

SAN JUAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
September 16 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, Chief Administrative Officer
 Norman L. Johnson, County Clerk /Auditor

Attendees: Nick Sandberg, Barbara Trask, Bob Turri, Monte Wells, Bill Boyle, Marilyn
Boynton, Susan Taylor, Victor Schafer, Rick Bailey, Jerry McNeely

The Minutes of September 9, 2013 were approved on a motion of Commissioner Lyman and
seconded by Commissioner Adams. Commissioner Maryboy was absent for the vote.

Commissioner Adams advised the public that at 9:15 AM he and Commissioner Lyman met with
Vallie Smouse, our BOE hearing Officer, who gave a report on the hearings held in August.

Rick Bailey – SJC Emergency Services Director

Rick presented a Resolution to adopt the Southeastern Utah Region Federal Disaster Mitigation
Plan. There had been concern expressed, in the past, about the plan including language which
could impact the White Mesa Mill. After reviewing the document and with an assurance that all
the inaccurate information was removed a motion to approve signing the Resolution was made
by Commissioner Lyman and seconded by Commissioner Adams. Voting was unanimous.
Commissioner Maryboy was not present for the vote.

Resolution No. 2013-06

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE UPDATED NATURAL HAZARDS: PRE-DISASTER
MITIGATION PLAN FOR THE SOUTHEASTERN REGION OF UTAH AS REQUIRED BY
THE FEDERAL DISASTER MITIGATION AND COST REDUCTION ACT OF 2000.

The entire wording of the resolution is made as attachment to the minutes hereof.

Rick presented information pertaining to the 2013 Homeland Security Grant. There is
\$210,208.68 available and must be committed by tonight. Several scenarios and possibilities
were presented to obligate the funds. Some of the money, \$55,245.84, is committed to law
enforcement and the balance is to be used for sustainability and communications. One half of
the funds are to be used by Grand County. The law enforcement funds for San Juan County will
be used to purchase “night vision” equipment. The remaining amount for San Juan County is
\$77,481.47. Following considerable discussion and a detailed review of several options, the
Commissioners felt the funds could be best spent as follows: a satellite replacement system for

the older command post (\$20,005.70); the county airplane dashboard and GPS replacement (\$40,000.00); generator maintenance and upkeep (\$7,475.77); finalization of the Emergency Operations Plan (\$5,000.00); lighting upgrades on vehicles (\$5,000.00). Commissioner Maryboy made a motion to approve the Homeland Security Grand expenditures as outlined and to give the Emergency Services Director some latitude as needed and to authorize the replacement of the satellite system on the newer command post from county general capital funds. The motion was seconded by commissioner Lyman. The voting was unanimous.

Rick gave a report on the status of SRS Funds and said the vote in congress will take place this week. If the SRS program is not refunded it will revert to the old formula and local budgets will take a big hit. He also gave a report on the NRCS expenditures in Utah. Rick gave a short report on the damage from the recent heavy rains and said he has advised the State that our drought declaration could be put on hold until we see what the winter brings.

Rick also reported that Bluff Community has asked about pre-mitigation work for floods. It was suggested they go to the CIB for assistance. The State PILT check has been received and will be sent on to the School District for distribution this week. Rick said the regional fire mitigation group, put in place by Governor Herbert, is looking at various situational areas such as water sheds and other critical areas susceptible to fire danger.

Kelly Pehrson – SJC CAO

Kelly presented two letters for signature. The first is a letter of support for the Youth Services and Receiving Programs at Canyonlands Youth Center in Blanding and the second letter is in support of H.R. 1526 and a sustainable Federal Forest Management Plan. Kelly presented a one year extension of the BIA Road contract. Following a brief discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Maryboy and seconded by Commissioner Lyman to sign the one year contract extension. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly reported on his meetings last week at the airport conference and a meeting with several other County Administrators. Other counties are having some of the same issues as we are with their Public Health Districts. Should a separate district ever be formed it must have very strong and progressive leadership for it to be successful.

Jerry McNeely – SJC Liaison

Jerry discussed his last week's activities with the commission. He gave the commissioners an article from the Deseret News concerning SITLA and their decision processes relating to the Book Cliffs. He also met with Lisa of the BLM who reviewed several activities such as the ATV Safari, establishing campgrounds in Kane Creek, the February Gas and Oil Lease auction, the LaSal uranium complex activities and the Lisbon Valley copper mine.

Jerry's meeting with the Forrest Service pertained mostly to the development of bike trails in the very north end of San Juan County and Grand County. He was not able to meet with the NPS this week as Kate Cannon is out on leave.

Commissioner Bruce Adams – made an announcement that Lt Governor Greg Bell had just announced his resignation. Governor Herbert said he has a short list of replacements possibilities but will not make that information available for a while. The commissioners requested a letter of appreciation be sent to Lt. Governor Bell for his service.

Nick Sandberg – SJC Planner

Nick said the Gunnison Sage Grouse hearing is still scheduled for October 8th with the same meeting times and formats as previously discussed. The economic analysis should be out shortly and it will need to be reviewed by an expert. We will need to share the cost with the other counties. Following a brief discussion Commissioner Lyman was asked to testify and represent the county at the hearing.

Nick said he has submitted the county information for the Recapture R of W and Plan of Development. Nick said that this year's ATV Safari went well, even with the rain, and there was near double the participation from last year. He said the BLM will continue to look at the Arch Canyon re-alignment due to this year's flooding. Nick discussed the ATV routes requested by the BLM in the Indian Creek area and how they will impact some of the Wilderness Character Study Areas.

Commission Reports

Commissioner Maryboy – said he attended the Southern Fair this weekend and that it went ok. He has meet with the Oil and Gas committee concerning Resolute Oil's shutdown of one of its field offices and that this week he will be meeting with the Resources Committee again.

Commissioner Lyman - said he attended last week's meeting with the Forrest Service and had met with a group getting started in Blanding who is working on what they call "World Class" bike trails. Commissioner Lyman said the Blanding area Travel Council is active and are requesting increased signage for some of the scenic spots along the State highways. He reminded the other Commissioners of today's 1:00 PM meeting with Bill Howell and Bill Redd who will meet with the Lands Team.

Commissioner Adams – said Representative Chaffetz will hold a public open house on the 28th at 8:30 AM in the Commission room. He will be at UCIP on Thursday and the Joint Highway Committee meeting on Friday. Keith Price of K2O will be here on the 30th to give an update.

Public Comments:

Susan Taylor, of the County Library Board, requested Sarah Gosney of Monument Valley be placed on the Board representing that area. Following a brief discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Lyman and seconded by Commissioner Maryboy to appoint Sarah Gosney to the County Library Board. Voting was unanimous.

Meeting Adjourned 11:43 AM