

SAN JUAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

August 26, 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, Crystal Holt, Monte Wells, Marilyn Boynton, James Francom, BJ Grover, Shawn Ivans, Peter Smith, Trevor Olsen, John Fellmeth, Tammy Gallegos, Barbara Trask, Jerry McNeely, Bob Turri, Rick Eldredge

The Minutes of August 19, 2013 were approved on a motion of Commissioner Lyman and seconded by Commissioner Adams. Voting was unanimous. Commissioner Maryboy was absent for the vote.

Tammy Gallegos – SJC Aging

Tammy presented this year's Ombudsman Contract with South Eastern Utah Association of Governments in the amount of \$10,686. Following a brief discussion Commissioner Lyman made a motion to approve and sign the contract, Commissioner Adams seconded. Voting was unanimous. Commissioner Maryboy was not present for the vote.

Tammy presented the contract for senior mental health services in the amount of "not to exceed" \$4,000 with San Juan County Counseling. With a brief explanation of the services provided Commissioner Lyman made a motion to approve the contract. Commissioner Lyman seconded. The voting was unanimous. Commissioner Maryboy was not present for the vote.

Peter Smith – Juvenile Justice System

Peter Smith, assisted by BJ Grover, Shawn Ivans and Trevor Olsen, lead a discussion relating to last year's SB 218 wherein the Juvenile Justice Systems had been required to make a funding appeal to local governments within the facility service area. Information and statistics were presented from the Canyonlands Youth Facility in Blanding. There was a good discussion on the need and purpose for the center. Trevor Olsen said the Schools use the center a great deal and the School District provides the teacher but no other funding that he is aware of. Following discussion and comments from the Commissioners it was motioned to write a letter of support for continued State funding to Senator Jenkins and Representative Noel with copies to any other appropriate person by Commissioner Lyman. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Adams. Voting Aye was Commissioner Lyman and Adams. Voting Nay was Commissioner Maryboy. Commissioner Adams declared the motion passed. All of the men were thanked for coming to the Commission and for the work they do.

Crystal Holt – SJC Personnel Office

Crystal presented a request from the Library Board to have Karry Deeter, a former library aid, who could be used as a backup aid in the event there is no one available to open up the LaSal library. Following a brief discussion Commissioner Maryboy made a motion to approve the request and Commissioner Lyman seconded. The voting was unanimous.

Kelly Pehrson – SJC CAO

Kelly presented one building permit for approval:

John Patterson – shed / shop – Blanding

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

Kelly said that the UDOT meeting last week was very informative and they gave a lot of positive information on improvements along Highway 191 starting next year and on into 2015. He also said this week he will be looking at roads with flood damage that can be used in the application for a 75 / 25 matching grant. It was mentioned that on October 11th there would be a UDOT public hearing in Moab on the roads in Southeastern Utah.

Kelly requested permission to send letters of thanks to Anna and Jim for their excellent work on the County Fair. A motion to approve the letters was made by Commissioner Maryboy and was seconded by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous. Kelly stated that on September 3rd BlueCross and BlueShield representatives will be here to meet with the insurance committee to review our history and look at next year's policy.

Jerry McNeely – SJC Liaison

Jerry reported that he had also attended the UDOT meeting and was pleased with the information provided and that they seemed to be listening to our needs. He said that the Spanish Valley Special Service Water District is being reorganized and they may need two new board members. Jerry handed out a report from the Children's Justice Center and said they are sufficiently funded and running very well at this time.

Jerry reported on his various meetings and contact with the Forrester Service, SITLA, BLM and National Parks. He said Kate Cannon is still working on the date for the Island in the Sky field trip.

Nick Sandberg – SJC Planner

Nick said the Gunnison Sage Grouse hearing scheduled for September 5th has been postponed until October. The Environmental and Economic Assessments are not out for the 30 day comment period at present. He reminded the Commission of the Forrester Service coordinating meeting on September 9th at 1:00 PM. Nick updated the Commission on the Glen Canyon OHV

plan and the work by the consulting parties for the cultural resources impact statement. They had a good meeting and there were several entities present but he noted there was not a representative from the Navajo Nation. The goal for the plan date of record is November, 2014 however, there was not a date set for the next meeting.

Nick invited John Fellmeth to join him to discuss the Lands Bill and how the County might want to proceed with developing a position. After considerable discussion the Commission felt that holding at least three public open houses to seek input and give opportunity for citizens to review other agency or entity plans could be effective. One would be held in each Monticello, Blanding and Bluff. It was suggested the known proposals and other letters and documents could be put up on a special website for everyone to view. The commissioners agreed that citizen and local special interest groups' input into the County Plan is very important. A slide show can be developed as an introduction at the meetings lead by the areas respective Commissioner.

Commission Reports

Commissioner Adams – said he attended the UDOT meeting and agreed it was of good value. Starting next year there will be a lot of construction on Highway 191 from Dry Valley to Devils Canyon. This week he will be in SLC for an RS2477 client meeting with the attorneys and the Governor's Office. He reported that last week he went to AOG where there was indication that others are also having issues with the SEUHD.

Commissioner Lyman – said last week he attended the CCP meeting and had a chance to visit more with the BLM on the use of the RMPP process. He thinks there is a possibility of using it for the Cal Black Airport situation. He will plan to be on the Wednesday Recapture Trail update phone call.

Commissioner Maryboy – has been involved with the Navajo Nation Budget Committee and may be in Window Rock on Thursday for additional budget issues. Other than budget and family issues he should be in the County. Commissioner Adams mentioned they have NRF today at 1:00 in Blanding.

Citizen Comments

Marilyn Boynton asked the commission if they had heard there was a plan to transplant Mountain Goats onto the LaSal Mountain. Commissioner Adams said he was aware.

At 11:10 AM a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues was made by Commissioner Lyman and was seconded by Commissioner Maryboy. Vote was unanimous

A motion to go out of Executive session was made by Commissioner Maryboy and seconded by Commissioner Lyman at 12:20 PM

Meeting Adjourned 12:21 PM