

SAN JUAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
June 10, 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, James Francom, Marilyn Boynton, Linda Larson,
 Tammy Gallegos, Monty Wells, Lynn Stevens, Lou Mueller, Jerry McNeely, Jeff
 Barrett, Howard Randall, Bruce Bushore, Trudy DeAngelis, Jason Keith, Ashley
 Korenblat, Vaughn Hadenfeldt, Ken Theis

The Minutes of June 3, 2013 were approved on a motion by Commissioner Lyman and seconded
by Commissioner Adams. The voting was unanimous. Commissioner Maryboy will be given the
opportunity to make changes or comments.

Commissioner Adams read a letter of thanks, dated June 4, 2013, from Lieutenant Governor
Greg Bell expressing appreciation for the assistance and association he had during his visit to
Southern San Juan County.

Commissioner Adams requested Tammy Gallegos and Linda Larson attend the Commission
Meeting to receive a special thanks for the time and effort they and their committee put into the
Health Fair held at USU in Blanding this past Saturday. There were 250 participants in the fun
run and many more attended the health fair. The event was well organized and had great
presentations and booths. The commission appreciated the efforts and feel the event was highly
successful.

Lou Muller – USU Extension

Lou presented a request for out of state travel to Pittsburgh, PA from September 16–20 to attend
the National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Conference. She will be a
presenter at the conference. Commissioner Lyman made a motion to approve the travel and it
was seconded by Commissioner Maryboy. Voting was unanimous.

Ashley Korenblat, Jason Keith, Vaughn Hadenfield and Jeff Barrett – UOBN

Ashley and Jason presented and discussed a letter dated May 2, 2013 which was sent to
Congressman Bishop concerning Eastern Utah Public Lands Legislation. The letter was sent on
behalf of the Utah Outdoor Business Network. The intention of the letter is to provide
information which will help drive decisions made about Southeastern Utah Public Lands in favor
of the outdoor recreation interests. The concept is to promote an ongoing sustainable economy

with recreational interests. They said the UOBN is not an environmental interest group, though some of their ideas may cross toward that ideology on occasion. Along with the letter was a detailed recreational site use audit for Hiking, Rock Climbing, Mountain Biking, River Rafting, Boating, Base Jumping, Horseback Riding, Hunting, Angling, OHV use and a few other type activities.

There was a healthy and lengthy discussion with comments from, Commissioners Adams, Lyman and Maryboy concerning having a major part of the recreation located in San Juan County without any of the economic value. Commissioner Lyman stated that “as soon as a place is designated as special it becomes less special”, so how and who will control it? Additional comments were made by Vaughn Hadenfeldt, Jeff Barrrett and Ken Theis on the various aspects of the land use issue. The County has survived for all these years on extractive industries and agriculture. In 1967 a zoning plan was developed and gave genuine effort to some of the same issues being discussed today.

The commission was adamant that any effort to support the “Greater Canyonlands” would be off the table and that current agricultural and mineral extraction uses must be included. It was agreed that the voice of Local business need to be included and that every foot of land cannot be used for the same purpose, but that we need to look for the best use of the land. It was also noted that whatever takes place needs to be locally driven and with local input. The Commission thanked the UOBN group for their presentation and attendance at the meeting today.

Kelly Pehrson – SJC CAO

Kelly presented one building permit for approval from, Jared Palmer – shop/warehouse – Blanding. A motion to approve the building permit provided all the appropriate signatures are in place was made by Commissioner Lyman and seconded by Commissioner Maryboy. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly presented a sealed bid for the Abajo Peak TV Building. The bid was opened and was from Scott Saunders in the amount of \$5,000. The bid was taken under advisement for approval next week. Kelly gave the Commission a Quit-Claim Deed and survey for the property in Bluff in favor of Amer Tumeh. Commissioner Adams signed the document. Kelly indicated he had a good meeting with our health insurance carrier, BC&BS, and will have a follow-up meeting next week. He will be in SLC with the VMTE group and other meetings the balance of the week.

Lynn Stevens – Blanding Cemetery District

Lynn presented an initial request to have the County consider participating in a road project which borders the Blanding Cemetery for nearly 1700 feet. He feels that the improved road will be a collector road for Highway 191 and therefore can qualify for B-road funds. Following a brief discussion the commission will take the matter under advisement and seek input from the Road Department.

Jerry McNeely – SJC Liaison

Jerry reported on the Health district meeting he attended for Commissioner Lyman and indicated the District Board gave little credit to the budget letter sent by the SJC Commission. He said the District is moving ahead with an assistant for the Director and a 3% COLA for staff. In other matters Jerry reported on his meetings with the Forest Service, SITLA, National Parks and BLM. He gave the commissioners an oral review of a list of BLM projects and their current status.

Nick Sandberg – SJC Planner

Nick reported on his and Commissioner Lyman's meeting with Dennis Teitzel, from the BLM, on the Recapture Programmatic Agreement. The bottom line is that the BLM has redrafted the agreement including the county recommendations and comments and that it appears to be very close to an agreement the county could accept. Nick said he will continue his review and bring a final document for the Commissioners signature. One of the positive side effects is that this agreement may become a base model for future projects involving archeological resources around Blanding.

In other matters Nick said Mike Taylor with Dine Bikeyah expressed some confusion over who would be involved with the next meeting of the Navajo Nation, Dine Bikeyah and Round River and who should facilitate the meeting. The Commissioners feel the County or Dine Bikeyah should facilitate and asked Nick to follow-up on it as the meeting is set for the 18th of June. He said the next GSG meeting is tomorrow in Dove Creek and the coordinating meeting with the Grand County Council is Wednesday 19th at 10:30 AM.

Commission Reports

Commissioner Lyman – said Nick had reported on their meeting with the BLM and he will attend the GSG meeting in Dove Creek Tomorrow

Commissioner Maryboy - said he spent time in Flagstaff and Winslow last week and will be available for the meetings this week as needed.

Commissioner Adams –attended the UCIP training in Vernal most of last week and reported on the Counties equity position with UCIP. The County originally put \$100,000 into the pool and that equity is now approaching \$300,000. We will be getting a workman's comp dividend this year for around \$3,700. This week he will attend the GSG meeting and the CIB Funding meeting on Thursday.

Meeting Adjourned 12:25 PM