



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
117 South Main Street, Monticello, Utah 84535. Commission Chambers
May 05, 2026, at 11:00 AM

MINUTES

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CALL TO ORDER

Time Stamp 0:00:01 (audio) & 0:01:12 (video)

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

ROLL CALL

Time Stamp 0:00:08 (audio) & 0:01:19 (video)

Commission Chair Maughan called for attendance:

PRESENT

Lori Maughan, Chair

Jamie Harvey, Vice-Chair

Silvia Stubbs, Commissioner

STAFF

Mack McDonald, County Administrator

Lyman W. Duncan, Clerk/Auditor

Jens Nielson, Deputy Attorney

INVOCATION

Time Stamp 0:00:21 (audio) & 0:01:32 (video)

Nicole Perkins, resident of Blanding, offered the opening prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Time Stamp 0:01:24 (audio) & 0:02:35 (video)

Jamie Harvey, resident of Montezuma Creek, led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE

Time Stamp 0:01:49 (audio) & 0:03:00 (video)

Commission Chair Maughan polled the commissioners for any conflicts. Each affirmed they did not have any conflicts of interest with today's commission agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments will be accepted through the following Zoom Meet link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88279631170> Meeting ID: 882 7963 1170 One tap mobile +13462487799,,88279631170# US (Houston)

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 0:02:05 (audio) & 0:03:16 (video)

Corey Coleman, Planning & Zoning Manager, requested the county manager give him all communications between the commission regarding a legal issue. He expressed concern with the vehicle leasing & purchasing program with the vendor.

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 0:05:57 (audio) & 0:07:08 (video)

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

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

1. Approval of \$3,870.68 in Small Purchases; \$2,775 in Replacement Drive Kit and \$1,095.68 on Seal Kit for the Road Department
2. Approval of the Election Contractors Agreements for Bernice Lefthand, Carson Duncan, Charlotta Lacy, Duane Shockenmeyer, Cameron Degraw, Elsie Dee, J Michael Carter, Lorine Shockenmeyer, Linda Lewis, Lorissa Jackson, Ray Nakai, and Mary Ann Woody for the 2026 Elections Primary/General
3. Approval of Electric Honey Experience LLC 2026 Off Premise Beer License
4. Purchase of \$27,745 for a 40 Yard Bin and 30 Yard Recycling Bin for the Landfill

RECOGNITIONS, PRESENTATIONS, AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

5. Review and Legal Opinion regarding the County Commission Form of Government. Mitch Maughan, County Attorney

Time Stamp 0:07:49 (audio) & 0:09:00 (video)

Mitch Maughan, County Attorney, opened the discussion regarding his legal opinion concerning the type of the county form of government. Commissioner Stubbs asked Mitch about his training and work experience. Mitch provided a list of governments and organizations that he has worked for over the past 30 years.

San Juan County currently uses a three (3) commission government with a county administrator position. Commissioner Stubbs is concerned with the proposed elimination of the administrator's job position. She feels the proposed form of government (w/ a new organization chart) is a change from the past governance model of the county, with the Chair receiving additional assignments and powers.

Mitch felt the Chair didn't possess any more power than the other commissioners. Commission Chair Maughan spoke about the form of government which they have chosen to use in the county (a three (3) commission government with a county administrator position). She feels the organization chart lines are blurred within the county and feels the administrator serves the commission members, allowing the commission to lead the departments as needed. The organization chart was discussed at length. Mitch taught the commission that they hold all the legislative and executive powers as elected officials representing the residents of the county.

Commission Chair Harvey thanked Mitch for all his work while researching the legal opinion. He asked him to read Section Three (3) and Four (4) for the audience. There was discussion regarding his Conclusion, and the resolution which was passed several weeks ago. Commissioner Harvey presented a Resolution for the commission to review. The department head meetings of the last six (6) months were developed to receive input from department heads and commissioners.

BUSINESS/ACTION

6. Consideration and Approval of the Cooperative Agreement between the Utah Department of Transportation and San Juan County to improve county road between Pack Creek Cutoff Rd to Yellow Circle Rd. Todd Adair, San Juan County Road Superintendent

Time Stamp 0:45:15 (audio) & 0:46:26 (video)

TJ Adair, County Road Superintendent, presented the cooperative agreement to improve the county road between Pack Creek Cutoff Rd to Yellow Circle Rd for the commission to review and approve. The agreement with SITLA was approved in April. The road and parking lot will be upgraded from dirt to gravel, and the road department will perform the work as an in-kind contribution. TJ is concerned about not being involved with the original decision to use road department resources without being compensated.

Commission Chair Maughan spoke about inheriting the economic development project for the Mud Springs project. The groups involved are the BLM, SITLA, Grand County, UDOT, State of Utah Outdoor Recreation, and San Juan County. Phase One (1) money is now depleted; Phase Two (2) money is now available for the project members. Jared Beard, UDOT employee, spoke about covering any additional material costs. Commission Vice-Chair Harvey asked Jared if he could call him later, and he agreed to receive his call.

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

7. Consideration and Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding between Utah Education and Telehealth Network and San Juan County Library System for Monticello Library regarding E-rate for Internet Service. Nicole Perkins, Library Director

Time Stamp 1:06:16 (audio) & 1:07:27 (video)

Nicole Perkins, Library Director, presented the MOU with the Utah Education & Telehealth Network for the commission to review and approve.

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

8. Consideration and Approval of the Local Health Dept WIC Program between the Utah Department of Health & Human Services and San Juan County Amendment 4. Mike Moulton, Interim Health Officer

Time Stamp 1:10:33 (audio) & 1:11:44 (video)

Mike Moulton, Public Health Interim Public Director, presented the WIC Program contract with the Utah Department of Health for the commission to review and approve.

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

9. Consideration and Approval of Letter of Support for FY2026–2027 Rural County Grant Application Presented. Talia Hansen, Economic Development Director

Time Stamp 1:11:51 (audio) & 1:13:02 (video)

Talia Hansen, Economic Development Director, presented the Letter of Support for the Rural Grant Application for the commission to review and approve.

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

10. Consideration and Approval of a Contract with the Business Education and Resource Center (BEAR Center) for Economic Development Program Delivery and Facility Use. Talia Hansen, Economic Development Director

Time Stamp 1:14:51 (audio) & 1:16:02 (video)

Talia Hansen, Economic Development Director, presented the Contract with the Business Education and Resource (Bear Center) for the commission to review and approve.

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

11. Consideration and Approval of the Letter of Support for Amendment Request Fiscal Year 2025 through 2026 Rural County Grant. Talia Hansen, Economic Development Director

Time Stamp 1:16:46 (audio) & 1:17:57 (video)

Talia Hansen, Economic Development Director, presented the Letter of Support for Amendment Request for the commission to review and approve.

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 a Vehicle Lease Agreement between The Bancorp Bank and San Juan County for the Economic Development Department. Mack McDonald, County Administrator

Time Stamp 1:17:55 (audio) & 1:19:06 (video)

Mack presented the vehicle lease agreement between Bancorp Bank and the SJC Economic Development for the commission to review and approve.

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

COMMISSION REPORTS

Time Stamp 1:19:05 (audio) & 1:20:16 (video)

Commissioner Harvey will be attending the NACO Economic Mobility Capstone program later this month. He feels the program so far has been very beneficial to be a part of and to learn from. The county received \$50,000 to create and develop economic opportunity programs for the residents of the county. He is also working with the Bureau of Indian Affairs to facilitate two payments owed to the county for previous road work. The Navajo Nation President is deliberating the approval for the road maintenance contract provided by the county.

He also wants the UDOT to provide lighting for the roundabout, without the lighting, he feels it's dangerous for the local drivers. Commissioner Harvey wants the Navajo Nation Road from the Montezuma Creek bridge to the Arizona Stateline to be taken over by UDOT. He also wants the temporary detour road route through the NDC housing in Montezuma Creek to be removed now that the roundabout is completed.

Commissioner Stubbs attended the open house for the Lisbon Valley Mine grand re-opening. She was grateful for their leadership in keeping faith with the mine property until copper prices rose enough to re-open. She attended the UAC conference in St. George and felt that the conference was very beneficial for her. She also spoke about the Navajo Revitalization Fund (NRF) and the current housing projects they are working on. Commissioner Stubbs expressed her concern about the Senior Center closing in Oljato and Navajo Mountain (and two others). The senior meal program funding comes from the federal government to the Navajo Nation; however, the meal programs remain closed, and the residents want the centers to be re-opened. The USU campus in Monument Valley has opened and there's pride and excitement within the community. Commissioner Stubbs addressed briefly the recent Supreme Court decision overturning race-based districting and its potential impact on San Juan County.

Commissioner Maughan attended UAC and participated in the Natural Resource meeting on Tuesday. She spoke about the Northwash Boat ramp project, which is near Hite Marina. She attended the Conservation District meeting in Green River and noted that everyone is concerned with the drought sitting on the state. Since San Juan County has been designated as being in a drought, funds are available to farmers and ranchers who have been adversely impacted. Commissioner Maughan was grateful for the opportunity to attend the re-opening of the Mariana Mine in Lisbon Valley.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Time Stamp 1:47:50 (audio) & 1:49:01 (video)

Motion to Enter:

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

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

- 13. A Motion to Enter Into a Closed Executive Session to Discuss the Character, Professional Competence, or Physical or Mental Health of an Individual as Permitted Under UCA 52-4-205.
- 14. A Motion to Enter Into a Closed Executive Session for a Strategy Sessions to Discuss Pending or Reasonably Imminent Litigation as Permitted Under UCA 52-4-205.

ADJOURNMENT

Time Stamp 0:00:07 (2nd audio file) & 0:00:00 (video)

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: _____

ATTEST: _____
San Juan County Clerk/Auditor

DATE: _____