



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
117 South Main Street, Monticello, Utah 84535. Commission Chambers
January 20, 2026, at 11:00 AM

MINUTES

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AUDIO: <https://www.utah.gov/pmn/files/1379891.MP3>

VIDEO: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S_nle_prwuo

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 Lori Maughan called for attendance:

PRESENT

Commission Chair Lori Maughan
Commission Vice-Chair Jamie Harvey
Commissioner Silvia Stubbs

STAFF

Mack McDonald, County Administrator
Lyman W. Duncan, Clerk/Auditor
Jens Nielson, Deputy County Attorney
Talia Hansen, Director of Economic Development

PUBLIC

Kaden Kulow, Monticello City Administrator

INVOCATION

Time Stamp 0:00:21 (audio) & 0:01:28 (video)

Commissioner Silvia Stubbs, resident of Blanding, offered the opening prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Time Stamp 0:02:13 (audio) & 0:03:20 (video)

Lyman W. Duncan, resident of Monticello, led the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE

Time Stamp 0:02:37 (audio) & 0:03:44 (video)

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

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:

Procedure: Orderly procedure requires that each member of the public shall proceed without interruption from the audience and shall retire when their time is up; that all statements shall be addressed to the Commission, and that there be no questioning or argument between individuals.

Questions: After being first recognized by the Chair, Commissioners and staff members may ask questions and make appropriate comments; however, no Commissioner should argue or debate an issue with the petitioner/member of the public.

No Assignment of Time: If there are several speakers on a matter, one person may not assign their time to another in an effort to increase the allowed speaking time. Individual citizens and citizen groups may select a person to make a presentation on their behalf, but each individual's speaking time will be limited to three minutes, subject to the discretion of the Chair or a vote of the Commission.

Orderly Conduct: Citizens attending meetings shall observe rules of propriety, decorum and good conduct. Unauthorized remarks and similar demonstrations shall not be permitted by the Chair who may direct the removal of offenders from the from the meeting.

Time Stamp 0:02:51 (audio) & 0:03:58 (video)

Commission Chair Maughan opened the meeting for public comment. She checked the sign-in sheet and asked if any in-person attendees wished to offer any public comments. Mack checked online for anyone interested in expressing any public comments. No one offered any public comments.

CONSENT AGENDA (Routine Matters) Mack McDonald, San Juan County Administrator

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 0:04:04 (audio) & 0:05:11 (video)

Commission Chair Maughan presented the consent agenda 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

1. Approval of \$114,233.41 in Small Purchases; \$12,000 on Optimized Audience Campaign 3 United Kingdom Spring, and \$8,999 on 1/2-page Advertisement in 2025-2026 Utah International Guide for the Visitor Services, \$37,905 on Environmental Products, \$21,627.51 on Building Supplies for the Landfill, and \$9,001.90 on Training Gear for the Sheriff's Office and \$24,700 on Stryker Power Load System for Emergency Medical Services
2. Approval of December 2, 2025, Commission Meeting Minutes
3. Approval of December 30, 2025, Commission Meeting Minutes - 2025-6 Amended & Proposed Budget Hearings
4. Approval of December 30, 2025, Community Development Block Grant Hearing Minutes
5. Approval of January 6, 2026, Commission Work Meeting Minutes
6. Approval of January 6, 2026, Commission Meeting Minutes
7. Approval of a Letter of Support for the 2026 Community Development Block Grant Application for \$177,000 in Funding for the La Sal Fire/EMS Station Restroom Installation

RECOGNITIONS, PRESENTATIONS, AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

8. State Funding via Representative Monson for Three 4-H Coordinator Position. Reagan Wytsalucy, San Juan County Extension Director

Passed on #8, no action taken.

BUSINESS/ACTION

9. Consideration and Approval of the Amendment to the Cooperative Agreement between Utah State University Extension Services and San Juan County. Reagan Wytsalucy, San Juan County Extension Director

Time Stamp 0:26:34 (audio) & 0:27:41 (video)

Mack presented the amendment 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 the Revised San Juan County Rural Economic Blueprint. August Granath, Technical Outreach Manager

Time Stamp 0:06:41 (audio) & 0:07:48 (video)

August Granath, Technical Outreach Manager, presented the Rural Economic Blueprint document for the commission to review and approve. Talia stated they will follow the State's Comprehensive Economic Development (CED) strategy process along with the AOG's process.

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 Disease Response, Evaluation, Analysis and Monitoring 2024 San Juan County Health Department Contract between the Utah Department of Health & Human Services and San Juan County, Amendment 1. Mike Moulton, Public Health Interim Director

Time Stamp 0:10:54 (audio) & 0:12:01 (video)

Mike Moulton, Public Health Interim Director, presented the monitoring contract with the State of Utah 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 the San Juan County Health Department Tobacco Contract Between San Juan County and the State of Utah Department of Health and Human Services for Fiscal Year 2021 through Fiscal Year 2025, Amendment 10. Mike Moulton, Public Health Interim Director

Time Stamp 0:12:15 (audio) & 0:13:22 (video)

Mike Moulton, Public Health Interim Director, presented the contract with the State of Utah for the commission to review and approve. Rebecca Benally, the Public Health Promotion Director will perform the retail store testing for tobacco compliance. Commission Vice-Chair Harvey wants the local students to know that there is a difference between commercial tobacco and ceremonial tobacco. He is concerned that the native youth are losing their culture.

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

13. Consideration and Approval of San Juan County Public Health Infrastructure 2023 Contract Between the State of Utah Health and Human Services and San Juan County Amendment 2. Mike Moulton, Public Health Interim Director

Time Stamp 0:19:00 (audio) & 0:20:07 (video)

Mike Moulton, Public Health Interim Director, presented the State of Utah contract 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

14. Consideration and Approval for a Service and Business Associate Agreement Between Elation Health and San Juan County Public Health. Mike Moulton, Public Health Interim Director

Time Stamp 0:19:52 (audio) & 0:20:59 (video)

Mike presented the service and business agreement with Elation Health for an electronic medical record. James Redd has reviewed the computer software and determined it was acceptable.

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

15. Consideration and Approval of the Justice Court Analysis on the Merging of the Monticello City Justice Court. Mitchell Maughan, County Attorney

Time Stamp 0:22:00 (audio) & video)

Jens Nielson, Deputy County Attorney, presented the analysis of the merged justice court. He felt the contract is positive for the county justice court. Commission Chair Maughan stated the attorney's compensation will be addressed in a later public hearing.

To approve the merger of the justice court:

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

16. Consideration and Approval of the Interlocal Agreement between San Juan County and Monticello City Governing the Use of the San Juan County Justice Court. Kaeden Kulow, City Manager

See #15 above:

BUSINESS/ACTION

17. Consideration and Approval of the Board of Equalization Hearing Adjustments and Low-Income Abatement. Lyman Duncan, County/Auditor

Time Stamp 0:27:40 (audio) & 0:28:47 (video)

Motion to enter a Public Hearing:

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

Lyman presented the BOE adjustments and the Low-Income abatements 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

Motion to exit Public Hearing:

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

18. Make 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.

Time Stamp 0:54:23 (audio) & 0:55:30 (video)

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 0:31:00 (audio) & 0:32:07 (video)

Commission Vice-Chair Harvey encouraged all those in attendance and online to come and participate in the Sexual Assault Conference hosted by USU Blanding on January 31, 2026. He mentioned that Elizabeth Smart and other well-known presenters will be participating in the conference.

He spoke about the Utah Navajo Trust Fund and the Utah Dine' Advisory committee (representatives from the Seven Chapterhouses) meeting which was held last Friday. Marlo Oaks is the treasurer for the Navajo Trust Fund and he participated in the meeting. During the meeting, several major projects were approved: to approve several main projects. One request was for repairs on a road grader which is stationed in Navajo Mountain and another request was for housing for several Oljato Chapter residents.

The Aneth chapter house meeting was held last Sunday, and the need for more housing is their biggest concern. He also spoke about attending meetings with the Utah Navajo Health Systems and their suicide prevention program. He encouraged county residents in supporting individuals who seek mental health support.

Commissioner Stubbs spoke about attending the Navajo Mountain chapter meeting. In the meeting, maps were shared regarding the density of domestic and wild animals within the chapterhouse land area. She mentioned seeing horses near the road. She later learned that the horses were brought in from other areas and dropped into the reservation, and now the horses are depleting the water and grazing resources.

She also spoke with the NRF regarding the Hope and Healing program for the reservation. Commissioner Stubbs thanked former commissioner Rebecca Benally for her leadership in the many committees she serves on.

She stated the Seven Counties Coalition will be changed to the Eight Counties Coalition. The Red Mesa area is gaining several new houses. The CEO of Utah Navajo Health Systems is working on developing and building a grocery store in Montezuma Creek. The store will bring additional jobs to the area and will reduce the time spent traveling to other grocery stores.

Commission Chair Maughan met the new USU President at an informal luncheon. He was made very aware of the needs in SE Utah and specifically Monument Valley. She attended a meeting with the Forest Service Fire staff along with county fire staff. She also attended a meeting where the San Juan Schools Sharps Survey data was shared, and she felt that it was very beneficial. She reiterated that the surveys do not cause suicide ideation, the prevention resources are successful in reducing it.

ADJOURNMENT

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: _____