

SANPETE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

July 21, 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 Cade Penney. Pledge of allegiance is recited by all.

PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AND POTENTIALLY RECOMMEND FOR APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE CHANGES TO THE SANPETE COUNTY LAND USE ORDINANCE AND SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE. THE ITEMS ARE AS FOLLOWED: 14.76.365 WILDLAND URBAN INTERFACE CODE (WUI) AND AMENDMENTS, REMOVE \$500.00 REFUND AND ADD OPTIONS OF CLASS 2 AND CLASS 3 CLARIFICATION; ADD DEFINITIONS IN LAND USE ORDINANCE 14.12.020 FOR, SERVICE RANCH, PRIVATE LANDING STRIP AND BUNKHOUSE; ADD PRIVATE LANDING STRIP IN LAND USE ORDINANCE 14.26.010 LAND USE CLASSIFICATION MATRIX; IN SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE 13.20.030 SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS, ADD SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FROM 2019 ORDINANCE 13.24.070, ITEMS J, K, M, N, O; AND IN SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE 13.34.010 DRY SUBDIVISIONS, CHANGE 3.O. SKYLINE MOUNTAIN RESORT AREA 2 AND 3 (AS DEFINED IN 2026 SMSSD WATER PLAN).

Commission Chair Scott Bartholomew inquires to the public whether anyone desires to make a public comment. Commissioner Bartholomew mentions the sign in sheet for the public hearing has two names on it but both indicate they do not request the opportunity to speak. Commissioner Bennett states he would like to push the approval of the landing strip back to the Planning & Zoning Board to establish more specific requirements within the ordinance; such as setbacks, not just a definition. No public comment is made, the public hearing is closed.

VOTE ON ORDINANCE CHANGES TO THE SANPETE COUNTY LAND USE ORDINANCE AND SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE AS STATED IN THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Commissioner Cheney verifies that the motion will include the definition of a landing strip. Commissioner Bennett agrees that the definition can be accepted but he wants the stipulations and processes to be determined for a landing strip by the Planning & Zoning Board before it is added to the matrix. Motion is made by Commissioner Bennett to approve the ordinance changes to the Sanpete County Land Use Ordinance and Subdivision Ordinance as stated in the public hearing, with the exception of the private landing strip, the definition is accepted but the process to develop an ordinance needs to be kicked back to Planning & Zoning. 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.

APPROVAL OF THE DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY WITHIN SANPETE COUNTY, UTAH, ARISING FROM FLOODING IN AND AROUND THE TOWN OF FAYETTE, PURSUANT TO THE UTAH EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ACT.

Commissioner Bennett reads the declaration of emergency; Proclamation No. 2026-0721.

Motion is made by Commissioner Cheney to approve of the Declaration of Local Emergency within Sanpete County, specifically the Town of Fayette. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Bennett, and the motion passes. Commissioner Bartholomew tells his experience of the day when the flood in Fayette occurred.

STACEY LYON: APPROVAL OF CLAIMS; APPROVAL OF FINANCES

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 payment of checks #364606 through #364672 and EFT's #516-#545. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Cheney, and the motion passes. No questions or concerns are voiced in regards to the finances. Motion to approve the finances as of July 21, 2026 is made by Commissioner Bennett. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Cheney, and the motion passes.

APPROVAL OF RIGHT-OF-WAY APPLICATION FOR S.G. MAYNE EXCAVATION TO INSTALL 3" POWER CONDUIT THROUGH ROAD. CENTRACOM WILL BORE UNDER THE ROAD WHICH IS LOCATED ON THE EAST END OF SOUTH GUNNISON RESERVOIR RD, STERLING.

Road Supervisor Tom Seely is unable to attend the meeting but he had signed the application as approved. Boston Bown verified with Commissioner Bennett that everything is good to proceed. Motion is made by Commissioner Cheney to approve the right-of-way application for S.G. Mayne Excavation to install 3" power conduit through the road, east end of South Gunnison Reservoir Rd, Sterling. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Bennett, and the motion passes.

TALISHA JOHNSON: DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL APPROVAL OF PAYMENT FOR SERVICES RELATED TO THE REVIEW OF THE RURAL UTAH INFRASTRUCTURE COALITION LOCAL ENTITY PLAT.

County Recorder Talisha Johnson presents the agenda item. Ms. Johnson explains that Ryan Savage spoke to her regarding the review of the Rural Utah Infrastructure Coalition Local Entity Plat. The County Recorder's office has contracted with Mr. Savage on other projects. Ms. Johnson inquires as to which budget this payment will come from. Ms. Johnson does not have an invoice yet but Mr. Savage did state the cost will be around one thousand dollars. Commissioner Bartholomew states the funds can be taken from his budget if she does not have funding available. No motion is made.

SHERIFF JARED BUCHANAN: APPROVAL TO MOVE DEPUTY AL GARDNER FROM FULL TIME TO PART TIME; APPROVAL TO PAY TARGET PEST CONTROL FOR BUILDING BAT CONTROL; APPROVAL TO PAY DIAMOND DRUGS INC. FOR MEDICATION.

Sheriff Jared Buchanan presents the agenda items. Sheriff Buchanan explains Deputy Al Gardner retired after 38 years in law enforcement. Deputy Gardner is such an asset to the department in many ways but his knowledge with the radios and towers is invaluable. The sheriff has reviewed the current contract with the radio technician and he feels it is best to go to a part-time contracted employee with Al Gardner. Deputy Gardner has agreed to the offer and terms. Sheriff Buchanan has spoken with Commissioner Bennett and Commissioner Cheney

regarding the hourly rate of \$30.00. Deputy Gardner is unable to exceed a set number of hours a year; he believes it is around 600 hours and Deputy Gardner will be well below that. The budget line for this request is 10-4215-120. Sheriff Buchanan expresses the benefit of hiring Deputy Gardner in this role and explains some of the upcoming responsibilities. The agenda request sent to the Commissioners indicates the wage is \$36.25; Sheriff Buchanan corrected the amount on the approval to be signed. Motion is made by Commissioner Bennett to move Patrol Deputy Al Gardner to part-time to take care of the radios for the Sheriff's office EMS, effective date 7/18/2026, at an hourly rate of \$30.00, not to exceed \$20,000.00 per year. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Cheney, and the motion passes. In previous years, the Sheriff's office has experienced bat issues in the building. Bats are a huge issue and should not be anywhere near the jail. One bat has been detected this year. They hired Target Pest Control to seal all of the holes, make sure no bats were left behind and the invoice includes a ten year warranty. Motion is made by Commissioner Cheney to approve to pay the invoice to Target Pest Control in the amount of \$7,300.00. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Bennett, and the motion passes. The last item is an invoice for medication that was purchased for one inmate. When an inmate is in the County's care, they must provide medical care. Motion is made by Commissioner Bennett to approve of the Diamond Drugs invoice for inmate #926181, in the amount of \$10,473.42. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Cheney, and the motion passes. The approval submission that was amended by the Sheriff is signed by Commissioner Bartholomew.

KATIE WITT & CHERRIE GREEN REPRESENTING SANPETE COUNTY ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY ADVISORY BOARD: APPROVAL OF REMAINING COMPETITIVE BUSINESS GRANT APPLICATION WINNERS.

Katie Witt and Cherrie Green are present. Katie Witt presents the agenda item. Ms. Witt states they are here representing the board to request approval of awarding two additional businesses for the grant. The businesses are L5 Suppression Services and Temple Ridge RV Park and Campground. L5 is the only business in the county that provides the services that they do; such as fire extinguisher certification and repair. Temple Ridge RV Park and Campground is under new management and they plan on doing renovations and additions to the property in hopes to bring visitors to Sanpete County. L5 requested \$10,000.00 and Temple Ridge requested \$24,000.00. Commissioner Bartholomew inquires as to whether all of the grant funding will be spoken for with today's approvals. Ms. Witt responds no; they will carry over the remaining amount to next year. Motion is made by Commissioner Bennett to approve of awarding L5 Suppression Services \$10,000.00 and Temple Ridge RV & Campground \$20,000.00 from the Economic Opportunity Advisory Board. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Cheney, and the motion passes.

JENNY WILLIAMS: APPROVAL TO PURCHASE THREE (3) PRINTERS FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN BOOKING, PROBATION/ SECRETARY AND THE SQUAD ROOM.

Jenny Williams presents the agenda items. Ms. Williams requests the purchase of three printers that will be managed by Les Olson IT. The invoice she presented represents a two year price agreement with Les Olson IT. The purchase of the printers is needed and the amount is available within the budget. Motion is made by Commissioner Bennett to approve the purchase of three printers for the Sheriff's office from Les Olson IT, in the amount of \$9,468.57. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Cheney, and the motion passes.

KEVIN CHRISTENSEN: DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL APPROVAL OF SIGNING THE UTAH RTP GRANT CONTRACT; APPROVAL TO PURCHASE DOZER.

Kevin Christensen presents the agenda items. Mr. Christensen had spoken with the Commissioners regarding the dozer bids prior to the meeting. Mr. Christensen reports the quoted price for the 2024 model is the same price as the 2026 and they do have one available. Commissioner Bennett mentions Mr. Christensen and Tom Seely felt the CAT was a good purchase for convenience but he feels the difference of \$7,000.00 between the two bids does not justify spending more. Motion is made by Commissioner Bennett to approve of and sign the Utah RTP Grant contract. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Cheney, and the motion passes. Motion is made by Commissioner Bennett to approve of the purchase of a 2026 John Deere 650p in the amount of \$195,928.95. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Cheney, and the motion passes. Commissioner Bennett states for the record; the Wheeler CAT dozer bid amount is \$202,000.00. Commissioner Bartholomew signs the contract and Mr. Christensen will also send an electronic copy to the County Clerk to sign electronically. Commissioner Bennett states the Utah RTP Grant amount is \$179,500.00 and the County pays the remaining balance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No questions or concerns are voiced regarding the minutes. Motion is made by Commissioner Bennett to approve the minutes from the 7/7/2026 meeting. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Cheney, and the motion passes.

Motion is made by Commissioner Bennett to go into closed session to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation or the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Cheney. Vote by voice is taken: Commissioner Cheney votes aye, Commissioner Bennett votes yes, and Commissioner Bartholomew votes yes. The vote is unanimous and the motion passes.

Commissioner Bartholomew states the closed session is scheduled for 3:30 PM. They will take a break until the scheduled time of the closed session.

CLOSED SESSION

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 3:58 P.M.

ATTEST: 

Linda Christiansen
Sanpete County Clerk

APPROVED: 

Scott Bartholomew
Commission Chair