

SAN JUAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
September 22, 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: Kenneth Maryboy, Commission Vice Chairman
 Phil Lyman, Commissioner
 Kelly Pehrson, Chief Administrative Officer
 James Francom, Chief Deputy Clerk

Absent: Bruce Adams, Chairman

Attendees: Norman Johnson, Crystal Holt, Jerry McNeely, Nick Sandberg, Marilyn Boynton, Monte Wells, Bob Turri, Howard Randall, Larry Sorrell, Clif, Dale Parriott, Gail Binhly, Carl Darnell, Gene Ciarus, Brian Torgerson, Adam Robison, Chris Fausett, Kim Christy, Rebecca Benally

The minutes of September 8, 2014 were approved by a motion of Commissioner Lyman and seconded by Commissioner Maryboy. Voting was unanimous.

Crystal Holt - SJC Personnel

Crystal presented a ratification for Scott Christensen as the North Road Supervisor at pay step 206. Commissioner Lyman made a motion to approve Scott Christensen's position and Commissioner Maryboy seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous.

Crystal then presented pay increases for the Assessor's staff with the added responsibilities that they will be taking on now that Diane Eddington is gone and responsibilities Greg took on as the Building Inspector. It was recommended that Greg Adams be moved to a step 220, Susan Romero to a step 66, and Bernadette Regalado to a step 73. There was some discussion about the increases and Commissioner Lyman made a motion to approve the raises for Bernadette and Susan on condition that he reserves the right to withhold a possible future increase in pay during the upcoming budget process. Commissioner Maryboy seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous. Commissioner Lyman made a motion to approve the increase for Greg Adams and Commissioner Maryboy seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous.

Crystal presented a pay increase for Benny Musselman. Commissioner Lyman thought that the increase was going to be looked at during the budget process and decided to table the change

Kim Kristy - SITLA

Kim Kristy along with Brian Torgerson, Chris Fausett, and Adam Robinson presented information on the ATV trails near the La Sals. They have worked hard on a disciplined management trail and have come up with a loop system. There was considerable discussion on

the width of the trails at the pinch down areas with SITLA looking at expanding those areas to sixty inches. There were arguments for and against the changes.

Norman Johnson - SJC Clerk

Norman presented the summary report on the SJC Fair. He reported that the Fair appears to be in under budget and he has released the final payment.

Norman requested that the Commissioners review the poverty levels for the Circuit Breaker tax abatement program. Historically the rate was set at \$13,000 for one person. 100% of poverty is \$11,670 and 150% of poverty is \$17,505. Norman recommended that the county adopt the State's 150% of poverty level for the program. Commissioner Lyman made a motion to approve the increase to 150% and Commissioner Maryboy seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous.

Norman presented an appeal from Preston Tax Consultants for the Grayson apartments and Howard had some properties for the BOE process. Commissioner Lyman made a motion to go into BOE and Commissioner Maryboy seconded the motion. Voting was Unanimous. It was then decided that due to time constraints and public interest they would wait to discuss the properties at the end of the commission meeting. Commissioner Lyman made a motion to leave BOE and Commissioner Maryboy seconded the motion. Voting was Unanimous.

Tammy Gallegos - representing SJC Admin

Tammy presented an updated capital improvement list for the CIB. Commissioner Lyman made a motion to approve the revised list and Commissioner Maryboy seconded the motion. Voting was Unanimous.

Tammy presented a sample contract to be used as a model for Mark Maryboy as the Southern Liaison for the County. After some discussion Commissioner Lyman decided to table it for a future meeting.

Tammy presented a request from the Sheriff's office to purchase two rifles in the amount of \$2,300 from money they have from a contract from the Forest Service. Commissioner Lyman made a motion to approve the purchase and Commissioner Maryboy seconded the motion. Voting was Unanimous.

Citizen Comments:

John Fellmeth - requested that the County write a letter in response to the PBS news story correcting what Megan Crandle of the BLM reported. Commissioner Lyman made a motion that a letter be written. Commissioner Maryboy stated that they should write a letter and then it could be reviewed.

Marilyn Boynton - commented that she would like to see the trails widened over the sixty inches to accommodate Jeeps and other off road vehicles.

Jerry McNeely - SJC Liaison

Jerry attended a Grand County Chamber of Commerce meeting discussing the Greater Canyonlands. He also attending a Seven County Coalition meeting and a water board meeting.

Nick Sandberg - SJC Planning

Nick discussed dates for Lands Bill open houses and the costs associated with mailing notices to inform the public of the open houses.

Commission Reports:

Commissioner Lyman - attended the meet the candidates night in Blanding. He went with Tim Smith of the State Parks to Goosenecks State Park. The voluntary fee process is going well and visitation is great. Commissioner Lyman will be going to Midway on Wednesday and Thursday. He made a statement on the charges from the Department of Justice in that he has confidence in the Federal System and he believes that they will be heard. Commissioner Lyman is hoping that the County will take the opportunity to make a statement.

Commissioner Maryboy - is planning on going to Midway. He is considering attending a UN meeting in New York. He reported the Navajo Nation is looking at the Presidential Race.

Commissioner Lyman made a motion to go into BOE and Commissioner Maryboy seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous. Howard provided a list of properties that were reviewed during the previous BOE meetings. Commissioner Lyman made a motion to go out of BOE to approve certain requests in commission meeting and Commissioner Maryboy seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous. Commissioner Lyman made a motion to approve the properties that had stipulated adjustments made by the Assessor but not the taxpayers. Commissioner Maryboy seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous.

Commissioner Lyman made a motion to go back into BOE and Commissioner Maryboy seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous. Commissioner Lyman made a motion to approve the properties discussed for the BOE and Commissioner Maryboy seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous. Commissioner Lyman made a motion to go out of BOE and Commissioner Maryboy seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:02 pm