

**SAN MIGUEL COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES**

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2026

333 WEST COLORADO AVE, 3RD FLOOR, TELLURIDE, COLORADO 81435

1. 9:30 am Call to Order

2. Roll Call

Present:

Lance Waring, Chair

Galena Gleason, Vice Chair

Anne Brown, Commissioner

Staff Present:

Mike Bordogna, County Manager

Jarrold Biggs, Deputy County Manager

Maura Boylan, County Attorney

Meghan Knowles, Communications Specialist

Carmen Warfield, Chief Deputy Clerk

3. Moment of Silence

4. Review of Agenda

5. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

Please limit comments to 3 minutes. If comments are not related to an item on the agenda, there will be no Board response or action taken since the topic was not posted with proper notice and any comment could potentially violate the Colorado Open Meetings Law.

6. Consent Agenda

- a. Acceptance of the 2025 November and December Road Report.
- b. Approval of the Chair's signature on Amended & Restated Deed Restriction and Covenant, Colin & Jennifer Hubbard, 546 Society Dr.
- c. Approval of the reappointment of Kelsey Brax to the Wilkinson Public Library Board of Trustees seat.
- d. Approval of the December 2025 Vendor and Payroll Payments
- e. Ratification of the Commissioner's signature on a letter of support for the Shavano Conservation District SHOW grant application.
- f. Ratification of the Commissioner's signature on a letter of support for the Uncompahgre Medical Center's application for funding from the Colorado Dental

Health Care Program for Low-Income Seniors.

- g. Approval of the December 2025 Vendor Payments and Payroll.

Motion by Anne Brown to approve the consent agenda with Item 6.g. pulled due to a duplication. **Seconded** by Galena Gleason. **PASSED 3-0.**

Item 12. Commissioner Updates

Anne Brown - Telluride Regional Airport Authority Meeting; Behavioral Health Collaborative

7. Planning Matters

- a. 9:40 am Continuation of the **Public Hearing** on Mining Regulations — potential Executive Session citation (4)(b) conference with an Attorney.

Presented by: Kaye Simonson, Planning Director; Torie Jarvis, Sullivan, Green, Seavy, and Jarvis

10:47 a.m. Recessed.

10:55 a.m. Reconvened.

10:59 a.m. The Chair opened the Public Hearing.

Public Who Addressed the Board:

Chris Neumann, Representative for the Colorado Mines Association

Carl Dalton, County resident

Douglas Tooley, County resident

Gavin Ramsey, County resident

Mark Steen, Uranium Prospector

Ruthie Boyd, Sheep Mountain Alliance

Josh Bleak, Anfield Energy, Inc.

12:19 p.m. The Chair closed the Public Hearing.

Motion by Anne Brown to continue this item to 2:00 p.m. **Seconded** by Galena Gleason. **PASSED 3-0.**

9. Lunch

12:25 p.m. Recessed.

12:45 p.m. Reconvened.

10. Planning Matters - Continued.

- a. Consideration of an appeal of an administrative decision on an Employee Housing Impact Fee./MOTION

Presented by: Kaye Simonson, Planning Director; Christopher Byran, representing the appellant, Garfield and Hecht P.C.

Motion by Lance Waring to deny the appeal, Administrative Decision - 201 Whipple Way, Employee Housing Impact Fee. **Seconded** by Galena Gleason. **PASSED 3-0.**

Note: A resolution will be presented on February 4, 2026, concerning this matter.

8. Administrative Matters

- a. Discussion of unfunded mandates.

Presented by: Jarrod Biggs, Deputy County Manager

Note: A discussion occurred. The draft letter will be sent through the editing process with the final version presented on February 4, 2026.

11. Manager Matters

Update and other, as needed
Mike Bordogna, County Manager

Presented by: Mike Bordogna, County Manager

1. Discussion of the Community Resources fund.
2. The final addition of the West End Vision Plan has been released.
3. Mike met with the new Ouray County Manager.
4. Discussion with Norwood Food Pantry concerning the housing.
5. The Telluride Mountain Village Owners Association and other government officials will discuss the remainder of winter season and its outlook, given the earlier strike.

Jarrod Biggs, Deputy County Manager

1. The Deed Restriction Reversion process will end next week.
2. The Strategic Stakeholder roundtable meeting is scheduled for next Monday.
3. There is a request for proposals to close this Friday for a construction manager for the Ilium project.

12. Commissioner Updates

Anne Brown - Update on Outside Meetings.
Galena Gleason - Update on Outside Meetings.
Lance Waring - Update on Outside Meetings.

Anne Brown Continued — San Miguel/Ouray County Operating Plan; Discussion with other

jurisdictions concerning the financial impact due to the ski area closure for a period of time. An economic diversification plan is needed.

Galena Gleason — Fresh Foundation Board Meeting; Meeting with Bright Futures staff; Meeting held for the Public for Norwood School Building replacement

1:54 p.m. Recessed.

2:00 p.m. Reconvened.

Item 7.a. Continued Mining Regulations

Presented by Kaye Simonson, Planning Director; Torie Jarvis, Sullivan Green Seavy Jarvis

Motion by Galena Gleason to adopt **Resolution Number 2026-05** to amend the San Miguel County Land Use Code and adopt the regulations for mining, adding Section 6-3 to Article 6, Natural Resources and make necessary amendments related to mining throughout the Land Use Code, based on the finding that the proposed amendments comply with the standards of Land Use Code Section 5-1802, Land Use Code Amendments. And are consistent with Land Use Code Section 1-4, for the purposes of the Land Use Code and Section 2-35, Mining and Mineral Processing Operations.

I further move that Section 1, Section 6-301(B), shall be amended to add 6-301(B)(III), as follows.

6-301 B. Applicability:

- I. This section applies to any mining operation, exploration, or reclamation-only operation, as those terms are defined herein, that is located partially or wholly in unincorporated San Miguel County on private or public lands.
- II. If any provisions of this section conflict with other provisions in the San Miguel County Land Use Code, the more stringent provisions shall control.
- III. Mining activities permitted under this article may be permitted on legally non-conforming lots subject to these regulations.
- IV. Nothing herein exempts an applicant from compliance with any other applicable local, state, or federal requirements.
- V. This section is not intended to conflict with or supersede any state or federal regulatory authority.

2. Section 6-101F, Definitions shall be amended to add:

Compensatory mitigation, offsetting the significant adverse impacts of a project by replacing, rehabilitating, or restoring suitable biological and physical conditions.

3. Permit Application Materials for Exploration and Reclamation-Only Operations, Section 6-303F.III shall be amended as follows:

Description of proposed techniques that will be used to mitigate impacts to wildlife and wildlife habitat, and a monitoring plan. The mitigation plan may include a compensatory mitigation plan with a level of detail commensurate with the scale, scope, intensity, and duration of the impacts to wildlife and their habitat.

4. Permit Application Materials for Mining Operations Sections 6-305 Q.III shall be amended to add as follows:

A wildlife mitigation plan (WMP) that describes consultation with CPW, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, proposed techniques that will be used to mitigate impacts to wildlife and wildlife habitat in the Impact Area, and a Monitoring Plan. The WMP may include a compensatory mitigation plan with a level of detail commensurate with the scale, scope, intensity, and duration of the impacts to wildlife and their habitat. Compensatory mitigation for wildlife and wildlife habitat should occur within the individual home range of the impacted wildlife resource, such as the Game Management unit for big game species, or the same stream corridor for aquatic species. **Seconded** by Anne Brown. **PASSED 3-0.**

Continued Commissioner updates:

Lance Waring - Dolores River National Conservation Area (NCA) process meeting; Ute Mountain Reconciliation; AI meeting at Fort Lewis College; Colorado Communities for Climate Action (CC4CA)

13. Attorney Matters

Update and other, as needed.

Maura Fahey, County Attorney (Any of these items may involve an Executive Session C.R.S. 24-6-402(4))

- a. Executive Session - Conference with an attorney (4)(b) to discuss correspondence regarding deed restriction reversion offer.

Presented by: Maura Boylan, County Attorney

Note: Nancy Willis, Paralegal, is in attendance at this Executive Session.

Motion by Galena Gleason to go into executive session to discuss a correspondence regarding deed restriction reversion offer citation (4)(b) conference with an Attorney. **Seconded** by Anne Brown. **PASSED 3-0.**

2:33 p.m. Recessed.

2:58 p.m. Reconvened.

Motion by Lance Waring to come out of executive session. **Seconded** by Galena Gleason. **PASSED 3-0.**

Note: Staff direction was provided.

- b. Executive Session - Conference with an attorney (4)(b) to discuss the Labor Certification process.

Presented by: Maura Boylan, County Attorney

In attendance at the Executive Session, Nancy Willis, Paralegal

Motion by Galena Gleason to go into executive session to discuss the Labor Certification process under citation (4)(b) conference with an Attorney. **Seconded** by Anne Brown. **PASSED 3-0.**

2:58 p.m. Recessed.

3:43 p.m. Reconvened.

Motion by Galena Gleason to come out of executive session. **Seconded** by Anne Brown. **PASSED 3-0.**

Note: Staff direction was provided.

Note: The County Attorney requested that items 13.a. and 13.b. not have written minutes, as they constitute a privileged attorney-client communication, and a statement signed by the attorney and chair is attached.

14. Adjournment

Motion by Galena Gleason to adjourn. **Seconded** by Anne Brown. **PASSED 3-0.**

3:44 p.m. Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved: February 18, 2026
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Lance Waring

ATTEST:

Carmen Warfield



**SAN MIGUEL COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS MEETING**
01/21/2026

Date of Meeting

Executive Session Minutes Attest

I, Maura Fahey, County Attorney, attest that the 01/21/2026 (Date of Meeting) Executive Session discussions of attorney-client matters were confined to a permissible executive session topic and constituted a privileged attorney-client communication that does not have written minutes.

Maura Boylan

Marua Fahey, County Attorney

I, Lance Waring Chair of the San Miguel County Board of Commissioners, attest that the 01/21/2026 (Date of Meeting) Executive Session discussions of attorney-client matters were confined to a permissible executive session topic and constituted a privileged attorney-client communication that does not have written minutes.

Lance Waring

Chair