

SAN JUAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
June 24, 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, Rick Bailey, Nick Sandberg, Jerry McNeely, Monty Wells, Marilyn Boynton, Trudy De Angelis, Barbara Trask, Bob Turri, Rick Eldredge, David Gallegos, Ben Huntsman, Heber Heyder, Dennis Tietzel, Laird Naylor

The minutes of June 17, 2013 were approved by a motion from Commissioner Lyman and seconded by Commissioner Adams. Vote was unanimous. Commissioner Maryboy was absent for the vote.

Rick Bailey - SJC Emergency Services

Rick presented an interlocal agreement to share resources with other counties during emergencies. Commissioner Lyman made a motion to authorize the Chair to sign the agreement and Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous. Commissioner Maryboy was absent for the vote.

Rick said the county received a USDA EWP grant for the Hatch Trading Post Road Washout totalling \$550,000 to which the county will need to come up with \$165,000 from the B Road Fund. He also reported on the status of the fires. The Lackey Fan fire's current bill is at 2.4 million and is expected to be around 2.6 million when completed. The Dark Canyon fire is contained and will probably continue to burn throughout the summer.

Rick presented a procurement request from the Sheriff's office to use up the rest of the 2010 Homeland Security Grant. The sheriff's office is requesting to purchase 9 laptops and 14 GPS units for a total \$19,030. Commissioner Lyman made a motion to approve the purchases and Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous. Commissioner Maryboy was absent for the vote.

The Governor's request for a wildland fire plan needs to be completed by the first of August and Rick is working on the areas that need to be covered in the plan for protection.

Rick also presented a Utah Interagency Fire restriction that would go into effect June 27, 2013 and requested a ban on fireworks in the unincorporated areas of the county and private lands.

Commissioner Lyman made a motion to accept the Utah Interagency Fire proposal and the restriction of fireworks in the unincorporated area in the county. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Vote

was unanimous. Commissioner Maryboy was absent for the vote.

Rick reported on a Teec Nos Pos declaration for emergency drought and financial assistance. It was reported that the chapter would need to make the declaration to the Navajo Nation. Rick said that he will be working on upgrading the county's industrial well and reported on problems at the Cal Black Airport with their battery bank and a bad water pump.

Commissioner Adams reported on the Ferry closure at Lake Powell and the many problems that they have been running into with the Ferry. UDOT has been working hard to get the Ferry up and running again.

Norman Johnson - County Clerk

Norman presented the 2014 Social Services Block Grant contract for approval and signatures. Commissioner Maryboy made a motion to sign the grant and Commissioner Lyman seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

Norman presented a summary of the 2013 property tax rates for a decision. A decision to remain tax rate neutral would result in a loss of about \$348,675 in revenue, whereas a decision to remain revenue neutral would shift the burden to the taxpayers. After some discussion Commissioner Lyman made a motion to adopt a resolution to remain tax rate neutral.

Resolution 2013-04

Be it resolved that the 2013 property tax rates for San Juan County be set at:

- .002595 to General Operations
- .000524 to Library
- .000086 to Tort Liability
- .000178 to Health
- .000158 to State Assessing & Collecting
- .000273 to Local Assessing & Collecting

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Maryboy. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly Pehrson - Chief Administrative Officer

Kelly presented a building permit for a residence in Westwater from Hearts & Hands. Commissioner Maryboy made a motion to approve the building permit providing all the signatures are in place and Commissioner Lyman seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

Monte Perkins - SJC Maintenance

Monte presented a procurement request with two different bids for some glass replacement in the administration building. Commissioner Lyman made a motion to accept the bid from Rick's Glass in the

amount of \$3,795 and Commissioner Maryboy seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

Jerry McNeely - SJC Liaison

Jerry reported on the situation with Ken's Lake and requested a letter from the county supporting Grand County's water plan. He also reported that he met with Kate Canon and with the BLM. He discussed grazing permit renewals, the Moab LaSal complex uranium mine and Rio Algom water well monitoring.

Nick Sandberg - SJC Planner

Dennis Teitzel and Laird Naylor came with Nick to present the Recapture Trail programmatic agreement. The agreement had been changed so that the county is still responsible for the monitoring and maintenance of the trail, but that the county would not be responsible for damages. Dennis explained that the consulting parties will be notified once the programmatic agreement is in place. Commissioner Maryboy made a motion to sign the agreement and Commissioner Lyman seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous. The next step in this process will be the environmental analysis. The group also presented the right-of-way grant for the Cedar Mesa ATV trail. Commissioner Maryboy made a motion to sign the grant and Commissioner Lyman seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous. The commissioners and Nick all expressed gratitude to Dennis Teitzel for the relationship that they have had and for the work that he did in San Juan County.

Commissioner Adams read a resolution opposing the listing of the Gunnison sage grouse and designation of critical habitat. The resolution will be presented at the NACo public lands meeting.

Commission Reports

Commissioner Lyman - attended the Ute Mtn Ute Tribe over water quality, Dine Bikeyah meeting, Soil Conservation group, and a UAAAC conference. He will be attending a conference call for the joint USU/SJC Economic position, CCP meeting, EDC Utah, and a Heritage council meeting.

Commissioner Adams - Ute Tribe Dine Corp, conservation district, and UAAAC. He will try to attend the CCP meeting with Kevin Carter. Commissioner Adams will be gone for next week's commission meeting.

Commissioner Maryboy - will be working on the drought issues on the reservation. He reported that some of the livestock were dying due to water contamination and the lack of water.

Citizens Comments:

Marilyn Boynton commented that the Wolf Creek Pass road was closed due to a fire in that area.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:00 p.m.