

SAN JUAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
August 11, 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, Commission Vice Chairman
 Phil Lyman, Commissioner
 Kelly Pehrson, Chief Administrative Officer
 Norman L. Johnson, County Clerk /Auditor

Attendees: Jerry McNeely, Marilyn Boynton, Nick Sandberg, Tim Chamberlain, Joette Langianese, Kate Cannon, Howard Randall, Howard Brundage , Rogene Brundage, Kay Shumway, David Boyle, Monty Wells, Bob Turri, Charles Delorme, Jeff Nielson, Ken Theis, Richard Yanito & Wife, Oliver Crane

The minutes of July 28, 2014 were approved on a motion by Commissioner Lyman and seconded by Commissioner Maryboy. Commissioner Adams was absent for the vote.

Kate Cannon – Superintendent, Canyonlands National Park

Kate and Joette Langianese presented and discussed information on the upcoming Canyonlands National Park’s 50th Anniversary celebration. There will be many events and they invited the Commissioners and all others to come and participate. The Bates Wilson Youth Camp will be August 29 – September 1 in the Needles District area. Commissioner Adams will be on the 12th of September program.

Howard and Rogene Brundage – SJC Citizens

Rogene presented and discussed the tax situation on a very small piece of property (.08 Acre) they acquired in Bluff. The parcel number is C40210261803 and was involved in the Tax Sale, this year, under the name of Douglas Shocley. There were back taxes, penalty and interest of \$387.64, of which they had no knowledge. The property had been involved with the Cory Perkins estate lawsuit. They asked to have the prior debt abated if possible. Following continued discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Lyman and seconded by Commissioner Maryboy to abate the taxes, penalty and interest on property parcel number C40210261803 for the years 2009 – 2013. Voting was unanimous.

Norman L. Johnson – SJC Clerk / Auditor

Norman provided the Commission with the General Election process calendar from August 4th and ending on November 17th at 12:00 Noon with the canvass. He also provided an updated list of candidate fillings for the November Ballot.

In other matters Norman requested Commission support to allow the San Juan Safari to use the County Tax ID number. After a brief discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Lyman and seconded by Commissioner Maryboy to allow the San Juan Safari Organization permission to use the County Tax ID Number. Voting was unanimous. Norman advised the Commission that it was his opinion that the County Fair Contract Manager had not lived up to the written agreement as it relates to the 3 day fund depositing requirements. His office will continue to look into the matter.

Howard Randall – SJC Assessor

Howard advised the Commission of clerical errors created by miss-calculations of property taxes in the “Singer System”. After a discussion it was agreed to have Howard list the individual errors and make the list a part of the BOE hearings next week. Howard will also check on any values moved forward this year from the 2012 and 2013 BOE appeals process.

Kelly Pehrson – SJC CAO

Kelly presented a proposal to purchase additional maps for the fire simulation table. After a discussion the Commissioners said they would like to see the table and how it works before making a decision. The back gate at the Public Safety Building needs to be replaced. Southwest Custom Gates are the only providers. The cost will be \$5611 and there are funds in this year’s budget. Following a brief discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Lyman and seconded by Commissioner Adams to approve the purchase. Commissioner Maryboy was absent for the vote.

Kelly presented a request to purchase a Senior Center Van using allocated Revitalization Funds. At the present time the County has \$25,000 and he will need to ask the NRF for an additional \$1500 as the price of the van off the state bid list is \$26,460. Commissioner Lyman made a motion to approve the purchase and it was seconded by Commissioner Adams. Commissioner Maryboy was absent for the vote.

The annual county wide surplus sale was held this past month and some \$24,000 was raised. Kelly recommended the funds be used to purchase a fleet vehicle. Based on the type of vehicle, the price on the state bid list ranges from \$19 - \$21,000. Commissioner Lyman made a motion to approve the purchase and it was seconded by Commissioner Adams. Commissioner Maryboy was absent for the vote.

In other matters Kelly presented the Bull Hollow project TRT - TRCC Grant of \$2,000 for commission ratification. Following a brief discussion Commissioner Lyman made a motion to approve the ratification of the grant and it was seconded by Commissioner Adams. Commissioner Maryboy was absent for the vote. Out of state travel was requested for David, Tammy, Linda, Natalie and Kelly to attend training provided and paid for by FEMA in Pennsylvania. The only cost to the county is travel to Salt Lake. Commissioner Lyman made a motion to approve the travel and it was seconded by Commissioner Adams. Commissioner Maryboy was absent for the vote. In a final item Kelly said the county had bid out the White Rock Subdivision and 3 Step road damage. Only one bid was received and it was for \$529,000.

The engineers estimate was \$533,000 and after a closer review the cost should be lowered to \$470,000 and then awarded to the only bidder, Jackson Excavating out of Bicknell. Commissioner Lyman made a motion to approve the bid as presented and it was seconded by Commissioner Adams. Commissioner Maryboy was absent for the vote.

Jerry McNeely – SJC Liaison

Jerry reported on meetings with all the area agencies. He said Kate reported on what he had from NPS. There has been little information from the BLM since last week's meeting. The permits for two drill sites just lack a bond from the Copper Mine. He went on a field trip with SITLA to both Montezuma Canyon and Cottonwood Wash. Jim Keyes will be representing the county, on the endangered Fish study group for the LaSal Mountain. There will be a 3 year study of the recharge and discharge of water in Spanish Valley. Jerry said he enjoyed the visits with the congressmen last week.

Oliver Crane – Assistant Monticello City Manager

Oliver presented a "Climbers Village Plan" for the Indian Creek area. It will be a cooperative effort between Monticello City, U of U, American Alpine Club, State of Utah, San Juan County and others. The operating entity will be the American Alpine Club. Many details will need to be worked out.

Nick Sandberg – SJC Planner

Nick attended the GSG – RMP meeting in Dove Creek last Thursday. There were 35 to 40 persons in attendance and 5 or 6 from San Juan. He re-presented the Memorandum of Understanding between SJC and the BLM for final Commission signature. The Commissioners agreed to have Nick be the primary point of contact and Kelly be the Alternate. Assistant Attorney Walter Bird has approved the MOU as to Form and Function. The MOU was approved to be signed by the Chairman.

Nick said the final meeting of the lands council will be at 4:00 today in Blanding at the Arts and Events Conference Building. They hope to wrap up their proposal. Nick was thanked for the work he did getting information ready for Congressmen Elijah Cummings and Jason Chaffetz visit last week.

Commission Reports:

Commissioner Lyman reported on the various activities and meetings he had attended last week and those he will be attending this week. The PECOS Conference was held in Blanding with 400 plus registered. He had a good meeting with the Ute Mountain Tribal Council and they wanted him and the other commissioners to participate in the Bluff Fair on September 11. Commissioner Lyman attended what he could of the fair and enjoyed the concert. He said Jed Lyman will be retiring from San Juan Counseling October 31st. He also discussed the idea of having the Commission adopt a resolution in opposition to the Greater Canyonlands effort.

Commissioner Adams has spent most of the past two weeks with his family and expressed appreciation for the cards, letters, notes, food and many other acknowledgements given in behalf of his wife's medical issue. He is pleased to report things are going well. Attended the CIB last Thursday where Monticello got a grant for 50% of the purchase of a new fire truck and met with the Congressmen in Moab. Attended much of the SJC Fair and said the events were good but attendance is down, the same as it is at other fairs across the state.

Commissioner Maryboy has been spending a great deal of time working on his campaign for Navajo Nation President and will be in the county most of this week at various local functions. He feels his campaign is going well.

Meeting Adjourn 11:54 A.M.