

SAN JUAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
January 27, 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 Eldredge, Jerry McNeely, Marilyn Boynton, Nick Sandberg, Bob Turri, Tammy Gallegos, Davis Filfred, Betty Vijil, Ken Theis, Racine Turri, Luther Wigginton, Leona Wigginton, Barbara Trask, Larry Langford, Teverly Langford, Martha Gardner, Ruth Randall, Richard Smith, Bill Boyle, James Francom

The minutes of January 14, 2014 were approved as amended on a motion by Commissioner Maryboy and seconded by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

Davis Filfred – Manager of the Southern SJC Fair

Davis and Betty Vijil, Fair Secretary, presented a final report on the 2013 Southern Fair. The report showed that all of the County funds were spent on the rodeo event. Davis was informed that Navajo Oil and Gas may want to be involved this year in the Fair.

Public Hearing

At 10:20 AM a motion was made by Commissioner Maryboy and seconded by Commissioner Lyman that that they go into a Public Hearing to discuss the CIB application for the Monticello Senior Center project. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly Pehrson and Tammy Gallegos presented a draft proposal to seek funding for building a new Senior Center in Monticello. Comments were heard from many citizens and staff. Some of the main points mentioned were: ADA accessibility; building use by the County Commission for meetings; an area available for public meetings; better lighting than the present facility; can city and county combine efforts and only build one new building; better communication between city and county; having more than one entrance /exit point; adequate and proper storage areas; what will be done with the abandoned space; is there any option for some type of swimming facility or coordination with the city pool; a community is often judged by how they respect their Senior Citizens; the land owned by the County is well suited for this type of facility; having a place to be with and make new friends. All the comments were very pertinent to the potential project, its planning and development.

At 10:53 a motion was made by Commissioner Maryboy that the Public hearing be closed. Commissioner Lyman seconded the motion and the voting was unanimous.

The Commissioners recommended that the staff continue to work on the project and see what possibilities there are to having a combined effort with the City of Monticello. All possible options should be on the table. There will not be any formal decisions until the issue over PILT Funding is settled.

Rick Eldredge – SJC Sheriff

Sheriff Eldredge made a request to purchase 15 thermal printers for the patrol vehicles. The purchase will be from the State Bid list and be paid for with the Forrest Service Grant for 2014. The total cost is \$7,186.59. Following a brief discussion a motion to approve the purchase was made by Commissioner Lyman and seconded by Commissioner Maryboy. Voting was unanimous.

Norman L. Johnson – SJC Clerk / Auditor

Norman presented a new Class D Beer License Application from W. A. Scott Stevenson for the 3 Step Hideaway, LLC. Following a brief discussion a motion to approve the license, provided the County Sheriff agrees, was made by Commissioner Lyman and seconded by Commissioner Maryboy. Voting was unanimous.

Norman presented a contract for the 2014 SJC Fair with Anna Fredericks. Anna has already signed the agreement and both he and Kelly feel this is a step in the right direction, protecting both Anna and the County. Following a brief discussion a motion to approve and sign the contract was made by Commissioner Maryboy and seconded by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly Pehrson – SJC CAO

Kelly said there were two openings on the County Planning and Zoning Commission and Steve Deeter of LaSal has said he is willing to serve representing the northern area. A motion to appoint Steve Deeter to the Planning and Zoning Commission was made by Commissioner Lyman and seconded by Commissioner Maryboy. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly presented a power line easement agreement with Empire Electric, for the property behind the Dollar Store on which the new Senior Center could be built. The line as it presently sits will be in the way of a new building. Our cost share to move the line and make available 3 phase electrical power will be approximately \$5,500 and come from the Capitol Projects Fund. A motion to sign the easement and approve the cost share was made by Commissioner Lyman and seconded by Commissioner Maryboy. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly updated the Commission on his successful efforts to have NNDOT participate on the Piute Bridge abutment project. The actual bids on the project are due this Thursday and there was a mandatory, on site, walk thru last week. There were no local bidders on the walk thru. NNDOT will contribute \$200,000.

Jerry McNeely – SJC Liaison

Jerry discussed his activities for the week with the commission. He attended the ALG meeting for Commissioner Adams and tried to meet with SITLA, the Park Service and the BLM. Most of the agency personnel were out of the office this week.

Nick Sandberg – SJC Planner

Nick said the BLM meeting is this afternoon and the Lands Committee will meet on Wednesday. He also discussed the meeting at the Capitol last week and the potential use of GIS mapping overlays, to help develop the “Bishop Land Bill” plan.

Commission Reports:

Commissioner Lyman – said we need to have a board member appointed to the SEUHD. Steve Young’s term has expired but he will talk to him about extending. Commissioner Lyman said there will only be the three Canyonlands guide permits issued this year according to Kate Cannon, but that may actually buy locals some time to better prepare. He attended the meeting at the Capital last week and will meet with the Lands team this Wednesday. The Lands Committee/Board needs more members and at some point will want to meet with the full Commission. He asked Jerry to cover the SEUHD meeting this week if he could and said he had some resolutions from Teresa Showa, concerning the Blanding Center Street project to the Westwater community, which he would give to Commissioner Maryboy.

Commissioner Maryboy – said he will be in Window Rock most of the week and there are some interesting things on the agenda. There may be some NTUA takeover of Pacific Corp power lines. He talked about some of the issues facing the new Navajo Oil & Gas Board.

Commissioner Adams – discussed the “Envision Utah” project and what some of the biggest challenges and opportunities are. He will be in Salt Lake Wednesday thru Friday with various meetings and the legislative session. Next Monday at 1:00 is the meeting on the Halls Crossing Ferry issue and he will be at the CIB funding meeting on the 6th.

Public Comments:

Marilyn Boynton asked about the possibility of cooperating with the City of Monticello to open the pool in the winter for the Senior Citizens. She was advised that the pool is not able to be open in the winter due to the type of building construction that houses it.

Ken Theis, Backcountry Hunters & Anglers, made comment that the Federal Lands provide opportunities for all citizens and encouraged continued efforts by the County Commission

At 12:03 PM Commissioner Maryboy made a motion to go into an executive session which was seconded by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous

Exit Executive Session and adjourn 12:26 PM