



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
117 South Main Street, Monticello, Utah 84535. Commission Chambers
May 20, 2025, at 11:00 AM

MINUTES

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AUDIO: <https://www.utah.gov/pmn/files/1274539.MP3>

VIDEO: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h0Uy7lAkdeu>

CALL TO ORDER

Time Stamp 0:00:04 (audio) & 0:06:58 (video)

Commission Chair Stubbs called the meeting to order at 11:07 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Time Stamp 0:00:24 (audio) & 0:07:18 (video)

PRESENT

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

STAFF

Mack McDonald, County Administrative Officer (CAO)
Lyman W. Duncan, Clerk/Auditor
Jens Nielson, Deputy County Attorney

INVOCATION

Time Stamp 0:00:54 (audio) & 0:07:48 (video)

Invocation was offered by Jamie Harvey, resident of Montezuma Creek.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Time Stamp 0:04:10 (audio) & 0:11:04 (video)

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE

Time Stamp 0:04:48 (audio) & 0:11:42 (video)

Commissioner Stubbs asked each commissioner if there were any conflicts of interest with today's agenda. Each stated they didn't have any conflicts of interest. She was thankful for Commissioner Harvey's opening prayer and how thoughtful the prayer was considering the recent moisture that fell upon our lands.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments will be accepted through the following Zoom Meet link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87155847636> Meeting ID: 871 5584 7636 One tap mobile +12532158782,,87155847636# US (Tacoma)

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.

Time Stamp 0:06:32 (audio) & 0:13:26 (video)

Mack presented the public comment portion of the commission meeting. He checked the sign-up sheet, the in-person audience, and finally, he check online, but no one offered any 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 0:08:36 (audio) & 0:15:30 (video)

Mack presented the consent agenda for the commission to review and approve.

Motion made by Commissioner Harvey, Seconded by Commission Vice-Chair Maughan.

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

1. Approval of \$10,999.93 in Small Purchases; \$4,996.92 for Design and Update Sponsorship for the Economic Development, \$2,103.01 for Aftermarket: Ranch Hand Front Bumper for the Road Department, \$1,800 for Event Production and \$2,100 for Video Production for Visitor Services
2. Approval of the Check Registers for April 26 to May 16, 2025
3. Approval of May 6, 2025, Commission Work Session Meeting Minutes
4. Approval of May 6, 2025, Commission Meeting Minutes
5. Approval of the Utah Office of Tourism-Familiarization Tour Contract between Utah Office of Tourism and San Juan County

6. Approval of the Appointment of Wendy Haws to the San Juan Counseling Board for 4-Year Terms
7. Approval of the 2026 State Task Force Grant between the Utah Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice and San Juan County Sheriff's Office Major Crimes and Drug Task Force
8. Approval to Ratify the 2025 Municipal Designated Polling Locations
9. Approval of the Independent Contract Agreement with Elsie Dee for the 2025 Municipal Elections
10. Approval of the Navajo Language Consulting Contract for Peggy Scott Certified Translator.

RECOGNITIONS, PRESENTATIONS, AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

11. Presentation on the Updates for Cooperative Wildfire System. Ryan McArthur, San Juan County Fire Warden

Time Stamp 0:11:26 (audio) & 0:18:22 (video)

Ryan MacArthur, Area Fire Warden for Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Ryan presented several handouts related to the Fire Restriction Criteria for the commission to review.

12. Presentation for Building Safety Month. Corey Coleman, Building Official

Time Stamp 0:20:10 (audio) & 0:27:04 (video)

Corey Coleman, County Building Official, presented the Building Safety Month for 2025. He presented a good overview of the Building Safety Month (May) for the commission and public to review.

BUSINESS/ACTION

13. Consideration and Approval for the San Juan Counseling Area Plan updates in accordance with Utah Code Title 17 Chapter 43. Tammy Squires, Director, San Juan Counseling

Time Stamp 0:35:40 (audio) & 0:42:34 (video)

Tammy Squires, San Juan Counseling's Administrator, presented the annual area plan for the commission to review and approve. Commissioner Harvey asked if amendments can be offered from time to time. Tammy stated that the annual plan is an expectation, but the annual plan can be changed to meet community needs and requirements. Commission Chair Stubbs asked about the Suicide Prevention Services offered by San Juan Counseling in wake of a recent suicide within the county. Sam Spellman presented information on the nationwide 988 Toll Free hot line. She encouraged the community to use these valuable services.

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

14. Consideration and Approval of the Off- Highway Vehicle Recreation Grant between the State of Utah, Division of Outdoor Recreation and San Juan County. Todd Adair, San Juan County Road Superintendent

Time Stamp 0:49:34 (audio) & 0:56:28 (video)

TJ Adair, County Road Superintendent, presented the Off-Highway Grant for the commission to review and approve. The county road department was awarded \$64,000.

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

15. Business License Interlocal Agreement, Trent Herring, Blanding City Manager, Kaeden Kulow, Monticello City Manager, Erin Nielson, Town of Bluff City Manager, Talia Hansen, SJC Economic Development Manager

Time Stamp 0:51:02 (audio) & 0:57:56 (video)

Trent Herring, Blanding City Manager, presented the Interlocal agreement for the commission to review and approve. The agreement will help the local municipalities recognize each other's local business licenses.

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

16. Consideration and Approval of a Standard Service Agreement with J-U-B Engineering and San Juan County for Preliminary Engineering Report Services. Mack McDonald, Chief Administrative Officer

Time Stamp 0:53:30 (audio) & 1:01:24 (video)

Mack presented the JUB La Sal Water agreement for the commission to review and approve.

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

17. Consideration and Approval of the Letter of Support for the Digital Access and Opportunity Grant to Enhance Broadband Connectivity and Expand Internet Access Across the County. Mack McDonald, Chief Administrative Officer

Time Stamp 0:57:46 (audio) & 1:04:40 (video)

Mack presented the letter of support for the commission to review and approve. Previously, the county completed a survey regarding the broadband access infrastructure within the county. This letter will lead to grant possibilities for the construction of greater digital access infrastructure for the county residents, particularly, along the Navajo Strip. The Dine' Bizaad language does not have words for descriptions of digital technology.

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

COMMISSION REPORTS

Time Stamp 1:09:30 (audio) & 1:16:24 (video)

Commission Chair Maughan

Commissioner Harvey spoke about the St. Christopher Mission 's free water program. For over 50 years, residents have been able to draw water from the mission well. The Navajo Nation provided a survey to the mission, stating if the results indicated that if over 20 residents are utilizing the water well, then the water treatment infrastructure must be put in place. The water treatment equipment will be costly for the mission to bear, and they might close the well.

The Elk Petroleum Company is beginning negotiations with the Navajo Oil & Gas Company to sell their 50% of the company to the Navajo Nation.

The Navajo Utah Commission met in Navajo Mountain last week. He instructed the commission about Emery Telecom receiving grant funding for the installation of internet services to the chapters and the community of WestWater and Halchita. The Navajo Land Office has been very slow in approving access to the right-of-ways for Emery Telecom to access the property. He supported a letter in exercising local control between the Navajo Nation and the county sheriff's department. He wants domestic violence events to be shared between the State of Utah District Courts , County Law enforcement and the Navajo Nation be recognized across all jurisdiction. Aneth District Court is allowing the Criminal Justice Coordination Council to meet in their chambers for the meeting this Friday at 10:00 a.m.

Commission Chair Stubbs spoke about the need to bridge the distances that exist in our large county. She attended the meeting in Navajo Mountain and was appreciative of being invited to the meeting. She has also been working with the weatherization program for West Water. The program gives homeowners new wood stoves, propane stoves, windows and weather stripping. She enjoyed participating in the economic development grant process, many companies and individuals were awarded monies to develop or expand their businesses.

ADJOURNMENT

Time Stamp (audio & video)

Motion to Adjourn:

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

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: _____