

SAN JUAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
March 18, 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: Kenneth Maryboy, Vice Chairman
 Phil Lyman, Commissioner
 Rick Bailey, SJC Administration
 James Francom, Chief Deputy Clerk

Absent: Bruce Adams, Chairman

Attendees: Norman Johnson, Davis Filfred, Patricia Smith, Crystal Holt, John Fellmeth, Nick Sandberg, Jerry McNeely, Marilyn Boynton, Trudy De Angelis, Monty Wells, Rick Eldredge, Tammy Gallegos, Barbara Trask, Kelly Pehrson, Bob Turri

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

Davis Filfred – Utah Navajo Fair

Davis asked whether there were any questions with the financial report that was presented last week. Norman Johnson explained that he had reviewed the documents and that they were one of the best reports he had reviewed from the Navajo Fair.

Concerns were brought up about the amount of the funds being distributed by cash and the surplus of funds held at the San Juan Credit Union. Rick Bailey made mention that the surplus funds could be used to help make the Chapter recreation funds whole. Davis was going to get with his board about the surplus funds and what they can do.

Patricia Smith – SJC Library

Pat presented a CLEF grant for \$7,529.00 for the development of local public library services. A motion was made by Commissioner Lyman and seconded by Commissioner Maryboy to sign the agreement. Voting was unanimous.

Rick Eldredge – SJC Sheriff

Rick sought approval from the commission to use Shelby Musselman as a part time dispatcher to help cover shifts. A motion was made by Commissioner Lyman and seconded by Commissioner Maryboy to approve the position. Voting was unanimous.

Tammy Gallegos – SJC Aging

Tammy requested approval to hire Shelly Hefner as a Permanent part time position in La Sal. A

motion was made by Commissioner Lyman and seconded by Commissioner Maryboy to approve the position. Voting was unanimous.

John Fellmeth – IT Manager

John presented the 2012 final budget to show what was actually spent. John also reported that there will be a travel plan work meeting with the road department on Thursday.

John requested approval to upgrade computers throughout the county that currently use Windows XP, because they will no longer be supported by Microsoft. It is estimated that it will cost around \$17,000 to \$23,000 for the upgrades. After considerable discussion on the direction of the technology use a motion was made by Commissioner Lyman and seconded by Commissioner Maryboy to move forward with the upgrades. Voting was unanimous.

Rick Bailey - SJC County Administration

Rick presented the names of Merlin Grover, Virgle Ellis, and Nathan Langston to be appointed as members of the San Juan Water Conservancy District. Merlin and Virgil are looking to be reappointed and Nathan Langston would be replacing Kedric Sommerville who has asked not to be renewed. A motion was made by Commissioner Lyman for those appointments and seconded by Commissioner Maryboy. Voting was unanimous.

The meeting with SITLA has been postponed. Future meetings with the Navajo Nation Department of Transportation March 19, 2013 at 10:00 am and has a conference call with FEMA region 8 at the same time. The sheriff will be meeting with the Navajo Nation Budget and Finance Committee authorizing the cross commissioning agreement between the Navajo Nation and San Juan County. A LEPC meeting will be held March 20, 2013 at 11:30 am. Discussed potential dates with NPS for a four county meeting in Page.

Rick reported that there are some outstanding Special Service District appointments and Paul Curtis is retiring from the Monticello Cemetery District. Following up on the request made last week for the Utah Strip Chapters recreation funds, Rick recommended that we send them to the Utah Navajo Fair Board with their surplus funds.

Rick prepared letters of appreciation to Senator Hinkins and Representative Noel to be signed by the commissioners. The Commissioner Lyman also expressed his personal appreciation for the help he received from them.

Jerry McNeely – SJC Liaison

Jerry met with SITLA who is working on a seismic project and the Montezuma land sale. Jerry visited with Kate Cannon with the National Park Service. Kate would like to meet with the commissioners to help get one of the permits renewed. The NPS, Forest Service, and BLM have said that things will be moving much slower due to the sequestration.

Jerry has been meeting with the housing authority. The housing authority will be replacing their

manager, so they are trying to make do with the people they have. The PILT money cuts are going to be around 7.5% rather than the 5% we were expecting before.

Nick Sandberg - SJC Planner

Nick reported on the sage grouse meeting that was held in Dove Creek last Wednesday. They discussed what Gunnison has done and what the counties could do collectively to keep the sage grouse from being listed as an endangered species. Nick handed out a draft MOA to be reviewed.

Commission Reports

Commissioner Lyman – was pleased with the joint resolution of the Trust Fund with only two opposed of 104 votes. Commission Lyman attended the sage grouse meeting with Nick Sandberg and Kelly Pehrson. Phil is planning on attending the Republican convention Tuesday night.

Commissioner Maryboy – will be in Flagstaff Wednesday through Friday. Commissioner Maryboy reported that the chapters want the county to do more road work. NDOT will be meeting tomorrow. The Navajo DOJ is reviewing whether the Utah Navajos are going to have their own agency.

Citizens Comments:

Bob Turri reported that the grant was approved which was requested in the past to enlarge the Hook and Ladder area to which the county agreed to match the funds with labor and materials.

Marilyn Boynton made a request that the county look into a sound system for the commission room. Marilyn would like to see more efforts in promoting hiking and camping tourism.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:02 p.m.