

SAN JUAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
February 11, 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
 Kenneth Maryboy, Vice Chairman
 Phil Lyman, Commissioner
 Tammy Gallegos, SJC Administration
 Norman L. Johnson, County Clerk /Auditor

Attendees: Monte Wells, Nick Sandberg, Bob Turri, Wanda Franklin, Dawn Howe, Barbara Trask, Kelly Pearson, Benny Musselman

The Minutes of February 4, 2013 were approved, with minor changes, by a motion of Commissioner Lyman and seconded by Commissioner Adams. Vote was unanimous. Commissioner Maryboy was absent for the vote.

Bruce Bushore – SJC Communications

Bruce presented an out of state travel request to attend the March IWCE conference in Las Vegas. Following a discussion on the various classes he will attend a motion to approve the travel was made by Commissioner Lyman and seconded by Commissioner Adams. Voting was unanimous. Commissioner Maryboy was not present for the vote.

Wanda Franklin – SJC Roads

Wanda, representing Lynn Laws who is at Navajo Mountain with Rick Bailey, presented an agreement for the installation of a cattle guard on CR 138. Following a brief discussion a motion to approve the agreement was made by Commissioner Lyman and seconded by Commissioner Adams. Voting was unanimous. Commissioner Maryboy was not present for the vote.

Tammy Gallegos - SJC County Administration

Tammy, representing Rick Bailey, presented the current CIB Capital Improvements List to the Commission. The list was reviewed and commented on. All changes to the list will be made and finalized in next week's Commission meeting. Commissioner Adams reviewed in detail the current and past revenue and projects funded by the CIB Board. He was successful this past week in getting the interest rate dropped by 1% to 1.5% for producing counties. Tammy also said the Senior Day at the Legislature will be this Wednesday with a luncheon at noon. Commissioner Adams said he will try to attend.

Nick Sandberg - SJC Planner

Nick reported that he attended the open house held in Monticello and that there were

approximately 250 in attendance. He said that there was a good discussion and it was a very orderly meeting. Commissioner Adams expressed his appreciation to both Commissioner Lyman and Nick for handling the meeting in such a professional way. The Commissioners and Nick agreed two letters need to be written to the Federal F&W. The first letter is to request that a "Public Hearing" be held here in Monticello and the second letter should indicate our expectation that they will follow their own rules under NEPA. Nick indicated the Farm Bureau was involved in the meeting and their information will help the comments that come out of San Juan County, have a more technical basis. It is important that we get the private property out of the designation of critical habitat. Nick also said there has been some interest from the Colorado Public Radio on the Sage Grouse issue.

In another area Nick said the BLM Master Leasing Plan socio-economic data is out for comment and must be in by the 14th, however he does not see a need to comment. We have the BLM coordination meeting with Shelly Smith on the 25th at 1:00 PM

Commission Reports

Commissioner Adams – Was in St George last week at the CIB, as previously reported and will be going up to the legislative meetings this week. Commissioner Adams discussed last week's request from the Mexican Hat Special Service District and how the County might be able to help them. He recommended that SJC provide \$500 a month toward the monthly loan payment. Commissioner Lyman acknowledged that he does private work for the MHSSD. Following additional discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Maryboy and seconded by Commissioner Lyman that San Juan County provide the Mexican Hat Special Service District \$500 a month toward their loan payment. Voting was unanimous. Commissioner Adams also reported that he had attended the Oljato Chapter meeting on Sunday. He will be meeting with Representative Noel on his Land Bill and the possibilities for the county with the suggested closing of the State Prison in Draper this week in SLC.

Commissioner Lyman – said he attended the NRF last Monday and the Sage Brush coalition meeting on Wednesday. Last Thursday he attended the Sage Grouse meeting in Monticello with Nick. Commissioner Lyman said that Idaho and Wyoming have introduced resolutions of support for the transferring of Federal Lands to the States. He is planning to meet with Shelly Smith of the BLM on Friday to discuss Recapture. He indicated there has been some interest from private companies in potential oil production on Cedar Mesa.

Commissioner Maryboy – has been involved in several meetings and sessions of the Navajo Council for the past two weeks. He continues to fight for having the Utah Water settlement segregated from Arizona. He stated at a meeting in Albuquerque the Water Task Force voted to give support to the West Water community. He has been in SLC meeting with the various Utah Tribes and the Governor. He expressed concern over the natural gas flaring that is taking place in Montezuma Creek and asked if the County or State could do anything about it as people are reporting illness from it.

Meeting Adjourned 11:20 AM