

SAN JUAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
May 6, 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, SJC Chief Administrative Officer
 Norman L. Johnson, County Clerk /Auditor

Absent: Kenneth Maryboy, Vice Chairman

Attendees: Nick Sandberg, Bob Turri, Barbara Trask, Trudy DeAngelis, Monte Wells,
 Marilyn Boynton, Tammy Gallegos, Jerry McNeely, Crystal Holt, Bruce Bunker

The Minutes of April 22, 2013 were approved with a motion by Commissioner Lyman and seconded by Commissioner Adams. The voting was unanimous.

Commissioner Adams reported on the 8:00 AM County Road Meeting.

Tammy Gallegos – SJC Aging Director

Tammy presented the third year of the 4 year Aging Plan for review and signature. The document summarizes the accomplishments of the prior year on outlines the goals for the 3rd year. Following a brief discussion a motion to approve signing the plan document was made by Commissioner Lyman and seconded by Commissioner Adams.

Tammy invited the Commissioners to participate in the June 8th San Juan County Health Fair and Senior Expo. The *fun run / walk* will start at 7:30 and the Fair at 10:00 AM at the USU Arts and Conference Center in Blanding.

Crystal Holt – SJC Human Resources

Crystal presented the name of Hanna Adams to be hired as a part time LaSal Sr. Center Aid at grade 1 step 1 and Tara Dawn Olsen as the Legal Secretary for the County Attorney at Grade 8 step 61. Following a brief discussion a motion to approve the two hires was made by Commissioner Lyman and seconded by Commissioner Adams.

Bruce Bunker – SJC Building Inspector

Bruce requested the Commission set the permit fee for Wind Towers. Kelly Pehrson, County CAO, presented information he had acquired from several other counties who have wind turbines. It was stated that on September 10, 2012 the Commission had suggested the fee be set at \$700 per tower. In addition to the permit fee there would be additional inspection and mileage charges. Following a detailed discussion, a motion to approve setting the Permit fee at \$700 for

each Wind Tower, plus inspection and mileage charges, was made by Commissioner Lyman and seconded by Commissioner Adams. The voting was unanimous.

There was a brief discussion on conditional use permit fees. Mr. Bunker was asked to follow-up with the Planning Commission on their recommendations as our current fee is only \$10.

Marilyn Boynton – SJC Citizen

Marilyn gave the commission an update on her efforts to work with Dine' Bikeyah, Don Mose and UNICO, of which her daughter is associated, in helping to preserve the Navajo Language.

Kelly Pehrson – SJC CAO

Kelly presented the Cal Black Airport Development Plan and related documents. The plan shows the anticipated work thru 2021 and the documents add Kelly's name as the County Contact. A motion to approve the plan as presented was made by Commissioner Lyman and seconded by Commissioner Adams.

The contract with Utah State History, Department of Heritage and Arts, for the Five Kiva Pueblo, in the amount of \$10,000 was presented for signature. The agreement had been previously approved by the Commission, however as it is a contract, Commissioner Lyman made a motion to sign the document with the State and it was seconded by Commissioner Adams.

Kelly mentioned to the Commissioners that Kate Cannon would like to schedule a field trip to Island in the Sky and they suggested May 15 or 16. He has received a signed copy of the MOU with the Navajo Nation Department of Transportation and said that John Cunningham of the Health District will be to Commission Meeting next week. Kelly was asked to notify our local SEUHD Board Members. He updated the commissioners on the Mexican Hat Water Project and the meeting he had attended.

Jerry McNeely – SJC Northern Liaison

Jerry reported on his activities and contacts with the BLM, Forrest Service, National Park Service and State Lands. He mentioned that Kate Cannon, NPS, is anxious to participate in the field trip into Island in the Sky. He has met the new BLM manager and is very impressed with him. Jerry indicated that K2O will be able to begin some of their drilling as soon as their bond is posted. Other information included short reports on the Big Indian well, the Arches re-route, the Cedar mesa and Indian Creek ATV trails and the Horse Canyon Road closure.

Jerry is continuing to work on the Tangren Lane project and feels there is progress being made. He made comment about the designation, by the Forrest Service, as a "mechanized trail", meaning bicycles not motorized vehicles.

Nick Sandberg – SJC Planner

Nick reported on his contact with Dine' Bikeyah & Round River. The next meeting is set for

May 15th but he is unsure if it will be held. The ball is in the Navajo Nations court, as to working with Round River or not. He reminded the Commission of today's 1:00 PM coordinating meeting with the BLM.

Nick presented a letter to Mr. Juan Palma, State Director of the BLM, in which there is described the 7 and a half year wait for two right-of-way applications. Following a discussion about the circumstances of the letter, Commissioner Lyman made a motion to sign and send the letter. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion.

Commission Reports

Commissioner Lyman – said he had a good meeting and field trip with Kathleen Clark and some of the legal staff. He attended a Heritage Council meeting. Commissioner Lyman said that in his communications with Juan Palma of the BLM he feels something can be worked out on the Recapture Trail. He reported on the good cooperation between Blanding, Monticello and the SJC Office of Tourism on a billboard to be placed on the south end of Moab. Today he will meet with the BLM and tomorrow go with the grazing committee on a site visit.

Commissioner Adams – attended most of the same meetings and events as Commissioner Lyman. He also attended the CIB last week and was pleased with the outcome for the City of Monticello in securing additional airport funding. This week he will be in St George on Wednesday and Thursday for UCIP Management Conference and Board meeting. Next week is SJC Farm Days and is an important event for the children of the area.

Meeting Adjourned 11:37 AM