

SAN JUAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
June 23, 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
 Phil Lyman, Commissioner
 Kelly Pehrson, Chief Administrative Officer
 James Francom, Chief Deputy Clerk

Absent: Kenneth Maryboy, Vice Chairman

Attendees: Norman Johnson, Jerry McNeely, Nick Sandberg, Marilyn Boynton, Jared Berrett, Robert McPherson, Shelby Seely, Walter Bird, Charlie DeLorme, David Bronson, Barbara Trask, Bob Turri, Greg Adams, Billy Gaines, John Fellmeth

The minutes of June 9, 2014 were approved by a motion of Commissioner Lyman with a few grammatical changes and seconded by Commissioner Adams. Voting was unanimous.

Jared Berrett/Robert McPherson - SJC Residents

Jared gave an update on the Tourism project called “Teachings of the Land”, they are about 90% complete. The book and computer app are now available and the website is up. They expressed gratitude for the support from San Juan County in giving \$5000 from the commission budget and \$5000 from Economic Development.

Shelby Seely - SJC Resident

Shelby raised concerns about the processing of the ballots being completed in house, the daily log of the votes, and the privacy of the voters. Norman Johnson provided copies of the processing procedures. It was explained to Shelby that the processing of the ballots are all done in full view of the public and that the privacy of the voters is maintained because the ballot remains sealed in the envelope when the signature is verified. Commissioner Lyman had heard a rumor that early results were being viewed. It was explained that the only information available to anyone including the clerk’s office is the number of ballots that have been processed not how they have voted.

Norman Johnson - SJC Clerk

Norman presented the SSBG contract and associated documents for signature. Commissioner Lyman made a motion to sign. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous.

Norman presented a request from SITLA for the abatement of the taxes, penalties, and interest on nine properties that were involved in the 2014 tax sale. Commissioner Lyman made a motion to abate the taxes totaling \$12,038.81, penalties for \$658.76, and interest of \$2,144.95. Commissioner Adams

seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous.

Norman presented the 2014 Tax Rates and explained that whether the commission adopted the certified tax rate or last year's tax rate the difference would only amount to about \$934. Commissioner Lyman made a motion to adopt last year's tax rate. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly Pehrson - Chief Administrative Officer

Kelly presented resolution 2014-4 for approval and Commissioner Adams explained some of the details of the resolution and the broad range of possible future developments from the creation of the seven county infrastructure coalition. Commissioner Lyman made a motion to approve and sign resolution 2014-4. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous.

RESOLUTION 2014-4
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF THE SEVEN COUNTY
INFRASTRUCTURE COALITION; AND RELATED MATTERS
(the entirety of the resolution is made a part of the minutes)

Kelly stated that there was enough of the NRCS funding left over from the Paiute Bridge project to do the Montezuma Creek Stabilization at Hatch Trading Post project. Kelly presented a contract from Creamer & Noble for signature. Commissioner Lyman made a motion to sign the contract. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly presented four building permits for approval:

Steve Hansson	Addition to home	Wilson Arch
Luis Trevizo	Shop	La Sal
Curtis Wilcox	Shop	La Sal
Dave Hawks	Storage building	Spanish Valley

Commissioner Lyman made a motion to approve the building permits pending all the payments and signatures are in place. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly presented an out of state travel request for Allison Yamamoto-Sparks to Nashville, TN. Commissioner Lyman made a motion to approve the travel request. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly presented a procurement request for the 50 GPS units discussed in previous meetings. Commissioner Lyman made a motion to approve the purchase. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly gave an update of the Paiute Bridge and made mention of a county surplus sale coming up.

Billy Gaines - SJC Resident

Billy complained that the county has not been maintaining the county road that runs through his property

and that he was also concerned about the road bidding process. He requested to meet with the commissioners in private after the meeting. The commissioners granted his request to meet in an executive session after the meeting.

Jerry McNeely - SJC Liaison

Jerry met with the Park Service and suggested that CNHA might be able to help sponsor the "Teachings of the Land" Tourism project. He discussed the progress on the Jim Nylen road. Jerry met with SITLA on widening the OHV trails and met with the BLM. There are no changes with the copper pits. There were over 300 comments with the BLM Master Leasing Plan. Jerry provided a list of the proposed 2015 new oil leases. Beth with the BLM would like to do a field trip with the commissioners to see the new campgrounds.

Nick Sandberg - SJC Planning

Nick informed the commission that the BLM has signed the decision on the five routes to be added to the travel plan. The BLM instruction memorandum concerning land being closed from leasing due to Gunnison sage grouse may be more applicable to Colorado than Utah.

Commission Reports:

Commissioner Lyman - USU has a master landscaping project meeting tomorrow he would like to attend. Commissioner Lyman questioned whether the county has contracted consulting with private archeologists, like Winston Hurst. The Mexican Hat SSD is having problems with sewer pumps. Commissioner Lyman mentioned developments with Brian Murdock in fixing a road in Dark Canyon. He discussed other counties interactions with the BLM. On July 1st there will be a meeting with the public lands council. He attended the Utah State Tax Commission meeting regarding equal pay property taxes and attended the Assessor's BOE appeals. He will be going to USAAC this week.

Commissioner Adams - attended the NRF meeting on Monday afternoon, 7 county meeting on Tuesday, flew up to the tax commission on Wednesday. Commissioner Adams will be going to USAAC this week.

Citizens Comments:

Marilyn Boynton discussed her late husband's involvement with the Tar Sands and the possibility of it being developed in the future in connection with the railway.

At 11:45 am Commissioner Lyman made a motion to go into executive session and Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous.

At 12:15 pm Commissioner Lyman made a motion to go out of executive session and Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:17 p.m.