



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
117 South Main Street, Monticello, Utah 84535. Commission Chambers
July 21, 2026, at 11:00 AM

MINUTES

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AUDIO: <https://www.utah.gov/pmn/files/1465119.MP3>

VIDEO: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WECdfi3SEVE>

CALL TO ORDER

Time Stamp 0:00:01 (audio) & 0:01:26 (video)

Commission Chair Lori Maughan called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Time Stamp 0:00:10 (audio) & 0:01:35 (video)

Commission Chair Lori Maughan called for attendance:

PRESENT

Lori Maughan, Chair

Jamie Harvey, Vice-Chair

Silvia Stubbs, Commissioner

STAFF

Lyman W. Duncan, Clerk/Auditor

Jens Nielson, Deputy County Attorney

INVOCATION

Time Stamp 0:00:21 (audio) & 0:01:36 (video)

Steve Lengler, resident of Blanding, offered the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Time Stamp 0:01:38 (audio) & 0:03:03 (video)

Silvia Stubbs, resident of Blanding, led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE

Time Stamp 0:02:11 (audio) & 0:03:36 (video)

Commission Chair Lori Maughan asked each Commissioner if they had any conflicts of interest with today's agenda. Each affirmed they did not have any conflicts.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Time Stamp 0:02:22 (audio) & 0:03:47 (video)

Public comments will be accepted through the following Zoom Meet link

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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.

Commission Chair Lori Maughan read the below notice to the audience and then proceeded to open the meeting for any in-person and online public comment.

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.

Steve Pearson, resident of the county, is concerned about the terrible condition of the school bus routes and roads. The roads need repair, and it seems the Navajo Nation Department of Transportation is not keeping up with the roads.

Ed Williamson, from Spanish Valley, is concerned with the rate of the building construction being allowed in his residential area. He has gathered signatures protesting the commercial over-night construction of more buildings.

CONSENT AGENDA (Routine Matters) Lori Maughan, County 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 0:15:06 (audio) & 0:16:31 (video)

Commission Chair Lori Maughan presented the Consent Agenda for the Commission to review and approve:

Motion made by Commissioner Stubbs, Seconded by Commission Chair Maughan.

Voting Yea: Commission Chair Maughan, Commissioner Stubbs

1. Approval of July 7, 2026, Commission Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of June 16, 2026, Commission Meeting Minutes
3. Approval of the Check Register May 23 through July 3, 2026
4. Approval of the Check Register July 4 through 16, 2026
5. Approval of the Appointment of Ricky Eldredge to serve on the San Juan County Mental Health Board for a 4-Year Term
6. Approval of the San Juan Children's Justice Center Fiscal Year 2027 between the State of Utah and San Juan County Amended 4 Contract, Budget and Scope of Work
7. Approval of the Community Library Enhancement Fund (CLEF) between the State of Utah and San Juan County
8. Approval of the 2026 Annual Agreement between Utah Legal Services Inc. and San Juan County to Provide Legal Assistance to the Elderly Population of San Juan County
9. Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding between Blanding City and San Juan County for Emergency Public Alerting and IPAWS

BUSINESS/ACTION

10. Consideration and Approval of the San Juan Counseling Medicaid Match with State of Utah Health & Human Services Mental Health & Substance Abuse. Tammy Squires, San Juan Counseling Director

Time Stamp 0:19:00 (audio) & 0:20:25 (video)

Tammy Squires, San Juan Counseling Director, presented the Medicaid Match contract with the State of Utah for the Commission to review and approve: Commissioner Stubbs asked about the county match and the purpose of the program. She is concerned about the mental health problems within the local schools and other public spaces. They provide a therapist who visits the detention facility each week and offers drug counseling to the inmates.

Commission Vice-Chair Harvey thanked Tammy for providing suicide prevention services throughout the county. He feels her counseling services are valuable to the southern part of the county who might be nervous to visit with a UNHS therapist because of their previous acquaintances with them. He is very appreciative of the two entities working together to improve mental health services, particularly, with the recent passing of two county residents.

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

11. Consideration and Approval of the Public Safety Building Project Design Modification #2.
Sam Long, Facilities Maintenance Director

Time Stamp 0:30:34 (audio) & 0:31:59 (video)

Sam Long, Facilities Maintenance Director, presented the Public Safety Building Project Design Modification #2 for the Commission to review and approve. The current construction budget is over budget, and design changes need to occur.

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

12. Consideration and Approval of the General Service Contract between Rocky Mountain Power and San Juan County. Sam Long, Facilities Maintenance Director

Time Stamp 0:33:30 (audio) & 0:34:55 (video)

Sam Long, Facilities Maintenance Director, presented the General Service Contract with Rocky Mountain Power for the Commission to review and approve. The landfill needs an electrical hook-up; they are currently relying on solar power.

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

13. A RESOLUTION OF THE SAN JUAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADOPTING ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND BUDGET REPORTING PROCEDURES FOR DEPARTMENT HEADS. Jens Nielson, Deputy County Attorney

Time Stamp 0:37:12 (audio) & 0:38:37 (video)

Jens Nielson, Deputy County Attorney, presented the Resolution Adopting Accounts Payable and Budget Reporting Procedures for the Commission to review and approve. Commissioner Stubbs questioned the need for a resolution for accounting policy. Commission Vice-Chair Harvey spoke about local control and the length of the time committed by the department heads who focused on the accounts payable processing and payment process.

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

COMMISSION REPORTS

Time Stamp 0:59:53 (audio) & 1:01:18 (video)

Commission Vice Chair Harvey spoke about the Navajo Revitalization Fund meeting held last week, of which he and Commissioner Stubbs are board members. The fund receives taxes from Utah strip oil & gas development, and the State of Utah returns these taxes to the Seven (7) Chapterhouses. These funds are used to develop and build housing in the Utah strip. In addition, The Utah Navajo Trust Fund is holding their annual meeting next month in Orem. coinciding with a Utah Tribal Summit hosted by the Governor at Utah Valley University. The State of Utah collects for the Trust Fund royalties of 33.5% on the Utah strip oil & gas, the Navajo Nation takes the remainder. These funds are used by the Utah Navajo Trust Fund to develop infrastructure, housing, water, and student scholarships.

Commissioner Stubbs proudly announced Blanding resident Shawna Shumway was nominated as "The Cowgirl for San Juan County." She spoke about the huge Babylon Fire and its impact upon the local area. She is grateful for the recent rains and the good it will be for the county; however, she is worried that the rain will cause more damage because of the lack of foliage upon the mountain. She is concerned that a few chapterhouses are not expending their funds on housing needs. She is also worried about the senior centers on the reservation, of which several are closed or underfunded. The Navajo Nation hydrologist, Mr. Barton, spoke with her regarding water for the Westwater community. She announced the Soles Program is coming to Blanding in August to help fit and give shoes to local school children.

Commission Chair Maughan expressed her appreciation for the Forest Service & BLM firefighting teams who came to the area to fight the massive Babylon Fire. The county rented the fairgrounds parking lot to the firefighting teams, and they filled the parking lot with all types of trailers & equipment, but the teams are leaving this week. The Mud Springs project is completed as far as the county government is concerned.

ADJOURNMENT

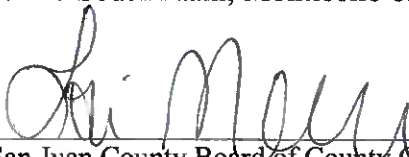
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Motion made by Commissioner Vice-Chair Harvey, Seconded by Commissioner Stubbs.
Voting Yea: Commission Chair Maughan, Commissioner Vice-Chair Harvey, Commissioner Stubbs

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:

8/18/26

ATTEST:


San Juan County Clerk/Auditor

DATE:

8/18/26