

SAN JUAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
May 13, 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
 Kelly Pehrson, SJC Chief Administrative Officer
 Norman L. Johnson, County Clerk /Auditor

Attendees: Nick Sandberg, Bob Turri, Barbara Trask, Trudy DeAngelis, Monte Wells, Jerry McNeely, James Francom, Steve Young, Tracy Randall, David Cunningham, Frank Morrell, Rick Bailey

The Minutes of May 6, 2013 were approved with a motion by Commissioner Lyman and seconded by Commissioner Maryboy. The voting was unanimous.

David Cunningham - SEUHD

David Cunningham, Health Director of the Southeastern Utah Health District (Grand, Emery, Carbon and San Juan), gave a detailed power point presentation on the responsibilities of, and the funding for, the district. He reviewed the governing rules of the State Code and the minimum performance standards which must be met. Mr. Cunningham also provided detailed information on current staffing levels and client numbers per location and by counties.

There was an in-depth conversation, with many questions and answers, on such matters as SEUHD payroll cola increases in years when the County did not give them, Staffing levels in San Juan County, the allocation of building space in the County Administration Building and the need for an additional administrator at the District. The VMTE program was also discussed along with the District and State's support for its continuance.

Mr. Cunningham agreed to make a better effort in communicating with the Commission and said he will make at least an annual report. Additional information will be sought on the VMTE program, the use of space in the Administration Building and better advertising of the Districts Office Schedules.

Rick Bailey – SJC Emergency Services

Rick presented a revised out of state travel request for the FEMA meeting. He will now be going to Denver rather than Rapid City on May 22 to May 24. As time will be valuable he will fly out of Cortez or Moab. The request for travel was approved on a motion by Commissioner Maryboy and seconded by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

Rick reported to the Commission on various road projects with emphasis on the Oljato to Navajo Mountain road and the Paiute Creek Bridge repairs. He discussed the USDA funds granted to upgrade the Montezuma Creek and Monument Valley fire trucks but said the matching funds are not yet available. Rick wanted to look into some type of lease purchase for the trucks rather than returning the funds already allocated.

Rick discussed in detail the Navajo Mountain water situation. The pipeline from Inscription House is completed but not yet tested and hooked up. When the pipeline is connected to the homes it will be only for culinary water, not for livestock or agricultural use. The use of the spring might still be needed. Various funding sources to complete the project were discussed. In other matters there was discussion on the landfill's need for an additional CDL driver while an employee is out on medical leave and his travel schedule for meetings in SLC this week.

Rick pointed out the microphone and speaker system that is in use today. It is a resurrection of the old system and can be used as a temporary fix until a better solution is found. Commissioner Maryboy asked about transportation service for the Lt. Governor and his party next week. Rick indicated the Sheriff was involved but that he would follow-up with him on it.

Norman Johnson – SJC Clerk / Auditor

Norman presented an out of state travel request to attend the NACRC Annual Meeting in Dallas July 18 to 23. This conference is a bit longer in order to add in the usual fall meeting thereby eliminating one out of state travel trip in 2013. Norman is the Treasurer of this National Association. Following a brief discussion the request for out of state travel was approved on a motion by Commissioner Maryboy and seconded by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly Pehrson – SJC CAO

Kelly said that the field trip with Kate Cannon was now set for Thursday, however after some discussion the commission asked to have it changed to Wednesday if possible. He stated that at this time the Lake Powell, Four County, meeting has not been scheduled. Kelly reported on this morning's Department Head Meeting and indicated he thought it was successful and will be held on a quarterly basis. He said the UCIP Personnel Workshop in St George last week was an informative meeting. The county had 8 employees in attendance.

Jerry McNeely – SJC Northern Liaison

Jerry reported that he had had a lengthy meeting with Kate Cannon of the NPS on having a 4th concessionaire for Canyonlands National Park. He also reported on his other contacts with the BLM, Forrest Service, National Park Service and State Lands. There will soon be a press release from SITLA about the Spanish Valley water project, as the State Engineer is near a ruling. He said the Mill Creek water issue is being resolved. Jerry attended the Grand County Council meeting at which several presentations were made on the value of recreational land use. He said the GCC want to meet with the County Commissioners next week at 1:00 PM if possible.

In other Items Jerry said the Housing Authority is running much smoother and that they need one more low income self-help project in Blanding. He is continuing a review of the Forrest Service motorized trail system and the Tangren Lane project. Jerry reported on the Mill Creek Bridge slide area and said the road department will be working on it.

Nick Sandberg – SJC Planner

Nick said the Dine' Bikeyah & Round River meeting will be postponed for a couple weeks.

Last Thursday Nick attended a meeting with the 11 counties on the Gunnison Sage Grouse at which they reported on their trip to Washington DC. He said they feel the economic analysis will be out sometime in late June or early July and that the public hearings will be held in mid-July, one of which should be in Dove Creek. It is hinted by the Federal Fish and Wildlife that if the two states can come up with some sort of mitigation plan, that would prevent the species from becoming extinct, they might be favorable to not having the bird listed. Each of the State Governors will need to support the plan. A meeting to start work on a plan with Delores County could be set up the morning of May 22 in Dove Creek.

Nick said he has a letter from SITLA indicating they are working on some Recreation Land exchanges along the border of Grand and San Juan Counties. They are working thru some of the county road interests and issues in the exchange

Commission Reports

Commissioner Lyman – said he talked to Juan Palma on Recapture and he will be down in early June and wants to see something positive happen in SJC. Last week he attended Girls State Softball and was pleased to announce San Juan took state for the 2A girls. This afternoon he will be at the San Juan Farm Days and on Wednesday attend a UAC meeting. On Thursday he will meet with the RS2477 attorneys. Saturday he will attend the State Republican Convention in SLC. Commissioner Lyman said he appreciated this morning's staff meeting.

Commissioner Maryboy said he will be around most of the week but will also be in Flagstaff for a meeting with NNDOT. He said he has Resolutions of Support for the Utah Dine' Corporation from West Water, Oljato, Mexican Water and Teec Nos Pos. Commissioner Maryboy also reported on the Navajo Nation's progress toward the water issues.

Commissioner Adams – last week he was in St George on for the UCIP Personnel Workshops, at which he was a presenter. This week he will be at several of the same meetings as the other Commissioners and will be at SJC Farm Days this afternoon.

Meeting Adjourned 12:05 PM