

SAN JUAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
April 8, 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
 Phil Lyman, Commissioner
 Kelly Pehrson, Chief Administrative Officer
 James Francom, Chief Deputy Clerk

Absent: Kenneth Maryboy, Vice Chairman

Attendees: Norman Johnson, Nick Sandberg, Jerry McNeely, Trudy De Angelis, Rick Bailey, Barbara Trask, Monty Wells, Davis Filfred, Betty Vijil, Greg Adams, Amer Tumeh, John Young, Ken Theis, John Fellmeth, Lynn Stevens, Bob Turri, Jeff Nielson, Walter Bird, David Gallegos

In reviewing the minutes Commissioner Adams expressed frustration with the services provided by Health District. Kelly Pehrson was assigned to write a letter to the Southeastern District Health Board. The Minutes of April 1, 2013 were approved by a motion of Commissioner Lyman and seconded by Commissioner Adams. Vote was unanimous.

Kelly Pehrson - Chief Administrative Officer

Kelly presented a request to the commission in behalf of Amer Tumeh to vacate the alleyway behind the Desert Rose. County was concerned about opening a can of worms by allowing him to vacate the alleyway. It was expressed that we should look at each of the situations individually. Greg wanted to have the property surveyed and recorded which Amer Tumeh was in favor of doing. Commissioner Lyman made a motion to vacate the alleyway and keep the right of way for the utilities in place. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly requested funds to help support SJC Farm Days. In the past they have received \$5000. After some discussion Commissioner Lyman made a motion to fund the request and Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous.

John Fellmeth - SPEAR President

John presented a map showing the spirit cave trail that SPEAR would like the county to have added to their travel plan. They would also like the county to write a letter to the BLM. It is close to Blanding and would provide access to some great sites. Commissioner Lyman made a motion to add the trail to the plan and to have Nick write a letter. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Voting was

unanimous

John Young - SJC Jail Commander

John requested to purchase a plethysmograph costing \$9,028.83 they have enough money in the commissary fund to purchase it. Commissioner Lyman made a motion to approve the purchase, Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous.

Davis Filfred - Utah Navajo Fair

Davis Filfred and Betty Vijil presented a proposed budget to the Commission. Davis made a request for \$30,000 for the Utah Navajo Fair and the \$5,000 for the administrative fees. This has already been set up in the budget and Davis can make a written request for the funds thru the clerks office.

Norman Johnson - County Clerk

Norman presented a list of properties for the 2013 Tax Sale. We are hoping that more of the properties will be redeemed before the tax sale. The Commissioners directed Norman to follow the normal processes of the law.

Rick Bailey - SJC County Administration

Rick presented a building permit for David Ivan Hawks for a manufactured home in Spanish Valley. Commissioner Lyman made a motion to approve the building permit provided all the necessary signatures are in place. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous.

Rick submitted an application for a grant to the FAA for the Cal Black Memorial Airport in the amount of \$527,004 for pavement maintenance, runway safety area grading, and improvements to the solar power system.

Received preliminary approval from UDOT-Aeronautics for the Bluff Airstrip crack sealing project \$40,000 for 2016 and \$90,000 in 2019 for some overlay work.

Rick and Crystal attended a Fair Training meeting by UCIP. Crystal will be attending the Risk management training. Rick also attended the UDOT annual meeting which discussed a turning lane at Bridger Jack Mesa and Blue Hill. The UAC management conference will be this week in Provo.

NTUA request on the culinary water project at Mexican Hat is moving forward. The Blanding Shooting Range project ran into an issue with its right of way application and they now need to have a paleontologist on site. We may be able to use the BLM's paleontologist and it looks like we should still be on schedule to have the National Guard provide the work.

Rick also expressed concern about the drought situation in the county. Norman explained that it is

anticipated that there will not be any agriculture water allocations this year from Recapture or Loyd's Lake.

Jerry McNeely - SJC Liaison

Jerry discussed the situation with Ken's Lake and the problem with the lack of water. Jerry met with SITLA and the BLM. Kelly was assigned to update Kathleen Clark on the K2O project. Fidelity Seismic project is not moving very fast with many other projects in front of it. The park service has been studying the horse canyon road in canyonlands to have it open by April 22nd. Jerry has been working with the housing authority which reaches into San Juan County and he is also working on Tangreen Lane.

Nick Sandberg - SJC Planner

Nick checked with the BLM regarding the Indian Creek concern that Monty Wells had last week. Nick and Kelly Pehrson attended a meeting in Montrose regarding the Sage-grouse and discussed the NEPA compliance issue. Forest Service coordination meeting on April 22nd. BLM has done a final study on the Recapture project. The county would be responsible for monitoring 21 sites. The county is concerned about being responsible for those costs. Bob Turri read some rules which should give the county a rebuttal to argue the county's responsibility for the costs.

Commission Reports

Commissioner Lyman - talked to Guy Denton on the joint partnership position and they are ready to move forward on it. SJC Heritage is discussing expanding with neighboring Colorado counties because of the Hovenweep and other areas that make it compelling to work as a region. Commissioner Lyman would like to see a committee formed to look at how to solve the health care issues in the county. Both commissioners expressed their condolences with the loss of Gena Nielson.

Commissioner Adams - had a meeting and was on an environmental panel at UVU. He also met with CIB discussing how the sequestration will affect them. Commissioner Adams will be attending the UAC conference this Wednesday and Thursday.

Citizens Comments:

Lynn Stevens discussed the Hole in the Rock trails. He recommended that the county make sure we have those trails on the D-road plans. Nick Sandberg was assigned to look into what the county has done to assert our rights on the Hole in the Rock trail. He also mentioned that the BLM law enforcement is collecting tolls and fees on county roads.

Executive Session - 11:50 a.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lyman to go into Executive Session and was seconded by

Commissioner Adams. Voting was unanimous.

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Meeting Adjourned at 12:47 p.m.