

MINUTES OF THE SAN JUAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

SEPTEMBER 10, 1984

The San Juan County Commission met in regular session on Monday, September 10, 1984, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. in the San Juan County Courthouse at Monticello, Utah.

The following members were present: Commissioner Calvin Black, Chairman
Commissioner Kenneth R. Bailey
Commissioner Robert Low

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved with the specified corrections on the motion of Commissioner Bailey. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Low and carried unanimously.

RECAPTURE RECREATION PROJECT COMMITTEE MEETING ATTENDED

Al Haskins met with the Commission to report that the Recapture Recreation Committee approved the grant application at their meeting last week. Mr. Haskins also reported that he will deliver the application to the Division of Parks and Recreation.

HARTS DRAW ROAD

Larry Sorrell representing Sutherland Brothers Construction, met with the Commission to discuss bidding on the Harts Draw Road. Commissioner Bailey reported that Doug Pehrson will first have to do the engineering work on the road and it will be next fall before he can get to it. Commissioner Bailey further reported that some of the work will be bid out to firms pre-qualified by the DOT. Commissioner Bailey suggested Mr. Sorrell contact Sterling Davis from the DOT to find out the requirements for being pre-qualified.

NUCLEAR WASTE POLICY WORK GROUP MEETING ATTENDED

Commissioner Low reported that he attended the High-Level Nuclear Waste Policy Work Group meeting in Salt Lake last week. Commissioner Low stated that he felt there was no purpose in him being at the meeting because he felt it was a planning session for guerrilla warfare for the Governor against the D.O.E. Commissioner Low further stated that he feels the group is just a pawn for the Park Service and environmentalists.

UTAH HIGHWAY PATROL REPRESENTATIVES MEET

John Cartwright and Clayton Allred met with the Commission to report that Sgt. Allred will be working in this area. The Highway Patrol Officers assured the Commission that they will work diligently on the problem of vehicle registration.

LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE SCHEDULED IN PRICE

The Commission will be attending an A.O.G. - Four County Area Legislative Conference in Price at 6:30 on Monday, September 17th.

REDUCTION IN RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS DISCUSSED

The Commission reviewed the schedule for employee meetings to be held Wednesday to discuss the 3.35% reduction in retirement benefits for County employees. This reduction does not apply to the Sheriff's Department or the Health Care employees as they are on a different retirement program. Among the options discussed will be a supplemental retirement program, dental insurance, or having the amount of the reduction added to the employees check. The position of the Commission is that if the 3.35% does not cover the cost of a dental program the balance of the cost would have to be withheld from the employees check.

AIRPORT OPERATORS MEETING SCHEDULED

Commissioner Bailey will be attending an Airport Operators meeting in Price on Friday. Among the topics discussed at the meeting will be crack sealing, property tax, and airport sales of auto gas.

JOINT ROADS COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULED

Commissioner Bailey will be attending a Joint Roads Committee meeting in Price on Thursday. Among the information that will be presented by Commissioner Bailey is the following regarding the school bus routes in the County.

Dirt roads	128.4 miles
Gravel or shale	40.3 miles
Blacktop	85.3 miles

These figures indicate only a one-way trip and should be multiplied by 4 to obtain a daily total of miles.

METAL SHOP BUILDING AT ROAD DEPARTMENT DISCUSSED

Commissioner Bailey reported that Sam Chamberlain from Four Corner Solar & Construction is having some problems lining up concrete for the metal shop building at the Road Department in Monticello. Commissioner Bailey stated that he will not sign a contract with Four Corners Solar & Construction until he has a chance to approve the concrete supplier.

MONTEZUMA CREEK BRIDGE

Commissioner Bailey reported that Doug Pehrson and Bernal Bradford are still working on obtaining the right-of-way for the Montezuma Creek Bridge. Commissioner Bailey also reported that a letter from the State Historical Society approving the archeological clearance was received. Commissioner Bailey also reported that a letter from the Federal Government granting a categorical exclusion was received.

AIRPORTS DISCUSSED

Commissioner Bailey reported that he will request John Fellmeth, Chief Deputy Auditor, do an audit on both the Monticello and Blanding Airports. The purpose of the audits is so that a list can be drafted of the expenses that will be reimbursed by the County.

RADIO INTERVIEW SCHEDULED RE: NUCLEAR WASTE REPOSITORY

Commissioner Black reported that he will be in Salt Lake City on Thursday to participate in a radio interview regarding the proposed Nuclear Waste Repository.

STATE SCHOOL LANDS - SALE vs. RETENTION DISCUSSED

The Commission reviewed a position statement drafted by Commissioner Black regarding the retention or disposition of State Lands. It is the recommendation of the Commission that the Legislature provide for an indepth study of the total costs and benefits of sale versus retention before any final decision is made to do either. Commissioner Black will present this information and the Comparison of Revenues information at a public hearing on Land Law Review he will be attending in Salt Lake on Friday. Commissioner Black reported in the position statement, "the argument presented that if lands were sold it would create a boom-bust phenomenon is totally false and without merit. Boom-bust cycles are primarily related to conditions where a broad based economy is lacking. In Utah the counties and/or regions that have the broadest economic base and therefore the least boom-bust cycles are those in which the greatest private ownership of land exists. Those which have the least percentage of private lands are generally the counties which have had the least economic growth and the greatest boom-bust cycles. As examples, Garfield, Grand, Wayne, and Uintah, all have less than 15 percent of their land privately owned. On the other hand, Morgan, Salt Lake, Weber, Davis, Cache, Rich, and Summitt, all have more than 50% of their land privately owned. It is a known fact that the latter counties have enjoyed the greatest stability and/or economic growth while the former have shown economic decline during the same period of time except in the boom periods which have primarily been the result of development of non-renewable mineral and energy resources needed for the growth areas where the people and private land are. An example of this is from a recent Utah State University survey which shows the highest medium family income is in Morgan County with \$22,618. a year followed by Salt Lake with \$21,064. On the other hand Wayne County has the least with \$12,402."

CIRCUIT COURT CONTRACT APPROVED

Gail Dalton-Johnson, County Clerk, met with the Commission to present the Circuit Court Contract between the State of Utah and San Juan County for the fiscal year 1984-85. The total amount of the contract is \$20,286. Commissioner Bailey made a motion to approve the contract and authorize Commissioner Black to sign it. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Low and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Johnson also reported on a letter she drafted to the State Court Administrator regarding the contract for baliff service in Circuit Court. Mrs. Johnson reported that Sheriff Wright has not received a contract although the State Court Administrators Office has indicated a contract will be offered for reimbursement of baliff expenses.

WATER RESOURCES IN SOUTHERN UTAH DISCUSSED

The Commission reviewed an editorial from the Times-Independent regarding a meeting being held in Salt Lake City this week on Colorado River water rights. The Commission feels that water is an important issue in Southern Utah. The Commission reviewed concerns and problems regarding water rights.

20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION SCHEDULED FOR CANYONLANDS NATIONAL PARK

The Commission received invitations to attend the 20th Anniversary Celebration for Canyonlands National Park. Commissioner Black will be attending this celebration.

VANDALISM AT WALTER C. LYMAN PARK DISCUSSED

Blanding Mayor Cleal Bradford met with the Commission to present a letter to the Commission from the Blanding Chief of Police regarding the preventative measures that will be taken by the Blanding Police Department.

HEALTH CARE SERVICES DISCUSSED

Rayburn Jack, Executive Director for Health Care Services, and Cleal Bradford, Chairman of the Health Care Services Board, met with the Commission. The Commission expressed their sincere appreciation for all of the many hours of hard work that have been contributed by the members of the Health Care Services Board and Committees. Commissioner Bailey made the following motion,

"When Intermountain Health Care left our Health Care Service Board members were confronted with overwhelming problems and they made a super-human effort to cope with the ever increasing problems of health care in the County.

It is not fair to ask this appointed board to negotiate and work out solutions to problems and then have the Commissioners second guess them.

With the magnitude of the deficits and the other serious problems it is necessary for the Commissioners to become more closely involved because the bottom line is that it is their responsibility in the end.

In all fairness to the present members of the Health Care Services Board and because of the responsibility that the Commissioners have for health care I propose that the County Commissioners dissolve the Health Care Services Board in order to allow the three County Commissioners to serve as the Health Care Services Board. That the present Health Care Services Board be released from their duties and the Commissioners would then be in a position to make the final decisions, even though the decisions are difficult and unpopular, the Commisisoners would be fulfilling their ultimate responsibilities."

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Low and carried unanimously. The Commission will draft a letter to each member of the Board and Committees expressing their thanks and appreciation for all of their dedicated work.

U.N.D.C. REPRESENTATIVES MEET RE: COMMISSIONER DISTRICTING

Willie Greyeyes, Louis Tapaha, and Worthy Glover representing U.N.D.C., met with the Commission to present a Resolution adopted by U.N.D.C. regarding Commissioner Districting. The Resolution adopts a proposal for districting which includes Navajo Mountain and Oljato in District #1, and includes Cedar Point in District #2. This proposal has a deviation of 4.9%. U.N.D.C. stated in the Resolution that the selection of 3 alternative plans for the primary election opinion poll was made without any official Navajo input on the choices to be put before the voters. Commissioner Black stated that numerous attempts were made to receive recommendations from the U.N.D.C. and the Navajo Tribe, but the meeting schedules for these groups made them unprepared to make a decision at that time. The Commission reviewed the procedure they used in selecting the proposals to be used on the Opinion Survey. The Commission further stated that the purpose of the Opinion Survey was to give the Commission an idea of what the feeling of the public was regarding this issue, and that the outcome of the survey was not a final decision. The election results from each precinct regarding the Opinion Survey were reviewed by those present. The Commission felt that the Cedar Point area should be placed in District #1. Mr. Greyeyes had no objection to putting Cedar Point in District #1. The Commission also felt that the residents of Navajo Mountain and Oljato should be consulted about this proposal. Mr. Greyeyes stated that he is confident that Navajo Mountain and Oljeto will support this proposal and vote for it. Mr. Greyeyes stated that he has had contact with the people in Navajo Mountain and they are in favor of this proposal. The Commission also would like to consult the residents of Bluff and Mexican Hat regarding their feelings about being in District #3. Mr. Greyeyes further

stated that if the residents of these areas are opposed to this proposal they would be willing to go with Proposal 7 (Proposal A on the Opinion Survey) on the ballot in November.

BILLS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT

Matthew Bender & Co., Inc.	Books/County Attorney	10.00
Nicky Black	Chips hauled from Heckett	2,394.46
Blanding Home Center	Parts and supplies/Road Dept.	247.50
Blanding Mercantile	Supplies/Division of Aging	227.17
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	Reimbursement invoice/Ins.	31,069.38
Bluff Water & Sewer Users Assn.	Utilities/Social Services	12.80
Boise Cascade Bldg. Mtrls. Center	Supplies/Surveyors Office	162.80
Car Care Center	Propane/Road Dept.	35.44
Carr Printing Company	Election supplies	1,908.24
City of Blanding	Utilities/Pool	1,131.36
City of Monticello	Expenses owed from Airport	5,374.50
CMI Incorporated	Supplies/Sheriff's Dept.	150.04
Conoco Incorporated	Fuel/Sheriff's travel	27.93
Continental Tel Co of the West	Telephone charges/B-pool	83.68
Demco	Supplies/B-Library	106.84
Don's Welding Service, Inc.	Repairs/Communications	260.00
Empire Electric Assoc. Inc.	Utilities/M-pool	1,074.85
Grand Tire Company, Inc.	Supplies/Road Dept.	1,258.15
Halliday, Bruce K.	Travel/Tax Comm. hearings	62.15
Craig C. Halls	Refund of overpayment	2.50
Heckett-Divison of Harsco	Chips hauled/Road Dept.	4,791.70
Carol T. Hoggard	Travel to Blanding/mtg.	9.24
K. Hoggard & Sons Logging	Hauling slag/Road Dept.	608.48
Hogie's Restaurant	Meals for Golf Course crew	15.48
Horsehead Hardware	Supplies/Golf Course	404.27
Hunt, Suzanne R.	Travel/Circuit Court Conference	12.00
International Business Machine	Usage Charge Copier	159.33
Inkley's	Supplies/Sheriff's Dept.	184.04
J. & J. Enterprises	Supplies/Sheriff's Dept.	11.06
Jones, Dennis C.	Travel/Recreation Director	10.50
Elton Jones	Restitution/#84CR005	35.00
F.W. Jones and Associates, Inc.	Supplies/Road Dept.	9,612.47
KNDN The Indian Station	Advertising/primary election	240.00
Low's Home Service	Cushions/Fire Control	28.00
Motor Parts Co.	Parts/Road Dept.	1,049.00
Motor Parts Pro Mart Home Center	Parts/Fire Control	37.82
Navajo Communications Co.	Telephone charges/M.C. pool	198.68
Navajo Times	Advertising/primary election	130.06
Northern Electric	Repairs/M.C. pool	20.00
Office of Recovery services	Restitution payment	40.00
Quality Bookstore	Books/M. Library	138.29
Quill Corporation	Printer stand/Road Dept.	174.32
Wayne Rasmussen	Supplies/Surveyor	478.50
Parley Redd's Food Town	Supplies/Sheriff's Office	7.11
Redex, Inc.	Supplies delivered/Recreation	203.58
Roger's Foods	Supplies/Aging Division	29.05
S-W Parts and Supply	Parts/Road Dept.	205.26
San Juan County	County ordinances	1,328.00
San Juan County J.P.	Petty cash	79.81
San Juan Health Care Services	Request/payment/Nursing Home	91,530.04
San Juan Pharmacy	Supplies/M.C. Recreation	6.41
The San Juan Record	Supplies/Clerk's Office	37.07
Saveway Automotive	Supplies/Road Dept.	78.26
Vernon Schafer	Repairs/Fire Control Dept.	331.91
Shilo Inn-Salt Lake City	Travel/Commissioner Bailey	64.00
Smith Media Corp.	Advertising/primary election	240.00
Southwest Emulsions	Emulsions/Road Dept.	20,541.39
Texaco, Inc.	Fuel/Sheriff's Dept.	65.13
Tire and Auto Center	Repairs/Sheriff's Dept.	30.95
Gordon W. Topham, Manager	Cookout/Development Board	100.00
Utah Foundation	Renewal membership	10.00
Utah Power & Light Co.	Utilities/Jail-Bluff	9.94
Utah State Library	Supplies/M. Library	18.24
Utah State Treasurer	County Ordinances	2,453.00
W. H. Burt Explosives, Inc.	Supplies/Road Dept.	230.20
West Publishing Co.	Supplies/Attorney	91.00
Western Office Products	Supplies/Sheriff	166.55
White Mesa Ute Council	Senior Citizens meals	255.00
Wycoff	Freight/Road Dept.	20.42
Mike Young Inc.	Parts/Road Dept.	267.13
Your Old Phone Mans Phone Co.	Install/25' Cord/Sheriff	17.00

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at approximately 4:00 p.m.


Commissioner Calvin Black, Chairman


Carol T. Hoggard, Deputy Clerk