

SAN JUAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
October 28, 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: Norman Johnson, Crystal Holt, Jerry McNeely, Nick Sandberg, Trudy De Angelis, Barbara Trask, Marilyn Boynton, Monte Wells, Scott Stevenson, Julie Stevenson, Dustin Fife, Pat Smith, Lynn Laws, Rick Eldredge, John Young, Craig Halls, Rick Bailey, Tammy Gallegos, Greg Adams, Bob Turri

The minutes of October 14, 2013 were approved by a motion from Commissioner Lyman and seconded by Commissioner Adams. Vote was unanimous. Commissioner Maryboy was absent for the vote.

Craig Halls - SJC Attorney

Craig made a request to hire from the previous pool of interviews now that his current legal secretary Tara Dawn Olsen has given her two weeks notice. The interviews for the position when she was hired was less than six months ago therefore they could speed up the hiring process by selecting from that pool. He would like to hire Nicole Bradford to fill that position. She has previous experience working for the court system and Craig would like to offer her more money for the position and possibly change the title of the position to reflect the work that is done. After some discussion Commissioner Lyman made a motion to hire her at the current rate which is a step 61 and look at changing the title and pay rate at a later date. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous. Commissioner Maryboy was absent for the vote.

Scott Stevenson - SJC Property Owner

Scott and Julie Stevenson purchased property on Lisbon Valley road and about ¼ to ⅓ of their driveway is on BLM land. That part of the road is getting washed out and they are seeking permission or information on whether or not they or someone else can grade that road and add a sign for a Bed and Breakfast. Lynn Laws responded that permission would need to be granted from the BLM, but that if they were able to change the status of the road from a D road to a B road then the county could maintain the road.

Dustin Fife - SJC Library

Dustin and Pat Smith made a request to add a full time position to replace the part time position that

they have lost. This change would bring them back to the staffing levels they were at in previous years. With this change they would still be under budget for 2013 and 2014. This change would help them increase the size of their summer reading programs, which have been very successful. This request has already been approved by the Library Board. Commissioner Lyman made a motion to approve hiring a full time position for the Library and Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous. Commissioner Maryboy was absent for the vote.

Lynn Laws - SJC Road Dept

Lynn made three procurement requests to the Commission including a Roller, Tilt Trailer, and a Paving Breaker. Commissioner Lyman questioned whether the process outlined in policy was being followed for the procurement requests that are over \$5,000. There was some discussion as to whether the policy was just for General Fund purchases or if it included B Road fund purchases as well. It was recommended that we look at the policy and see if there should be any changes made to the policy, but that we need to make sure we follow policy. Kelly would work with Lynn to advertise for sealed bids for those items.

Lynn noted that the Paving Breaker was under the \$5,000 mark and asked whether it could be approved. The bid amount on it was \$1,154. Commissioner Lyman made a motion to approve the purchase of the Paving Breaker and Commissioner Maryboy seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

Crystal Holt - SJC Personnel

Crystal made a request to hire Annette Meyer at the Step 1 rate for the La Sal Senior Center Aide position. Commissioner Lyman made a motion to approve the hire and Commissioner Maryboy seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

Rick Eldredge - SJC Sheriff

Sheriff Eldredge and John Young, SJC Jail Commander, presented a resolution to expand the contracts with the State of Utah to add six additional inmate beds and expand the sex offender program from 30 inmates to 64. This would create the need to hire an additional sex therapist and correction officer. There was some discussion as to the benefits and the possible additional costs to the general fund. Rick Bailey expressed the additional concern that if we wait to make a decision, there are other counties interested and we may lose this opportunity. A motion was made by Commissioner Lyman and seconded by Commissioner Maryboy that the county sign Resolution 2013-09. Vote was unanimous.

Resolution 2013-09

Resolution to expand the contracts with the State of Utah Department of Corrections for the housing and operation of the sex offender program for state inmates in the San Juan County Jail and to create a new contract providing a work crew program for state inmates.

(The entirety of the resolution is made as an attachment to the minutes hereof.)

Kelly Pehrson - Chief Administrative Officer

Kelly presented a resolution from UCIP as to who should be appointed to represent the county at the UCIP meeting on December 5th. It was decided to appoint Bruce Adams to represent the county and to have Kelly Pehrson as an alternate representative. Commissioner Maryboy made a motion to sign Resolution 2013-10 to appoint Bruce Adams as the representative and Kelly Pehrson as an alternate and Commissioner Lyman seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous

Resolution 2013-10
Resolution of appointment of a San Juan County representative and
alternate representative for the Utah Counties Indemnity Pool
annual membership meeting.

(The entirety of the resolution is made as an attachment to the minutes hereof.)

Kelly also discussed that they have been negotiating with a broker to work with Regence BCBS who will be more informed on the health care changes and legal issues to keep us in compliance. The savings and extra cost by going through a broker should be a relatively flat change for the county.

Greg Adams - Chief Deputy Assessor

Greg requested to present a few BOE issues. Commissioner Maryboy made a motion to go into BOE and Commissioner Lyman seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous. The first BOE issue is regarding Craig Macleod who requested to have his property moved out of green belt. Next Kenneth and Sandra Graham's property was recorded as the home being complete, which is incorrect as it only has a foundation at this time. Scott Johnson acquired property from his father and did not understand that he had to fill out a new green belt form. Pending he fills out the correct paperwork Commissioner Lyman made a motion to approve all of the changes as requested and Commissioner Maryboy seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous. Commissioner Lyman made a motion to come out of BOE and Commissioner Maryboy seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous.

Norman Johnson - SJC Clerk

Norman provided the commissioners a copy of the Circuit Breaker list. He is still working with eight residences from West Water community and two veterans that may need to be added to the list. It was brought up that the state reimburses the county for the Circuit Breaker amount that is abated, but any other amounts that are abated are absorbed by the county. The commissioners have the right to adjust the taxes for a property owner. Commissioner Lyman made a motion to abate the taxes on the list and Commissioner Maryboy seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

Norman then presented very preliminary summary information on the next years budget. They discussed dates for meeting with the department heads to begin reviewing the budgets.

Jerry McNeely - SJC Liaison

Jerry met with SITLA. He is working on fixing problems with neck down areas, which are areas that are too narrow for side by sides to go through. Jerry also met with Kate Canon who would still like to do a field trip with the commissioners to the Island in the Sky. The Forest Service will be burning the piles that they have cleaned up if the weather works out. Jerry reported that the BLM has pushed the dates on everything back due to the government shutdown.

Nick Sandberg - SJC Planning

Nick reported that they held open house meetings in Monticello, Blanding, and Bluff for the Public Lands issues with a combined attendance from 190 to 200 people. November 15th is the deadline to get comments in and that most of the bulk mailings have already been sent out. They are hoping to have the website ready to receive comments today. The Gunnison Sage Grouse progress has been delayed due to the government shutdown.

Commission Reports

Commissioner Lyman - attended a meeting in Piute County concerning jurisdiction issues. He also attended an American Lands Council meeting and the Heritage Council meeting. Tim Chamberlain our joint employee with USU is working towards combining the Heritage Council with USU. Commissioner Lyman attended each of the Lands Bill meetings. He has been looking at the county master plan which he feels has some great plans and policies. The planning meeting last monday went well and he is looking forward to future planning meetings. The overall visitation in Lake Powell has been down, but the visitation is coming back up to the regular october levels.

Commissioner Maryboy - met with the Southern Paiutes trying to resolve conflicts between the Paiutes and the Hopis. He reported that Roger Joe with Navajo Oil and Gas has decided to open a large oil and gas office in Montezuma Creek. Commissioner Maryboy felt that the Public hearing in Bluff went well and that he will be working with the Run for Survival fundraiser this weekend.

Commissioner Adams - attended some of the public hearings and the AOG meeting on Thursday. Next week he will be attending the ARF teleconference, CIB on Thursday, and the Utah Gateway meeting in Sundance.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:06 pm