

SAN JUAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
September 3, 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, James Francom, Barbara Trask, Bob Turri, Rick Eldredge, Johnny Miller

The Minutes of August 26, 2013 were approved on a motion of Commissioner Lyman and seconded by Commissioner Adams. Voting was unanimous. Commissioner Maryboy was absent for the vote.

Rick Bailey – SJC Emergency Services

Rick Bailey was joined by Sheriff Rick Eldredge to present two requests from the 2011 SHSP Grant. The first request is for a timekeeping system to interface with the Spillman Software and will cost \$6,996.85 leaving \$8,003.15 of the \$15,000 available. The second request is for various pieces of personal protection gear from the Tactical Equipment portion of the Grant which will spend the entire balance of \$18,366.30. Following a brief discussion Commissioner Lyman made a motion to approve the grant expenditures and Commissioner Maryboy seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous.

Sheriff Eldredge provided the commission with information on the State Prison Relocation Committee. The counties are trying to get the State to contract out more beds and thereby building a smaller main prison facility. Counties, such as San Juan, could expand their jails if they had firm State Contracts for prisoners.

Rick presented two agreements with UNHS for commission approval. The first is titled “San Juan County Fire and Emergency Services Department Use Agreement for Montezuma Creek Fire Station” and the second is a “Mutual Aid Agreement”. Both agreements have been previously reviewed and with a few minor changes are now ready for signature. The documents have been signed by Donna Singer of UNHS. Commissioner Maryboy made a motion to authorize the chairman’s signature on both documents. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lyman. The voting was unanimous.

The 2013 FEMA allocation for the Emergency Management Performance Grant was presented for approval. This year’s allocation is for \$32,500 and goes toward the Emergency Service Directors salary. Commissioner Lyman made a motion to accept and sign the agreement document. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Maryboy. The voting was unanimous.

In one other matter Rick told the Commissioners that the Spanish Valley Water ruling from the State Engineer has been protested by the Nature Conservancy. This will slow down the progress on the water system in Spanish Valley.

Kelly Pehrson – SJC CAO

Kelly presented two building permits, from the same person, for approval:

Scott Haskell – storage shed, garage and shop – Elk Meadows

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 Maryboy. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly said that last week the Astro Van from the County vehicle fleet blew an engine. It will cost from \$1700 to \$3000 to fix it. He also handed out a list of the County owned vehicles and said we have not replaced any of the fleet vehicles since 2007. Following considerable discussion about the need to work on the budget to replace the aging vehicles a motion was made by Commissioner Maryboy to repair the Astro Van. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

In other matters Kelly said he is working on a letter for next week's meeting, stating the commission's support of a NACo Resolution requesting the Forrest Service take an "Active Management" approach in the National Forests. This management style would include such things as logging operations. He has received a new mineral lease agreement from Wallcott offering the County \$125 per acre rather than the \$100 previously set on the county's 40 acres. A motion to approve and accept the mineral lease agreement was made by Commissioner Lyman and seconded by Commissioner Maryboy. The voting was unanimous. The County will be receiving a \$490,000 matching grant from the FAA to make repair and improvements to the runway and the solar system at the Cal Black Airport next year.

Nick Sandberg – SJC Planner

Nick said the Gunnison Sage Grouse hearing scheduled for September 5th has been rescheduled to October 8th with the same meeting times and formats as previously discussed. He reminded the Commission of the Forrest Service coordinating meeting next Monday at 1:00 PM and said he is still working on a meeting date and time for Dine Bikeyah.

Nick mentioned the continuing work on the Recapture agreement and getting it ready for the 30 day advertising period, so the Environmental Assessment can take place. The new goal is May of next year. Commissioner Lyman said he is still very interested in the BLM RMPP program and how it could be used to our advantage. He thinks it may be best used at the Cal Black Airport so the concessionaire could do some improvements and offer additional services.

Commission Reports

Commissioner Lyman – said he met with Guy Denton and Tim Chamberlain at USU and is pleased with the progress being made to date. They have some good ideas which could bring more USU type events to the County. Bill Howell wants to make a report to the Commission on his trip to Idaho. It was felt he should make his presentation to the Lands Team. Commissioner Lyman asked about the experience with using a hearing officer and wanted to have her make her recommendations directly to the Commission and to see that all of the 2012 appellants, who have not made personal appearance or a stipulated agreement, are protected. Norman will follow-up on the request.

Commissioner Maryboy – has been involved with several Navajo Nation committees and projects the past week. He also attended a UNHS committee meeting. Commissioner Maryboy said he should be in the County most of the week.

Commissioner Adams - discussed the NRF meeting held in Blanding last week and said much of their funds will go toward finishing housing projects. The NRF provided \$110,000 for a fire truck which is only half the cost but that it can be carried over and used with future allocations. Last week Commissioner Adams attended an RS2477 client meeting and will be at CIB Thursday for the trimester funding meeting. Friday he will be in Oljato with Sheriff Eldredge and Commissioner Maryboy who will present information on the cross-deputy status and the possible creation of a Northern Navajo Agency of the Navajo Nation.

Commissioner Adams talked about the Bluff Swinging Bridge and where it may be on the radar screen. Steve Simpson of Bluff has asked about the funds that were raised and donated toward the project. If the Bridge is not going to be rebuilt could the money be used to get better internet connectivity in the Bluff area? It was noted that the funds may have already been spent on the engineering. He would like to meet with the Commission in a work session next Monday at 9:00 AM. Commissioner Maryboy will also look into the position the adjacent Chapters may have about the bridge.

At 11:07 AM a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation was made by Commissioner Maryboy and was seconded by Commissioner Lyman. Vote was unanimous

A motion to go out of Executive session was made by Commissioner Maryboy and seconded by Commissioner Lyman at 11:36 AM

Meeting Adjourned 11:37 AM