

SAN JUAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
June 17, 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
 Kenneth Maryboy, Vice Chairman
 Kelly Pehrson, Chief Administrative Officer
 James Francom, Chief Deputy Clerk

Attendees: Norman Johnson, Nick Sandberg, Jerry McNeely, Barbara Trask, Monty Wells,
 Tammy Gallegos, Crystal Holt, Patricia Smith, Susan Taylor, Marilyn Boynton, Bob
 Turri, Rick Eldredge, Alan Freestone, Wanda Franklin, Bill Boyle, Jim Keyes, Preston
 Grover, Eric Grover, Curtis Yanito, Jennifer Swanson

A small change was made to the minutes and then the Minutes of June 10, 2013 were approved by a motion of Commissioner Lyman and seconded by Commissioner Adams. Vote was unanimous. Commissioner Maryboy was absent for the vote.

Commissioner Adams requested that Tammy report on the fire situation within the county. There are two major fires in the area the Lackey Fan Fire which has covered over 800 acres and a fire in the Dark Canyon area.

Patricia Smith - SJC Libraries

Pat presented contracts for the Monticello Library remodel project for signatures. Commissioner Lyman made a motion for Commissioner Adams to sign the contracts and it was seconded by Commissioner Adams. Vote was unanimous. Commissioner Maryboy was absent for the vote.

Tammy Gallegos - SJC Aging

Tammy presented a UHIN contract for signature. Commissioner Lyman made a motion for Commissioner Adams to sign the contracts and it was seconded by Commissioner Adams. Vote was unanimous. Commissioner Maryboy was absent for the vote.

Crystal Holt - SJC Personnel

Crystal presented the name of Jared Palmer from Spanish Valley to replace a corrections officer position. Jared would start out as a dispatcher at step 8 and then move to corrections at step 11 after passing the certifications. Jeremy Homedew will become a road deputy after passing his certifications.

Commissioner Lyman made a motion to hire Jared Palmer and it was seconded by Commissioner Adams. Vote was unanimous. Commissioner Maryboy was absent for the vote.

Wanda Franklin - SJC Road Department

Wanda presented the bids for 100 concrete cattle guard timbers. Two companies submitted bids and the road department recommended to go with Quinn Palmer due to the difference in cost. Commissioner Lyman made a motion to accept Quinn Palmer's bid and it was seconded by Commissioner Adams. Vote was unanimous. Commissioner Maryboy was absent for the vote.

Jim Keyes - USU Extension

Jim Keyes along with Preston Grover and Eric Grover came to inform the commission about the 9th annual horse sell. The horse sell is limited to 55 horses and will be held on July 13th. It was also reported that many of the ranchers are having to sell cattle due to the drought.

Norman Johnson - County Clerk

Norman reported that the Water Conservancy District's report audit was complete. After some discussion on the SSBG allocations it was decided to keep the funds whole as presented.

Commissioner Lyman made a motion to approve the SSBG allocations and it was seconded by Commissioner Maryboy. Vote was unanimous.

Norman reported that the certified tax rates are now in the system. After significant discussion on the options of taking the certified tax rate or the same rate as the last year the commission was leaning towards staying rate neutral, but the final decision was postponed for next week.

Kelly Pehrson - Chief Administrative Officer

Kelly presented the sealed bid for the Abajo TV building. There was only one sealed bid, which was from Scott Saunders for \$5,000. Commissioner Lyman made a motion to accept the bid which was seconded by Commissioner Maryboy. Vote was unanimous.

The Monticello Cemetery District recruited Bernie Christensen to be on their board. Commissioner Maryboy made a motion to place Bernie Christensen on the board and it was seconded by Commissioner Lyman. Vote was unanimous.

Kelly presented a building permit for Riley Pugh for a residence in Blanding. Commissioner Lyman made a motion to approve the building permit and it was seconded by Commissioner Maryboy. Vote was unanimous.

Kelly attended a VMTE meeting and he felt it was a good meeting. They are working towards a funding solution to help the victims of the mill tailings. If this next step doesn't work out they will start litigation, which can be a very long process.

Kelly met with Spence Eccles who is trying to push a rural economic development program.

Jerry McNeely - SJC Liaison

Jerry talked to the Forest Service and they wanted to emphasize that the fires in the county were caused by lightning and that it was not from a prescribed burn. Jerry read information from the BLM report concerning a bike race that will come through San Juan County, campground visits being up, and ATV trails that have been in process for a long time. Jerry also reported on a uranium mine that could be a big deal for the county in the future.

Nick Sandberg - SJC Planner

Jim Keyes was asked to organize a local working group to renew interest in the sage grouse meetings. Nick reported on a meeting in Colorado that all of the counties were willing to sign a 10 county agreement in Colorado and then Utah would need to come up with a similar document.

Nick presented a letter to the commission to extend the deadline six months for the final determination on the sage grouse listing. This would give us more time to make comments. Commissioner Maryboy made a motion to have the Commission Chair sign the letter and it was seconded by Commissioner Lyman. Vote was unanimous.

Nick reported on the progress of the Recapture trail right of way. Now the county would be responsible for the monitoring of the trail, but the county would not be responsible for damages.

Commission Reports

Commissioner Adams - the CIB has funded all of the projects in the first trimester and had some money left over, which does not usually happen. Commissioner Adams reported which counties have received the most from the CIB and according to the report Uintah county had received the most by a large margin. San Juan County ranked 7th. The CIB is in a very good financial situation and they are trying to figure out how best to use the surplus in money. The commissioners will be attending a UACCC conference along with other meetings this coming week.

Commissioner Lyman - attended meetings concerning the sage grouse and Wasatch Wind. Along with the other meetings he will be involved in the phone interviews this week on the joint economic development position with USU and San Juan County. There is also a CCP meeting coming up at which will be held at the Edge of the Cedars Museum.

Commissioner Maryboy - attended a retreat meeting with Round River. Wednesday he has a Health Board meeting, Friday he has a NNDOT meeting in Sweetwater, and Tuesday the commissioners have a meeting with Dine Bikeyah.

Citizens Comments:

Marilyn Boynton filled out two citizens comments. One expressing concern to the Forest Service that the drought and global warming will leave us without trees. The other comment was regarding a map she saw in the paper that she thought included an area in the critical habitat of the sage grouse.

Commissioner Adams stated that it was outside of the critical habitat.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:51 a.m.