

MINUTES OF THE SAN JUAN COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S MEETING HELD
JUNE 14, 1982

Time: 8:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's room at the Monticello Courthouse.

Members Present: Chairman Calvin Black and Commissioner Robert Low. Commissioner Kenneth Bailey was excused as he was out of town.

The minutes of the previous week were read and approved with the stipulated correction upon the motion of Commissioner Low and the second of Commissioner Black and it carried unanimously.

FOREST SERVICE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR ROAD MAINTENANCE SIGNED:

District Ranger, Ron Dickemore, presented the Forest Service Cooperative Agreement for Road Maintenance as was agreed upon in the regular Commission meeting on April 19, 1982. Chairman Black verified with Mr. Dickemore that the County will determine the level of road maintenance. Commissioner Low moved to approve the Forest Service Cooperative Agreement for Road Maintenance on National Forest Service Land. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Black and it carried unanimously. The Agreement was then signed by Commissioners Black and Low.

FOREST SERVICE AGREEMENT TO REIMBURSE SHERIFF PATROL:

District Ranger, Ron Dickemore presented an agreement to reimburse the County Sheriff Department \$10.00 per hour for patrol work carried out on National Forest Service Land through September 1982. Commissioner Low moved to approve the Agreement with the Forest Service to reimburse the Sheriff patrol. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Black and it carried unanimously.

At this time, Mr. Dickemore arranged to meet again with the Commission on June 24, 1982, at 3:00 p.m. in the Commissioner's room.

J.J. STEFFENS MEETS REGARDING HORSESHOE TOURNAMENTS:

Mr. J.J. Steffens reported to the Commission that he will be in charge of the horseshoe pitching tournaments for the July 4th and July 24th celebrations sponsored by Blanding and Monticello. He would like permission to set up more horseshoe pegs for both cities' tournaments. Mr. Steffens was advised to contact Dennis Jones and the Recreation Board for their approval and authorization of funds to purchase additional pegs. Mr. Steffens said that he would not charge the County to put in the pegs.

LASAL PUBLIC USE APPLICATION TO BLM FOR SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL SITE:

Commissioner Low reported that he has gathered most of the information to complete the BLM Recreation and Public Purposes Application to acquire public lands suitable for a solid waste disposal site for the community of LaSal. The form will be completed by the Clerk's Office and returned to the BLM, Moab District Office.

HEALTH CARE SERVICES BOARD MEETING REPORT:

Commissioner Low reported that at the recent Health Care Services Board meeting the Board adopted a recommendation to the County Commission to transfer the funds budgeted for the County's Health Care Services from the County to the Health Care Services Board. Before a decision is made the Commission will ask the Clerk's office to determine the Health Services unexpended balance for their 1982 budget.

RECAPTURE RIGHT-OF-WAY REPORT:

Commissioner Low reported that Annette Jamison is now working in the Monticello BLM Office, and will be helping to complete the right-of-way process for the Recapture project.

RODEO MAINTENANCE DISCUSSED:

Mr. Al Haskins requested authority to purchase poles and posts to repair fences and gates at the County rodeo grounds. The Commission felt that this would be fine, but advised Mr. Haskins to take his request to the Fair Board for their approval and authorization of funds from the State and County Fair budget.

STATE LAND BOARD MEETING REPORT:

Chairman Black reported on his attendance at a meeting in Moab, June 9th, with the State Land Board and representatives of county commissions from the Eastern part of the State. The group discussed State Land Board policies concerning public entities. It was agreed that the participating counties would jointly support and sponsor changes in State laws enabling the State Land Board to grant sales, special use permits, right-of-ways, etc., to public bodies similar to BLM policies. A program for State payments in lieu of taxes was also discussed.

On June 10th, the Commission met with Ralph Becker of the State Land Board, Mark Walsh a public land specialist for the Utah Association of Local Governments, and Don Chase a State wide county representative to the advisory Committee on project "BOLD." During the meeting the areas for possible selection or changes in regards to project "BOLD" were identified. Chairman Black reported that the commission requested that Cedar Mesa be blocked for cultivation; Hall's Crossing be blocked for resort status; the County's important highway junctions be blocked for future commercial use; the lands around the County's existing communities be blocked for their future development. Chairman Black stated that the commission would approve these changes contingent upon certain changes in State Land Board policies.

COMMUNITY BLOCK GRANTS DISCUSSED:

Chairman Black reported that because the Community Block Grants for the four-county area will be allocated to the individual counties rather than considering the four counties as one unit, this will enable the City of Monticello to receive \$23,000.00 toward the fire station. If Grants were to have been allocated to the four counties as one unit, the city fire station project would not have received enough points to qualify for Community Block Grant funds this year.

SCHOOL DISTRICT REQUESTS ASSESSED VALUATION FIGURES:

Mr. Mel Walker, Assistant Superintendent for the San Juan School District, met with the Commission at 9:00 a.m. He reported that the School Board will meet at 4:00 p.m. today to set their mill levy and they need to know what the County's assessed valuation is for 1982. Chairman Black reported that the most accurate assessed valuation figure known to date for the San Juan County is \$215,687,470.

TAX COMMISSION APPROVES EXTENSION ON MILL LEVY DEADLINE:

Chairman Black telephoned the Utah State Tax Commission at 9:15 a.m. and spoke with the Chairman, Dave Duncan. Chairman Black requested an extension of the June 15th deadline for setting the County's mill levy as the County's taxing units have not had an opportunity to set and submit their mill levies. As per the telephone conversation, Mr. Duncan gave the approval to extend the deadline for setting the County's mill levy to June 21, 1982.

MONTICELLO URANIUM MILL TAILINGS MANAGEMENT PROGRAM UPDATE:

At 10:00 a.m. the Commission met with Utah Department of Health representative Larry F. Anderson; South-eastern Utah District Health representatives Robert L. Furlow and Wayne Ball; Department of Energy (DOE) representative Mike Tucker; Bendix Field Engineering Corporation (BFEC) representatives Wayne Gisler, Lisa Zimmermann, Thomas Carter, Nick Abramuch and Bill Frost. The Monticello City Council was also invited to the meeting and was represented by Mayor Kieth Redd, City Manager, Rick Terry, and Councilman Jack Young. This meeting was scheduled to provide the County Commission and local authorities with an update to the DOE Surplus Facilities Management Program for the Monticello Remedial Action Project. Mr. Furlow made the introductions and reported that Mike Tucker has replaced John Themelis as the DOE representative to the project.

Mr. Turner reported that BFEC will begin the field survey in Monticello on June 16, 1982. The purpose of the survey is to determine if mill tailings were used or transported to any Monticello properties. Sample test hole drilling at the Monticello Uranium Mill site will also begin on June 16th, in order to study the hydrology.

Mr. Gisler presented an overview of the Monticello Remedial Actions Project and a history of the Monticello Uranium Mill. The geology, hydrology, and meteorology analysis represent the major portion of work to be conducted. Mr. Gisler also reported that each member of the gamma screening crew that will be conducting the surveys on local properties will have a pictured identification card to present to the property owners. In response to questions on the test holes at the mill site, he explained that hydrology monitoring equipment will be installed in 45 test holes which may be from 30' to 100' deep. Seven of the test holes will be drilled to the bedrock.

Mr. Frost, as supervisor of the gamma screening crew, will keep the Monticello City Office informed of findings and help put the information into perspective.

Mr. Carter reported that BFEC would like to provide the County and City with project updates approximately every six months.

Chairman Black asked if the DOE was aware of a private uranium mill tailing site in Fry Canyon. Mr. Anderson said that he was not aware of the site, but would check the site before returning home.

The Commissioners expressed appreciation for the report on the history of the Monticello Uranium Mill and the report on the beginning of this phase of the remedial actions project. The Commissioners also stated they were in support of BFEC efforts to complete the project. Upon the motion of Commissioner Low and the second of Commissioner Black, it was unanimously voted to grant DOE and its designees (BFEC) the right to enter on the County Courthouse property for the purpose of conducting radiological surveys.

RETIREMENT PARTICIPATION CHANGE AUTHORIZED:

A letter was received from the Utah State Retirement Board informing the County that under the amended provisions of the Utah State Retirement Act, employers have an option to pay all or part of the employees' retirement contribution in the State Retirement system, effective July 1, 1982. This optional pick up payment of employees' contributions is in addition to the required employer retirement contributions. If the County were to also pay the public employee contribution share of 3.95% and the police employee contribution share of 2.75%, it would have the effect of giving a net total increase in pay without additional deductions required. In view of this benefit for the County employees, Commissioner Low moved to approve the County paying all of the employees' retirement contribution and to consider it as part of the pay increase when adjustments for the year are made. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Black and it carried unanimously.

BUILDING PERMITS SIGNED:

The following building permits were approved and signed by Chairman Black:

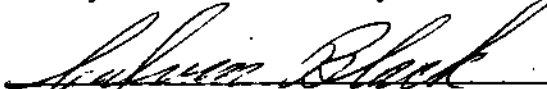
Paul and Diane Kemmer of Blanding,
Tommy Cosby of Blanding,
Robert Alderman of LaSal.

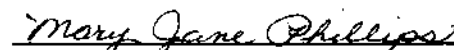
BILLS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL AND PAYMENT:

L.N. Curtis and Sons	Federal model 2 sirens 120v	\$	2,500.00
Utah County	Services of the Mental Health Commissioner		25.00
Abajo Petroleum, Inc.	Gasoline, etc.		177.05
American Services	Books		252.04
Black Oil Company	Diesel, etc.		2,119.39
Blanding Home Center	Supplies		25.79
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Utah	Insurance		84.00
Cleal Bradford	Travel		46.83
Century Equipment Company	Parts		173.90
City of Blanding	Utility		49.36
City of Monticello	Utility		28.50
Continental Tel Co of the West	Telephone Charges		185.14
Cortez Glass Company	Glass		426.89
Custom Floors and Furnishings	Disturbulator, etc.		26.67
Fern B. Frost	Weed Control		18.75
L. Robert Anderson	Withdrawal on Civil #4216		47,930.97
Garrett Freightlines, Inc.	Freight		61.84
Grand Junction Steel	Steel		138.81
Hafer's Inc.	Parts		723.16
Ace Holden	Glass, etc.		124.20
Howards Sporting Goods	Sport Supplies		45.00
Max Johnson	Weed Control		150.00
Dennis Jones	Travel		63.84
Elva Jones	Weed Control		18.75
KDN Company	Soda Ash and Chlorine Tabs		792.00
Monticello Lions Club	Dinners		72.00
Lyman Truck Line, Inc.	May Freight Charge		8.33
Monticello Plumbing & Heating	Repair Water Line Leaks		12.21

Muhlestein Greenhouses	Flowers & Bedding Plants (Library)	\$	86.50
San Juan County Justice of the Peace	Petty Cash		64.52
Palmer's Trailer Park	May 1982 rent on two trailers		135.00
Phillips Petroleum Company	Road Oil		16,604.45
Roger's Food Center	Groceries		36.43
San Juan County Recorder	Petty Cash		84.39
San Juan County Road Department	Gasoline		21.75
Saveway Automotive	Tires		647.95
Sears Authorized Catalog	Paint for Blanding Pool		138.43
The Sportkeeper	Sports Equipment		120.64
Travelodge	Travel		78.00
United Laboratories	Total Washroom Cleaner		152.67
Utah Gas Service	Gas Service		128.62
Utah Power and Light Company	Utility		47.23
Utah Power and Light Company	Assisted on TV at Montezuma Creek		111.81
Utah's Canyonlands	Brochures, Travel Expenses for Bus Operation		620.48
Utah State Library Commission	Books		87.72
Western Auto	Fertilizer		21.38
Whipple Plumbing	Plumbing repairs at Monticello Pool		661.31
Ernest Wilson Company	Work on phase II of San Juan Hospital Roof		19,000.00
Young's Machine Company	Parts and Labor		310.03
Motor Parts	Supplies		1,927.64
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The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m. to allow Commissioner Black and Commissioner Low enough time to fly to Salt Lake City to meet with the Governor at 1:30 p.m.


Calvin Black, Chairman


Mary Jane Phillips

MINUTES OF THE SAN JUAN COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S MEETING HELD
JUNE 21, 1982

Time: 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's room at the Monticello Courthouse.

Members Present: Chairman Calvin Black, Commissioner Robert Low and Commissioner Kenneth R. Bailey.

Minutes of the previous week were read and approved upon the motion of Commissioner Low and the second of Commissioner Bailey and it carried unanimously.

MONTICELLO CITY COUNCIL MEET REGARDING SERVICE AGREEMENT AND ENGINEERING:

Monticello Mayor Kieth Redd, Councilman Ron Sharp and City Manager Rick Terry, met with the Commission to discuss the stipulation in the Service Agreement for Road Maintenance requiring the City to furnish the necessary engineering work. Mayor Redd stated that the city would like to have the County Engineer, Doug Pehrson perform the engineering work. Commissioner Bailey reported that the County Engineers office is busy full time on the County's projects and that is why the Service Agreement specified that the cities will provide the engineering work. Commissioner Bailey suggested that the city could contract with Mr. Pehrson to do the necessary work on his days off. Doug Pehrson confirmed that he would be willing to contract his services to the City, but he would need the use of the County equipment. After a discussion of other possible engineering services from Cortez, Moab, and Blanding, it was agreed by the Commission that the City of Monticello may contract with Doug Pehrson for engineering work and the County will offer the use of the County equipment on a one year trial basis. The City of Monticello agreed they would contact the Mayor of Blanding to find out if their City Engineer could do work for Monticello on a contract basis.

NUCLEAR REPOSITORY CORRESPONDENCE TO GOVERNOR APPROVED:

While the Monticello City Council was still present, Chairman Black requested that they help critique the following letter he had drafted in behalf of the County Commission to Governor Matheson concerning the locating of a "Spent Nuclear Fuel Repository," and conducting a complete EIS:

June 21, 1982

Honorable Scott M. Matheson
Governor, State of Utah
Capitol Building
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114

Dear Governor:

We very much appreciated the opportunity to meet with you recently and present our positions on the proposed High Level Nuclear Waste Repository, which we prefer to call the Spent Nuclear Fuel Repository.

We would like to reiterate the importance of the uranium mining and milling industry to San Juan and Grand Counties, to the State of Utah in jobs and tax base, and to the Nation in helping to resolve our present and especially future needs for energy. The severe depression of this industry here with many mines and mills already shut down, and more likely, is directly related to; (1) The long licensing process, uncertainty, and continual changes in the requirements to nuclear generating stations due to the media generated "fear level" and (2) The failure to make a determination on how, where and when the spent nuclear fuel will be stored on a permanent basis and what the cost will be.

To help resolve these questions and save our economy from a present severe depression and what will be a devastating crash, we support the continued studies and testing as proposed prior to a complete EIS at this time. If the drilling and testing determines the site is not suitable as has already apparently been determined by tests and studies at three other locations in San Juan and Grand Counties, then there would be no need to spend the significant time and taxpayers money for such an exhaustive EIS. If the testing indicated possible suitability, it would then be an appropriate time to prepare a complete EIS.

The testing now proposed is no more extensive and in some cases less so than is being conducted daily in our State to do seismic work and test drill for oil, gas, coal, uranium, copper and other energy and mineral resources. In many cases such testing and drilling, if successful, and in subsequent actions to develop and produce such resources, creates a far greater impact including hazards and land use than would be the case of the Spent Nuclear Fuel