

**SAN JUAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**February 19, 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  
                  Rick Bailey, SJC Administrator  
                  Norman L. Johnson, County Clerk /Auditor

Attendees:     Nick Sandberg, Bob Turri, Barbara Trask, Marilyn Boynton, Rick Eldredge,  
                  Crystal Holt, Lynn Laws, Howard Randall

The Minutes of February 11, 2013 were approved, by a motion of Commissioner Lyman and seconded by Commissioner Maryboy. Vote was unanimous.

Crystal Holt – SJC Personnel Office

Crystal and Sheriff Eldredge presented the name of Cal Dean Black to be hired as a deputy Sheriff in Blanding. Cal Dean has 21 years of law enforcement experience and is presently employed by the Blanding PD. Because of his experience his Grade and step will be 11 / I on the Sheriff's Office pay scale. Following a brief discussion a motion to approve the hire was made by Commissioner Lyman and seconded by Commissioner Maryboy. Voting was unanimous.

Rick Eldredge – SJC Sheriff

Sheriff Eldredge discussed the meeting set for next Monday at 10:00 am in Monument Valley with the Navajo Nation Law & Order Committee to discuss the MOU on Law enforcement. All of the Commissioners will be in attendance. Commission attendance at this meeting will therefore necessitate cancelling the regularly scheduled Commission Meeting for February 25<sup>th</sup>.

It was noted by Commissioner Adams that on March 4<sup>th</sup> the Commissioners will be in Washington DC and therefore the meeting scheduled for that day will also be cancelled. The next regular Commission meeting will be on March 11<sup>th</sup>.

Norman Johnson – SJC Clerk / Auditor

Norman advised the commission that due to the current staffing level and wanting to reduce county expense, The Clerk's Office was working with the Blanding Post Office to take over US Passport applications. A time table has not yet been established but it will be well advertised prior to the changeover date.

On behalf of the San Juan County Water Conservancy District, Norman, as the District Manager, presented the Commission with a letter reaffirming their commitment to realigning the road around Dry Wash if the reservoir is re-built. The Commissioners agreed that this was still their intent and were supportive of the proposed project.

#### Commissioner Bruce Adams

Commissioner Adams asked about the need to have two persons appointed to the Dine' Bikeyah Economic Development Committee. Commissioner Lyman said this is a purely advisory committee and would like to give it some thought and have it placed on the March 11<sup>th</sup> agenda.

#### Rick Bailey - SJC County Administrator

Rick discussed the CIB Capital Improvements List and the end of the month due date. He said there were still some minor adjustments needed. Upon a motion by Commissioner Maryboy and seconded by Commissioner Lyman and a unanimous vote Rick was authorized to make necessary changes and submit the list to the proper authorities.

Rick up-dated the Commission on the old communications site and building on Abajo Peak. Over the past few years the public user has changed several times and the County really does not have a need for it any more with changes to communications technology. The permit site may have value to someone but the building is not needed. Following additional discussion Commissioner Lyman made a motion to declare the building surplus and put the site up for bid. Commissioner Maryboy seconded. Voting was unanimous.

Rick, representing discussed the meeting with NNDOT set for March 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. A location is yet to be decided. He advised the commission of a hazardous chemical spill in Vega Creek. The spill cleanup is being handled by the EPA and is being investigated by law enforcement.

Representing Monty Perkins, SJC Building Maintenance, Rick said the Public Safety Building is likely in need of a small backup generator to handle sensitive equipment should the main generator fail during a power outage. The main backup generator is tested every 30 days but should it fail a loss could be significant. Monty will gather additional information and get back on the agenda at a later date.

#### Jerry McNeely – SJC Liaison

Jerry reported on his meetings with SITLA and the various activities they have. SITLA has sold the Montezuma Creek property to UNHS and are working on a seismic project by Fidelity from the Looking Glass rock area to near Pot Ash. They are also working on selling a section of land near the Bridges. Jerry reviewed and discussed some of the road situations in Spanish Valley. He has had meetings with Shelly Smith of the BLM and restated her desire to work with the Commission whenever they are in SLC. Shelly indicated she will be leaving her position as of February 24<sup>th</sup> but still maintains she will finish the Recapture report.

Jerry indicated that K2O will be required to file another exploration permit to extend its exploration outside the existing permitted area. He also has met with the Forrest Service. Commissioner Lyman asked if Jerry knew anything about the south access into Canyonlands from the Island in the Sky Area being closed? Jerry will check into it.

### Nick Sandberg - SJC Planner

Nick reminded the Commission of their meeting tomorrow at 8:00 with Round River. They want to set up four subcommittees: Economic Development; SITLA land exchange; Community Outreach Stakeholders and Lands. He is not sure of the need for that many committees.

Nick presented the Commission with two letters to the US Fish and Wildlife Service. One letter requests Cooperating Agency Status and the second request a public hearing on the proposed Gunnison Sage-grouse Rules. Both letters were reviewed and discussed. Commissioner Lyman made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the letters. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Maryboy. Voting was unanimous.

### Commission Reports

Commissioner Maryboy – spent much of his time last week in meeting with the Navajo Nation and various committees. He is working with Senator Hinkins, trying to get full funding for Navajo Veterans. There seems to have been some positive movement in having the Utah Water issue separated from the other States. Commissioner Maryboy indicated he may be in SLC later this week and will be going to D.C. next week.

Commissioner Lyman – said he has been working with the Dine' Corporation and John Pace in developing By-Laws and working with Representative Noel on the Trust Fund issue. He is following several of the legislative bills and has met with Shelly Smith on Recapture and said there will not be a resolution on Recapture by the EOM. Phil mentioned the possibility of connecting the bike trail between Dry Wash and Lloyds Lake. He will be in the area this week.

Commissioner Adams – was at the Senior Day at the legislature last week and has also attended the UAC legislative meetings. He spent time with the Governor and Lt Governor on the proposal to move the State Prison in Draper. This proposal could have a very positive impact on our county facility. We could possibly move ahead with the expansion project should we be guaranteed beds and payment. The State is not able to bond for a complete new prison. The Counties have the ability to handle the level 2 & 3 inmates. He also met with the Lt. Governor and Representative Noel on the trust fund issue. This week he will meet with Representative Chaffetz's staff in the morning and then be in SLC for legislative meetings and a UCIP Board meeting.

At 11:50 Commissioner Maryboy made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a legal issues. It was seconded by Commissioner Lyman. Vote was unanimous.

At 12:08 Commissioner Lyman made a motion to go out of Executive Session the motion was seconded by Commissioner Maryboy. Vote was unanimous. Meeting Adjourned 12:09 PM