

SANPETE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

August 4, 2026, 1:00 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 County Attorney Kevin Daniels. Pledge of allegiance is recited by all.

STACEY CARLISLE REPRESENTING SANPETE COUNTY FAIRBOARD: APPROVAL OF 2026 PROJECTED PAYOUT.

Stacey Carlisle presents the agenda item. Ms. Carlisle verifies that the Commissioners have the reports of all of the projected payouts for the 2026 County Fair. No questions or concerns are voiced. Commissioner Bartholomew states the total amount to be spent on the County Fair is \$209,475.00. Ms. Carlisle mentions that they have almost collected the requested amount. Motion is made by Commissioner Cheney to approve of the projected payout expenses for each of the events for the Sanpete County Fair 2026. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Bartholomew. Vote by voice is taken: Commissioner Cheney votes aye, Commissioner Bartholomew votes yes, and Commissioner Bennett abstains. The motion passes.

KRISTYN BORE REPRESENTING MISS SANPETE: APPROVAL OF THE EXPENSE FOR MISS SANPETE COUNTY'S SCHOLARSHIP.

Kristyn Bore is unable to attend the meeting today but she is available by phone if needed. Linda Christiansen explains that Ms. Bore contacted her regarding the Miss Sanpete pageant that is coming up this next weekend. The expense of the scholarship award is over the \$2,000.00 that needs approval from the Commissioners. The scholarship amount is \$2,500.00 and they do have that in the budget. Motion is made by Commissioner Cheney to approve the scholarship expense for Miss Sanpete in the amount of \$2,500.00. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Bennett, and the motion passes.

STACEY LYON: APPROVAL OF CLAIMS; APPROVAL OF FINANCES; APPROVAL TO PAY THE DATA CENTER INVOICE FOR 2026 PROPERTY VALUATION NOTICES; DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL APPROVAL OF CHANGES TO SANPETE COUNTY PERSONNEL POLICY REGARDING CHILDREN AT WORK AND DRESS CODE.

Deputy Auditor Amanda Olsen 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 claims #364673 through #364742 and EFT's #546-#567. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Cheney. No questions or concerns are voiced in regards to the finances. Motion to approve the finances as of August 4th, 2026 is made by Commissioner Bennett. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Cheney, and the motion passes. Motion is made by Commissioner Cheney to approve to pay The Data Center invoice in the amount of \$4,762.87. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Bennett, and the motion passes. The last agenda item regarding the personnel policies is being tabled for now.

APPROVAL OF RIGHT-OF-WAY APPLICATION LICENSE FOR CENTRACom TO INSTALL 1 ¼" CONDUIT FIBER; DIRECTIONAL DRILL ROAD BORE PINE CREEK RD., MT. PLEASANT.

Road Supervisor Tom Seely has approved the application and he has no concerns. A bond in the amount of \$50,000.00 is on file. Motion is made by Commissioner Bennett to approve the right-of-way license for CentraCom to install conduit fiber; directional road bore along Pine Creek Rd. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Cheney, and the motion passes.

SHERIFF JARED BUCHANAN: APPROVAL TO PAY RYGUYS TIRE AND AUTO FOR VEHICLE MAINTENANCE; APPROVAL TO PAY MURDOCK FORD FOR THREE VEHICLES.

Sheriff Jared Buchanan presents the agenda item. Sheriff Buchanan explains the details of the invoice that is being submitted for approval; which is for tires and brakes. No questions or concerns are voiced. Motion is made by Commissioner Bennett to approve the RyGuys invoice in the amount of \$2,534.59. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Cheney, and the motion passes. The next invoice is for three F150's; \$62,000 out of 10-4230-640 and \$84,438.16 out of 10-4211-640 for a total of \$146,438.16. Commissioner Bartholomew questions why the Sheriff utilizes Murdock and not the local dealerships for vehicle purchases. Sheriff Buchanan responds that the issue is price. Commissioner Bennett affirms the price difference was substantial the last time they received bids for vehicle purchases. Sheriff Buchanan states he generally gets bids from Jorgensen's in Ephraim and Freedom Ford in Gunnison and if they are close to the low bid he has gone with them in the past. Sheriff Buchanan explains that he received approval to purchase the three vehicles in January of this year. The vehicles will get the patrol package added. Sheriff Buchanan explains some of the challenges of adding the equipment to the new vehicles. Motion is made by Commissioner Bennett to approve the payment to Murdock Ford for three F-150's in the amount of \$146,438.16. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Cheney, and the motion passes.

HEIDI SORENSEN: DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL APPROVAL OF THE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO THE COUNTY COMMISSION REGARDING A MORATORIUM ON DATA CENTER DEVELOPMENT.

Zoning Administrator Heidi Sorensen presents the agenda item. Ms. Sorensen states the current ordinance does not have anything written regarding data centers and the Planning Board would like some time to work on compiling requirements for data centers. Ms. Sorensen suggests implementing a six month moratorium and they will document the progress of the work towards a final submission to an ordinance amendment. If it takes longer than six months, an extension will be requested. Commissioner Bennett states discussions have already taken place and the Planning Commission has direction on how to proceed with data center development. Motion is made by Commissioner Bennett to approve the moratorium on Data Center Development in Sanpete County for six months. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Cheney, and the motion passes.

BRYAN BIES: APPROVAL TO PAY DESERT DEVELOPMENT ANNUAL SERVICE AGREEMENT; APPROVAL OF NEW LIGHTS FOR BUILDING AND ZONING OFFICE; DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL APPROVAL OF BLINDS IN AUDITOR'S AND TREASURER'S OFFICES.

Bryan Bies presents the agenda items. Mr. Bies submitted the first invoice in a prior meeting. Motion is made by Commissioner Bennett to approve to pay Desert Development for the annual service agreement in the amount of \$98,068.00. Commissioner Cheney requests

clarification as to why there is no discussion regarding the invoice. Commissioner Bennett explains this invoice is for the prior year and must be paid. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Cheney, and the motion passes. Mr. Bies presented the next agenda item previously in another meeting. Heidi Sorensen stated the Zoning office has the funding to pay for new lights. Commissioner Bennett spoke to Stacey Lyon after Ms. Sorensen brought it to his attention. Motion is made by Commissioner Cheney to approve the payment for new lights in the Zoning office in the amount of \$2,658.00 (A-Plus). The motion is seconded by Commissioner Bennett, and the motion passes. Mr. Bies has a quote from Blind Masters and High Mountain Blinds but the bids are not comparable. Commissioner Cheney explains he has concerns where the bids are not for the same office spaces. Mr. Bies will request comparable bids and return once he has them in hand. Motion is made by Commissioner Cheney to table the blind bid acceptance until they get more information. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Bennett, and the motion passes.

KEVIN CHRISTENSEN: APPROVAL TO SPEND AMERICA250 UTAH GRANT FOR RADIO ADS TO PROMOTE THE SANPETE COUNTY FAIR.

Kevin Christensen presents the agenda item. Mr. Christensen states the State dispersed \$3,000.00 to partner with America250. The County had to identify an event to use the money on which they chose the fair. The money has been received. The money will be used for radio ads to promote the County Fair. Motion is made by Commissioner Cheney to approve of the America250 grant money to be used for ads for the upcoming fair 2026, in the amount of \$3,000.00. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Bartholomew. Vote by voice is taken: Commissioner Cheney votes aye, Commissioner Bartholomew votes yes, and Commissioner Bennett abstains. The motion passes.

LINDA CHRISTIANSEN: APPROVAL TO PAY KP LLC FOR BALLOT PACKET POSTAGE ADVANCE FOR THE 2026 GENERAL ELECTION.

County Clerk Linda Christiansen presents the agenda item. Ms. Christiansen states there are 16,100 registered voters in Sanpete County. She is presenting an invoice for payment that will cover the postage advance to mail the vote by mail packets for the upcoming 2026 General Election in November. Motion is made by Commissioner Bennett to approve to pay the invoice to KP Work Smarter for the vote by mail packets in the amount of \$2,978.50. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Cheney, and the motion passes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No questions or concerns are voiced regarding the minutes. Motion is made by Commissioner Cheney to approve the minutes from the last Commission meeting which was the 21st of July, 2026. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Bennett, and the motion passes.

CLOSED SESSION

No closed session was needed.

Commissioner Bartholomew acknowledges HD Sanderson in the audience and questions whether he needed to address anything with the Commission. Mr. Sanderson represents Senator Curtis's office. Mr. Sanderson states their office is keeping an eye on the wild fires and flooding taking place in the State. Mr. Sanderson has spoken to the Mayor of Fayette about mitigation funding that is available for the recent flood that hit Fayette. He also expresses concern regarding the Black Canyon fire that started in Sanpete recently and offers help wherever he can be of assistance. Discussion ensues

regarding the fire status, ash and weather. Cade Penney representing R6 does not have anything that he needs to discuss with the Commission. Commissioner Bartholomew expresses gratitude to both of the representatives for their support of Sanpete County.

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

The meeting is adjourned at 1:25 P.M.

ATTEST: 
Linda Christiansen
Sanpete County Clerk

APPROVED: 
Scott Bartholomew
Commission Chair