

SAN JUAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

September 23, 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
 James Francom, Chief Deputy Clerk

Attendees: Crystal Holt, Jerry McNeely, Nick Sandberg, Trudy De Angelis, Barbara Trask, Marilyn Boynton, Tammy Gallegos, Linda Swenson, Monte Wells, Doug Carriger, Bob Turri, Howard Randall

The minutes of September 16, 2013 were approved by a motion from Commissioner Lyman and seconded by Commissioner Adams. Vote was unanimous. Commissioner Maryboy was absent for the vote.

Crystal Holt - SJC Personnel

Crystal made a request to hire Alicia Begaye at the Monticello Senior Center as a PT Senior Center Aide. Commissioner Lyman made a motion to accept the hire and it was seconded by Commissioner Adams. Vote was unanimous. Commissioner Maryboy was absent for the vote.

Kelly Pehrson - Chief Administrative Officer

Kelly discussed several items for CIB applications the first of which is a new Senior Center for Monticello which would cost roughly two million. With half grant and half zero percent loan the county would need to put in about \$800,000 plus the land. The county could use the property across from the Administration Building and share the parking area. The Commissioners would like to take some time to consider their options for the building and space. The other CIB application would be to purchase a new ambulance at \$149,800 and three vehicles for the Aging program including two 4-wheel drive vehicles and a van at \$25,000. Commissioner Lyman suggested we look at the fleet of San Juan County and maybe have a fleet manager that looks at the need throughout the county for vehicles.

Kelly requested authorization to spend the SRS funds by the end of September or it would be sent back. The request is to purchase 15 iPads for staff, GPS units, and maps update coming to \$19,250. After some discussion Commissioner Lyman made a motion to approve the expenditures and it was seconded by Commissioner Adams. Vote was unanimous. Commissioner Maryboy was absent for the vote.

Kelly discussed legislation passed in 2013 HB 54 which states that "Now, a hearing office must be either a licensed appraiser or someone who has competency relevant to the work of a hearing officer."

Kelly also discussed a legal case concerning special service districts and their need to have their own separate insurance to protect the County.

Jerry McNeely - SJC Liaison

Jerry met with a couple discussing a road issue and it has been worked out with the road department to change the road to a gravel road in order for it to be maintained in the future. Jerry met with Kate Canon, SITLA, the Forest Service and the BLM this last week. He attended a water meeting with Grand County for their lake and they are looking at other options to obtain more water.

Nick Sandberg - SJC Planning

Nick presented the Draft Economic Analysis of Critical Habitat Designation for the Gunnison Sage-Grouse. A public hearing will be held on Oct 8th at the Monticello High School Auditorium starting at 4 pm. Nick also discussed dates for the Lands Bill open houses. It was decided to hold the open houses in Monticello on October 22nd, in Blanding on October 23rd, and Bluff on October 24th.

Nick talked about sending a letter to the the Forest Service concerning the Dark Canyon Corridor, but it was decided that we needed to discuss with the County Attorney Walter Bird concerning the ownership of the road.

Commission Reports

Commissioner Adams - reported that he will be absent October 7th and the commissioners decided to move the work meetings earlier in the day to 9:00 am. He met with the National Conservation group, attended a UCIP board meeting in Cedar City, and Joint Highways in Logan. Commissioner Adams has a Lands Team meeting tomorrow at 10:00 and will be in Midway at UAC this week.

Commissioner Lyman - attended a Lands Team meeting with Bill Howell. He is planning on attending a meeting in Piute County on the 29th, a Health District meeting Thursday in Green River, and will be devoting the majority of his week to the BOE hearings with the Utah State Tax Commission.

Commissioner Lyman read from Utah Code section 11-42-404 addressing what should be done for the taxpayer following a BOE decision to increase a proposed assessment.

Commissioner Maryboy - attended a Navajo Oil and Gas tour in the oil fields. He will be around this week. Commissioner Maryboy expressed concern that the USDA office located in Aneth may be moved to Phoenix and he is working to keep it in Aneth.

Public comments: Marilyn Boynton wanted clarification about moving the road in Dark Canyon. The Commissioners explained that at this point they are only trying to determine who has responsibility and ownership of the road.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:46 am