

SAN JUAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
June 9, 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
 James Francom, Chief Deputy Clerk

Attendees: Norman Johnson, Jerry McNeely, Nick Sandberg, Marilyn Boynton, Kay Shumway, William Blake, Tad Barton, Tammy Barton, Monte Wells, Barbara Trask, Bob Turri, Tim Chamberlain, Larry Sorrel, Tammy Gallegos, Linda Larson, Sam Cantrell, Jennifer Swanson, Gary Crowley, Chris Crowley, Lane Fuller, Jonathan Wright, Dianne Wright, John Black, David Boyle

The minutes of June 2, 2014 were approved by a motion of Commissioner Lyman and seconded by Commissioner Adams. Voting was unanimous. Commissioner Maryboy was absent for the vote.

Tammy Barton - SJC Resident

Tammy discussed an issue with her property in southeast Blanding in that others are claiming a right of way through her property to get to their property. Tammy was advised to work through the surveyor's office and that Kelly would follow up with the commissioners after advisement from the Surveyor and possibly the County Attorney.

Tammy Gallegos - SJC Aging

Tammy presented two contracts for signatures the first was a medicaid aging waiver contract for \$604,000. Commissioner Lyman made a motion for the chair to sign the contract and Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous. Commissioner Maryboy was absent for the vote. The second contract was for the balance of the aging programs for \$308,541. Commissioner Lyman made a motion for the chair to sign the contract and Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous. Commissioner Maryboy was absent for the vote.

Norman Johnson - SJC Clerk

Norman discussed an issue that came up after the Tax sale with the property in Bluff that was struck off to the county. The individual claiming ownership in the property did not have the deed recorded and has since recorded the deed. Commissioner Lyman made a motion to rescind the strike off to the county and Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous. Commissioner Maryboy was absent for the vote.

Norman informed the commissioners of an issue that came up early in the tax sale in which SITLA has

reacquired the property that came up in the tax sale. There will be a sizeable request to strike off the taxes, penalties, and interest from the SITLA properties. Norman also presented the 2014 certified tax rates and gave an update on the by mail election.

Gary Crowley - SJC Resident

Gary explained his frustration with some of the projects that the county road department has chosen to take on, which he feels is competing with private contractors who are not given an opportunity to bid on the projects. Commissioner Adams explained some of the reasoning behind the road department doing work for the Forest Service and on the Monticello Senior Center. He also explained that there are many other areas in which the county competes with private business such as mechanics, attorneys, and IT. Gary would like to see more transparency with our local government. Commissioner Lyman would like to see more privatization and establish a policy on when the county should be doing work that could be done by private businesses.

Lane Fuller gave an example of the county allowing a contractor the use of their gravel pit and how it took business away from him. Jonathan Wright requested that work be done on Pearson Canyon road. The commissioners felt that there was a lot of good discussion and that they will bring up these issues at the next road meeting.

Kelly Pehrson - Chief Administrative Officer

Kelly presented a procurement request to purchase 50 GPS units with money from the 2013 Homeland Security Grant. Kelly received two bids one from thegpsstore.com for \$14,997.50 and the other from Off the Beaten Path Maps a local business for \$15,800. Commissioner Maryboy made a motion to approve the lower amount and Commissioner Lyman questioned whether there should be a local preference given and that he would like to review the policy, therefore it was tabled.

Kelly presented a procurement request to purchase a headset and splitter for the airplane for \$663.28. Commissioner Maryboy made a motion to approve the purchase and Commissioner Lyman seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly presented a request from the Library Board to give Dustin Fife the Library Director a raise from a step 191 to 219. Commissioner Lyman made a motion to approve the raise and Commissioner Maryboy seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly presented a building permit for a UNHS Ambulance Garage in Montezuma Creek. Commissioner Lyman made a motion to approve the building permit provided the payment and signatures and are in place and Commissioner Maryboy seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly presented bids on the Cal Black Airport runway and it was recommended to go with Paul Air Striping LLC. Commissioner Maryboy made a motion to approve the bid and Commissioner Lyman seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly presented two out of state travel requests for Charlie DeLorme's office for Pam to travel to

Atlanta Georgia and Portland Oregon. Commissioner Lyman made a motion to approve the travel requests and Commissioner Maryboy seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous.

Jerry McNeely - SJC Liaison

Jerry visited with the BLM, but there were not any changes from his last visit. He met Lane and Beth about Master Leasing. Jerry mentioned that they have approved construction on the Jim Nylen road.

Nick Sandberg - SJC Planning

Nick presented a letter for the commissioner chair to sign addressed to SITLA looking for support to widen the trails that would allow “side by sides” access. Commissioner Lyman made a motion to allow the chair to sign the letter and Commissioner Maryboy seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous.

Nick discussed the upcoming lands meeting and a conference call meeting concerning the Gunnison sage grouse.

Commission Reports:

Commissioner Adams - was in Mexican Hat on June 5th where they inspected the bridge. The bridge is still in fair shape but there is concern with the 90 degree turn at the bridge. Commissioner Adams will be attending the UCIP retreat Wednesday through Friday.

Commissioner Lyman - attended the bridge inspection in Mexican Hat. San Juan Advisory council meeting at Heidi Redd’s Ranch and will have another tomorrow night. Talked to the PLIPCO office about a state archeologist. He talked about the San Juan Heritage Council and the San Juan Historical Commission working together to get signs out at historical sites. He will be going to NACo in July and will be in Salt Lake next Tuesday and Wednesday for BOE. Commissioner Lyman also discussed the county’s financial contribution to the lawsuit with the Arizona Strip. He was in Moab Friday for the unveiling of the new Arches Quarter.

Commissioner Maryboy - attended the Navajo Nation Treaty reenactment at Fort Defiance. He has been busy with his campaign for the Navajo Nation President. He will not be here next Monday as he will be working on his campaign. Commissioner Maryboy will be meeting with the Lieutenant Governor staff. Tomorrow he will be working on a water settlement hearing and Wednesday he will be at Twin Arrows.

Citizens Comments:

Marilyn Boynton does not think that any changes should be made on the Mexican Hat Bridge or road.

Norman Johnson was concerned about the substantial increase in pay for the library director and that it was not done during the budget process. He also expressed that the pay for the position may not be in line with pay compared to other county employees.

Tim Chamberlain informed the commission on opportunities for the public to participate with *Utah's Own* brand with products for the Fair and that there is still match money available with the custom fit program for employers training their employees.

At 11:55 am Commissioner Maryboy made a motion to go into executive session and Commissioner Lyman seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous.

At 12:14 pm Commissioner Lyman made a motion to go out of executive session and Commissioner Maryboy seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:15 pm.