

SAN JUAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
February 10, 2014

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
 Kenneth Maryboy, Vice Chairman
 Phil Lyman, Commissioner
 Kelly Pehrson, Chief Administrative Officer
 James Francom, Chief Deputy Clerk

Attendees: Norman Johnson, Walter Bird, Jerry McNeely, Nick Sandberg, Monte Wells, Jeremy Lyman, Mike Jensen, Barbara Trask, Bob Turri, Marilyn Boynton, Jared Berrett, Greg Adams, Tammy Gallegos, Rick Bailey, Ben Musselman, Burton Black, Bruce Bunker

An Executive session was held at 9:00 AM to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation.

The minutes of January 27, 2014 were approved by a motion of Commissioner Lyman and seconded by Commissioner Maryboy. Voting was unanimous.

Walter Bird - SJC Deputy County Attorney

Walter presented a resolution calling on congress to permanently fund PILT each year. Commissioner Lyman had some suggestions and things he would like to have added to the resolution, therefore it was tabled for a later date.

Public Hearing

Commissioner Maryboy made a motion to go into a Public Hearing to discuss the CIB application for road improvements and Commissioner Lyman seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous. Kelly explained that there has been extensive road damage due to the rain in July and August. The Piute bridge was destroyed, the Gypsum Creek road culverts wash out often and therefore it needs a bridge, White Rock community road entrance, and the Three Step road in Lisbon Valley are all in need of repair. Kelly reached out to several groups to obtain funding and has received \$715,000 from NRCS, \$200,000 from Navajo Department of Transportation, and design work from an earmark to design the bridge at Gypsum Creek, and with \$450,000 of our own funds we are asking for 52% or \$1.8 million in grant from CIB.

The public was given an opportunity to give comments. Marilyn Boynton gave a positive comment in favor of the project. Monty Wells asked whether this would be a reimbursement for the contract to Creamer and Noble who had been awarded a project earlier. Each of the Commissioners made other comments in favor of the project. With no other comments Commissioner Maryboy made a motion to exit the Public Hearing and Commissioner Lyman seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous.

Commissioner Lyman made a motion to submit the CIB application and Commissioner Maryboy seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly Pehrson - Chief Administrative Officer

Jared Berrett made a request for a zoning variance and presented information supporting the request. Greg Adams explained the legal issues in the zoning codes and how it may be illegal for the commissioners to grant the variance. After some discussion and in looking at possible options the commissioners decided to seek further legal advice before proceeding.

Kelly reviewed the CIB priority list. Commissioner Maryboy made a motion to approve the CIB list and Commissioner Lyman seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous.

Tammy Gallegos presented a change to the administration of the chapter's road and recreation funds to reduce the county's liability for those funds. Commissioner Maryboy wanted to see a priority list from the chapters and expressed some concerns. Tammy expressed that she wanted to reduce the county and her liability. Commissioner Maryboy made a motion and Commissioner Lyman seconded the motion to approve the request. Vote was unanimous.

Kelly presented two building permits. Wasatch Wind turned in a building permit for 27 turbines for \$22,774. Joe Hurst under Tri-Hurst Construction also turned in a building permit for storage shed in Blanding. Commissioner Maryboy made a motion to approve the building permits provided all fees are paid and proper signatures are in place and Commissioner Lyman seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous.

Jerry McNeely - SJC Liaison

Jerry informed the commission that the Southeastern Utah Health District Board has appointed John Jones as the new Chair and has also appointed a new Vice Chair. They have also spent all of the screening money and would like to have another person appointed to fill Steve Young's empty seat on the board. Jerry attending meetings with SITLA starting at Kane Creek, Kate Canon with NPS, the BLM master leasing plan meeting, and with Mike Dean of the Forest Service.

Nick Sandberg - SJC Planning

Nick reported on Representative Mike Noel's Grazing Bill that he and Jim Keyes are working on. Nick will be attending the Lands Council meeting on wednesday. Nick and Bob Turri attended an open house on the Glen Canyon off highway management plan which recognizes most of the county's unpaved roads, but not all of them. There was also some discussion concerning the Sage Grouse.

Nick reported on the master leasing plan the BLM is working on and explained some of the options that are being discussed. Concerns were expressed about how they may creating buffer zones around the parks. Commissioner Adams emphasized that we need to assert our rights to argue with anything that does not align with San Juan County's Master Plan.

Commission Reports:

Commissioner Lyman - reported that the financial statements for the county are encouraging and that the TRT funds YTD were up in Blanding and Monticello. The businessmen in Monument Valley are concerned about the closure of the business park and wondered if there was something the commission could do to help. Commissioner Lyman attended the Legislature meetings this last week. He will be attending Heritage Council and Lands Advisory meetings this week. He briefly discussed some of the county health care issues and challenges and expressed his sympathy toward the Health Board. He hopes to see more cooperation with the other healthcare groups.

Commissioner Adams - also added his comments about the Health care situation and he is hopeful for this new era in healthcare and cooperation. Commissioner Adams attended the legislative meetings including meeting about Jail contracting and better management of financing for legislation. He will be going back up on Wednesday to be there for Senior Day at the Legislature starting Thursday.

Commissioner Maryboy - also attended legislative meetings last week. Commissioner Maryboy discussed the Utah Navajo Trust Fund money and what he would like to see happen with the management of the money. He will be meeting with Unions this afternoon and tomorrow and he may be going back to Salt Lake on Wednesday.

At 12:05 pm Commissioner Maryboy made a motion to go into Executive Session. Commissioner Lyman Seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous.

At 1:00 pm Commissioner Maryboy made a motion to leave the Executive Session. Commissioner Lyman Seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous.

At 3:00 pm Commissioner Lyman made a motion to go back into Executive Session. Commissioner Adams Seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous. Commissioner Maryboy was absent for the vote.

Exited Executive Session and Adjourned at 3:20 pm