

**SAN JUAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**November 12, 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 - (by phone)  
                  Kenneth Maryboy, Vice Chairman  
                  Phil Lyman, Commissioner - (by phone)  
                  Kelly Pehrson, Chief Administrative Officer  
                  James Francom, Chief Deputy Clerk

Attendees:     Norman Johnson, Nick Sandberg, Barbara Trask, Marilyn Boynton, Monte Wells,  
Craig Halls, Mike Enfield, Marie Enfield, Howard Randall, Crystal Holt, Bill Boyle

Mike Enfield - SJC Resident

Mike Enfield made a request for an abatement to the RGJ Corporation aka Gouldings' property. He asked for a 60% reduction retroactively for 2012, 40% in 2013, and then RGJ would be paying the full amount from 2014 and thereafter. Mike was not arguing the valuation of the property, the justification for the abatement was that the taxes almost quadrupled from what they had been paying in previous years. Commissioner Lyman made a motion to approve the abatement and Commissioner Adams seconded the motion.

Howard Randall argued that approving the abatement would open up a can of worms and allow other taxpayers to argue that their taxes should also be abated. He also noted that the county provides many services to RGJ and that there is no reason that they should not be able to pay the taxes.

Commissioner Lyman clarified that the abatement was because of the significant increase all at once.

Craig Halls - SJC Attorney

Craig previously made a request to hire from the previous interview pool, but the person they offered the job to refused. Craig requested to change the job description and increase the wage. Commissioner Adams was concerned that the people inhouse are given the opportunity to apply for the position as well. Commissioner Lyman made a motion to approve the new job description and Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Howard Randall - SJC Assessor

Howard presented some properties for adjustment with the BOE. Commissioner Maryboy made a motion to go into BOE and Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Howard made a request to abate the back taxes, penalties, etc for community housing services as per the decision that the property should be considered tax exempt. Commissioner Lyman made a motion to abate the penalties and interest on the property. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Howard presented a request from Judy Harvey to put the land she received from her uncle who was a

part owner back into Greenbelt. Commissioner Lyman made a motion to put it back into greenbelt and Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

Howard presented another property request to be put back into greenbelt. Kerry Shumway had a property with an error in the legal description. After the correction the other property went to his father Duane Shumway and they are requesting that property go back into greenbelt. Commissioner Lyman made the motion to put it into greenbelt and Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Lyman made a motion to leave BOE and Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. The Vote was unanimous.

#### Kelly Pehrson - Chief Administrative Officer

Kelly requested the approval of an engineering contract with Creamer & Noble to repair the Paiute Creek Bridge. The contract is not to exceed \$67,512.85 and would be paid for by NRCS through FEMA. Commissioner Lyman made a motion to approve the contract and Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The insurance committee advertised for insurance brokers and the committee decided to go with GBS Benefit Inc. The contract is for \$36,000, but they would refund up to that amount if they were not able to save us at least that much money. Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the contract and Commissioner Maryboy seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Commissioner Lyman was absent for the vote.

Kelly presented three building permits from Quality Specialists in West Water and one from Scott Frost for a shed. Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the building permits provided all of the signatures are in place and Commissioner Maryboy seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Commissioner Lyman was absent for the vote.

#### Nick Sandberg - SJC Planning

Nick reported that the majority of the comments received back show that we should participate in the Lands Bill. To date we have received approximately 187 comments back. Many of the comments are in favor State control of the land. Thursday he will be attending a Gunnison Sage Grouse meeting in Montrose and on the 21st there will be a hearing in Monticello.

Citizens' Comments - Marilyn Boynton suggested that we look at options to help the assessors office out so that the property values are gradually increased, so that we do not have the same type of problem like we did with Gouldings.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to go into Executive Session.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to leave the Executive Session.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:05 a.m.