

**SAN JUAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**December 8, 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, CAO  
                  Norman L. Johnson, Clerk / Auditor  
                  Rebecca Benally, Commissioner Elect (Arrived at 11:14 AM)

Absent:         Kenneth Maryboy, Commission Vice Chairman

Attendees: Jerry McNeely, Marilyn Boynton, Nick Sandberg, Roma Young, Kay Shumway,  
Shelby Seely, Greg Adams, Howard Randall, Frank Morrell, Adelle Seely, Charis Seely, Kasper  
Pedersen

The minutes of November 24, 2014, and the notes of December 1, 2014, were approved by a  
motion from Commissioner Lyman and seconded by Commissioner Adams.

Norman Johnson – SJC Clerk / Auditor

Norman presented 2015 Beer License renewals for the Hatch Trading Post & Olde Bridge Grill.  
With a brief discussion a motion to approve the applications was made by Commissioner Lyman  
and seconded by Commissioner Adams.

Shelby Seely – SJC Citizen (SJC Assessor Elect)

Shelby requested that the Commission review the 2012 decision of the Utah State Tax  
Commission and Howard Randall, SJC Assessor, pertaining to his property #B36220347209 &  
210 (Super Splash Car Wash & the Laundromat). Mr. Seely did not feel the information  
provided to the USTC was accurate and therefore theirs and Assessor Randall's decisions were  
flawed, as applied to the specific properties. Following considerable discussion about the Car  
Wash and the Laundromat next door Commissioner Lyman made a motion to go into BOE. The  
motion was seconded by Commissioner Adams. Commissioner Lyman made a motion to have  
the value of the Laundromat remain at \$100,584 and adjust the Car Wash value to \$66,855. The  
motion was seconded by Commissioner Adams. A motion was made by Commissioner Lyman  
to go out of BOE and it was seconded by Commissioner Adams

The issue of the un-paid portion of the 2012 real property tax bill on Parcel B36220347209 in the  
amount of \$1,006.24 was then discussed. Over the objection of Assessor Randall, A motion was  
made by Commissioner Lyman and seconded by Commissioner Adams to abate the remaining  
tax bill of \$1,006.24. Voting was unanimous

Kelly Pehrson – SJC CAO

Kelly presented the names of those who have made application to serve on the interim County Public Health Board. The applicants are Sue Morrell, Carla Sorrell and Dorothy Pipkin-Padilla to join Commissioner Elect, Rebecca Benally and Commissioner Phil Lyman on the Board. Following a brief discussion as to the current plan, and process, Commissioner Lyman made a motion to appoint the three applicants as interim Board members. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Adams. The first meeting will be this Friday here in the basement Health Office.

Kelly presented a contract from Robert Weidner in the amount of \$15,000 for the coming year. A motion to approve the contract was made by Commissioner Lyman and seconded by Commissioner Adams.

Kelly presented a quit-Claim deed in favor of Amer and Cynthia Tumeh for an alleyway in Bluff. A motion to approve the Quit Claim Deed was made by Commissioner Lyman and Seconded by Commissioner Adams.

Greg Adams - SJC Building Official

Greg presented a Mylar and information on the Homestead Subdivision and their related proposed amendment #1. Following a discussion the Commissioners agreed to allow the proposed plan to proceed and would sign the finished Mylar when completed. A motion to such was made by Commissioner Lyman and seconded by Commissioner Adams.

Jerry McNeely – SJC Liaison

Jerry discussed the meeting of the AOG which he had attended for Commissioner Adams. He also reported on his meetings with the BLM, SITLA, the Forrest Service and the Park Service. The Forrest Service is still working on the Pack Creek fencing issue and the widening of a few of the ATV trails to 60 inches. The USFS is anticipating protests from Uranium Watch over the LaSal area mining decision. Jerry said the BLM is reviewing the Jeep Safari roads as the original 10 year plan is now up. The BLM has approved the Lisbon Valley drilling project.

Nick Sandberg – SJC Planner

Nick handed out an *executive summary* information sheet on the open house public comments. He said the said the Indian Creek unsigned FONSI and Environmental Assessment is out for comment and presented a letter for the Chairman's signature. A motion was made by Commissioner Lyman to authorize the Chairman to sign the letter. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Adams, who signed the document.

Nick said the Gunnison Sage Grouse coalition will meet in Montrose, Colorado, this Friday. All indications are that Colorado's intent is to file legal action over this issue. Nick said the GSG status of "threatened" may not have a major impact on oil and gas development on private land.

Commissioner Lyman expressed interest in what the County should “Ask” for in the lands bill such as Cal Black Airport and the land west of Blanding and around Monticello. He said John Fellmeth and members of the Lands Council will be working on the list.

#### Commission Reports:

Commissioner Adams – reminded everyone of the 2015 budget, Public Hearing, at 6:00 PM tonight here in the Commission Room. He attended the meeting of the 7 county coalition and said they are proceeding with hiring an executive director and have hired Jones and DeMille to do the infrastructure engineering at a cost of 1.1 million dollars. He will attend the CIB and UCIP Board meeting’s next week.

Commission Lyman – said he will attend the Friday 10:00 AM Public Health Board meeting and will meet this afternoon, with SEUHD personnel, who will be here today to inventory their assets and files. He feels there is a cooperative spirit working between the County and SEUHD. He attended the CCP meeting last Thursday. He briefly mentioned the planning process for the lands bill. Commissioner Lyman said the SJC Heritage Council meeting is scheduled for January 14 and will be held from 10 AM to 3 PM.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:57 AM into an Executive Session with a motion by Commissioner Lyman and seconded by Commissioner Adams.

6:00 PM - **PUBLIC HEARING** – 2015 county General Fund and related budgets

### **2014 Budget Hearing**

The San Juan County Commissioners conducted a public hearing on the 2015 proposed budget at 6:00 p.m. in the commission chambers of the county administration building. Commissioners Adams and Lyman were present along with elected and appointed officials, members of the public and the press. There were 16 persons in attendance.

Commission Chairman Adams explained the basics of the budget and the process followed to date. He stated that all budgets and projects have been carefully reviewed. At present the General Fund Budget shows the County \$100,447 surplus but does not include the cost for a 5% across the board raise for employees and elected officials.

The tentative general fund and other county budgets were reviewed by Chief Deputy Auditor John Fellmeth. The total 2015 General Fund Budget is at \$11,269,255. There were no questions from the audience or specific recommendations on the budget items.

Commissioners Adams and Lyman expressed their appreciation for the cooperation of the staff this year and are hopeful that the county’s economic future will improve increasing our tax base.

There being no other comments or suggestions the hearing was ended at 6:31 p.m.