

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING HELD AUGUST 28, 1978

TIME: 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT: E. S. Boyle, Commission Chairman
 David Guymon, Member
 Calvin Black, Member
 Kristine Frost, Deputy

Minutes were read and approved on a motion by Commissioner Guymon and seconded by Commissioner Black.

BLANDING DISTRICT JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

The Commissioners discussed Calvin Van Dyke's Justice reports. It was decided to have the County Auditor audit his books as soon as possible.

COMMISSIONER BLACK REPORTS

Commissioner Black reported on the Steering Committee Meeting on Public Lands that he attended. He stated that House Bill 192 is a law and it means that after the reappraisal, the State Tax Commission can order a raise of the assessed valuation in 1979. It was the unanimous vote of the committee to request their legal counsel to research the facts on this law. Then the committee will decide if

1. The State Tax Commission can order the County Commission to raise the assessed valuation when the Commissioners are elected and the State Tax Commission is appointed.
2. House Bill 192 should be repealed
3. they should make a test case with the Counties of the State of Utah vs the State Tax Commission
4. they should let the State Tax Commission take it to court.

Commissioner Black also reported on the Wilderness recommendations. He stated that Mark Walsh present the Counties' stand on RARE II, the BLM and Park Service Wilderness recommendations.

None of the Counties want any wilderness areas established in their counties. After 150 years most of the wilderness is still wilderness. All counties recommended that no wilderness be established by statute in the State of Utah. They feel that the wilderness areas can be kept wilderness by management policies of the various federal agencies.

Commissioner Black read various letters and asked for Commission approval to send them. These are typed at the back of the minutes.

LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

Commissioner Guymon reported that the Library Board Meeting had approved an access road and an east door to the Monticello Library. This was approved by the Commissioners.

STATE FAIR BOOTH

Commissioner Guymon stated that he was going to Salt Lake this week to set up the Fair Booth. The mural is the same but everything else is different.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Commissioner Guymon reported that Worthy Glover has been appointed to the Economic Development District representing the various minority groups in San Juan County.

WESTWATER NATURAL BRIDGE

Mike Hurst asked if ^{the County} pick up garbage if he set up garbage can. The Commissioners stated they didn't have any facilities to pick up the garbage and suggested that he get in touch with the City of Blanding. Mr. Hurst also asked to have the sheriff patrol this road more. The Commissioners will discuss this with the County Sheriff. The Commissioners also suggested that he get in touch the the Blanding City Police and have them patrol it also.

MEXICAN HAT PUBLIC HEARING

Commissioner Boyle reported that he had attended the Mexican Hat Public Hearing on the HUD grant that Mexican Hat is requesting. He stated that no one showed up. The Money will come to the County and then the county will deposit it in a separate account and all the bills that are approved by Mexican Hat will be paid out of it.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Mr. Al Haskins presented a contract guaranteeing the match funds for Emergency Services. This was approved and the chairman to sign on a motion by Commissioner Black and seconded by Commissioner Guymon and passed unanimously.

EMPLOYMENT OF THE HANDICAPPED BOARD

Commissioner Black stated that he had received a letter from Joel Tate asking for names of those interested in being appointed the the Employment of the Handicapped Board. Commissioner Boyle stated that he would be interested in this.

UNION CARBIDE HECLA LEASE

County Attorney, Bennion Redd, presented a lease from the Union Carbide-Hecla Companies. Commissioner Black stated that the Commissioners would like to meet this these people before they sign the lease.

BUILDING INSPECTOR

The Commissioners discussed hiring a building inspector. Commissioner Boyle will talk to Bob Low who is the Monticello City Inspector.

BLUFF SENIOR CITIZENS

Bruce Shumway and Laurel Thompson, chairman and Helene Tire met with the Commissioners to discuss the Bluff Multipurpose building.

ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A TAX STABILITY AND TRUST FUND

Commissioner Black made the motion to adopt the Ordinance 1978-4: An Ordinance Establishing a Tax Stability and Trust Fund and to have the chairman sign this ordinance. Commissioner Guymon seconded this and it passed unanimously. This was given to the Deputy Clerk to have published and to put in the Ordinance Book.

LABOR DAY

The Commissioners will not meet on Monday, Sept. 4, 1978 because it is a legal holiday. They will meet at the regular time on Tuesday, Sept. 5, 1978.

LOCKS TO BE CHANGED

Kristine Frost asked permission on have the locks changed on the Commissioners Office and on the main Janitors Closet because of unauthorized use of these rooms. This was approved by the Commissioners.

LETTERS APPROVED TO BE SENT BY COMMISSIONERS

August 29, 1978

Honorable Scott Matheson
Governor, State of Utah
Salt Lake City, Utah 84110

Dear Governor:

Former Governor Rampton, in cooperation with the Counties surrounding and adjacent to Lake Powell, and the National Park Service, appointed the Governor's Advisory Council on Glen Canyon. This was to be a landmark of cooperation between these levels of Government and an example of cooperative planning. This group met together for about 2 years. Many compromises were agreed to by all members in consideration of the various interests. A final plan was approved concerning wilderness areas to be developed in addition to the present marina's, road access, management and other factors.

The Federal representatives (Mr. Isenogle, Mr. Reynolds, and Mr. Thompson) had indicated that if the State and Local Government representatives would be borad in their approach and accept things they are naturally opposed to in consideration of "National Interest" such as wilderness, they could and would recommend our joint planning efforts.

This was agreed to and accomplished. To their credit, the above named individuals attempted to act in good faith. They personally took the plan to Washington, to present it to there superiors who threw it back in their faces as "unacceptable". The joint plan and cooperative planning process was destroyed.

The Park Service has subsequently proposed their own planning alternatives without regard to State and Local interests and "National Interests" only as represented by extreme environmental groups. The Park Service now use the wilderness proposal that was proposed as the Local and State proposal.

For the foregoing the Commissioners of San Juan County hereby repudiate the wilderness part of the Glen Canyon National Recreation area as originally proposed in the plan submitted by the State of Utah.

The language in the law which established the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, the hearings and the legislative intent clearly mandated multiple use and no wilderness should be allowed.

Sincerely,

/s/ E. S. Boyle
E. S. Boyle
Commission Chairman

Mr. Bryant Christensen
U. S. Forest Service
Monticello, Utah 84535

Dear Bryant:

This letter is to advise you that the San Juan County Commission is totally opposed to any wilderness designations in the Dark Canyon, Arch Canyon, Hammond Canyon, LaSal Mountains or any other part of San Juan County.

This position is supported by the overwhelming majority of the 14,000 people in our County who have elected us to represent them. Some of the reasons for this position are as follows:

1. Dark Canyon, ARch Canyon and Hammond Canyon are not roadless areas. Dark Canyon has a road traversing far below Rig Canyon and forks that go up Poison Canyon, Peavine Canyon, and Notch Canyon. Most of these roads have been and some still can be trversed by a 2 wheel drive pickup. The main part of this road was constructed in about 1925. It is on the State-County Class "D" road system and is a public road. There are also four wheel drive roads up Arch and Hammond Canyons.
2. The harvesting of forage by livestock as well as wildlife is beneficial for land in good management practices. Grazing in these areas is also important for the individuals who produce cattle and for which they pay grazing fees. The public generally benefits from having meat in the market place. Even though the intent may presently be to allow continued grazing, (the elmination of range improvement practices, water development and access to distribute salt, and mineral blocks, etc. will economically preclude, much if any, long range continued grazing. Such designation will also be detrimental to the proper management of wildlife.
3. The upper levels of the plateau surrounding all of these areas has been productive of uranium in past years. There are valid mining claims on all of this formation. Production of this vital energy resource will be seriously hampered if not actually stopped if wilderness designation is established.

4. The recreational use and enjoyment of people other than back packers will be eliminated.

5. Areas that have previously been established as wilderness, primitive, or natural have drawn overuse and abuse. In some cases the natural environment and resources have been destroyed by such concentrated attention and use. In addition, there are always numerous cases of people getting lost, injured, or otherwise in trouble and a great burden is trust upon the federal agencies as well as local government and taxpayers to search for and rescue these people.

For the foregoing and other reasons, the San Juan County Commission representing the vast majority of the people of San Juan County requests no wilderness designation be recommended or enacted for Arch Canyon, Dark Canyon, and Hammond Canyon. In the event such single use designation is established, the single purpose users should be charged enough for access to pay the complete cost of their use including protection, restoration of over use, reclamation, and costs of search and rescue. In addition, they should have to pay the costs of the loss of economic benefits from reduced or eliminated multiple uses and increased costs of such multiple uses from such designation.

We support continued multiple use management of all public lands for the use and enjoyment of recreationalists of all kinds, including backpackers, and for the use of others in the production of food, fiber, mineral and energy for the benefit of all Americans.

Sincerely,

/s/ E. S. Boyle
E. S. Boyle,
Commission Chairman

Mr. William Whalan, Director
National Park Service
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Whalen

It has been reported to the San Juan County Commission that the Park Service has closed the Hole-In-The-Rock and the Rincon roads that go to the east side of Lake Powell in San Juan County.

The Hole-in-the-Rock road was the first road built into San Juan County. It was built in 1880 by the Mormon Pioneers who initially settled at Bluff and from which all toher Communities in the County derived. The Rincon road was built in 1957 to explore for uranium in the Rincon. both roads are on the State and County Class "D" road system

For many years the decendents of the pioneers, other residents of our County, and many other people have made jeep trips over this trail. It has become almost a religious ritual with many.

When the bill was enacted to establish the Glen Canyon National Recreation area the language in the law and the clear legislative intent was continued multiple use. The San Juan County Commission insists that these roads, and all others within the Recreation area remain open for vehicles.

We also request that the San Juan County Commission who represents the 14,000 people of this County be involved in the decision making on any matters concerning this area and other Park Service managed areas.

Sincerely,

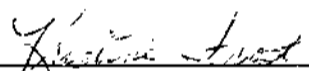
/s/ E. S. Boyle,
E.S.Boyle,
Commission Chairman

BILLS FOR APPROVAL AND PAYMENT

Acme Sanitary Supply Company	Durlok	206.75
LaRay Alexander	Travel	30.00
All-Sports Trophies	Supplies	52.37
American Econo-Clad Services	Books	50.41
Aquatech	Supplies	164.19
Assessor's Office	Petty Cash	88.68
Ed Barton	Travel for fair	25.00
Mrs. Glen Baxter	Travel to Come Judge County fair	40.00
Sally Billings	Teaching Dance	360.00
Alvin Black	Weatherization	230.24
Blanding Home Center	Supplies	38.19
Billy Boyle	Scorekeeper	25.00
Brother Juniper	Mileage	167.04
Robert F. Bryan	Tool Allowance	25.00
Bureau of Indian Affairs	Navajo Nutrition	213.35
Canyonlands Communications	Maintenance Contract	943.25
Arthur Cahoon	Travel	11.40
Tom Carlson	Referee	40.00
City Drug Store	Supplies - Sheriff	21.54
City of Monticello	Utilities	58.49
The Copy Shop, Inc.	Supplies	19.21
Pat Davis	Synchronized swimming	150.50
Elvin Downs	Travel	123.00
Doug Eldredge	Referee	41.00
Lucille Everett	Travel	28.16
Steve Foreman	Referee	16.00
Frontier Fire Equipment Co.	Fire Extinguisher	196.00
Jack Frost	Janitorial Services	835.00
Irene Goodman	Typing	15.90
Rick Hammond	Referee	35.00
Curtis Dee Hancock	Welding repairs for back stop	100.00
Ronald J. Harvey	Tool Allowance	25.00
Harvey Specialists	Keys	6.75
John Helquist	Mileage	93.60
John Himmelberger	Firefighter	15.00

Jay Hullinger	Fire tool storage box-Cedar Point	122.60
Andy Jensen	Mowing & Clean Up	42.00
Job Service Center	Isabel Van Neste	8.10
Dennis Jones	Travel	45.00
George Kensley	Firefighter	36.00
Jim Kensley	Firefighter	36.00
Jack H. Kirby	Uniform	70.00
Robert Langston	Referee	6.00
Lariat Restaurant	Meals for Judges	29.38
Grant Leavitt	Professional Services for August	741.10
Tom Livingston	Custodial services-Mont. Lib.	185.00
LaVar B. Lyman	Tool Allowance	25.00
Moab Lumber Company	Stakes	144.00
Montgomery Wards	Pump etc.	115.00
Monticello Mercantile Company	Supplies	70.72
Motor Parts	Supplies	206.96
Helen Neal	Travel	57.60
Leroy Nielson	Working with little League baseball	75.00
Norwood Transportation, Inc.	Transportation	2,732.04
Office Equipment Company	Supplies	178.31
Ann Poole	Travel	25.00
Sam Pugh	County fair judge	7.20
The San Juan Record	Advertising	385.00
Crank Schneidewind	Referee	6.00
Jerry Smallcanyon	Tool allowance	10.00
Southwest Publishing Com.	Binders complete	304.96
Sports Hut/Trophy Hut	Misc. Supplies	1,276.40
Jim Stevens	Premiums paid to 4-H youth	292.50
Sunbonnet Cafe	406 Meals for Senior Citizens	710.50
Triangle H Motel	Lodging for Elvin Downs - 2 nights	36.00
Dawn E. Tanner	Travel	34.56
Utah State Library Commission	Books	25.40
United States Steel Corporation	Furnace Slag	2,686.59
Daniel J. Walker	Uniform	70.00
Marie Wilson	Travel	28.16
Wolfe's Sportsman's Headquarters	Supplies	281.65
S. Rigby Wright	Uniform	70.00
Wycoff Company	Freight	23.09
Bruce Halliday	25% of Aug. Sal. for Garnishment	113.35
Norwood Transportation, Inc.	Transportation	450.45
Sam Lewis	August Janitorial service B. Lib.	249.00

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.


 Kristine Frost, deputy clerk


 E. S. Boyle, Commission Chairman

MINUTES OF THE SAN JUAN COUNTY ROAD MEETING HELD AUGUST 28, 1978

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT: Commissioners E. Boyle, D. Guymon, and C. Black. Foremen B. Bradford, A. Holden, and L. Adams. Teek and Doug came in late.

Ace reported he and Doug had inspected the verdure crossing in Montezuma Canyon. He recommended we hire a cement mixing truck, using the gravel available on site, and cement culverts in with provisions for Flood water to overflow the culverts.

Bernal requested Brett Lyman and Jim Vegil are eligible for 90 Day step increase. Motion by Dave, seconded by Cal. carried.

The commissioners approved the purchasing agent to sett road oil for crack sealing to individuals for Cost plus 10%.

Teek Reported he was starting the C. R. Project on Red Mesa Today.

Doug reported the approach to buckley Jensen Property North of library was approximately 40'. Buckley has requested the County build this approach.

Doug reported Teek, Doug and Hugh Kirkham had held a preconstruction Conference on the Red Mesa C. R. Project and would begin today.

Equipment purchase was discussed. The Commissioners recommended Lynn advertize for bid on 6 pickups and 2-10 weel trucks. Bid to be opened on Sept. 18, 1978.

Lynn reported the BIA at towaoc had requested a public hearing on the road in Allen Canyon. Representatives from San Juan County are invited to attend. Meeting to be held in the New Community Building, White Mesa, Wednesday, September, 13, 1978 at 10L00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned.