

SAN JUAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
January 13, 2014

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: Monte Wells, Rick Bailey, Rick Eldredge, John Young, Crystal Holt, Jerry McNeely, Marilyn Boynton, Jim Keyes, Lynn Stevens, Tony Dayish, Glenis Pearson, Louise Jones, Nick Sandberg, Bob Turri, Tammy Gallegos, Jeff Nielson, Marcia Shumway

The minutes of December 23, 2013 were approved on a motion by Commissioner Lyman and seconded by Commissioner Maryboy. Voting was unanimous.

James Keyes – USU Extension Office

Jim presented an out of state travel request for him to attend the National Cattle Industry Convention in Nashville. USU will be paying one half of the overall cost. Jim will be making a presentation at the convention on the impact of the Gunnison Sage Grouse on ranching in Utah. Commissioner Maryboy made a motion to approve the request and Commissioner Lyman seconded. Voting was unanimous.

Crystal Holt – SJC Human Resource Office

Crystal requested ratification of hiring Rhonda Clark as an 80% time employee as a Justice Court Clerk. Commissioner Lyman made a motion to approve the hire and Commissioner Maryboy seconded. Voting was unanimous.

Crystal presented the name of Thomas Lyman to be hired as a Sex Offender Therapist, a step 233 position. Following a brief discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Lyman and seconded by Commissioner Maryboy to approve the hire. Voting was unanimous.

Crystal and Glenis Pearson, SJC Treasurer discussed the possibility of a pay increase for the Deputy Treasurer. Following considerable discussion Glenis was asked to bring back additional information and or justification for the request.

Kelly Pehrson – SJC CAO

Kelly presented a Contract from Creamer & Noble Engineers for the Construction management services for the placement of Guardrail's on three bridges in an amount not to exceed \$20,642. Following a brief discussion Commissioner Lyman made a motion to sign the contract and

Commissioner Maryboy seconded. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly presented a Contract from Creamer & Noble Engineers for the Construction Management and Materials Testing on the Piute Creek Bridge rehabilitation project in an amount not to exceed \$109,276.04. Commissioner Lyman made a motion to sign the contract and Commissioner Maryboy seconded. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly presented a “Season 4 Sponsorship Agreement” with Chad Booth and the *County Seat* television program in the amount of \$30,000. A motion to approve the agreement was made by Commissioner Maryboy and seconded by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

The Cal Black airport bid awards were presented for approval by Kelly. Ridge Rock, Inc. was low bid on the pavement maintenance at \$48,575 and the Solar Power System upgrade low bid was \$299,498 from Gardner Engineering Alternative Energy Services, LLC. Following a brief discussion a motion to approve awarding the bids was made by Commissioner Lyman and seconded by Commissioner Maryboy. Voting was unanimous.

A discussion was held concerning the disposition and best use of the Montezuma Creek Swimming Pool. There is a desire on the part of the local chapter to take over and operate some type of community recreation center. There is a question on the ownership of the land. Commissioner Maryboy said the Navajo Oil & Gas Company might have an interest in assisting in the project. Lynn Stevens and Tony Dayish indicated there might be some involvement from UNRF and or the Trust Fund, depending on who owns the land. Kelly and the others will continue to look into the possibilities available.

Kelly reviewed the power line right of way situation over the county property where a future senior center might be built. The line as it presently sits will be in the way of a new building. The expense to move the line in the future will be the counties however right now Empire Electric will assist as there needs to be an upgrade to the Dollar Store. The logical solution would have us participate in the move now.

Norman L. Johnson – SJC Clerk / Auditor

Norman presented for ratification of Beer License renewals for 2014 as follows: Hole-in-the-Rock General Store, The Line Camp, Out West Food & Fuel #16, Cottonwood Steak House, Aramark (3), Old Bridge Grill and a rejection letter to Canyonlands Needles Outpost. Following a brief discussion a motion to approve the renewal licenses and the rejection letter, was made by Commissioner Lyman and seconded by Commissioner Maryboy. Voting was unanimous.

Jerry McNeely – SJC Liaison

Jerry discussed his activities with the commission. He went to the Grand County Council re-organization meeting and has met with SITLA, the Park Service and the BLM. Jerry said there has not been a decision made on the Canyonlands concession permit. The ice situation, on the mill creek road, is improving.

Nick Sandberg – SJC Planner

Nick asked if the BLM coordinating meeting could be set for January 27th at 1:00 pm and the Forrest Service on at 1:00 pm on February 10th. Nick discussed the Peavine (Dark Canyon) road and asked about sending a letter to the Forrest Service prior to the February meeting. The commission agreed the letter should be sent expressing our position on the road location. Nick provided a copy of a letter to the BLM supporting their proposal to add four travel routes to the Travel Plan. SPEAR and the Lands Team are in favor of the proposal. A motion to sign and send both letters was made by Commissioner Lyman and seconded by Commissioner Maryboy. Voting was unanimous.

Nick advised the commission that the Glenn Canyon NRA, OHV draft plan has been received and that he has two copies. Other copies are available or it can be viewed on line at their web site. Nick said at first glance they seem to have included our previous comments and that the new comment period will run to March 4th. He will read it and prepare additional comments, as needed, for the commission.

In other matters Nick discussed the BLM Oil & Gas leasing issues and the Arch Canyon road maintenance work. There were no appeals on Arch Canyon so a letter to the County Road Department, with authorization to proceed should come this week. There was considerable discussion on the creation of the Lands Council. Heidi Redd and Steve Deeter have accepted the invitation to serve. An organizing and information meeting will be held Thursday at the Arts & Events Conference Center in Blanding, prior to the Commissioners attending the Wednesday 22nd meeting at the State Capitol in Salt Lake.

Commission Reports:

Commissioner Adams – attended CIB last Thursday and was pleased to announce the Water District was given \$2,000,000 for the Dry Wash project. They received a \$1,000,000 grant, a \$500,000 20 year 0% loan and a \$500,000 1 ½ % 20 year loan. Commissioner Adams reviewed a MOU with the Eastern Utah Economic Development Coalition Infrastructure Authority. Following a complete explanation of the purpose and intent of the coalition a motion was made by Commissioner Lyman and seconded by Commissioner Maryboy to sign onto the MOU. Voting was unanimous.

Commissioner Lyman – said he has been working with Tim Chamberlain and the Economic Development Corporation of Utah and requested Tim be appointed to the corporation so he can attend the meetings if he was not able to do so. Tim and Pam Hansen are working well together. Commissioner Lyman looks forward to Thursday's meeting of the new Lands Council. The first meeting will be to get acquainted and set out the top 10 things they would like to see accomplished in the proposed "Lands Bill". Commissioner Lyman participated in the BOE telephone hearings last Wednesday and he hopes for a resolution to the issues. The process has been very frustrating to him.

Commissioner Maryboy – reviewed and discussed the Navajo Nation oil & gas operations. They have closed the Denver office and will be focusing in the Montezuma Creek area by placing an

office there. The company will be working on economic development in the area and may want to be a player in the swimming pool and recreation issue.

Public Comments:

Howard Randall, County Assessor briefly reviewed and requested signatures on two of the BOE stipulated agreements from the 2012 appeals, to be used as the 2013 values.

Meeting Adjourned 12:11 PM