



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**  
117 South Main Street, Monticello, Utah 84535. Commission Chambers  
July 16, 2024 at 11:00 AM

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**MINUTES**

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**Audio:** <https://www.utah.gov/pmn/files/1149875.MP3>

**Video:** [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5LYKj8wA\\_4I](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5LYKj8wA_4I)

**CALL TO ORDER**

**Time Stamp 0:00:05 audio & 0:05:25 video**

Commission Chair Jaime Harvey called the meeting to order at 11:07 am.

**ROLL CALL**

**Time Stamp 0:00:21 audio & 0:05:46 video**

Commissioner Harvey polled the commissioners for their attendance in today's meeting.

**PRESENT**

Commission Chair Jaime Harvey

Commission Vice Chair Silvia Stubbs

**STAFF**

Mack McDonald, Chief Administrative Officer, CAO

Lyman W. Duncan, Clerk/Auditor

Brittany Ivins, County Attorney

**INVOCATION**

**Time Stamp 0:00:38 audio & 0:05:58 video**

The opening prayer was offered by Kurt Lewis, a resident of Monticello.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**Time Stamp 0:01:57 audio & 0:07:17 video**

Commissioner Harvey led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE

**Time Stamp 0:02:28 audio & 0:07:48 video**

Commissioner Harvey asked each commissioner to affirm if there were any conflicts of interest with today's agenda. All three commissioners responded there were not any conflicts of interest.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

*Public comments will be accepted through the following Zoom Meet link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82171709527> Meeting ID: 821 7170 9527 One tap mobile +16699006833,82171709527# US (San Jose)*

*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 0:03:10 audio & 0:08:30 video**

Mack presented the Public Comment portion of the meeting to the online and in-person audience which comprised of residents from throughout the county, USDA Farm Agency, Colorado State University (CSU) extension agent, and the Dolores County Weed Board.

Johnathan Wright, county property owner, introduced many of the farmers in attendance. He spoke about weeds and how the weeds are flourishing throughout the county. Johnathan stated the morning glory, Russian nap weeds are causing the most problems. Wants the county to declare a noxious weed emergency for the farming community. The farmers need to maintain their organic wheat farming capabilities.

Gus Summer, CSU Extension employee, gave a history of the miscellaneous weed programs conducted in Dolores County. He encourages landowners to receive mandatory weed education and to develop consistent weed enforcement.

Legend Gines, a local wheat farmer, representing Johnson Farms, asked the commission to consider giving educational resources to the farmers.

Kyle Fullmer, a wheat farmer from Monticello, stated that weed control is a passion for him. He states that enforcement throughout the county has declined in the past few years. He feels the government (BLM, Forest Service, and Sitla) are the 1st entities that need to improve.

Kurt Lewis, farmer from Monticello, states that the farmers are losing the weed battle and feels that if we follow the Dolores County Weed Control Board procedures it would greatly improve the farmers ability to control weeds. He wants more enforcement throughout the county, particularly from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

Dennis Gines, wheat farmer from Monticello, states that the weed problem is hurting the local farmers and wants disinterested landowners to be forced to keep the weed control laws. He stated the weed problem is cyclical.

Monty Perkins, Blanding resident and former county weed manager, is concerned about the weeds and their proliferation throughout the county. He believes that the county residents need more education and weed control enforcement. He is supportive of the emergency weed declaration.

Will Murray, USDA Natural Resource Local Director, spoke of the different programs offered by the Federal Agency. They have grants, herbicides, and education to extend to the farmers.

Erin Pettit, USDA CRP program manager, expressed her support to the farmers.

Oma Fleming, Director of the Dolores County Weed District, spoke about the program and the strong support she receives from the Dolores County leadership. She recommends using the tax statements to educate the public and to keep the information in front of the public.

Commissioner Adams spoke about the landowners who are working hard at addressing weed control issues. He mentioned that many farmers may not be so inclined to fight the weed control battle. He mentioned that creating a weed district with taxing authority might be a long-term solution to the weeds.

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

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#### **Time Stamp 1:05:00 audio & 1:10:20 video**

Mack presented the Consent Agenda for the commission to review and approve.

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

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

1. Approval of the July Small Purchase of \$2,295 for the San Juan County Road Truck Jack
2. Approval of the July 2, 2024, Commission Meeting Minutes
3. Approval of the July 9, 2024, Board of Commissioners, Board of Canvassers Meeting Minutes
4. Approval of the Check Registers for June 29 to July 11, 2024
5. Approval of the Appointment of Stephen Hiatt to the San Juan County Board of Health
6. Approval of the State of Utah Department of Health and Human Services Contract Amendment 2 with San Juan County for Community and Clinical Intervention.
7. Consideration and Approval of the Contract Amendment 2 between San Juan County and TecServ Modifying the Agreement Allowing for the FBI's Criminal Justice Information Systems Adherence and Guidelines.
8. Ratification of the Notice of Award to Lyle Northern Electric, Inc. for the Cal Black Airport for the All-Weather Operating System and Beacon Replacement Project for \$273,480 in Construction Costs.

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9. San Juan County Victims' Advocate Program, Keri Jensen

**Time Stamp 1:07:30 audio & 1:12:50 video**

Keri Jensen, county victim advocate, gave an overview of her responsibilities. She handles person to person type crimes, such as domestic violence, physical assault, and sexual abuse. Her job is to assist the victim in receiving all their legal rights.

**BUSINESS/ACTION**

10. Consideration and Approval for the Library Services and Technology Act Borrower Support Grant Agreement between State Library Division and San Juan County.  
Nicole Perkins, Library Director

**Time Stamp 1:22:18 audio & 1:27:38 video**

Nicole Perkins, Library Director, presented the Support Grant Agreement for the commission to review and approve.

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

11. Consideration and Approval of San Juan County Workplan Contract for year 2025 with the State of Utah Department of Environmental Quality. Grant Sunada, Public Health Director

**Time Stamp 1:27:11 audio & 1:32:31 video**

Grant Sunada, Public Health Director, presented the CY 2025 Workplan Contract for the commission to review and approve. The Workplan entails air quality, water quality, environmental quality, waste management, waste oil collection, and mercury testing.

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

12. Consideration and Approval of the San Juan County Minimum Performance Standards Contract for year 2025 with the State of Utah, Department of Environmental Quality. Grant Sunada, Public Health Director

**Time Stamp 1:39:20 audio & 1:44:20 video**

Grant Sunada, Public Health Director, presented the CY 2025 Minimum Performance Standards for the commission to review and approve.

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

13. Consideration and Approval of the Contract and Program from the State of Utah Department of Health and Human Services for the Medical Reserve Corps Strong Program with San Juan County. Grant Sunada, Public Health Director

**Time Stamp 1:43:40: audio 1:48:00 video**

Grant Sunada, Public Health Director, presented the Medical Reserve Corps program for the commission to review and approve. The grant's intent is to create a program for additional residents prepared to volunteer in emergencies.

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

14. Consideration and Approval of the 2024-2025 Agreement with the State of Utah, Utah's Attorney General's Office and San Juan County for the Children's Justice Center Operations. Robert Nieman, CJC Director

**Time Stamp 1:50:19 audio & 1:55:39 video**

Robert Nieman, Children's Justice Center (CJC) Director, presented the 2024-2025 operations contract with the Attorney General's Office for the commission to review and approve. The contract is for one year (June 30, 2025) and the financial amount from the contract is \$114,000.

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

15. Consideration and Approval for the Emergency Medical Services Providers Agreement between San Juan County and Regence BlueCross/BlueShield. Mack McDonald, Chief Administrative Officer

**Time Stamp 1:56:08 audio & 2:01:28 video**

Mack presented the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Department Regence Blue Cross/Blue Shield contract for the commission to review and approve. The contract is removing certain supply charges from the overall bill.

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

16. Consideration and Approval of the Membership for Payroll Deduct Only Agreement between AirMed Care Network and San Juan County. Mack McDonald, Chief Administrative Officer

**Time stamp 2:05:10 audio & video 2:10:30**

Mack presented the contract with AirMed Care Network for the commission to review and approve.

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

## **COMMISSION REPORTS**

**Time Stamp 2:08:00 audio & 2:13:20 video**

Commissioner Harvey reported on the National Association of Counties conference in Tampa Bay, Florida. He was grateful the county received a grant to help with economic mobility, which will be rolled out over the next few months. He also spoke of supporting the "pause rule" for individuals incarcerated. Once an individual is arrested and placed in the penal system, Medicaid insurance ceases as their primary medical insurance. He hopes Medicaid will change and start all benefits once the individual is released from the detention facilities. He is seeking opportunities to engage the state and the federal government in addressing social needs within the county. He will be participating this week in a criminal justice committee meeting in Window Rock. He feels the biggest need facing the Nation is cross-deputization of law enforcement, and the road contract with NDOT.

Commissioner Adams expressed that NDOT is extremely difficult to work with, so he is hoping Commission Chair Harvey is successful in the negotiations. Commission Adams spoke of the upcoming county fair, concert, and rodeo activities. He will be traveling soon to Kentucky for the annual Utah County Investment Pool (UCIP) training. In August, he will be attending the groundbreaking for the new Monument Valley Campus building.

Commissioner Stubbs attended the recent Seven County Coalition meeting. The legal case surrounding the train line from the Uinta Basin has finally reached the Utah Supreme Court. She attended the planning & zoning meeting this past week. She has also been working with a community group to bring the Southeast Utah Cowboy Museum to fruition. She has met with Blanding City regarding the possible installation of a splash pad. She also was saddened with the attempted assassination upon former President Trump, and the death of a local community member by suicide. She hopes that we are mindful of others and the burdens they carry each day.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Time Stamp 2:28:49 audio & 2:34:09 video**

Commissioner Adams made a motion to adjourn at 1:50 pm.

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APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
San Juan County Board of County Commissioners

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
San Juan County Clerk/Auditor

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_