

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SAN JUAN COUNTY COMMISSION

JANUARY 16, 1985

The San Juan County Commission held a Special Meeting on January 16, 1985, at the hour of 2:00 p.m. in the San Juan County Courthouse at Monticello, Utah. The purpose of this meeting was to receive public input regarding the use of Community Development Block Grant Funds.

The following members were present: Commissioner Calvin Black, Chairman
Commissioner Jerry Holliday

Commissioner Kenneth R. Bailey was unable to attend.

Approximately 15 people were in attendance at this meeting.

Al Haskins, Commission Assistant, gave a brief explanation of the origin of the funds and the qualification requirements. Mr. Haskins reported that these funds are offered by the Federal Government for economic and community development. The funds can be used for the following national objectives:

- slum clearance - improvement of area living conditions
- economic development - providing services and/or development which would encourage industry or business to locate in the area and provide jobs.
- health and safety

Mr. Haskins also reported that this meeting is one step in the process of applying for the funds. The next step is the selection of projects. A second hearing will be held on February 4th, at 2:00 p.m. for input regarding these selections. Mr. Haskins further reported that the Commission will submit three applications in order of priorities.

The County is considering the following projects:

- a new County Jail
- renovating and updating the swimming pools at Montezuma Creek and Monticello

Commissioner Black welcomed all those present and asked for recommendations, questions and comments.

Representatives were present for the following:

- San Juan County Development Board
- MITE Committee
- Monticello Chamber of Commerce
- Mexican Hat Community
- Montezuma Creek Community

Representatives from the Development Board and the MITE Committee reported that they have agreed to support the application by the County for funds to build a County Jail, as first priority if it meets the qualifications.

The Development Board has listed its second priority as support of a recreation center at Mexican Hat. The third priority is the UNI printing services. The fourth priority is the restrooms at the recreation areas in the County. The fifth priority is development of the Ski Area.

The MITE Board has listed its second priority as the UNI printing plant.

Representatives from the Mexican Hat Community presented the following request:

WE, the citizens of Mexican Hat, Utah, duly request that this allocation of the Housing and Urban Development funds for San Juan County be appropriated for use in Mexican Hat. We request these funds for the purpose of building a community park and recreational facility. We are planning to build a public playground with a grass area for picnics, and a baseball diamond with bleachers that can be converted into rodeo grounds on set dates.

This request was duly considered by the members of Mexican Hat at a town meeting on January 10, 1985. The town unanimously decided to request the HUD funding for these purposes.

The citizens of Mexican Hat feel that it is only fair that the funds be spent to benefit the members of the southern part of San Juan County as the northern end of San Juan has seen funding to implement such projects.

Mr. Jerry Baum representing Mexican Hat, further stated that this is only a small part of a long range plan to establish a retirement community. Mr. Baum further stated that the Oljato Chapter is in support of this request.

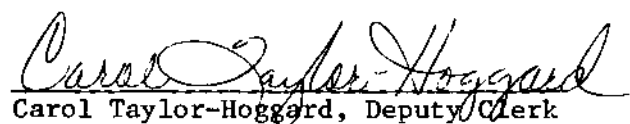
A discussion regarding the possibility of the Service District in Mexican Hat having the authority to apply for these funds separately.

John Baker representing the Montezuma Creek Community, reported that Montezuma Creek is requesting the funds be used for the proposed law enforcement complex. Commissioner Black reported that the lease with the Tribe on the facility has not been completed yet.

Shanti Montri requested the funds be used for an ice skating area or roller skating rink in Monticello.

The Commission thanked all those present for their input and reported that the Commission will consider all requests.

There being no further business at this time the meeting adjourned at approximately 2:35 p.m.


Carol Taylor-Hoggard, Deputy Clerk