

SANPETE COUNTY COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

June 30, 2026, 6:00 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, County Clerk Linda Christiansen and E911 Supervisor Neil Johnson.

Meeting is called to order by Commission Chair Scott Bartholomew.

PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS A POTENTIAL RESOLUTION TO ASK REGISTERED VOTERS IN THE UPCOMING GENERAL ELECTION WHETHER SANPETE COUNTY SHALL IMPOSE A HEALTHCARE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES - INCLUDING E911 SYTEM - SALES AND USE TAX TO BE USED, AS ALLOWED, BY STATE STATUTE.

Commissioner Scott Bartholomew turns the time over to Commissioner Mike Bennett. Commissioner Bennett explains the purpose of the meeting is to put the Rural Health Tax on the ballot. The County will be requesting 1% on prepared foods, certain bundled foods and merchandise may be taxable, most non-food related purchases would be subject to the 1% tax. This will help the County make up the difference with mandated requirements regarding E911 services. Neil Johnson, County Dispatch Supervisor explains the mandates that Commissioner Bennett referred to. Mr. Johnson states the first mandate is the requirement of a two-person dispatch center. Sanpete is currently a one-person dispatch center. The next mandate is regarding the CAD systems being able to communicate with all of the CAD systems in the State. Sanpete will need to purchase a new CAD system to meet that requirement which will add a cost of \$175,000.00 to the budget. The budget has already increased considerably over the last year. Commissioner Bennett states the tax will hopefully generate approximately \$450,000.00 to \$500,000.00 in revenue to support the dispatch center. One positive statistic regarding the tax is the estimation of 22% of the tax collected will be from visitors to the County. Therefore, the burden does not fall solely on the residents. Commissioner Bartholomew states the meeting is a public hearing and inquires to those present if anyone has questions, concerns or would like to speak regarding the proposed tax. No public comment is made. Kevin Daniels prepared the DRAFT Resolution and he notes the font is not consistent in the document. Mr. Daniels notes the Resolution will be numbered at the time of the signing which will be in August; if it is enacted. Mr. Daniels reads the prepared document. County Clerk Linda Christiansen states the potential date of the Commission Meeting that the Resolution will be presented is August 18th. Commissioner Bartholomew explains the Commission is requesting the tax is placed on the ballot and there has been much consideration in this matter. The County has participated in many meetings with the Mayor's and other County officials in Sanpete County and the consensus is that this would be the best option to pay for the increased costs. Commissioner Bartholomew gives another opportunity for the public to comment. No public comment is made. Commissioner Bartholomew states again that this public hearing is a step forward to get the tax on the ballot. Kevin Daniels states there will be additional meetings. Kevin Daniels clarifies they are not adopting the Resolution today; this is the public hearing to state they are proposing a Resolution to put the tax on the ballot. Commissioner Bartholomew gives the late-comers to the meeting one more chance to

make a comment. No public comment is made. Motion is made by Commissioner Bennett to close the public hearing. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Cheney, and the motion passes.

The public hearing is adjourned at 6:16 P.M.

ATTEST: 

Linda Christiansen
Sanpete County Clerk

APPROVED: 

Scott Bartholomew
Commission Chair