



availability of health care.

### III. Purposal

Residents of the Blanding area have come to expect their health needs to be met by county government and have, until now, waited for the county to provide another miracle in finding one or two doctor "rights". If we want quality as well as availability of health services, it will have to be sought. It would seem that the time is right for the Blanding Clinic to be operated by the Blanding Health Care Board rather than the county. To substantiate this position, I offer the following:

1. During the years Blanding residents participated in cooperative "contracts", we accepted health care as a major community concern and that time had a higher level of health care than many other rural communities. In recent years even though our population has more than doubled, during the time we have depended on county government for level of service, our health care has not improved beyond what has been available for 50 years, that of a doctor's clinic.
2. The costs of health care has to be acknowledged and duly considered in every decision. Too often services provided on a county level have become competitive to where the less populated areas demand equal status even though conditions are different and needs vary. To keep Blanding health costs in line with what its population can afford and is willing to pay, we need to plan and provide health care at the local level. We should be compared only to ourselves, and by this process make every effort to assure that our residents' needs are not left as 2nd or 3rd priority. Health care should be on equal status with other services.
3. We have to recognize that for our community to be considered as a service area by any doctor, he/she will most likely fall into one of four probably categories. A. Hometown product with desire to serve family and friends. B. Commitment toward health care provides personal motivation and more satisfaction than high income and city living. C. Come to the area by default with hopes of moving on when time and opportunity allows. D. Acknowledged short term commitment because of government loans, etc.
4. Recruiting a doctor for a community requires a personal commitment to utilize their services and to also assist with their problems whatever they are. The involvement between the community and its medical staff is a form of marriage where both parties have to feel strongly committed and recognize the benefit this provides. The Blanding Health Care Board has assisted in every request to acquaint potential doctors with the needs and attitudes of our community. Quality time has been shared by willing people whose only reward will be the satisfaction of improved health care services for the Blanding area. However the Blanding Health Board is not currently in a position to make the needed commitment that will be required to attract the people we need. Transfer of the county owned clinic to Blanding, either by long term lease, or through an affordable purchase will allow the required commitment to come into the picture with an eventual benefit to all.
5. The Blanding Clinic has been designed to provide a service not currently available in Blanding, that of a full fledged out patient emergency. Any patient going into the county hospital under emergency conditions is first stabilized and then is taken into a room and bed where critical attention is provided. The county has accepted Blandings need of outpatient emergency services and we should work toward this as a common and agreed to goal. This service would decrease the trips required to Monticello by Blanding physicians as not all emergencies have to be admitted.

Of the various options under which the Blanding Clinic could operate, the one that provides equal benefits/support regarding care would include:

1. Use of the county facility and equipment would be negotiated through lease or low-cost purchase by Blanding City, with Blanding Health Care Inc. as recognized provider.
2. Blanding Health Care Inc. will hire and pay support staff, building expense and equipment replacement, plus negotiate a fee for service for each doctor with an agreed percentage going to the doctor(s) and the balance being retained by Blanding Health Care to cover the stated costs of overhead.
3. Payment for services would be to Blanding Health Care, Inc. with fee schedule mutually agreed between Blanding Health Care Board and doctor(s). Collectable accounts receivable will be split as per no. 2. Various fee levels will represent the different services provided.
4. The physician's family health insurance, malpractice insurance, business travel, etc. will be part of the ongoing operation expense and will be considered as overhead when percentages are established.
5. In recognition of the county hospital needs for emergency room coverage, the Blanding Health Care doctor(s) will provide one weekend per month coverage as part of his/her medical staff involvement. If additional emergency room time is provided, the arrangement will be directly between the hospital administrator and the doctor(s).

Other county hospital criteria as minimum requirements for staff privileges will be met by the Blanding Health Care physician(s) or staff privileges will be withheld until such criteria can be met.

6. The one year guarantee of \$25,000 up front moving expense, \$150,000 gross income, and a mal practice insurance premium of \$            will be committed by the County Hospital Board as published in the San Juan Record on            .
7. The Blanding Health Care Board will have up to 60 days as recruitment time from the date of agreement between the city and county on the facility lease/purchase during which the County Hospital Administrator is to continue providing the Blanding Clinic costs for locum tenem doctors or other temporary physician coverage for the community.

All names, leads and potential recruitment will be made available by the county to Blanding Health Care Board upon approval of use for the facility.

8. All equipment currently in use (or planned for use required to provide emergency outpatient treatment, (equal to hospital emergency room equipment)) will become part of the lease/purchase agreement. If and when the facility and equipment would be returned to the county by default or common consent, all equipment would be in working order and in use; normal wear and tear expected.
9. Operating capitol for the Blanding Health Care Board will be provided as an interest free loan from the Blanding City Utility Board. Repayment will occur over a four (4) year period in four (4) equal payments. END OF PROPOSAL.

The San Juan County Commission nor the San Juan County Hospital Board, who has the responsibility of health care in the County, was never contacted initially by any of those people that later organized into what they call the Blanding Health Care Board. They only appeared before the Blanding City Council and asked to be appointed officially as the Blanding City Councils' experts and advisors on health care in

Blanding. Subsequent to that the Commission requested that John Fellmeth, Hospital Administrator, meet with them. Later Mr. Fellmeth and Commissioner Black met with the Blanding City Council and their Health Care Board. At this meeting the issues were resolved down to the point that all agreed that the priorities and the most immediate concerns was to get two permanent doctors in Blanding. After further discussion Commissioner Black made the following motion: That the Commission would offer to lease the Clinic in Blanding to the City of Blanding and/or the Health Care Board or any other organized group in Blanding who would accept the responsibility and authority for health care services in the Blanding area. The lease would be for \$1 per year with the leasing party to be responsible for providing doctors and health care services in Blanding. The Commission would agree to pay the approved incentives to two qualified doctors who meet the requirements and qualify for hospital privileges at San Juan County Hospital. Commissioner Maryboy seconded the motion. UNANIMOUS Commissioner Black will compose a letter to the Blanding City Council in regards to the matter.

#### COMMISSIONER KENNETH BAILEY'S REPORT

**Oljato Bridge Replacement** - Commissioner Bailey indicated the Oljato Bridge is on the Bridge Replacement and the Commission will go ahead with the project. A motion was made to execute the contract for engineering with the stipulation that San Juan County will get the right-of-way. Commissioner Maryboy seconded the motion. UNANIMOUS.

**Tribal Park Road** - A portion of the road to the Tribal Park needs repair. Commissioner Bailey stated the road is in Arizona and has nothing to do with San Juan County. The Navajo Tribe does not have the needed funds for the repair. Commissioner Bailey felt the BIA should take responsibility for the improvement on this road. Commissioner Maryboy will contact the County Commission in Arizona to see if they will work with the BIA on getting this road repaired. Bernal Bradford, Supervisor of the Southern Road District, will meet with them to let them know our position in this matter.

**Weed Board Meeting** - Commissioner Bailey will attend the San Juan County Weed Board meeting tomorrow, Sept. 15 at 7:30 p.m. Some of the farms that are in the set-aside program have not had the weeds on their property taken care of. Jim Heaton should make a report to the Weed Board on these farms. Commissioner Black said that the property owners should be notified that they are not taking care of the weeds and ordering them to do so and sending a copy of such to SCS, who oversees this program. Commissioner Bailey will make that suggestion to the Board.

**Public Safety Building** - Commissioner Bailey reported that Sonderegger Construction Co. has had some problems getting paid for concrete they have delivered to the Public Safety Building. Commissioner Bailey will try to work this problem out with Sondereggers and have them work with the contractor. There are some problems getting the contractors to finish the concrete as green as it should be finished. There have also been some compaction problems that have been worked out with those responsible. The contractors are about two weeks behind on the masonry but everything else is on schedule.

**Public Safety Payment** - Commissioner Bailey made a motion to authorize payment to the Contractors for the Public Safety Building. Commissioner Maryboy seconded the motion. UNANIMOUS.

**Highway Systems Study** - Commissioner Bailey met with the Utah Highway Systems Steering Committee last week and had a final report of the Utah Systems Needs Study. The five recommendations to be taken to the Legislature could not be agreed upon after much discussion so the meeting was adjourned. The final report will be taken to the full committee. Commissioner Bailey indicated to those in attendance that we could not accept any change in the formula that we give the counties less money. Further information was presented on what the final report contained.

#### COMMISSIONER MARK MARYBOY'S REPORT

**Senior Citizens of Bluff** - Commissioner Maryboy met with the person who is directly in charge of the Senior Citizens program from the Navajo Tribe. This person indicated that the program at Bluff will continue to function. There was some question on this because of funding reductions.

Commissioner Maryboy met with several agency directors and coordinators with the Navajo Tribe Friday and reported on some of the problems we are experiencing. The leaders indicated that they will be working with Commissioner Maryboy on some of those issues, such as the roads, fire troughs, library and jail.

**Alcoholic Rehabilitation - Native Americans** - Commissioner Maryboy met with the Blue Mountain Dine' concerning rehabilitation of alcoholics of Native Americans. It was concluded that if there were a Native American involved with the Social Services they might be more effective in relating to these alcoholics in Blanding and Monticello. Commissioner Black indicated that the alcoholic and drug program is run by Social Services with Mark Lyman as the new director. Commissioner Maryboy and someone representing Blue Mountain Dine' could meet with Mr. Lyman and work something out to that effect. There is also an Interagency Meeting every two weeks that would be a good forum to discuss those issues.

#### RICK BAILEY, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT'S REPORT

**BLANDING & MONTICELLO AIRPORT - Keith Kohler/FAA Letter** - Keith Kohler told Rick that part of the appropriations were for resubmitting another plan to the FAA. The painters for the airports are in Blanding today and both airports will probably be finished by Wednesday.

**Hazard Materials Governor's Conference** - Rick Bailey, Administrative Assistant, attended a Hazard Materials Conference in Park City last week and reported it to be a good meeting over all. A gentleman from Arizona who handles the materials down there presented the best suggestion on how to write a plan. In case that happens, secure and stabilize the seam. If it happens in a populated area, evacuate the area and call on people who know what they are doing and have the proper equipment to handle it.

**Integral Vista Meeting** - Rick Bailey, Administrative Assistant, will attend an Integral Vista hearing tonight in Moab at 7 p.m. He will represent San Juan County and AOG. Commissioner Black asked Mr. Bailey to express our opposition and concern that we don't need any more rules and regulations to stop development in this area and Southern Utah.

**UTAH POWER & LIGHT - Joint Venture with Pacific Power & Light Co.** - Roger E. Puckett, Canyonlands District Manager and Fred Powell, Line Supervisor, appeared before the Commission to request a resolution supporting a joint venture with UP&L and PP&L on behalf of the citizens that receive power from UP&L. Mr. Puckett presented additional information supporting this request. The resolution is as follows:

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PROPOSED MERGER  
OF UTAH POWER & LIGHT COMPANY  
AND PACIFICORP

ADOPTED ON \_\_\_\_\_



**Delinquent Airport Hangar Accounts** - Mr. Johnny Dufer and Jr. Hoggard are behind in their rent for Hangar space at the Blanding Airport. Commissioner Black instructed that a letter be written informing these gentlemen of their delinquent payments and request immediate payment. Failure to comply will give the Commission notification of their intent to vacate the premises.

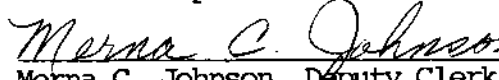
**BILLS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT**

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| Blue Mountain Shadows               | printing on folklore magazine      | \$ 1,000.00 |
| Stan Byrd                           | photo supplies & labor on photos   | 79.93       |
| Dennis Cosby Trucking               | hauling for road dept.             | 308.00      |
| Direct Safety Co.                   | supplies for Emergency Services    | 50.23       |
| Eastman, Inc.                       | supplies for purchasing dept.      | 40.88       |
| 4-Corner Solar & Const.             | service call Inv. #7945/recreation | 15.00       |
| Fruehauf Division                   | supplies for road dept.            | 2,360.68    |
| Grand Junction Wintronics Co., Inc. | supplies for Communications        | 42.43       |
| Heatons Custom Cabinets             | storage cabinet-Historical soc.    | 287.00      |
| Last Chance Trucking                | hauling for road dept.             | 346.50      |
| Jed Lyman                           | witness fees plus mileage          | 20.60       |
| Andy Montano                        | janitor work for Courthouse        | 20.00       |
| National Association of Search & R  | annual association dues            | 50.00       |
| Dana Nielson                        | witness fees plus mileage          | 20.60       |
| San Juan Health Care                | operating transfer                 | 38,000.00   |
| San Juan Hospital                   | August hours at Courthouse         | 712.50      |
| Alan's Body Shop                    | repairs on hood & roof             | 282.00      |
| Anderson & Anderson                 | Lona Dawn Stevens                  | 521.60      |
| Bancroft-Whitney Co.                | supplies attorneys office          | 349.00      |
| Nicky Black                         | hauling for road dept.             | 3,137.75    |
| Black Oil Company                   | fuel for sheriffs dept.            | 414.95      |
| Blanding City of.                   | utilities road dept.               | 97.50       |
| Blanding City Justice Court         | sheriffs office collection         | 435.00      |
| Blue Mountain Music                 | supplies sheriffs office           | 57.85       |
| Blue Mountain Petroleum, Inc.       | fuel for sheriffs dept.            | 1,222.65    |
| Car Care Center                     | L.P. Gas road dept.                | 10.07       |
| Carr Printing Co.                   | 87' official reg.supplies          | 376.79      |
| Cate Equipment Co.                  | parts for road dept.               | 215.92      |
| Century                             | parts for road dept.               | 737.07      |
| Chevron USA Inc.                    | gas purchased sheriffs             | 42.57       |
| M.V. Christensen                    | hauling for road dept.             | 288.75      |
| Conoco Inc.                         | gas purchased sheriff              | 34.16       |
| Continental Tel. Co. of the West    | tele. charges sheriffs dept.       | 750.24      |
| H.F. Cosby Jr.                      | hauling for road dept.             | 1,386.00    |
| Empire Electric Assoc., Inc.        | utilities TV trans.                | 143.66      |
| Enco Manufacturing Co.              | parts, supplies road dept          | 84.42       |
| Four Corners Reg'Care Center        | meals served Aug. 1987             | 174.00      |
| Grand Tire Co., Inc.                | repairs for road dept.             | 224.69      |
| H&K Lock Smith Shop                 | keys made for road dept.           | 24.00       |
| Hogie's Restaurant                  | meals for sheriffs dept.           | 10.45       |
| Honest Dollar Const.                | hauling for road dept.             | 1,078.00    |
| Horsehead Hardware                  | supplies communications            | 104.78      |
| Hugentobler, Merz W.                | excavating for road dept.          | 877.50      |
| Humphrey, Peggy                     | reimb. expenses                    | 49.98       |
| Wesley L. Hunt, Co.                 | supplies communications            | 1,353.50    |
| Intermountain Battery               | supplies for road dept.            | 95.90       |
| Intermountain Electric              | supplies, parts, road dept.        | 38.10       |
| Int. Business Machines              | maint. agreement copier            | 402.20      |
| J.B. Grain & Bean Co.               | weighing asphalt/road dept         | 151.00      |
| Kar Products Inc.                   | parts for road dept.               | 115.16      |
| Kents Foods                         | supplies sheriffs office           | 1,118.76    |
| LBP Trucking                        | hauling for road dept.             | 1,559.25    |
| Magic Chemical Co.                  | supplies Courthouse                | 22.00       |
| Kenneth Miller                      | hauling for road dept.             | 308.00      |
| Monticello City Justice/Peace       | sheriffs office report             | 1,155.00    |
| Motor Parts Co.                     | supplies for fire control          | 238.42      |
| Motor Parts Pro Mart Home Ctr.      | supplies communications            | 6.65        |
| Orr's Auto Body & Glass Shop        | repairs for road dept.             | 45.90       |
| Palmer's                            | office supplies Hist. soc.         | 17.65       |
| Parley Redd's Food Town             | supplies Library Blanding          | 135.93      |
| Rusty Iron & Salvage                | supplies for road dept.            | 147.03      |
| San Juan County                     | fuel, etc. for sheriff dept.       | 4,376.29    |
| San Juan County Hospital            | operating transfer                 | 38,712.50   |
| San Juan Health Care Services       | capital request                    | 4,147.08    |
| San Juan Home Health Agency         | trans. to make refund pmt          | 4,955.00    |
| San Juan Pharmacy                   | supplies for sheriffs dept.        | 5.99        |
| San Juan Pharmacy                   | supplies for Hist.soc.             | 11.58       |
| The San Juan Record                 | public notice                      | 6.60        |
| Saveway Automotive                  | propane for road dept.             | 35.65       |
| Dayne Shumway Const.                | hauling for road dept.             | 1,386.00    |
| Smith Plumbing & Heating            | repairs for Blanding pool          | 973.19      |
| Southwest Emulsions                 | supplies for road dept.            | 2,938.40    |
| Steve Stoval                        | travel expenses (Richfield)        | 24.00       |
| Tom Swanger Sales                   | supplies for road dept.            | 55.00       |
| Twentieth Century Plastics          | office supplies road dept.         | 75.98       |
| United States Welding, Inc.         | oxygen for road dept.              | 14.92       |
| Utah Local Gov't Ins. Trust         | August claims for County           | 20,999.25   |
| Utah Navajo Industries              | supplies communications            | 100.84      |
| Utah Power & Light                  | utilities Bluff jail               | 16.44       |
| Utah State Retirement Board         | judges retirement                  | 90.00       |
| Utah State Treasurer                | justice of the peace               | 2,639.00    |
| Steven E. Warren M.D.               | for Harry Joe`                     | 15.00       |
| Wheeler Machinery Co.               | parts for road dept.               | 208.51      |
| Young's Machine Co.                 | supplies golf pro shop             | 30.31       |

**ADJOURNED**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

  
Calvin Black, Chairman

  
Merna C. Johnson, Deputy Clerk