

SAN JUAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
October 9, 2013

An Emergency Electronic Meeting of the San Juan County Commission was held at 1:00 P.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
 Walter Byrd, Deputy County Attorney

Kelly Pehrson, San Juan County CAO, addressed those present in person and by a speaker telephone.

Each Commissioner acknowledged their presence on the call.

Kelly stated the purpose of the emergency meeting and the group had a discussion on the proposed resolution and why it was necessary to take local action. The commissioners discussed the need for continued communication with the Federal agencies, the careful preparation of news releases and the details of the proposed action. Mr Rick Bailey has been designated the CIO (Chief Information Officer) for the action which is scheduled to take place at 8:45 tomorrow morning, depending on Governor Herbert's actions or decisions on the issue.

There being no other discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Maryboy and seconded by Commissioner Lyman to adopt Resolution 2013-07. Voting was unanimous.

Resolution No. 2013 - 07

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE EXISTENCE AND DECLARATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY IN SAN JUAN COUNTY, UTAH DUE TO THE ECONOMIC DISRUPTIONS ARISING OUT OF THE CLOSURE OF CANYONLANDS NATIONAL PARK, NATURAL BRIDGES, HOVENWEEP AND RAINBOW BRIDGE NATIONAL MONUMENTS AND THE FEDERALLY MANAGED HALLS CROSSING MARINA IN THE GLEN CANYON NATIONAL RECREATION AREA AND AUTHORIZING ELECTED OFFICIALS AND COUNTY EMPLOYEES TO CARRY OUT ANY NECESSARY ACTIONS UNDER THE STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on October 1, 2013, the federal government closed Canyonlands National Park, Natural Bridges, Hovenweep, and Rainbow Bridge National Monuments and the Halls Crossing Marina in the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, as well as all of the other National Parks, National Monuments, National Recreational Facilities, and federal managed campgrounds in the State of Utah;

WHEREAS, this closure is having a devastating impact on those San Juan County residents that rely on visitors to federally managed land, especially those that rely almost exclusively on visitors to Canyonlands and Halls Crossing Marina at Lake Powell;

WHEREAS, this severe and direct impact has an indirect impact on the rest of the economy in San Juan County because of the lack of spending by those residents directly impacted by the lack of tourists;

WHEREAS, the overall economic disruptions caused by the closure, which is an “internal disturbance” under the law, are sufficient for San Juan County to declare a Local Emergency; and

WHEREAS, these economic disruptions will negatively affect the health, safety and welfare of San Juan County residents, and San Juan County's ability to care for the health, safety and welfare of its citizens;

WHEREAS, Utah State Code Ann. Section 53-2a-208 (1953, as amended) empowers the Board of San Juan County Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of San Juan County, to declare a Local Emergency;

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2013, said Board of San Juan Commissioners did hereby find that the aforesaid conditions of negative impacts on the health, safety and welfare of San Juan County residents and San Juan County's ability to care for the health, safety and welfare of its citizens did warrant and necessitate the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency;

WHEREAS, the Board of San Juan County Commissioners deems it necessary to order and direct, the San Juan County Sheriff, his Deputies and employees, as well as the San Juan County Director of Emergency Services and Fire and his employees, and other county departments as needed, to act within their official capacities to effectuate the necessary actions to mitigate the effects of the local emergency;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that said local emergency shall be deemed to be in effect and to continue until its termination is proclaimed by the Board of San Juan County Commissioners;

FURTHERMORE, the Board of San Juan County Commissioners orders and direct, the San Juan County Sheriff, his Deputies and employees, as well as the San Juan County Director of Emergency Services and Fire and his employees, and other county departments as needed, to act within their official capacities to effectuate the necessary actions to mitigate the conditions that led to the declaration of local emergency until its termination is proclaimed by the Board of San Juan County Commissioners.

DATED this ____ of October, 2013.

BOARD OF SAN JUAN COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS

Bruce B. Adams, Chair

Kenneth Maryboy, Vice-chair

Phil K. Lyman, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Norman L. Johnson
San Juan County Clerk

Meeting Adjourned 1:25 PM