



## **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORK SESSION MEETING**

**117 South Main Street, Monticello, Utah 84535. Commission Chambers**

**January 06, 2026 at 9:00 AM**

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### **AGENDA**

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

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

#### **ROLL CALL**

#### **AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Mexican Hat Road Issues Discussion. Joy Howell

#### **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\*\*

I'm unsure how to proceed with asking for consideration of a road on private property being moved so we can reopen our small, dispersed camping area in Mexican Hat.

It has come to our attention that the state/county is claiming 2 roads that cut through our property as county roads, although these do not show up in a title search it was allegedly done during the 2008 inventory for the RS 2477, the previous owner was not aware of this and had, in fact, made the county and BLM remove all signage in 2013. We closed this road for 4 days during the October 2023 Eclipse and it was widely advertised along with the county, Sheriff's office, BLM and Commissioners being made aware. We had full support at that time. Regardless, there is a simple solution that will still allow access to the river (BLM) and secure our private property which will allow us to reopen our campground.

So much of this was done long before online maps were available and it seems nobody knew where the property lines were except the property owners who were never made aware of these claims and therefore didn't have the opportunity to file a petition to correct this.

Again, the simple solution is to allow us to complete the partially re-routed road that would follow our property's northern line (within our boundaries) and connect to the current road near the entrance at Highway 163. This would allow us to re-open our campground and consider possible future development. We must be able to secure our property to go forward. The road that runs to the south, at the 'Y', only goes to an oil well, of which the public has full access to, this would be funny if it weren't so serious for us as we're unable to fully access our own property at this time, about 100 acres.

We've lost at least \$4,000 in revenue since we were forced to close, I realize it isn't that much, however, the county should be protecting our right to property and to free enterprise along with the collection of sales/use and TRT taxes.

I've included maps that show where the property lines (orange) are and the roads in question. Blue being the proposed road and red the current claim by county.

Thank you for your consideration, I hope this can be cleared up soon as people love to camp here all winter.

Joy Howell



