

**SAN JUAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 10, 1986**

The San Juan County Commissioners met in regular session on February 10, 1986, at the hour of 10 a.m. at the San Juan County Courthouse, Monticello, Utah.

The following members were present: Commissioner Black, Chairman  
Commissioner Bailey  
Commissioner Holliday

Minutes of February 3, 1986 Commissioner's Minutes were approved as corrected on the motion of Commissioner Bailey. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Holliday. UNANIMOUS.

**FREED LEASING COMPANY - SHERIFF'S PICK-UP**

Rick Bailey, Administrative Assistant, reported that Freed Leasing Company is willing to grant the Commissioners' request to self-insure the Sheriff's pick-up. Commissioner Bailey made the motion to approve Commissioner Black to sign the following letter. Commissioner Holliday seconded it. UNANIMOUS

Lloyd D. Godson  
Freed Leasing Company  
47 South 2nd East  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84111

Dear Mr. Godson:

Thank you for your reply and granting our request to self-insure the Dodge Ram pickup. We have obtained liability coverage through Utah Local Governments Insurance Trust effective January 20, 1986. We have not received the copy of the policy but will forward this upon receipt.

Please accept this letter as authorization that San Juan County will self-insure this vehicle and indemnify Freed Leasing, Inc. from any loss resulting from this self-insure status.

Thank you for cooperation in this matter.

Very truly,

The San Juan County Commission

Calvin Black, Chairman

rmb

CC: S. Rigby Wright, Sheriff

**SAN JUAN COUNTY'S MINING, OIL AND ASSESSED VALUES**

Rick Bailey, Administrative Assistant, gave the Commissioners a book he prepared with the counties mining, oil, and total assessed values. Mr. Bailey said most of the information was from Marian Bayles, Treasurer, and dates back to 1938 on all the assessed values in the county. The Commissioners estimate that the county's assessed valuation will drop approximately \$20 million in 1986 due to the mining, oil and utilities. This does not include the loss if production in the Navajo Reservation cannot be taxed by the county. Mr. Bailey will make some more copies of the book for the school district and others.

**UTAH ARMY NATIONAL GUARD**

Rick Bailey, Administrative Assistant, received the following letter from Captain Wilde, Utah Army National Guard, concerning their earlier visit with the Commissioners.

SUBJECT: Letter of Appreciation

County Commission  
San Juan County  
117 South Main  
Monticello, Utah 84535

1. On 21 January 1986, a presentation was made to your county commission by members of the engineer group of the Utah National Guard. Your assistance in granting and scheduling this meeting is appreciated.

2. Please express our gratitude for the interest and warm reception from the members of the commission.

3. Our reports and recommendations certainly have been positive to our headquarters. The results of the recruiting efforts to date are likewise positive.

4. We anticipate reaching our projected objectives in the area and will be pleased to be of support and assistance to your communities in the future.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

ALAN R. WILDE  
CPT, CE, UTARNG  
Administrative Officer

The Commissioners asked Mr. Bailey to write a letter to the Army National Guard expressing the Commissioners appreciation for the visit and hope that the Army will consider establishing a unit in this area.

**MONTICELLO AIRPORT WATER TANK**

Rick Bailey, Administrative Assistant, reported that the water tank for the Monticello Airport will be delivered this week. Commissioner Bailey said that the road department will install it when it arrives.

**LES PRALL - PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING**

Rick Bailey, Administrative Assistant, reported that Les Prall, Association of Governments, will be here tomorrow for the monthly meeting and will help him prepare the Community Impact Application for the public

safety building. Commissioner Bailey suggested that the Commissioners write a letter to both cities stating that the county is going to make the application and ask that they pass a resolution supporting this project; and, also, request that they furnish the County with individual letters from the mayors, city managers, and individual city councilmen. Mr. Rick Bailey will write the letters.

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION - CONTEL TELEPHONE**

Rick Bailey, Administrative Assistant, reported on the Public Service Commission hearing that was last Wednesday in which approx. 22 people were present. Mr. Bailey said that representatives from Public Utilities and Contel were there and thought they were very cooperative. Mr. Bailey said that most of people complained about the service in the area and Contel promised to give written replies to the complaints. Commissioner Bailey said that he pointed out that the county has alot of unemployment and are not giving any county raises and feels that other companies should do the same. Contel did agree earlier to lower their proposed increase from 49% to 22%. Mr. Bailey said that the Public Service Commission said they would cooperate with the county any time. Mr. Bailey thanked them for replying to the county's request for hearings.

**COUNTY MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT RATE**

The Commissioners discussed the county's policy on mileage reimbursement rate which is at 20.5 cents per mile. Commissioner Bailey made a motion to raise the mileage rate back to 21 cents per mile. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Black. The voting to raise the county mileage rate to 21 cents was as follows:

Commissioner Black - Aye  
Commissioner Bailey - Aye  
Commissioner Holliday - Nay

The rate will be in effect as of February 1, 1986.

**DUMP SITES- BLM**

Rick Bailey, Administrative Assistant, reported that Annette Jameson, BLM, informed him that the locations for the dump sites are final except at Mexican Hat. Mr. Bailey said that the one at Montezuma Creek has placer claims filed on it and the BLM has not been successful in getting the owners to release the claims. Mr. Bailey said the Ms. Jameson said that the BLM is working on it and asked the county for their cooperation.

**HUMAN SERVICES BOARD**

Rick Bailey, Administrative Assistant, said that Fern Richey who is on the Human Services Board is out of town temporarily and that Al Haskins expressed an interest in being an alternate for this position. Commissioner Bailey made the motion to approve Al Haskins as alternate to Fern Richey for the Human Services Board. Commissioner Holliday seconded it. UNANIMOUS.

**ALCAN ALUMINUM LIMITED**

Commissioner Holliday received a letter from M. Dale Slade, a consultant with Alcan Aluminum Limited, concerning a gallium recovery plant. The letter explains that Alcan is planning to construct a gallium recovery plant in the United States and Mr. Slade feels that the Blanding area would be the best feasible location for this plant. Mr. Slade asked for the Commissioners cooperation in writing a letter of interest and support for the Gallium Reclamation facility to be located in the Blanding area. Commissioner Black asked Rick Bailey to write a letter to Alcan supporting this project.

**BLANDING CITY ROAD SHED DEED**

The Commissioners adopted the following resolution concerning the Blanding city road shed:

SAN JUAN COUNTY RESOLUTION 1986-2

The San Juan County Commissioners resolve that the Quit Claim Deed attached hereto between San Juan County, a body corporate and politic, and Blanding City, a body corporate and politic, be and the same is hereby approved, and the Clerk be and hereby is authorized and directed to execute the same for and on behalf of the county.

PASSED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SAN JUAN COUNTY, UTAH, THIS 10TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1986.

SAN JUAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Calvin Black  
Calvin Black, Chairman

Those Commissioners voting for adoption:  
Commissioner Bailey -- Aye  
Commissioner Black -- Aye  
Commissioner Holliday--Aye  
Those voting against: none

QUIT CLAIM DEED

San Juan County, a body corporate and politic, of Monticello, San Juan County, State of Utah, GRANTOR, for adequate consideration receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, hereby quit claims to BLANDING CITY, a body corporate and politic of Blanding, San Juan County, State of Utah, GRANTEE, all right, title and interest which the GRANTOR has in and to the following described real property, located in San Juan County, State of Utah, and more particularly described as follows:

The North One-Half of Lot 3, Block 25, of section 27, Township 36 South, Range 22 East. SLB&M, Blanding Townsite.

Together with all appurtenances thereunto belonging.

WITNESS, the hands of the GRANTOR, this 10th day of February, 1986.

SAN JUAN COUNTY  
by: /s/ Gail Johnson

STATE OF UTAH

County of San Juan

On the 10 day of Feb, 1986 personally appeared before me Gail Johnson, who being

dully sworn by me did say that she is the duly elected, qualified, and acting Clerk of San Juan County, a body corporate and politic of the State of Utah, and that the above instrument was signed in behalf of said San Juan County, by authority of a Resolution of its Board of Commissioners duly adopted at a regular meeting of said Board held. February 10, 1986, and said Gail Johnson, acknowledged to me that said San Juan County executed the same.

/s/ Mary Lou Hoggard  
Notary Public

**MONTICELLO LIBRARY EMPLOYEES**

Commissioner Bailey reported that Jim Douglas and Lora Douglas, Monticello Library employees, are going to retire March 1, 1986. Commissioner Bailey said that the county will need to hire a new librarian and applications can be picked up in the clerk's office and need to be submitted to Oleen Hatch or Harold Allen, library board.

**WILBUR LAWS AND COUNTY ROAD #207**

The Commissioners received the following signed release from Wilbur Laws and Wanda Laws concerning county road #207:

RELEASE

For the sum of \$475.00 and other good and sufficient consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, Wilbur Laws, and Wanda Laws, husband and wife of Blanding, San Juan County, State of Utah, hereinafter LAWS, hereby release San Juan County, a body corporate and politic, whose address is P.O. Box 338, Monticello, Utah, hereafter COUNTY, from any and all liabilities or obligations arising out of, and/or damages to property owned by LAWS for work done by San Juan County, its, employees, and/or agents, in improving and maintaining County Road #207 in the Mustang area of San Juan County during the month of December, 1985, involving COUNTY'S trespass to and removal of top soil and grass from LAWS' land.

LAWS hereby agree to indemnify COUNTY from any claim made against COUNTY by others claiming ownership to the property damaged either by, through, or from LAWS.

This Release shall be binding upon the heirs and assigns of the parties hereto.

DATED this 5th day of February, 1986.

/s/ Wilbur Laws  
Wilbur Laws

/s/ Wanda Laws  
Wanda Laws

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

STATE OF UTAH  
County of San Juan

On the 5th day of February, 1986, personally appeared before me, Wilbur Laws and Wanda Laws, two of the signers of the foregoing instrument, who duly acknowledged to me that they signed same of their own free will.

/s/ Bernice Perkins  
Notary

**OIL FIELDS IN SAN JUAN COUNTY**

Commissioner Holliday said it has been rumored that the oil fields in Aneth have not been pumping oil to Houston, Texas, for the last week. Commissioner Black said that there is a surplus of oil in the United States and that the price has dropped. The Commissioners discussed how this could hurt the county revenue if it is prolonged.

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Commissioner Black reported that he attended the Legislative Committee Meeting in Salt Lake last week. Commissioner Black said that a bill by Representative McKeacknie should return 25% of the mineral lease money to the county. This would give San Juan County about \$1 million in revenue at present rates.

**BLM WILDERNESS PROPOSALS**

Commissioner Black reported he attended the BLM meeting in Salt Lake last week in which the BLM released the Utah Wilderness Draft Environmental Impact Study. Commissioner Black said they reviewed the state-wide proposal. The BLM is recommending 1.9 million acres be designated as Wilderness from the original 3.2 million in WSA'S. Commissioner Black said that 359,000 acres is in San Juan County.

**DIVISION OF OIL, GAS & MINING**

Commissioner Black said that the of Division of Oil, Gas and Mining has been trying to regulate the small miners which have been exempted for the last 12 years. Commissioner Black said that Jimmy Walker, Grand County Commissioner, and himself went on the Senate floor and Senator Bunnell offered an amendment to keep the exemption of small mines. Commissioner Black said that Senator Finlandson and the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining opposed the amendment. It was put on the calendar the next day for final action along with the amendment and Senator Finlandson got the amendment killed and the bill was passed. Commissioner Black said that the small miners that are left will now be regulated by the State as well as the BLM. This duplicate regulation will hurt the economy of San Juan County and cost the state taxpayers additional unnecessary expenses.

**MINERALS WEST - ENERGY FUELS, LTD.**

Bill Nielson and Tom Nielson, Minerals West, Inc. met with the Commissioners to ask for approval of Minerals West, Inc. assigning the county's Mi Vida mining to Energy Fuels, Ltd. Commissioner Bailey made the motion to approve the assignment. Commissioner Holliday seconded it.

CONSENT TO ASSIGNMENT

San Juan County, a body corporate and politic of the State of Utah, by and through its duly elected commissioners, hereby gives its written consent for the assignment by Minerals West, Inc., effective the 22nd day of September, 1985 of all of its right, title and interest in and to that certain Lease dated January 13, 1975, July 26, 1976, and August 2, 1983 to Energy Fuels, Ltd., a Colorado limited partnership.

San Juan County further certifies that the aforesaid San Juan County Lease is currently in

full force and effect.

Dated this 10th day of February, 1986.  
SAN JUAN COUNTY

By: /s/ Kenneth R. Bailey  
Kenneth R. Bailey, Commissioner

/s/ Jerry Holliday  
Jerry Holliday, Commissioner

/s/ Calvin Black  
Calvin Black, Commissioner

STATE OF UTAH

COUNTY OF SAN JUAN

On this 10th day of February, 1986, personally appeared before me Kenneth R. Bailey, Jerry Holliday and Calvin Black, who, being by me duly sworn, did say that they constitute the Board of Commissioners of San Juan County, Utah and that said instrument was signed on behalf of San Juan County by authority of a Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of said county, and executed the same on behalf of San Juan County, Utah.

/s/ Gail D. Johnson  
Notary Public

The following named patented mining claims in San Juan County, Utah to wit:

Mujer Sin Verquenea  
Mi Corazon  
Besame Mucho  
Pisco  
Fundadora  
Te Quiero  
Mi Vida

excluding those portions of the said Te Quiero and Mi Vida patented claims lying within the boundry described as follows:

Beginning at a point on line 4-1 Mi Vida lode and line 2-3 Te Quiero lode, (Sur. No. 7251) which bears S 35°46', W 456.44 ft from Corner no. 1 Mi Vida lode identical with Corner no 2 Te Quiero lode, and from which said point the 1/4 corner of section 2 & 11, T30S, R24E SLM bears N 4°07', W 2252.87 ft.

Thence, N 74°58'40", W 241.28 ft to a point.

Thence S 3°17', E 329.74 ft to a point on line 2-3 Te Quiero lode identical with line 4-1 Mi Vida lode.

Thence S 38°46', W 220 ft to a point on line 2-3 Te Quiero lode identical with line 4-1 Mi Vida lode.

Thence S 75°16', E 649.34 ft to a point on line 2-3 Mi Vida lode identical with line 3-4 Linda Mujer lode.

Thence N 38°46', E 458.42 ft to a point on line 2-3 Mi Vida lode identical with line 3-4 Linda Mujer lode.

Thence N75°16', W 649.34 ft to a point on line 2-3 Te Quiero lode identical with line 4-1 Mi Vida lode.

Thence N 38°46', E 103.59 ft to place of beginning.

#### TELEPHONE PROPOSALS COURTHOUSE

Gail Johnson, clerk, met with the Commissioners with the telephone proposals for the courthouse. Mrs. Johnson said that she received only one proposal from Chaffee Communications in Colorado. Commissioner Bailey said he would call this company to see the rates and follow up on this.

#### UAC - MIKE STEWART CAMPAIGN

The Commissioners agreed to make a contribution of \$483 to UAC for Mike Stewart's campaign to NACO's 4th vice-president. Commissioner Bailey made the motion to approve the contribution. Commissioner Holliday seconded it. UNANIMOUS.

#### SAN JUAN COUNTY POPULATION ESTIMATE

Commissioner Black reported that he received a letter from Utah Population Estimate Committee stating that as of July 1, 1985, the county's population was estimated at 12,500. Commissioner Black said the letter says that if the county doesn't have information to the contrary they will assume it is correct. Commissioner Black said that the county's population partially determines the county's payment in lieu of taxes and funds for B and C roads, etc.

#### PIC BOARD

The Commissioners suggested that Commissioner Holliday be considered to serve on the Private Industry Council Board. Commissioner Black said that Commissioner Holliday will need a letter of recommendation from the Development Council Board to submit to the AOG board and the AOG board will have to approve his appointment to the PIC board.

#### UTAH BLM STATE WILDERNESS DRAFT

Gene Nodine, Ed Scherick, Brent Norton, Alex VanHemert, and Russ Von Koch, BLM, met with Commissioners to present Utah BLM's statewide draft environmental impact statement that was announced last Wednesday. The draft consists of seven volumes based on 3.2 million acres that are included in 82 wilderness study areas. The land is administered by the BLM in Utah until it goes to Congress which could be 1991. Mr. Nodine said that only Congress can designate areas to the National Wilderness Preservation System. Mr. Norton explained that seven alternatives for designating BLM land includes a "proposed action" in which 1.9 million acres in 58 WSAs are suitable. Commissioner Black pointed out that most of the proposed wilderness is in southeastern Utah which puts restrictions on multiple land use and hurts the cattle men, oil companies and others. Mr. Nodine said that copies of this draft can be obtained at the BLM office in Monticello and the public will have until June 15, 1986, to submit comments. An open house for information will be hosted by the BLM in Moab and Monticello and public hearings will be May 7, 1986, in

Monticello and May 8, 1986, in Moab.

**MINING OPERATIONS ON FEDERAL LAND**

Commissioner Black asked the BLM what regulations they require on mining operations on federal lands. Mr. Von Koch said that on five acres or more the BLM requires a plan of operation and under five acres a notice is required fifteen days prior to preceding with the operation. Mr. Nodine said the notice should give the plans of the operation.

**SAN JUAN HEALTH CARE SERVICES, INC.**

The Commissioners talked with John Fellmeth, San Juan Health Care Services, Inc., concerning the local group's proposal to buy the county's health care. The Commissioners told Mr. Fellmeth that the county is not going to turn the accounts receivable over to anyone; but they are willing to sell. Mr. Fellmeth said that his committee discussed this and will offer \$450,000 for the accounts receivables and will raise their offer from \$800,000 to \$1,250,000 and the \$150,000 down payment. Commissioner Black said that the Commissioners have met with the other interested parties and are considering leasing the hospital and are still accepting offers to sell. Mr. Fellmeth said that he feels that for the county's best interest the hospital and nursing home should be kept under one owner. Mr. Fellmeth said that San Juan Health Care Services, Inc. might be interested in making separate proposals.

**BILLS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT**

Abajo Petroleum, Inc.	Supplies Sheriffs Dept	46.40
Acme Sanitary Supply Company	Cleaning Chemicals	34.20
Arnold Machinery Company	Parts for Road Dept.	879.27
Aurora Marketing Company	Supplies Communications	5,060.00
Black Oil Company	Diesel for Road Dept.	1,285.69
Blanding City Justice Court	Wm. Graham (report 2-11-860)	260.00
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	Reimbursement Invoice	22,011.88
Blue Mountain Music	Speaker Phone	15.00
Blue Mountain Petroleum, Inc.	Fuel for Road Dept.	476.90
David Bronson	Travel Expenses	41.50
Bruce Bunker Construction	Work for senior Citizens	23.48
Car Care Center	Wash Job for Sheriff Dept.	10.50
Contel	Work for Road Dept.	910.96
Custom Floors and Furnishings	Repairs Library (B)	8.52
Devon's Repair service	Towing Service Sheriff's Dept	40.00
Gateway Chevron	Tire Repair Sheriff Dept	3.00
Grand Tire Company, Inc.	Tubes for Road Dept.	847.96
Irvin Chee	Refund of Bail	150.00
First Security Bank	Misc.	2,010,000.00
State Tax Commission	Sales and Use Tax Return	12.13
San Juan County Communications	Reimburse Petty Cash	46.13
Hafer's Incorporated	Supplies Road Dept	123.04
Highway & Heavy Construction	Supplies Road Dept	18.00
Horsehead Hardware	Supplies Road Dept	71.09
Husky Oil Company	Gas for Sheriff's Dept	3.82
Kelly Company	Sheriffs Report Book	657.50
Kents	Supplies Jail	1,709.75
Soloman Lavato	Travel Expenses	21.00
Lustre-Cal Nameplate Corp.	County Property Tags	153.60
Venice Lyman	Restitution/Dean Lyman	50.00
F. H. Miller, Jr.	Parts for Road Dept.	34.14
Monsen Engineering Company	Supplies Surveyors Office	797.50
Monticello City Justice/Peace	Vincent Garcia #8419	57.00
Motor Parts Company	Supplies Sheriffs Dept	20.69
Motor Parts Pro Mart Home Center	Supplies Sheriffs Dept	15.28
National Assoc. of Counties	County Member 4/30-4/30	265.00
Nuclear Testing Services	Tuition/Doug, David, Sal	200.00
Office Outpost	Courthouse Supplies	77.43
Gus Paulos Chevrolet, Inc.	Parts for Road Dept	170.54
Douglas Pehrson	Travel Expenses	42.50
Phillips Petroleum Company	Gas Purchased Sheriff	73.79
William H. Pierce	Workshop	20.00
Redburn Tire Company	Supplies Road Dept.	3,213.36
Parley Redd's Food Town	Supplies Blanding Library	60.05
San Juan County	Supplies Sheriffs Dept.	831.91
San Juan County Nursing Home	Meals Served January	528.00
San Juan Pharmacy	Supplies Library Blanding	11.24
San Juan Physicians Group	Dr. Bill for Carlene Jones	33.00
Seventh District Court	Elliott Singer (2-11-86)	364.00
Shilo Inn-Salt Lake City	Travel Expenses Recorder	256.50
State Information System Serv.	Maintenance Billing	149.00
Karl G. Tangren	Refund Recording Fee SJC	6.50
Texaco Incorporated	Gas Purchased Sheriff Dept.	22.35
Tracks West, Inc.	Supplies Road Dept.	21,000.00
United States Postal Service	Postage for Justice Peace	66.00
Utah Association of Counties	Contribution Mike Stewart	483.00
Utah Dept. of Employ. Security	Unemp. Benefits B. Willey	44.98
Western Athletic Supply	Supplies Recreation	75.96
Winmark Inc.	Engraved Plates Comm. Room	109.15
Mike Young Incorporated	Replace Windshield Sheriff	392.44

**ADJOURNED**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

  
Calvin Black, Chairman

  
Karen Hall, Deputy