



STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: October 21, 2025

ITEM TITLE, PRESENTER: Mitch Maughan

RECOMMENDATION: EnterTextHere

SUMMARY

Judge Lyon Hazleton will retire at year's end. He currently presides over two separate courts: San Juan County Justice Court (handling Class B misdemeanors and below for the county) and Monticello Justice Court (handling similar cases within city limits). Each court operates independently with its own judge contract.

A joint decision with Monticello City is needed to determine future court structure before choosing the judge selection panel. Three options are being considered:

- Keep both courts separate, maintaining their individual contracts, identities, costs, and revenues.
- Merge the courts under an interlocal agreement that outlines shared responsibilities, costs, and revenues.
- Dissolve Monticello Justice Court, giving San Juan County Justice Court jurisdiction over all areas except Blanding City. Monticello City would not share costs or receive revenue.

This is for information only. I request permission to consult with Monticello City and return to the commission with a more detailed analysis of each option—including pros, cons, and proposed cost and revenue sharing—at the next meeting or in a work session.

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