

**SAN JUAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**August 5, 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, Trudy DeAngelis, Crystal Holt, Monte Wells, Marilyn Boynton,  
              Amy Peters, Tammy Gallegos, James Francom, Barbara Trask, Louise Jones, Jerry  
              McNeely

Commissioner Adams discussed a request from Commissioner Maryboy, who is attending Navajo Nation Council this week, to have a resolution of support for his efforts to create a “Utah” agency for the Navajo Nation. He had also expressed his thanks to the County for their help in the White Rocks flooding event. Kelly will work on the Resolution.

The Minutes of July 15, 2013 were approved by a motion of Commissioner Lyman and seconded by Commissioner Adams. Voting was unanimous.

Tammy Gallegos – SJC Aging

Tammy presented three contracts or agreements to the Commission for support and signature. The documents are, the State of Utah Aging Contract in the amount of \$324,918, an hourly rate In Home Health Contract with Guardian Angel and permission to seek funding for a Chronic Disease Mediation Program. Following a brief discussion on the three issues Commissioner Lyman made a motion to approve and sign the documents, Commissioner Adams seconded. Voting was unanimous.

Crystal Holt – SJC Personnel Office

Crystal presented two payroll changes to the Commission for approval. Kelly Bleggi from a light to a heavy equipment operator at step 119 and Patricia Diane Eddington from part time to a fulltime position at step 60. Following a brief discussion on the two payroll changes Commissioner Lyman made a motion to approve the payroll changes and Commissioner Adams seconded. The voting was unanimous.

Louise Jones – SJC Recorder

Louise presented a capital purchase request for a 44HP T2300 copy machine for the Records Office. The State bid price is \$8,195 from Monson Engineering. The old machine will be traded

in. Following a discussion about the critical need for this equipment in the Records Office a motion to approve the purchase was made by Commissioner Lyman and seconded by Commissioner Adams. Voting was unanimous.

Marilyn Boynton – SJC Resident

Marilyn briefed the commissioners on her efforts to protect an old jeep road in Colorado from being closed and made into an ATV trail and discussed the amount of “beetle kill” trees she has seen in Colorado. She is concerned that the beetles might also move into Utah. She expressed her interest in having the Forrest road from Elk Ridge into Beef Basin made more suitable so as to become the “best damn” tourist road in the United States.

Amy Peters – SEUAOG

Amy presented a *draft* Resolution and Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan for Southeastern Utah. After a discussion on the purpose and value of the plan and some of the objections that were raised by the City of Blanding, the Commission tabled the document for 2 weeks so they could review it further. Amy was thanked for her work on the plan and attendance at today’s meeting.

Kelly Pehrson – SJC CAO

Kelly presented four (4) building permits for approval:

Rholand Murphy – Residence – Spanish Valley

Hank Smith – storage / workshop – Bluff

Utah Navajo Health Systems – Clinic Addition – Montezuma Creek

Denise Peritt – Residence / Garage – LaSal

A motion to approve the building permits provided all the appropriate fees and signatures are in place was made by Commissioner Lyman and seconded by Commissioner Adams. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly presented an emergency addition to the CIB list for 2013. The City of Monticello was awarded a grant of 1.4 million dollars to drill deep wells. The Commissioners agreed to add the city grant to the CIB List.

Kelly presented a five year mineral lease agreement from Walcott LLC on 43 acres of SJC property. The lease is for \$100 per acre. Following a brief discussion Commissioner Lyman made a motion to sign the lease and Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly advised the commission that the Blue Cross Blue Shield staff want to meet with the insurance committee on September 3 at 1:00 to discuss next year’s renewal and how “Obama Care” will affect the County. He also updated this week’s August 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> field trips and meeting schedules with Representative Chaffetz and Bishop.

### Jerry McNeely – SJC Liaison

Jerry reported on his meetings and contact with the Forrest Service, SITLA, and Kate Cannon of the NPS and Lisa of the BLM. He said Kate Cannon wants to set up the Island in the Sky tour as soon as possible and he reviewed a written report from the BLM on county projects being worked on.

### Nick Sandberg – SJC Planner

Nick said the BLM has indicated the Jeep Safari will be permitted this year but using the 2012 trails not the six new ones requested. The new trails will need to be reviewed this year. He also reported on the Gunnison Sage Grouse meetings held in Colorado and said there would be a public hearing held in Monticello tentatively on September 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the MHS auditorium. There may be an informational meeting prior to the public hearing but it has not yet been specified. Nick said the Dine' Bikeyah meeting for this week seems to be off and the Recapture Trail Contract status is progressing toward the EA.

Nick said the field trip into Dark Canyon was successful and he presented the commission with a proposed letter to the Forrest Service on how / where the road into the Scourp Cabin needs to be improved. Following a discussion the commission wanted to table the issue until additional information on responsibility and R of W ownership could be established.

In a second letter Nick discussed the up-coming BLM Oil & Gas lease sale in February. There is a backlog of deferred parcels and this sale will only add to that backlog. Following continued discussion a motion to sign the letter was made by Commissioner Lyman and seconded by Commissioner Adams. The voting was unanimous.

Nick presented a third letter addressed to the US Forrest Service; Monticello/Moab District Ranger Mike Diem indicating the County was supportive of the Dry Wash Reservoir Expansion and Pipeline Project. A motion to approve and sign the letter was made by Commissioner Adams and seconded by Commissioner Adams. The voting was unanimous.

### Commission Reports

Commissioner Lyman – indicated he was on the Dark Canyon field trip and went to the GSG meeting in Colorado with Director Dan Ash. He met with the USU – SJC committee to hire a Economic Development Director and was pleased to report that Tim Chamberlain of Blanding has been offered the position. Commissioner Lyman attended the NACo meeting in Fort Worth and the SEUHD meeting. He said he is becoming more convinced that the county's geography is so different that we need to become our own health agency. Commissioner Lyman said he also met with the State Historical Preservation Office on the West Water project area.

Commissioner Lyman participated in many of the USTC telephone hearings and is not satisfied with the process and time they are taking up. He said on the 9<sup>th</sup> there will be a meeting in Boise Idaho where the Utah HB 148 will be discussed. He requested permission to have Bill Howell go in his place and have the county reimburse his mileage. Commissioner Lyman also reported

that Bob McPherson has completed his historical information on the road book and it is now in Jared Barrett's hands.

Commissioner Adams – attended some of the same meetings as Commissioner Lyman and reported on his UCIP meeting and how the historical rates have held steady or dropped since the 1998 inception. He feels the GSG resolution at NACo was successful and will now be supported at the DC level. Commissioner Adams has attended meetings in Oljato, Navajo Mountain and several of the County Fair functions. Last Thursday was a good day at the CIB where Monticello City was granted the money for the deep well project and the Health District was granted a loan restructuring. This week he will be active with the Fair and the congressional visits.

### Citizen Comments

Norman Johnson, SJC Clerk / Auditor, reported on two UAC committee assignments. On July 17 he attended a committee meeting to discuss the "County Seat" TV program and their request to have UAC take over the billing and collection services. The committee rejected the concept but did want to give the program a more visible presence at UAC functions. This could be done by having some of the Zion's Bank grant money pay for better booth space and general advertising. The Commissioners will hear more about it at USCCC in September. He also asked the Commission about their position on SB 103 placing some county offices on a 6 year term in the next election. The reaction is that of neutrality on the issue.

Marilyn Boynton asked the commission if they were aware of the work Corinne Roring had done on her private property for Sage Grouse habitat. Commissioner Adams said he was aware.

Meeting Adjourned 12:25 PM