

SAN JUAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
September 9, 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
 Rick Bailey, SJC Emergency Services Director
 Norman L. Johnson, County Clerk /Auditor

Absent: Kenneth Maryboy, Vice Chairman

Attendees: Nick Sandberg, James Francom, Barbara Trask, Bob Turri, Monte Wells, Davis Filfred, Betty Vijile, Trudy De Angelis, Charles Delorme, Steve Simpson, Josh Ewing

The Minutes of September 3, 2013 were approved on a motion of Commissioner Lyman and seconded by Commissioner Adams. Voting was unanimous.

Steve Simpson – Bluff Resident

Steve presented a proposal to the commission wherein the funds that had been collected for the swinging bridge project could be used to help upgrade the internet connectivity in Bluff. The bridge project has been shown to be financially unfeasible at this time. He asked the county to put \$5,000 in along with the estimated \$12,000 raised for the bridge by local activities. The Bluff Business Owners (BOB) will put in an additional \$5,000. The combined funds of \$22,000 will upgrade the internet service for the entire community. The \$17,000 could be advanced from the 2013 General Fund budget and then repaid from the 2014 tourism infrastructure (4194) funds. Charles Delorme SJC Economic Development and Tourism Director agreed with this concept. Commissioner Phil Lyman made a motion to advance the \$17,000 to the Bluff internet project and repay the General Fund from 2014 tourism infrastructure funds. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bruce Adams. Voting was unanimous.

Davis Filfred & Betty Vijile, Utah Navajo Fair Manager & Secretary

Davis presented three resolutions supporting a \$25,000 allocation, request by San Juan County, from the Navajo Revitalization Fund (NRF) to the 2013 Utah Navajo Fair (UNF). The resolutions were from Red Mesa Chapter, Navajo Utah Commission and the Aneth Chapter. Commissioner Adams advised Mr. Filfred that the NRF Board met last week and the issue was not brought up therefore, there would not be any NRF funding for 2013. Mr. Filfred and Secretary Betty Vijile were advised that in as much as they have been given the \$30,000 budgeted by San Juan County for this year's fair there was not anything else the County could assist them with.

Rick Bailey – SJC Emergency Services Director

Rick, representing Kelly Pehrson, presented two building permits for approval:

Blue Mountain Power Partners – 3 metering towers – Monticello Area

David V and Denise Butler - Residence Addition – Bridger Jack Mesa

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.

Jerry McNeely – SJC Liaison

Jerry discussed his last two weeks activities with the commission. He attended a meeting put on by Rocky Mountain Power where they discussed their activities and plans for future power needs. They had originally planned to invest in three additional Utah coal fired power plants but are now looking at solar and natural gas plants in Wyoming, Oregon and California. Jerry went on a field trip with SITLA to look at roads and other areas of SITLA concern. He gave the commissioners a copy of an article by Lynn Jackson of the Grand County Council about SITLA and their decision processes.

Jerry said he has met with various BLM personnel and that the ATV Safari will start this week even though the comment period on their permit ends tomorrow. All this year's routes will be on previously designated roads. The BLM continues to work on seismic projects and the Lisbon Valley Mine permits. He has not heard about the NPS Canyonlands permit for Jared Barrett.

Nick Sandberg – SJC Planner

Nick reminded the commission of today's 1:00 PM Forrest Service coordination meeting and said he is still working on the next Dine Bikeyah meeting. He said the Gunnison Sage Grouse hearing is still scheduled for October 8th with the same meeting times and formats as previously discussed. Nick said the lands team is working on the web site to get it up and ready for the open houses to be held around the county. He is also continuing work on the Recapture R of W and Plan of Development which will get it ready for the 30 day advertising period and the Environmental Assessment work.

Commission Reports

Commissioner Lyman – discussed the need to appoint 3 members to the Heritage Council Board as they were originally 2 year appointments. The names of Tim Chamberlain, Mary Jane Yazzie and Phil Lyman have been recommended and Commissioner Lyman made a motion to appoint these persons to a 4 year term on the Heritage Council Board. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Adams. Voting was unanimous.

Commissioner Lyman said he met with Tim Chamberlain at USU and is pleased with the job and progress being made. He met with the insurance committee and feels they and the County are doing a responsible job on our health care coverage. On the 30th there will be a presentation in Piute County by Doyle Shamley talking about the endangered species act and he hopes to attend.

He said that on the 16th Bill Howell will meet with the Lands Team at 1:00 PM to report on some of his and others activities. Commissioner Lyman reported that there is a group of mountain bike enthusiasts getting started to help promote local bike trails.

Commissioner Adams – said at CIB last Thursday they funded all the projects (Approximately \$75 Million) and still had money left over. He attended the meeting with the Health Committee and they have been challenged to look to the future to help cover the unknown “Obama Care” costs. Friday he went to Oljato with Sheriff Eldredge and among other things talked about the road from Oljato to Navajo Mountain. The Chapter residents seemed to favor the northern route. Commissioner Adams said he will be gone a couple Mondays in October and asked if the recent number of agenda items warranted continuing the historical practice of holding weekly Commission meeting.

There was discussion about changing the Commission Meeting schedule and the frequency of holding actual Commission Meetings. Following a good discussion Commissioner Lyman made a motion to change the County Commission meeting schedule to the 2nd and 4th Mondays at 10:00 AM and hold work meetings on the 1st and 3rd Mondays, as needed, starting in October for the balance of the year. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Adams. Voting was unanimous. Norman was asked to make the legal advertisement.

Public Comments:

County Clerk Norman Johnson asked if next Monday the BOE Hearing Officer could make her report to the commission at 9:00AM. The Commissioners agreed. He also advised the Commissioners that his office had put together a complete set of the Bill Howell / Bill Redd books and pamphlets entitled “*Statehood*”. The books are located in the Clerk’s Office vault.

Meeting Adjourned 11:21 AM