

Sanpete Landfill/Mayor and Commissioners Meeting
Sterling Town Hall
May 14, 2026

Attending: Mayor Chris Larsen, Mayor Warner, Mayor Wignall, Mayor Wintch, Mayor Good, Mayor Olsen, Mayor Penrod, Comm. Bartholomew, Mayor Leatherwood, Comm Bennett, Jake Nielsen/Landfill Administrator, Melissa/Treasurer, Sheila Bringham/Secretary, Gary/Financial Office via Zoom, Congressman Owens and Holly, Cade/R6, Gary/Senator Lee, Sheriff Buchannan, Neil Johnson/Dispatch Supervisor.

Welcome to Sterling by Mayor Wignall. A prayer was offered and dinner was served.

Chairman Leatherwood opened the meeting

R/6 Cade reported on the good turnout for the Regional Summit on May 6th at the Sevier Valley center with a good turnout of 290 participants. A lot of good feedback about the information given. We also will be hosting a R6 Golf tournament on June 18th.

Workbooks will be sent out to each city or town clerk to work on some of the hot topics such as Nuclear Energy, Hazard Mitigation,

Senator Lee/Gary Webster reports that the Senator was in China last week to prepare for President Trump's visit.

The Senator is on the Energy and Natural Resources which oversees federal coal, oil, gas, and mineral leasing, territorial policy, public lands, and water resources. He was pleased to hear the forest service relocated to Utah. He thinks Tom Shultz will do a good job overseeing it.

There will be some expansion to the Oil and Gas use on federal land.

The Narrows project to make Gooseberry's Narrows State Park is supported by Senator Lee.

Congressman Owens/Holly echoes the help of Senator Lee to our state.

Congressman Owens is hopeful about the Gooseberry Narrows State Park project as well. It is long overdue to get this dispute settled.

Mt. Pleasant was awarded one of the grants that will fund their Fire Station.

Moroni City received one for their drinking water improvements

Fairview City will receive one for drinking water

Ephraim City is on the docket and getting closer to their grant

If anyone has any future plans for projects be sure to contact their office and get started in the process.

A big thanks to Congressman Owens and his staff to help these cities in our county to receive funding.

Landfill Business

Jake reported on the Scale rebuild. Fairbanks will begin demolishing/rebuilding a S-type scale at White Hills Landfill on May 26th. The process is expected to take 3 weeks. Jake will spend some nights cleaning out the dirt in the scale foundation.

Tonnage for April 2026 was at 2857 tons.

We continue to have a problem with metal in the waste. Need to be sure to separate it before taking it to the landfill. We need to be able to recycle it as much as possible

Please be mindful with your spring clean ups of the separation of the metal.

Fire at White Hills The morning of April 29th, Jake received a call from Gunnison Fire Department regarding a fire at the White Hills Landfill. He arrived on site roughly around 6:15 AM. He advised the fire department not to spray water on the face of the landfill. They complemented the operator's work of keeping the face as small as possible. Don Perry and Mason Perry arrived at 6:45 to put out the fire with their equipment. They had it completed in about 20 minutes.

The landfill eliminated the 2,000 lbs free per month over 12 months ago. We still have had some people drive off without paying. Since we have reached the 1 year mark the license plate of the vehicles without paying has been recorded. Jake has notified the Sheriff's office. A deputy has reached out to them and they have come back to pay.

IT BID- with our Risk assessment and Fraud prevention guidelines we feel it is necessary to request a bid for IT services. Jake will get a bid out as soon as possible so we can review applications.

Jake also asked us to think about ending the current Landfill Contractor's Contract. It was felt that we can have local workers work at both landfills and have them become Landfill employees. We have the option for benefits as well. Something to think about as the current contract can be ended without issue.

Gary, our Financial Officer gave a report about our recent Audit. (via Zoom)

The Independent Audit was completed by Squire Auditors, who combined with former Auditors Hinton and Berdick, for the calendar year 2025.

- Total net position \$1,749,616 end of 2025
- Change in net position \$231,573 end of 2025
- No significant deficiencies in our practices
- One issue we had was categorizing UPL Collections in Office Expenses, this will be fixed.
- Liability to the Landfill Closure. It has to be calculated for the future and put aside if needed. The estimate of \$243,000 to close it needs to be available as needed. It has to be kept in a separate account and that is done.
- Favorable outcome with the Audit.
- State Compliant with no issues

Chairman Leatherwood asked for a motion by Mayor Mary Wintch and 2nd by Mayor Wanner to approve the Check Registry (04/01/2026 to 04/30/2026) as outlined in an attachment sent to each member and to have a "Roll Call" for it:

Mayor Mary Wintch	yes
Mayor Michael Wanner	yes
Mayor Travis Good	yes
Mayor Michael Olsen	yes
Mayor Travis Leatherwood	yes

Mayor Paul Penrod	yes
Mayor Zeb Wignall	yes
Mayor Michale Olsen	yes
Comm. Scott Bartholomew	yes

Unanimous vote by Roll Call to approve the Check Registry for April 2026

Travis wants to combine all our accounts to be with State Bank. They have offered a 1/2% interest rate higher than the previous bank. They will all be at State Bank but have separate accounts as needed.

Motion: To combine all of the Sanpete Landfill Co-op banking accounts to be at State Bank of Southern Utah the Gunnison Branch by Mayor Wanner.

Seconded: Mayor Good

Vote: The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Chairman Leatherwood has seen the extra work our landfill employees have done and would like to propose raises to the following and have a vote for each one.

Jake, Landfill Administrator, an increase to \$2,750 a month

Motion: To increase Jake, Landfill Administrator to \$2,750 per Month by Comm. Bartholomew

Seconded: by Mayor Wignall

Vote: The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Melissa, Landfill Treasurer, an increase to \$2,500 a month

Motion: To increase Melissa, Landfill treasurer to \$2,500 per month by Mayor Penrod

Seconded: by Mayor Wanner

Vote: The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Sheila, Landfill Secretary, Chairman Leatherwood proposed an increase to \$750 a month . Mayor Penrod asked that it be increased to \$800 per month

Motion: To increase Sheila, Landfill Secretary to \$800 per month by Mayor Penrod

Seconded: by Mayor Wanner

Vote: The motion passed by unanimous vote

Commissioner Bennett addressed the E911 money needed to help fund Sanpete County 911/Dispatch. Other counties have proposed this Rural Health Tax and it is working well in their counties. He proposed a 1% sales tax be added as a Rural Health Tax on Restaurant and Fast foods. When we have visitors from outside our county eat at our local restaurants it will benefit this tax, as well as local citizens. Sanpete County Clerk Linda Christiansen and Sanpete County Auditor Stacy Lyon helped to put this together. It was proposed that we need to approve this by tonight so that it will be advertised in the paper next week. There was some discussion about it but this proposal seems to be the fairest one for all.

Mayor Leatherwood asked for a proposal to add the 1% "Rural Health Tax" sales tax on Restaurant and Fast foods be voted on tonight so it can be placed on the ballot in the upcoming election. It has to be advertised in the newspaper this week. More information to come about the committee with input from the North, Central and South county members to oversee that it is working for our county.

Motion: To add the 1% Rural Health Tax on Restaurants and Fast Foods to fund the E911 system in Sanpete County by Mayor Good

Seconded: by Mayor Penrod

Vote: The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Mayor Wintch asked for a simple fact sheet about this E911 Rural Health Tax, that we can present to our citizens in our cities and towns. It was decided that we could **meet again May 28th @ 8 PM in the Sanpete Event Center in Manti**. The County Clerk and County Auditor would be there to help put together a handout so we are all on the same page and giving out the same information about this E911 Rural Health Tax.

Mayor Leatherwood asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the April 9th meeting.

Motion: To approve the minutes from the April 9th meeting by Mayor Wintch.

Seconded: Mayor Wanner

Vote: The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Our next meeting will be hosted by Spring Clty on June 11, 2026. More information to come.

The meeting was adjourned.