

SAN JUAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
July 15, 2013

The regular meeting of the San Juan County Commission was held at 10:00 A.M. in the Commission Room at Monticello, Utah.

Present: Bruce Adams, Chairman
 Phil Lyman, Commissioner
 Kelly Pehrson, Chief Administrative Officer
 James Francom, Chief Deputy Clerk

Absent: Kenneth Maryboy, Vice Chairman

Attendees: Norman Johnson, Rick Bailey, Nick Sandberg, Jerry McNeely, Monty Wells, Trudy De Angelis, Lynn Laws, Walter Bird, Barbara Trask, Bob Turri, Jennifer Swanson

The minutes of July 8, 2013 were approved by a motion from Commissioner Lyman and seconded with a slight change by Commissioner Adams. Vote was unanimous.

Lynn Laws - SJC Road Department

Lynn presented a procurement request for a power washer that would be mounted on a vehicle to be used for servicing equipment out in the field. He presented bids for the power washer with a recommendation to go with Northern Tool which had the best price at \$4,712. Commissioner Lyman made a motion to approve the purchase and Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

Walter Bird - SJC Personnel

Walter made a request to hire Melissa Palfreyman as a Part Time La Sal Satellite Librarian at a Step 25. Commissioner Lyman made a motion to approve the hire and Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

Walter made a request to promote Gabriel Clarke as a corrections officer. He is currently at a step 8 // and will change to a step 11// after completing post training. Commissioner Lyman made a motion to approve the promotion and Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

Rick Bailey - SJC Emergency Services

Rick met with the USDA NRCS concerning the water damage near the Hatch Trading Post. The county has received a Grant for 550,000 from USDA NRCS. Commissioner Lyman made a motion to accept the grant and move forward with the project and Commissioner Adams seconded the motion.

Vote was unanimous.

Rick discussed options of how to help the Navajo Mountain Chapter with water issues. Rick also presented a map from the USDA which shows that the majority of San Juan County is in an extreme drought situation.

Rick reported on the fires in the county and that with the recent moisture the fires have diminished.

Rick handed out a report from Creamer and Noble on a solar energy project at Cal Black Airport.

Norman Johnson - County Clerk

Norman updated the commission on the tax hearings that took place on July 10th. to determine if the parties involved would like to mediate. The upcoming hearings will be on the 17th and 18th, which makes a conflict as to representation from the Board of Equalization. The commissioners decided that if they are not able to attend to represent the BOE that they would make the recommendation for mediation on each of the properties.

Kelly Pehrson - Chief Administrative Officer

Kelly met with Lewis & Young about refinancing for the Mexican Hat SSD Bonds and reported that the fees would be around \$10,000 to refinance. It was decided to keep the payments we have now and not refinance.

Kelly attended the Dennehotso Chapter House meeting and gave general updates on the budget and he also reported on upcoming meetings with Jason Chaffetz. There will be an open house on August 9th from 5:00-6:30 pm.

Jerry McNeely - SJC Liaison

Jerry met with Kate Canon and she mentioned that she would like to set a date for the Commissioners to visit the Island in the Sky.

Nick Sandberg - SJC Planner

Nick reported that the BLM has awarded an EA contract for the Recapture Trail.

Nick presented the conservation agreement for the commission to sign now that San Juan County has been added. Commissioner Lyman made a motion to sign the agreement and Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

Nick presented talking points for the upcoming Gunnison Sage Grouse meeting on Tuesday. There will be a meeting for the Sage Grouse working group Thursday at 7:00 in the commission room.

Nick discussed the economic study commissioned by HB142 regarding the transfer of public lands to State ownership.

Commission Reports

Commissioner Lyman - met with Ryan Jolly of Jones & Demille who are looking at constructing a road over to West Water from center street for their utilities. Commissioner Lyman attended the property tax hearings on the 10th. He reported that the Mexican Hat SSD has an issue with the sewer lagoons and the flies and mosquitoes. Commissioner Lyman will be attending the Sage Grouse meeting Tuesday and Thursday he will be meeting with USU to narrow down the joint position.

Commissioner Adams - reported on the CIB approvals including a request from Carbon County to improve the 9 mile road. The CIB also approved other equipment projects. Commissioner Adams attended the Horse Sale on Saturday. He discussed the resolutions for public lands that he will be presenting in Dallas Texas, which include the Gunnison Sage Grouse and other continuing resolutions to NACo.

Commissioner Lyman made a motion to go into Executive Session at 11:19 am and Commissioner Adams seconded the motion.

Commissioner Lyman made a motion to go out of Executive Session at 12:20 pm and Commissioner Adams seconded the motion.

Walter made a request to take a Part Time position in the Clerk's office and eliminate a Full Time position in the Assessor's office and make a Full Time Hybrid position which Diane Eddington would fill. Commissioner Lyman made a motion to approve promoting Diane to the full time position and Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:23 pm