

SAN JUAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
May 12, 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, Jerry McNeely, Marilyn Boynton, Nick Sandberg, Bob Turri, David Boyle, Bill Boyle, Lynn Laws, Charles Delorme, Julie Mack, Kristine Mickell, Andrew Sells

The minutes of April 28, 2014 were approved pending a revision on the Recapture discussion on a motion by Commissioner Lyman and seconded by Commissioner Maryboy. Voting was unanimous.

Jim Keyes – USU Extension Office

Jim requested the Commission to make an appointment for Friday July 11 to meet with Dr. Ken White a Vice-President of USU at 9:00 AM. The Commissioners agreed to meet that schedule.

Kelly Pehrson – SJC CAO

Kelly discussed the UDOT “deer fencing project” with the commission. The project is being supported by the SF&W and it has been requested the county match their grant of \$25,000. Following a brief discussion the Commission agreed to participate using Capitol Improvement Funds. A motion was made by Commissioner Maryboy and seconded by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly presented a request to purchase the fire truck, discussed in last week’s work meeting, for the Montezuma Creek area using NRF and said if we pay up front they will take another \$2700 off the price of \$194,308. A motion to approve the purchase was made by Commissioner Lyman and seconded by Commissioner Maryboy. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly presented bids for replacement windows in the Public Safety Building from Rick’s Glass at \$1993. A motion to approve the purchase was made by Commissioner Lyman and seconded by Commissioner Maryboy. Voting was unanimous.

One Building Permit was presented, by Kelly, for Ed Tangren to build a storage shed in Spanish Valley. Commissioner Maryboy made a motion to approve the permit provided all appropriate signatures are place. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly stated that next week he and several staff members will be out of the office on Monday. Commissioner Adams suggested the scheduled work meeting be cancelled. A motion to cancel the meeting was made by Commissioner Maryboy and seconded by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

Commissioner Adams discussed the upcoming visits from the UDOT Board of Commissioners and Kathleen Clark of the Governor's Office. On Thursday morning UDOT will take a tour from Aneth to and up over Moki Dugway then back to Monticello. The UDOT Commission meeting will be at 8:30 on Friday. Commissioners Lyman and Maryboy will go on the tour and Commissioner Adams will be here for the Friday meeting. Kathleen Clark will be taken on a local area tour including the Gunnison Sage Grouse habitat.

PUBLIC HEARING

Commissioner Maryboy made a motion to go into a Public Hearing to discuss the issuance of Lease Revenue Bonds and any impact to the private sector from the acquisition of the ambulance, trucks, van and related equipment to be funded by the Bonds. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Adams. Commissioner Lyman was not available for the vote

Questions were fielded from the audience relating to the value (\$107,500), term (30 years) and interest rate (1.5%) on the proposed Bonds. There being no other discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Lyman and seconded by Commissioner Adams that we exit the Public Hearing and approve the issuance of the Bonds. Voting was unanimous. Commissioner Maryboy was absent for the vote.

Wasatch Wind – Latigo Project

Presenting information on the Wasatch Wind Project were Julie Mack, Kristine Mickell and Andrew Sells. Following a historical overview Mr. Sells made a presentation on having the County consider a Flattened Property Tax Rate, on the \$93 million dollar project, over a 20 year period. The same full amount of taxes would be paid but would be equalized over a twenty year period. There would be no tax abatements, or other special considerations involved. This concept would allow taxing entities to have a more stable revenue distribution. All taxing entities would need to sign off on such an agreement. Present at the meeting was Bill Boyle of the San Juan School Board and Norman Johnson, Manager of the Water District. The Commissioners thanked Wasatch Wind for their presentation and the information, which will be taken under advisement.

Jerry McNeely – SJC Liaison

Jerry reported on meetings with SITLA, the Forrest Service, Park Service and BLM. He will be going on a field trip with SITLA to the South end of the county and Kate Cannon of the NPS still wants to set up a tour of Island in the Sky. There is nothing new to report from the BLM but he will attend the Master Leasing meeting in Moab this Wednesday.

Nick Sandberg – SJC Planner

Nick addressed the BLM Master Leasing meeting which will be held in the Grand Center from 3 to 6 pm. The comment period is open until May 28th. The Colorado County coalition has been granted a 6 month extension to November 12th for a Federal Decision by F&W on the Gunnison Sage Grouse. Work will continue to proceed on a “not warranted” position. It was mentioned by Commissioner Adams that a recent visit to two Grouse leks they found 4 males in one and 14 in the other.

Nick said a record of decision had come from the Department of Energy stating all current uranium area land will continue to be managed for leasing. The next lands council meeting will be tomorrow at 4 PM.

Commission Reports:

Commissioner Maryboy - said the spring session of the Nation Council is over and there are still ongoing legal issues with Navajo Oil and Gas. He will be working with our State Senator and Representative on Trust Fund issues. He should be in the County the rest of the week.

Commissioner Adams – will be with Kathleen Clark Wednesday and the go to St George for a UCIP Board meeting on Thursday and back to Monticello for the Transportation District Meeting on Friday.

Commissioner Lyman – said most of his week was taken up with events and issues connected to Recapture. He had contact with Laird Naylor, who showed him some of the sensitive areas in Recapture and with Malcom Lehi requesting people stay out of the canyon. There was and is a lot of misinformation about the event and its purpose. There were many “out of area” persons with their own diverse agendas. He takes responsibility for organizing the event but feels it is far from over. He thanked Sheriff Eldredge for his support and professional demeanor. Commissioner Lyman also went on a field trip with Zane Odell to look at some of his grazing land in the south end of the County.

Public Comments: None

At 12:08 PM Commissioner Lyman made a motion to go into an executive session which was seconded by Commissioner Maryboy. Voting was unanimous

Exit the Executive Session at 12:37 PM.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lyman and seconded by Commissioner Maryboy to accept the findings and recommendations of the personnel hearing board, concerning a recent issue, and send a letter stating such. Voting was unanimous.

Adjourn 12:29 PM