

SAN JUAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
August 25, 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

Absent: Kenneth Maryboy, Commission Vice Chairman

NOTE: Minutes were prepared from listening to the digital recording, of the meeting, by Norman L. Johnson, SJC Clerk / Auditor.

Attendees: Jerry McNeely, Marilyn Boynton, Nick Sandberg, Howard Randall, Bob Turri, Tammy Gallegos, John Young, Rick Eldredge, Ben Huntsman, Linda Larson

The minutes of August 11th, with minor corrections and the notes of August 18, 2014 were approved as corrected. The motion was made by Commissioner Lyman and seconded by Commissioner Adams.

Tammy Gallegos - SJC Aging

Tammy presented the Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) contract in the amount of \$19,000 to help cover the Senior Centers meals programs. Following a short discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Lyman and seconded by Commissioner Adams to sign the contract.

Crystal Holt - SJC Personnel

Crystal requested the Commission ratify the hiring of Jeremy Hoggard as a Transport Ambulance Driver, as presented at last week's work meeting. A motion to ratify and approve the hire was made by Commissioner Lyman and seconded by Commissioner Adams.

Lt John Young – SJC Jail Commander

John, in association with Sheriff Eldridge, made an out of state travel request for Derek Bethea and Tom Lyman to attend training in San Diego. They are required to maintain certification hours. A motion to approve the travel was made by Commissioner Lyman and seconded by Commissioner Adams.

Lt Young presented a proposal to move the Jail perimeter fence so that a garden area could be created. This capitol project would cost approximately \$6,600 but would pay for itself over time and would be funded from the Jail Commissary Funds. Some of the garden water could be supplemented by diverting runoff from around the entire Public Safety Complex. The vegetables grown by the inmate's would be used primarily in the Jail Kitchen. Following

additional discussion a motion to approve the project was made by Commissioner Lyman and seconded by Commissioner Adams.

Howard Randall – SJC Assessor

Howard advised that Valli Smouse would be here to act as a hearing officer for today's BOE, scheduled from 4:00 to 7:00 PM.

Howard presented a request for pay increases for all members of his staff. He said that Diane Eddington is leaving and was on the Assessor's payroll as a half time person. He does not need to replace her at this time and could use those funds to provide the requested increases. The request and justification were discussed at length. The Commissioners took the matter under advisement and tabled the request for the present time.

Marilyn Boynton – SJC Resident

Marilyn presented and discussed her concept to develop the Indian Creek climbing area into a world class venue so that the tourism benefits would gravitate into San Juan County and not leave the area.

Kelly Pehrson – SJC CAO

Kelly and Ben Huntsman demonstrated the Fire simulation table and explained how it can be used effectively. Kelly then made the request to purchase additional maps for the fire simulation table using SRS Funds. A motion was made by Commissioner Lyman and seconded by Commissioner Adams to purchase the additional maps. Kelly said there will be community fire training on September 18th at the Blue Mountain Ranch and a major disaster simulation training the next day.

The recently held department head meeting went well and was on corrective discipline. The next UAC meeting for the Commission will be September 24-26 at the Homestead in Midway and the UCIP risk management training will be the 10th and 11th in Draper. Kelly will plan to attend the Energy Summit in Vernal next week.

Jerry McNeely – SJC Liaison

Jerry reported on his meeting with Lance and Beth of the BLM. He covered several subjects involving the BLM including the ATV Safari, Recapture, Indian Creek, Kane Creek road, Hatch Point oil & Gas exploration and the Grand County shooting range. He said Mike Diem, USFS and Kate Cannon of NPS were both out of the office this week. All of the federal agencies have lifted their fire restrictions.

Commissioner Lyman made follow-up comments on County Resolutions and the associated OHV maps, passed in 1999, 2005 and 2012. He wanted the letter dated August 8th addressed to the Commission, from Lance Porter of the BLM, noted in the minutes. He commented that the BLM does not seem to understand the County Commissions authority.

Jerry reported on his attendance at the Spanish Valley Water Service Districts meeting and conference call discussion with Jerry Olds and Ryan Jolley on the future water study. In a related water issue he said Ken's Lake is doing well and there are no user water restrictions. He reported on his attendance at the Grand County Council meeting, regarding the 7 County Interlocal Cooperation Agreements, wherein it was emotionally discussed and then tabled. Jerry said the GCC collection of TRT has fallen off, after the State took over collections and is something SJC may want to review. His meeting with SITLA was positive, as usual, and they are still working on the ATV Trails maps and Brian reported on the Kane Creek Oil and Gas operations and drilling.

Commissioner Adams led a discussion concerning the longer term plan for the BLM Office here in Monticello. He thinks there are several staff vacancies and there is some concept that the office could be closed and moved to Moab. Staff will follow-up to find out more information.

Nick Sandberg – SJC Planner

Nick attended the GSG, County Coalition, meeting in Dove Creek. He said it was successful and was intended to wrap-up ideas the counties could do to assist with short term threats, or perceived threats, to the species. Nick discussed possible meetings with the BLM for a briefing on the GSG and with Utah State Parks and Recreation on potential park expansions or new creations. The Commissioners want to delay those invitations to hold meetings.

Commission Reports:

Commissioner Lyman – attended the BOE Last Monday and will do so again today. He will attend the CCP meeting and San Juan River tour this Thursday and requested the County pick up some of the cost. Last week he met with Mathew Godfrey from Ogden and learned of his "Better Cities Projects". Mr. Godfrey's concepts could be used to benefit Bluff, Blanding and Monticello. Commissioner Lyman will be attending EDC in SLC on the 9th.

Commissioner Adams – stated he will not be at Commission Meeting on the 8th and asked Commissioner Lyman to attend NRF for him. He said he will be gone most of next week and will attend UCIP Risk Management, The 7 County meeting in Price and the Canyonlands celebration at 3:00 PM on the 12th. Commissioner Adams attended a UCIP Board Meeting last Thursday.

The Meeting Adjourn into an Executive Session, at 12:10 PM, to discuss personnel issues.

12:41 PM - Meeting Adjourned