



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**  
117 South Main Street, Monticello, Utah 84535. Commission Chambers  
February 17, 2026, at 11:00 AM

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**MINUTES**

*The public will be able to view the meeting on San Juan County's Facebook live and Youtube channel*

**AUDIO:** <https://www.utah.gov/pmn/files/1393503.MP3>

**VIDEO:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Iuyv0uKIunA>

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

Commission Chair Maughan called the meeting to order at 11:03 am.

**ROLL CALL**

**Time Stamp 0:00:11 (audio) & 0:01:18 (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 County Attorney

**INVOCATION**

**Time Stamp 0:00:17 (audio) & 0:01:24 (video)**

Jamie Harvey, resident of Montezuma Creek, offered the opening prayer.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**Time stamp 0:02:40 (audio) & 0:03:47 (video)**

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

## **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE**

**Time stamp 0:03:20 (audio) & 0:04:27 (video)**

Commission Chair Maughan asked each commissioner to declare if they had any conflicts of interest with today's agenda:

Each affirmed they did not have any conflicts of interest with the 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:*

**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 0:03:47 (audio) & 0:04:54 (video)**

Commission Chair Maughan opened the meeting for any public comment, she checked the sign-up sheet and then online for any individuals desiring to express any comments.

No one offered any public comment.

**CONSENT AGENDA** (Routine Matters) Lori Maughan, 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 0:05:16 (audio) & 0:06:23 (video)**

Commission Chair Maughan presented the consent agenda 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

1. Approval of \$15, 519.15 in Small Purchases; \$1,191.25 on an Engine Computer for the Road Department, \$5,000 on Weekend Warrior Fifth Wheel Trailer for the San Juan County Rodeo, \$2,300 on Business Development and Entrepreneurship Training Services, \$4,332 on the Twin Rocks Catering RLEM Consortium Event, \$1,695.90 on Meeting Venue and Lodging at the Bluff Dwelling Resort Spa, and \$1,000 on a RLEM Sole Source Provider for Economic Development.
2. Approval of February 3, 2026, Commission Work Session Meeting Minutes.
3. Approval of February 3, 2026, Commission Meeting Minutes
4. Approval of the 2026 Housing Act Letter of Support to increase the supply of housing in America
5. Approval of the 2026 Film Housing Act Letter of Support to extend the Rural Utah Film Incentive Program

**RECOGNITIONS, PRESENTATIONS, AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

6. San Juan Conservation District Project Discussion. Ryan Jones, Resource Coordinator, Zone 7

**Time Stamp 0:07:05 (audio) & 0:08:12 (video)**

Ryan Jones, Resource Coordinator for Utah Department of Agriculture & Food, represents the SE counties, including the SJ County Conservation District. He highlighted the recent watershed restoration and habitat improvement projects implemented in San Juan County. The Department of Agriculture combined efforts with SJ County Conservation District and the Utah Department of Water Quality, to drill and create 21 wells intended to produce water for ranchers, farmers, and wildlife.

Ryan has helped with recent outreach and educational programs for local farmers & ranchers such as soil health and resource management. The program also has farming equipment available for rent.

7. America 250 Events Update by Committee Member. Mikaela Ramsay, Assistant Library Director

**Time Stamp 0:21:11 (audio) & 0:22:18 (video)**

Derryl & Sally Jack, America 250 Committee members for Monticello City, presented an update for the commission to review. The 1st activity begins tonight Linda Boyle leading a presentation & discussion of the book "1776." There are several more events such as a traveling display named the "Pen is Mightier," a musical program titled "Sounds of Freedom," a community potluck, and a walking fitness program.

8. Discussion of the Utah National Guard Armory Closure outside of Blanding City

**Time Stamp 0:34:23 (audio) & 0:35:30 (video)**

Commission Chair Maughan presented the discussion regarding the impending closure of the National Guard Armory outside of Blanding. The National Guardsmen assigned to the armory are to be re-assigned to the St. George National Guard Armory. The building has several possibilities available for its use. Commission Vice Chair Harvey stated the ASVAB testing available for local high school students has been especially helpful in guiding students towards career choice. He will also approach the chapters and ask if they will be supportive of a letter asking for the Armory's help in creating a hazmat program for the uranium being transported across the reservation to Blanding. There was discussion regarding the need for the commission to meet with the Armory's leadership and to discuss their concerns.

## **BUSINESS/ACTION**

9. Consideration and Approval of a Letter to the US Department of Interior and Bureau of Land Management Requesting Reauthorization of the Existing Trails (Trail #4, Trail #43, Trail #44, Trail #45, Trail #48, and Trail #49). Susan Flavel, SPEAR

**Time Stamp 0:40:40 (audio) & 0:41:47 (video)**

Susan Flavel, President for SPEAR, submitted a letter seeking support from the commissioners. She said the letter will help in securing grants from the Utah Outdoor program for the desired trail upgrades. They agreed to move forward with an approved letter of support from last year, with modifications only in the grant proposal. Jake Palma, BLM Field Manager, was in the audience and he expressed his support for the grant applications.

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 Letter of Support for the Utah Division of-State Parks to transfer a 60-acre parcel outside of Blanding. Lori Maughan, Commission Chair

**Time Stamp 0:49:55 (audio) & 0:51:02 (video)**

Commission Chair Maughan presented the Letter of Support for the Utah State Parks to acquire a 60-acre parcel west of Blanding, which are called the “Five Kivas.”

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 for the 2026 Community Library Enhancement Fund grant between the Department of Cultural and Community Engagement, State Library Division and San Juan County Library System. Nicole Perkins, Library Director

**Time Stamp 0:53:22 (audio) & 0:54:29 (video)**

Mikaela Ramsey, Assistant Library Director, presented the 2026 Community Enhancement Grant 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 for a Memorandum of Understanding between San Juan County Public Health and Root for Kids, Mike Moulton, Public Health Interim Director

**Time Stamp 0:55:05 (audio) & 0:56:12 (video)**

Mike Moulton, Public Health Interim Director, presented the memorandum of understanding between the county and the Root for Kids program 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

## **COMMISSION REPORTS**

**Time Stamp 0:58:35 (audio) & 0:59:42 (video)**

Commissioner Stubbs spoke about the numerous bills proposed in the legislature. She felt that some bills seemed to be power grabs by the state government. She feels representation at the meetings in Salt Lake City (at the Capital) are critical in her efforts to network with legislators, and to support legislation benefiting San Juan County.

Commission Vice-Chair Harvey thanked the other commissioners for their key efforts and involvement in the legislative process. He also reminded the commission of the need to revisit the county's waste management plan. He stated that we are required to revise it every five years. The Planning & Zoning Commission has a meeting on the first Monday of March at the Hideout Golf Club. He is looking forward to the upcoming NACO convention in Washington D.C. and learning about the key Department of Health initiatives and how they will affect the county public health department. Commissioner Harvey thanked everyone who attended the Aneth Judicial Court groundbreaking.

Commission Chair Maughan spoke about SB 281 and the growing legislative support behind it. The program will remove the abatement programs from the state and place it upon the county. She recommended meeting with Jed Tate, County Landfill Director, and touring the White Mesa landfill. She also sits on the NACO Natural Resources Board, and they have a resolution to increase the PILT money for western counties, and she is going to advocate for the higher amount.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Time Stamp 1:12:30 (audio & 1:13:37 (video)**

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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: \_\_\_\_\_