

SAN JUAN COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES

APRIL 4, 1988

The regular session of the San Juan County Commission convened at 10:00 a.m. at the San Juan County Courthouse in Monticello, Utah.

Commissioners Present: Calvin Black
Kenneth Bailey
Mark Maryboy

A motion to approve the minutes of March 28, 1988 as corrected was made by Commissioner Maryboy and seconded by Commissioner Bailey. UNANIMOUS.

COMMISSIONER KENNETH BAILEY'S REPORT

Road Department Equipment - Bids for the purchase of a key cabinet have been received from SA-SO for \$288.95 and Viking Office Products for \$179.68. Bids for the purchase of three I Beams were received from Rusty's Iron for \$1,866.40 and Young's Machine for \$2,509.00. A motion to approve the bids from Viking Office Products for the key cabinet and from Rusty's Iron for the I Beam's was made by Commissioner Bailey and seconded by Commissioner Maryboy. UNANIMOUS.

Road Projects - Commissioner Bailey reported that the construction crew is finishing the Hovenweep road project to a gravel surface that can be oiled. The next project will be Brown's Canyon road then the Hart's Draw road. There are four or five projects between Brown's Canyon and Montezuma Creek that will be completed this summer and by fall they should be working on the Aneth to Ismay road.

Public Safety Building - Some of the concrete slabs have settled at the Public Safety Building project and have affected the drain lines underneath. The concrete slabs will have to be removed to retest the soil compaction and the problems corrected before the concrete is replaced. The responsibility for the additional expense will be determined after the tests are made.

Boundary Commission - Commissioner Bailey asked that an official letter be sent to Monticello's Mayor Ernest Sonderegger and Blanding's Mayor Jim Shumway asking that they appoint an elected official of the municipality to serve on the Boundary Commission.

Lopez Property - The FHA appraiser was in the area last week and made an appraisal of the Lopez property. A copy of the appraisal will be available in about two weeks. If the appraisal is not acceptable, the County can then reject it and get an independent appraisal.

Joint Roads Committee Meeting - Commissioner Bailey reported on the Joint Roads Committee Meeting held in St. George. The State Department of Transportation wanted to give San Juan County maintenance control of the road to the Robert Redd Ranch, the Goosenecks, the Isabelle Hill road from Mexican Hat to U95, and the White Mesa to Montezuma Creek road. It was noted that San Juan County is not willing to make those changes. UDOT will keep the roads to the Robert Redd Ranch and the Goosenecks but will meet with the County to try and work out a solution on the other roads. The County has also asked that the Montezuma Creek to Red Mesa, Aneth to Ismay, and from the Colorado line to Hovenweep National Monument roads be placed on the State system. The only other road requested to be placed on the State system was a road in Morgan County.

The Oljato Bridge was listed as a project. The engineering needs to be completed on the Piute Creek Bridge; Creamer & Noble will be asked to submit a proposal on that bridge.

Tax Limitation Bill - The Joint Road Committee is suggesting that each County in the State prepare a tentative budget using figures with the Tax Limitation Bill in effect. That would let the County and the public know what they will be faced with.

House Bill 157 - The Committee authorized Clyde Naylor and Jerry Lewis to meet with Rick Johnson and Dave Spatafore to see if a compromise can be worked out on House Bill 157. Commissioner Bailey stated that transfers were already being made to the urban areas in population through the present formula and that it will continue to accelerate in the future. The study showed more needs in the rural areas; therefore, any change in the formula should favor the rural counties.

Five Cent Gas Tax - The motion proposed by the Joint Road Committee was to consider the five cent gas tax along with additional money that will be obtained from UDOT and it will be figured as new money under any change in the formula and any change in the 60/40 split with DOT. The motion was passed by one vote.

Congressman Howard Nielsen - Congressman Howard Nielsen will be visiting San Juan County on April 15 and 16. There will be a town meeting in Monticello and Blanding on the 15th then a town meeting in Navajo Mountain on Saturday, the 16th of April as well as a tour of Hovenweep National Monument.

Truck Bid - Commissioner Bailey made a motion to approve the bid from Great Basin for two 10-wheel auto-car cab and chassis with cat engines and locking rear end for \$53,999.00. Commissioner Maryboy seconded the motion. UNANIMOUS.

Monticello Road Shed Tools - A motion to approve the purchase of needed tools for the Monticello Road Shed in the amount of \$1,304.51 from Motor Parts was made by Commissioner Bailey and seconded by Commissioner Maryboy. UNANIMOUS.

COMMISSIONER CALVIN BLACK'S REPORT

Lake Powell Region Resource Development Council - An executive order by Governor Norman H. Bangerter has established the Lake Powell Region Resource Development Council to resolve various management conflicts in the Lake Powell vicinity. A representative from the San Juan County Commission has been asked to serve as a member of the council. Commissioner Bailey made a motion to appoint Commissioner Calvin Black to the Lake Powell Region Resource Development Council. Commissioner Maryboy seconded the motion. UNANIMOUS.

Utah Counties Finance Cooperative/Closing Details - The closing for the Pooled Capital Improvement Financing Program: San Juan County Equipment Lease/Purchase Project was held Friday, April 1, 1988 at 10 a.m. at the Jones, Waldo, Holbrook & McDonough offices. Boettcher & Co., Inc. will purchase from San Juan County its legally issued Revenue Bonds, Series 1988 for \$595,000. The underwriters discount will be \$17,850. Commissioner Black stated that with this reissuance there is a subsidy that cuts the interest rate some. The interest rate averages 8.14% and there may be an additional subsidy which depends on how many people borrow money through the Utah Counties Finance Cooperative.

San Juan Area Resource Management Plan - The Utah State Office of the Bureau of Land Management has announced the reopening of the public comment period in order to allow further review and comment on the proposed San Juan Resource Management Plan/Final Environmental Impact Statement (RMP/EIS). The Commission would like to meet with local BLM officials to try and work out some compromises in the Final Environmental Impact Statement.

National BLM Advisory Council - The National BLM Advisory Council meeting will be held in southern Utah May 4 - 7, 1988. The meeting will begin in Cedar City with a public comment period at 10:45 - 11:45 a.m. with both verbal and written comments being accepted on such issues as the San Juan Area Resource Management Plan, Burr Trail project and the CO2 project in Garfield County and other areas. Commissioner Black made a proposal to involve high school students by offering cash awards for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places for the best essays or statements with respect to the benefits of multiple use of public lands. The papers could be on a specific area of concern or a general statement. The winners would present their essays along with all the other papers to the Council at the public comment period in Cedar City. Commissioner Black will also try to arrange public comment periods in other areas where the Advisory Council will be meeting.

COMMISSIONER MARK MARYBOY'S REPORT

Oil Companies Lawsuit - Commissioner Maryboy reported on the meeting with the Tribal Tax Commission and Attorney Lyle Anderson on the oil companies lawsuit. The Tax Commission wanted more written information and a meeting with all of the Utah Chapter officials to get their feelings about the lawsuit before they state their position.

Indian Health Service Trash Dump - The Indian Health Service trash dump in Montezuma Creek is becoming a real problem as it is not being maintained. The County has made an application to the BLM to put a landfill dump near Montezuma Creek but there are problems with mining claims and may not be able to be cleared up. The existing IHS dump is on Navajo Tribal land and the County has no authority there.

Chapter Planning Meetings - Commissioner Maryboy said he would be attending Chapter planning meetings in Mexican Water, Aneth and Red Mesa tonight. The extended San Juan Area Resource Management Plan comment period will be discussed. Comments or resolutions need to be submitted to the BLM requesting that the plan be amended to allow wood gathering and other activities with reasonable regulations.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT RICK BAILEY'S REPORT

San Juan/Grand County Line - Earlier County Engineer Doug Pehrson was asked to survey the San Juan/Grand County boundary line as there was some question by Spanish Valley residents as to double taxation. Mr. Pehrson will check the survey with County Assessor Barbara Montella and County Recorder Louise Jones and then make a recommendation to the Commission.

Wildlife Fire Agreement - Commissioner Bailey made a motion to approve and authorize Chairman Black to sign the agreement between Utah State Lands and Forestry and San Juan County on the Wildlife Fire Protection with the adjustments that had been previously discussed. Commissioner Maryboy seconded the motion. UNANIMOUS.

Oil and Gas Production Summary - The 1987 year end oil and gas production summaries were discussed. There were 30 new wells but oil production was down 10% at 7,725,607 barrels and gas production was down 3% at 33,154,229 barrels. The assessed value of oil and gas two years ago was approximately 75% of the total property tax; last year approximately 65% of the total and is expected to drop even further this year.

Fire Control Equipment - While John Baker was working with the Fire Control he applied for State Rural Community Protection funding. San Juan County was awarded \$817.50. Administrative Assistant Rick Bailey recommended that the money be used to help purchase a radio and turnout suits for the fire department. Commissioner Bailey made a motion to approve the purchase of a Max Trac radio from Motorola for \$697.00 with the State paying \$350.00 and three turnout suits be purchased from L.N. Curtis & Sons for \$1,215.00 with \$467.50 being paid by the State. Commissioner Maryboy seconded the motion. UNANIMOUS.

Fire Truck - A used fire truck is available at L.N. Curtis in Salt Lake. Rick Bailey and Joe Slade will check it out to see what condition it is in and what equipment it would need. With the purchase of two new trucks for the surveyor and communications departments, the old vehicles will be transferred for use in the County fire department.

Hazardous Materials Response Plan - The State of Utah is taking their eleven commercial truck officers and using them as the hazardous material responders in addition to their other duties. One or two additional people are requested within the response area to be trained as responders also. Rick Bailey has been asked to be one of those responders. It would require approximately five weeks of training before September. The Commissioners felt that Mr. Bailey would not have the time required for the needed training. Sheriff Lacy was contacted to see if someone would be available from that department for the training. Sheriff Lacy felt that with the new Public Safety Building nearing completion he would be in a bind because of training needed by his staff for the added responsibilities.

CURRENT BUSINESS

Sheriff's Department - Commissioner Bailey made a motion to approve the promotion of Andrew Peterson as a Certified Peace Officer with a salary at Grade 9 Step 2, \$1,215.00 per month effective April 1, 1988. Commissioner Maryboy seconded the motion. UNANIMOUS.

Bluff Gravel Pit Rejects - Jerry Holliday met with the Commission to report that rejects are being hauled out of a pit leased from the BLM for County use. The contractor that is crushing gravel for the County is loading the reject material for an individual and it is being sold for \$10.00 a load to Bluff residents. The contractor was notified that the material was not to be hauled out of the pit but apparently it is still being moved. The Sheriff's Department will see that the activity is stopped and investigate the matter.

Air Service in San Juan County - A letter from Scenic Aviation, Inc. stating the available air service to Monticello was discussed by the Commission in connection with the tannery operation proposal for the Monticello area.

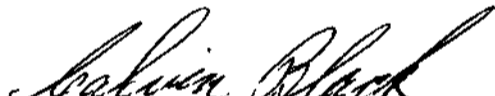
Human Services Board Recommendations - Commissioner Bailey made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Human Services Board in funding Social Service programs. Commissioner Maryboy seconded the motion. UNANIMOUS. The requests recommended by the Human Services Board were: CEU Counseling, \$34,000; Transportation Services \$22,000; Project Good Work \$13,000 with an additional \$3,000 for this year; Transition Center \$13,500 with \$5,000 additional for this year; and the UNDC Developmentally Disabled program \$10,000. The Transportation Services had requested \$32,000 but the Navajo Tribe has agreed to give that program \$10,000 so there will be an additional \$10,000 available through the Human Services Board to fund other programs or to keep in reserve.

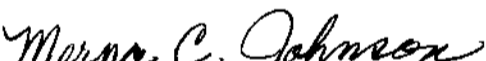
BILLS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT

Gerald Black Construction	repairs golf course (B)	\$ 250.38
Coleman Trucking	hauling road department	785.18
Dolores County Sheriff's Office	service fees & mileage	25.26
Mark Ewart	director youth wrestling, recreation	115.00
Fire Protection Publications	supplies emergency services	18.00
Foundation Press, Inc.	supplies attorney's office	35.95
Heckett-Div of Harsco	chips road department	465.48
Mike lacy	director youth wrestling, recreation	155.00
Low's Auto Parts	parts road department	341.47
Brett Palmer	witness fees plus mileage	14.30
Wild Rivers Expeditions	rent Cherokee sheriff's office	59.00
Box Elder County Sheriff	Anthony Davis Hill case	115.00
Elf Asphalt	asphalt road department	893.10
Kay P. Lyman	service Bluff community center	212.70
Allied Carriers Exchange, Inc.	freight charges road department	22.89
Douglas Pehrson	assisting in search	45.00
ANR Freight System	freight charges road department	26.45
ASA Welders Supply, Inc.	supplies road department	11.55
Baker Sanitation Blanding Branch	service library (B)	15.00

Bob Barker Company, Inc.	supplies sheriff's department	119.50
Nicky Black	hauling road department	1,340.00
Blanding City of	utilities road shed	426.59
Cate Equipment Company	parts road department	172.65
Caun-Co., Incorporated	supplies road department	118.62
Century	bail refund	15.00
Keith H. Chiara	travel March	105.00
Code-Co Law Publishers	Utah reports attorneys	331.00
Community Nursing Service	services rendered	472.40
Continental Tel Co of the West	telephone charges County	1,213.13
H F Cosby, Jr.	hauling road department	1,732.50
Emery County Courthouse	user fee Horn Mtn.	150.00
Empire Electric Association, Inc.	utilities courthouse	1,781.30
Fifth District Juvenile Court	Paul Jackson	10.00
Four States Tire	supplies road department	156.36
Honest Dollar Construction	hauling road department	1,771.00
Horsehead Hardward	supplies road department	65.00
Dena Hunter	clean-up basement courthouse	20.00
Industrial Supplies Company, Inc.	supplies road department	82.29
Intermountain Battery	supplies road department	297.80
Howard Johnson	travel Rick Bailey	35.00
Jim Keyes	travel expenses	32.42
L B P Trucking	hauling road department	1,365.13
Lawson Products, Inc.	parts road department	125.69
Monticello City, Justice/Peace	sheriffs office collections	365.00
Monticello City of	utilities courthouse	134.06
Navajo Times	advertising elections	60.00
Nelson, Jay	repairs Bluff building	293.20
Douglas Pehrson	travel SLC seminar	228.85
Petrolane Gas Service	fuel Bluff building	164.59
Provo Excelsior Hotel	travel Jim Keyes	33.00
Parley Redd's Food Town	supplies road department	3.96
Rufina Romero	cleaning Sr. Center (M)	40.00
Salt Lake Stamp Company	supplies area agency aging	27.13
San Juan County	postage recreation	15.30
San Juan County Clerk/Auditor	petty cash reimbursement	10.75
San Juan County 4-H Council	registration 4-H leadermet	54.00
San Juan County J.P.	postage increase	6.60
The San Juan Record	classified ad road department	26.70
Saveway Automotive	supplies road department	13.00
Dayne Shumway Construction	haulint road department	1,790.25
Skelton, Incorporated	chips road department	44,398.35
Skyline Transport & Diesel	road department	8.00
S.Eastern Ut. Dist. Health Department	2nd Qtr. Assessment	12,229.22
Bessie J. Spencer	meals served March 1988	1,014.00
United States Postal Service	postage meter	5,000.00
United States Welding, Inc.	supplies road department	152.33
Utah Local Gov't Ins. Truct	workers comp. prem. March 1988	1,088.62
Wheeler Machinery Company	parts road department	1,340.67
Young's Machine Company	supplies road department	12.30

Adjourned: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:30.


Calvin Black, Chairman


Merna C. Johnson, Deputy Clerk