PROGRAM AS A MODULE LINK ON THE CURRENT COUNTY BUILDING DEPARTMENTS OPERATING PROGRAM, FOR CITY ZONING APPLICATIONS, PERMITS, BUSINESS LICENSES, ETC. THE ANNUAL FEE SCHEDULE WOULD BE INTEGRATED INTO EACH INDIVIDUAL CITIES SANPETE COUNTY INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT.

Scott Olsen presents the agenda item. Mr. Olsen has a proposed fee schedule but the Commissioners did not receive a copy. Mr. Olsen shares his copy with the Commissioners. Mr. Olsen has spoken with every city manager or recorder about the approval to use the portal for building and zoning approvals. He determined the cost per city based on their population. He is requesting approval of the fee schedule today and then the cities can decide whether to opt in or not. The cost per city ranges from \$200-\$500. Manti City is willing to pay the fee and access the portal. It will be convenient for contractors to access one site for multiple cities. Motion is made by Commissioner Bennett to approve the Annual Fee Schedule for municipalities within Sanpete County for participation and use of the My City Inspect online program. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Cheney, and the motion passes.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE SIGNING FOR A 4-LOT SUBDIVISION (ASGARD SUBDIVISION) APPLICATION BY THOR BJARNSON. THE PROPOSED SUBDIVISION IS LOCATED SOUTH OF MORONI IN THE AGRICULTURE ZONE. LOT-1 5.00 ACRES, LOT-2 6.00 ACRES, LOT-3 5.00 ACRES AND LOT-4 5.00 ACRES. PARCEL #S-25634X3; DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE SIGNING FOR A 7-LOT SUBDIVISION (WEST HAVEN SUBDIVISION) APPLICATION BY DALE LEWIS. THE PROPOSED SUBDIVISION IS LOCATED EAST OF WALES IN THE AGRICULTURE ZONE. LOT-1 9.63 ACRES, LOT-2 9.63 ACRES, LOT-3 9.20 ACRES, LOT-4 9.53 ACRES, LOT-5 9.86 ACRES, LOT-6 8.59 ACRES, LOT-7 8.96 ACRES. PARCEL #S-25809 AND S-25827; DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REGARDING A MORATORIUM ON DEVELOPMENT ALONG PINE CREEK RANCH ROAD (WHISPERING PINES); DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REGARDING A MORATORIUM ON SOLAR FARM DEVELOPMENTS.

Heidi Sorensen presents the agenda items. Ms. Sorensen states the applicant has completed the application process and has been approved by the Planning Commission, County Recorder

and Address Coordinator. The application is for a small subdivision and they have two wells. Motion is made by Commissioner Bennett to approve the signing of a 4-lot subdivision (Asgard Subdivision) application by Thor Bjarnson, parcel #S-25634x3. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Cheney, and the motion passes. Ms. Sorensen states Dale Lewis has completed the application process and it has been approved by the Planning Commission, County Recorder and Address Coordinator. Motion is made by Commissioner Cheney to approve the signing of the 7-lot subdivision (West Haven Subdivision) application by Dale Lewis, Parcel's #S-25809 and S-25827. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Bennett, and the motion passes. Ms. Sorensen states the concerns in regards to the Pine Creek Ranch Road has been brought up in Planning Commission and County Commission meetings many times regarding the Twin Oaks Subdivision and the lack of two ingress or egress accesses. The concern is that development continues to expand and the road is becoming an issue. Ms. Sorensen consulted with Kevin Daniels and his recommendation was to consult with the Planning Commission and County Commissioners. The Planning Commission recommended a moratorium from Mt. Pleasant City limits. The last road study on that road was in August of 2021. The average daily traffic at the time of the traffic study was 1,056. Commissioner Bartholomew mentions the new WUI standards require egress. Commissioner Cheney speaks of a fire last fall at the softball fields that shut the whole road down. Commissioner Bennett states a six month moratorium can be placed but they will need to be actively working towards a resolution to fix the problem. Ms. Sorensen states the first thing that needs to be done is a new road study to get updated numbers. Ms. Sorensen states this moratorium would not affect lots that are already approved or grandfathered lots. Scott Olsen states there are approximately 800 lots that have already been approved on that road. Tom Seely explains this is one of the busiest roads in the County and a solution of how to address the issue of only one egress and ingress needs to be resolved. Mr. Olsen has discussed this road issue with the Mayor and Manager in Mt. Pleasant City and their concern extends to 700 South as well. Commissioner Bartholomew questions who is going to pay for the road study. Mr. Olsen does not know the cost to determine whether or not his budget could cover it. They believe the Planning and Zoning or Building Department could cover the cost if it is in the \$5,000.00 range. Discussion ensues regarding the dangers of only having one escape route. The Commissioners would like the submission of bids to perform a road study before awarding the contract. Discussion ensues regarding the area to be considered for the moratorium. Motion is made by Commissioner Bennett to impose a moratorium for the period of six months, for any development up Pine Creek Road, which includes any subdivision that accesses Pine Creek Road, has access off Pine Creek Road from the Mt. Pleasant City boundary south; no building development unless a building permit was issued prior to June 16th, 2026. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Cheney, and the motion passes. The next agenda item is another issue discussed in Planning & Zoning that is not addressed in the current ordinance. By placing a moratorium on the development of solar farms, it would allow Planning and Zoning the time needed to address the potential of solar farms in the future. This would be for utility scale solar farms only; not residential or domestic systems. Commissioner Bennett inquired if the minimum acreage was five-acres but Ms. Sorensen did not recall an acreage specification. Ms. Sorensen reads a definition of utility scale solar. Motion is made by Commissioner Bennett to put a moratorium on solar farm development that will exclude any residential solar; the moratorium is for commercial solar only, for a period of six months. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Cheney, and the motion passes. The Mylar's for the two subdivisions are signed by Commissioner Scott Bartholomew, County Clerk Linda

Christiansen and County Attorney Kevin Daniels.

Tom Seely asked Kevin Daniels to review a document and Mr. Daniels gives feedback to Mr. Seely on corrections that need to be made.

Beau Lund arrives in the meeting to make adjustments to the sound system in hopes to reduce some of the echo issues with the microphones.

STACEY CARLISLE: RATIFY APPROVAL TO HIRE CARMEN OAKLEY FOR THE MORONI SENIOR NUTRITION DRIVER POSITION; RATIFY APPROVAL TO HIRE BROOK ROBBINS FOR THE MANTI SENIOR NUTRITION DRIVER POSITION.

Stacey Carlisle presents the agenda items. Motion is made by Commissioner Cheney to ratify the approval to hire Carmen Oakley for the Senior Nutrition Driver position at the rate of \$17.93, effective June 11th. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Bennett, and the motion passes. Motion is made by Commissioner Bennett to ratify the approval to hire Brook Robbins for the Meals on Wheels driver for Manti Senior Nutrition, at \$17.93 per hour, effective today, (June 16th) upon passing tests. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Cheney, and the motion passes.

BRYAN T. BIES: DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL APPROVAL OF DELTA FIRE 5 YEAR INSPECTION PROPOSAL; DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL APPROVAL OF QUOTE FOR BLINDS IN MULTIPLE ROOMS IN THE COURTHOUSE.

Bryan T. Bies presents the agenda items. Mr. Bies explains a fire inspection took place last year but a lot of things were not taken care of. After the insurance inspection, he realized the fire inspection is required so he notified the Commissioners. Some of the things that need to take place are; a flush of the main line (there is an obstruction in the line of the sally port), a leaking valve needs to be replaced, sprinkler heads on the main floor need to be painted and a few minor fixes. Motion is made by Commissioner Bennett to approve the Delta Fire 5 Year inspection proposal in the amount of \$7,980.00. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Cheney, and the motion passes. Mr. Bies also addresses the need for blinds in the Commission Room, Justice Court Room, Auditor and Treasurer Offices. He has a bid from Blind Masters. Commissioner Cheney inquires if he received a bid from anyone else. Mr. Bies states Blind Masters currently does the cleaning of all of the blinds in the building and he only received the one bid. Discussion ensues regarding other contractors in the area. The Commissioners would like at least one more bid. Bryan Bies is happy to get more bids. He understands the need for blinds in the Commission Room is to decrease glare on the T.V.'s and questions if they want to try a tint on the windows first. They are ok with trying that and it would be a cheaper option.

KEVIN DANIELS: APPROVAL TO PAY AMAZON INVOICE #1PD4-YPYN-XT1T.

Kevin Daniels presents the agenda item. Mr. Daniels states the girls in his office needed new desks and side cabinets. Motion is made by Commissioner Bennett to approve the Amazon invoice for furniture in the County Attorney's office in the amount of \$2,313.39. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Cheney, and the motion passes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

County Clerk Linda Christiansen states the work meeting minutes are ready for approval but the last

Commission Meeting minutes are not. Motion is made by Commissioner Cheney to approve the work meeting minutes from May 28, 2026. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Bennett, and the motion passes.

Motion is made by Commissioner Cheney to go into closed session to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation and the character and professional competency of an employee. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Bennett, and the motion passes. Vote by voice is taken: Commissioner Cheney votes aye, Commissioner Bartholomew votes yes, and Commissioner Bennett vote's aye. 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.

No action was necessary due to this closed session.

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

The meeting is adjourned at 3:23 P.M.

ATTEST: 
Linda Christiansen
Sanpete County Clerk

APPROVED: 
Scott Bartholomew
Commission Chair