



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
117 South Main Street, Monticello, Utah 84535. Commission Chambers
September 15, 2026, at 11:00 AM

MINUTES

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AUDIO: <https://www.utah.gov/pmn/files/1489175.mp3>

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VIDEO: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y_v2y1IwAfs&t=21s

CALL TO ORDER

Time Stamp 0:00:01 (audio tape 1) & 0:01:36 (video)

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

ROLL CALL

Time Stamp 0:00:07 (audio) & 0:01:43 (video)

Commission Chair, Lori Maughan, called for attendance for today's meeting.

PRESENT

Lori Maughan, Chair

Jamie Harvey, Vice-Chair

Silvia Stubbs, Commissioner

STAFF

Lyman W. Duncan, Clerk/Auditor

Jens Nielson, Deputy County Attorney

Mitch Maughan, County Attorney

Cindi Holyoak, Recorder

Tammy Gallegos, Emergency Services Manager

Rebecca Benally, Public Health Director

TJ Adair, Road Superintendent

Nick Sandberg, Public Lands Policy Coordinator

Steve Barr, Landfill Employee

PUBLIC

Margorie Haun
Kelly Green
TC Garcia
Paula Garcia
Patrick Garcia
Steven Schultz

INVOCATION

Time Stamp 0:00:20 (audio) & 0:01:56 (video)

Kelly Green, resident of La Sal, offered the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Time Stamp 0:01:22 (audio) & 0:02:57 (video)

Jens Nielson, resident of Blanding, led the audience to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE

Time Stamp 0:01:59 (audio) & 0:03:34 (video)

Commission Chair Maughan asked each commissioner if they had any conflicts of interest with today's agenda. Each of the three commissioners affirmed they did not have any conflicts of interest.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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.

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.

Time Stamp 0:02:11 (audio) & 0:02:46 (video)

Commission Chair Maughan read the attached statement to the public before opening the public comment portion of the Commission Meeting. She asked if anyone wanted to participate:

TC Garcia, resident of La Sal, expressed concern about the potential closure of the La Sal Elementary School and he asked the commission to give support against the proposed closure.

Kelly Green, resident of La Sal spoke about mile marker 2-3 on the La Sal Road which needs a guard rail. He asked the commission if they would be supportive in approaching the Utah State Transportation department to see if they would fix it.

CONSENT AGENDA (Routine Matters) Lori Maughan, San Juan County Commission 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 0:09:11 (audio) & 0:10:46 (video)

Commission Chair Lori Maughan, presented the Consent Agenda to the Commission to approve.

Motion made by Commissioner Stubbs, Seconded by Commissioner Vice-Chair Harvey.

Voting Yea: Commission Chair Maughan, Commissioner Vice-Chair Harvey, Commissioner Stubbs

1. Approval of September 1, 2026, Commission Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of the check Registers for August 29 through September 4, 2026
3. Approval of the Appointment of Kyle Fullmer and Reappointment of Dennis Gines for the Weed Board for Additional 5-year Terms
4. Ratification of the Mud Springs Trail System Letter of Support for the Utah Outdoor Recreation Initiative Grant Committee
5. Consideration and approval of the 2026 Nutrition contract for Aging Services.

RECOGNITIONS, PRESENTATIONS, and INFORMATION ITEMS

6. Presentation on Heat and Weatherization by Crish Allred, SERDA

Time Stamp 0:10:30 (audio) & 0:12:05 (video)

Chris Allred, SERDA Program Manager, representative presented information regarding the San Juan County Heat and Weatherization program. The program is available to all residents of the county and has been successful in helping many homeowners upgrade the weatherization of their homes.

7. Presentation on Centrally Assessed by Stephen Sorweid

Time Stamp 1:06:03 (audio file 1, audio file #2 - 0:00:01) & 1:07:35 (video)

Steven Sorweed presented information on the San Juan County centrally assessed (large businesses) properties.

The county has lost several prominent cases with telecom and pipeline companies over the last six years, causing the county to return tax monies to these companies. Overall, the centrally assessed values for the county have been dropping for over 15 years, resulting in a greater tax burden on homeowners.

PUBLIC HEARING

8. La Sal Area Water Project and San Juan County's anticipated application to the Utah Permanent Community Impact Fund Board (CIB), Lori Maughan, Chair

Time Stamp 0:22:16 (audio file #2) & 2:03:42 (video)

Motion to enter a Public Hearing:

Motion made by Commissioner Vice-Chair Harvey, Seconded by commission Stubbs.

Voting Yea: Commission Chair Maughan, Commissioner Vice-Chair Harvey, Commissioner Stubbs.

Paula Garcia, resident of La Sal, is on a well, but is concerned by the number of new wells being drilled and she feels it is depleting her well. She is supportive of bringing in a new water system.

TC Garcia, resident of La Sal, expressed his support for the proposed new water system. The community needs fire hydrants, which can be a benefit with a new water system.

Steven Schultz, resident of La Sal, has 8 different water rights in the area. He feels community hearings are a good thing to do and hopes the county will come to La Sal again.

Marjorie Haun, resident of La Sal, wants community meetings to be held for all community residents to attend.

Kelly Green, resident of La Sal, thanked Steven for his wonderful comments. He feels a water tank on the mountain would be the best location.

Patrick Garcia, resident of La Sal, asked for the water system to be installed, sooner than later."

Motion to exit Public Hearing:

Motion made by Commissioner Stubbs, Seconded by Commissioner Vice-Chair Harvey.

Voting Yea: Commission Chair Maughan, Commission Vice-Chair Harvey, Commissioner Stubbs.

9. Public Hearing: To receive public comment regarding a proposed Resolution #2026-16 to adopt a Resolution Amending the San Juan County Consolidated Fee Schedule in accordance with Utah Code State Code 17-63-707, Cindi Holyoak, County Recorder

Time Stamp 0:42:19 (audio file #2) & 2:22:45 (video)

Commissioner Stubbs expressed concern with the process of creating the agenda. Her board agenda is different than what is in the board packet.

Motion to enter Public Hearing:

Motion made by Commissioner Vice-Chair Harvey, Seconded by commission Stubbs.

Voting Yea: Commission Chair Maughan, Commissioner Vice-Chair Harvey, Commissioner Stubbs.

Cindi Holyoak, Recorder, presented the Consolidated County-Wide Fee Schedule for the commission to review. The County is moving from an Ordinance Fee Schedule to a Board Resolution process. She felt that today is good for the Public Hearing portion, but commission approval can come in October.

Commission Chair Maughan asked if anyone in the public wanted to speak. No one offered to speak.

10. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE SAN JUAN COUNTY CONSOLIDATED FEE SCHEDULE IN ACCORDANCE WITH UTAH CODE 17-63-707, Cindi Holyoak, County Recorder

Time Stamp 0:52:40 (audio file #2) & 2:23:41 (video)

Cindi Holyoak, Recorder, presented the resolution amending the County Consolidated Fee Schedule. She received input from all departments. The commission agreed to postpone the decision.

Motion to exit Public Hearing:

Motion made by Commissioner Vice-Chair Harvey, Seconded by commission Stubbs.

Voting Yea: Commission Chair Maughan, Commissioner Vice-Chair Harvey, Commissioner Stubbs.

11. Consideration and Approval for the Memorandum of Understanding between the Monticello City and San Juan County for Emergency Public Communications, Kaeden Kulow, Monticello City manager

Time Stamp 1:04:54 (audio file #2) & 2:47:40 (video)

Commission agreed to postpone this item until a future date.

12. Consideration and approval of the Comment letter on Proposed Rescission of 2001 Roadless Rule, Nick Sandberg, Public Lands Coordinator

Time Stamp 1:06:28 (audio) & 2:47:46 (video)

Nick Sandberg, Public Lands Coordinator, asked the commission to support the Comment Letter on the Proposed Recission of the Roadless Rule.

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

13. Consideration and Approval of the Rental Crusher for the Road Department, TJ, Road superintendent.

Time Stamp 1:09:31 (audio file #2) & 2:50:45 (video)

TJ presented the rental agreement for the road crusher for the road department. He stated that if it works, they will move to purchase their own road crusher for future use.

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

14. Consideration and Approval of the 2026 Transfer Station Contract Between the City of Blanding and San Juan County, Jed Tate, Landfill Manager.

Time Stamp 1:11:22 (audio file #2) & 2:52:35 (video)

Steve Barr, Landfill employee, presented the agreement between the City of Blanding and San Juan County for the commission to review and approve. The Blanding transfer station will be open on Saturdays.

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

15. Consideration and Approval of the San Juan County Health Department Community and Clinical Interventions Contract Between San Juan County and the State of Utah Department of Health and Human Services for Fiscal Year 2026 through Fiscal Year 2027, Amendment 6, Rebecca Benally Public Health Director.

Time Stamp 1:14:25 (audio file #2) & 2:55:38 (video)

Rebecca Benally, Public Health Director, presented the contract for the commission to review and approve.

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

16. A Closed Executive Session to Discuss the Character, Professional Competence, Professional Competence, or Physical or Mental Health of an individual as Permitted Under UCA 52-4-205

Time Stamp 1:34:35 (audio) & 3:15:27 (video)

Entered after Commission Reports

COMMISSION REPORTS

Time Stamp 1:16:24 (audio file #2) & 2:57:25 (video)

Commission Harvey announced a September 23rd Navajo Taco Dinner at 5:30 pm. in Blanding. All proceeds will benefit the Children's Justice Center. He spoke about the Utah Trails Network grant which has been awarded, and they have received funds for a feasibility study. The bicycle trail will span from Monument Valley to Bluff and on to Montezuma Creek. Tonight, there will be a suicide prevention walk in Monument Valley. Blanding and Montezuma Creek are the following two weeks.

Commissioner Stubbs spoke about the proposed closure of the La Sal Elementary School. She is concerned because of the effect upon the little kids as they travel to Moab or Monticello. The school gives space for a local library. The Navajo Revitalization Fund receives royalties for developing housing for local Dine' residents. Red Mesa is receiving new homes, and they are a good addition to the community.

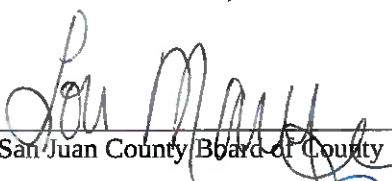
Commissioner Maughan announced the EMS Townhall in Blanding USU Special Events Center. This is for Proposition 7, which is on the upcoming ballot. The Mud springs project is completed, lots of people were in attendance.

TO CLOSE MEETING

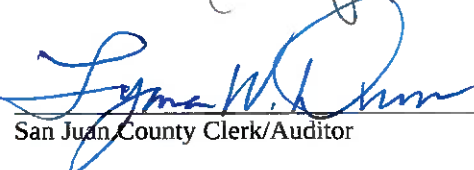
Motion made by Commissioner Stubbs, Seconded by Commissioner Vice-Chair Harvey.
Voting Yea: Commission Chair Maughan, Commission Vice-Chair Harvey, Commissioner Stubbs.

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: 10/6/26

ATTEST: 
San Juan County Clerk/Auditor

DATE: 10/9/26