

SAN JUAN COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES  
APRIL 21, 1986

The San Juan County Commission met in regular session on April 21, 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

**ELECTED OFFICIALS MONTHLY MEETING**

The following elected officials met with the Commission for their monthly meeting:

Gail Johnson - Clerk  
Rigby Wright - Sheriff  
Mary Lou Mosher - Recorder

**EMPLOYEE EVALUATION**

Commissioner Black asked the elected officials if they have completed their employee evaluations. Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Mosher said they had completed theirs and Mr. Wright said he would have his done within 15 days. Mrs. Johnson said she feels this information is confidential and filed her evaluations in a sealed envelope in each employee's personnel file.

**NACo - LAS VEGAS IN JULY**

Commissioner Black encouraged all the elected officials to attend the NACo Convention this July in Las Vegas. Commissioner Black said this convention will be very informative and an added factor is that Mike Stewart from Salt Lake City is running for 4th vice-president.

Gail Johnson said that First Security Bank has billed the county an additional \$60,604.66 of interest due on the 1985 Tax Anticipation Notes. Mrs. Johnson said the bank told her they had initially billed the county incorrectly for the notes in January. Instead of figuring from the sale date they billed from the day the notes were executed. Commissioner Black told Mrs. Johnson to ask John Fellmeth, deputy auditor, to figure out the amount due and write a letter to the bank explaining that the county was led to believe the procedure of paying interest from the day the note was borrowed was the same as in past years.

Rigby Wright requested to purchase two new radios for the sheriff's office. Mr. Wright said it is hard to get parts for the old ones and they are inadequate. A new radio will cost about \$1000 per replacement. The Commission told Mr. Wright to get two bids and the Commission's approval before ordering the radios.

90-day Probationary raises were approved to Gina Christensen and Lynnette Palmer in the sheriff's office retro-active from and effective November 13, 1985 by Commission Holliday. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bailey. UNANIMOUS. Their present salary is \$790.00 and will be increased to \$823.00.

**Out-of-state license plates**

The Commissioners discussed the out-of-state licensed vehicles owned by residents living in Utah with Sheriff Rigby Wright. Commissioner Black said there are several resident-owned vehicles in Bluff and Blanding that should have Utah license plates. Mr. Wright said he has not been enforcing this because the state highway patrol does not enforce 25 miles of the state line. Commissioner Black said these people are violating the law and should have Utah license plates. Mr. Wright said the county being in the four corners area creates a problem in keeping track of out-of-state license plates (there are people who live in Colorado, Arizona, and New Mexico that work in Utah).

Mary Lou Mosher reported to the Commission that she went to the Western Region Conference in Colorado Springs a couple of weeks ago and attended a computer workshop. Mrs. Mosher said the workshop demonstrated a computer that records land deeds and an abstract which saves time and space. She said it also will figure the dimension of the parcels of land. Commissioner Bailey said he has seen a similar one that would also be helpful to the surveyor engineering the roads. Mrs. Mosher said Weber County has all of their records on a computer and she will call them to get more information about this.

**JOHN BAKER - RETIRING DISTRICT FIRE WARDEN**

John Baker, the former district fire warden, met with the Commission to turn in some of the county fire equipment and a list of items that the county has a claim of ownership on along with the state. There are two radios, two chargers, and a pair of binoculars that he didn't want to leave in the warehouse. Mr. Baker gave the keys to the Bluff, LaSal, and Montezuma Creek firehouses and also the keys to the warehouse at the fairgrounds. (only the Sheriff, George Kinsley, John Himmelberger and Bob Bryan have a copy of this key)

**BLM STATEWIDE WILDERNESS EVALUATION**

The public will be able to comment about the BLM statewide wilderness proposals on May 7, 1986, in Monticello at the high school auditorium at 7 p.m. The public may also submit comments until August 15, 1986, on the EIS.

**PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING - ARCHITECT/ENGINEERING - John Peterson**

The following letter of intent was approved by Commissioner Bailey and authorized Commissioner Black to sign it. Commissioner Holliday seconded it. UNANIMOUS.

February 25, 1986

County Commissioners  
San Juan County  
Monticello, Utah 84535

**LETTER OF INTENT**

It is the Intent of San Juan County, Utah, to retain Dana Larson Roubal and Associates, Architects for the Proposed Criminal Justice Facility.

It is mutually agreed that DLRA will provide appropriate pre-design assistance in programming, cost estimates, and narratives necessary for the funding of the project. These services will be performed by DLRA for a fixed fee of \$5,000.00.

In the event the Project is abandoned by San Juan County, the fixed fee of \$5,000.00 will be the total compensation due DLRA. In the event the Project is funded and proceeds, the provisions and services stated in DLRA's letter to Mr. Kenneth Bailey, dated December 5, 1984, will apply and the AIA Document B141 Architect/Owner Agreement will be executed.

DANA LARSON ROUBAL AND ASSOCIATES

by /s/ John E. Peterson, AIA

SAN JUAN COUNTY, UTAH

by /s/ Calvin Black

**CEU OFFICE IN MONTICELLO - Tauna DeGraw**

Tauna DeGraw, secretary CEU office in Monticello, met with the Commission to discuss the Human Services budget that was cut by the Commission a few weeks ago. Ms. DeGraw gave the Commission a list of the hours and time she spends with the students. She said she was informed by CEU that the Monticello and Montezuma Creek offices would be closed next year because of the decrease in the budget. The Commission said they were not aware the county funded this office through the Human Service Board until last year. The Commission told Ms. DeGraw that at the time the budget decisions were made, they were not supplied with the information they requested. The Commission said they would re-evaluate the Human Services budget. Commissioner Bailey said he will talk to the President of CEU in Price because he feels the college is supposed to be a county-wide school and CEU should look at some alternatives. The Commissioners told Ms. DeGraw she was doing a very good job and thanked her for coming in.

**PUBLIC SAFETY RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTION**

Gail Johnson, Clerk, met with the Commission informing them the Utah State Retirement contribution rates for public safety employees will change, effective July 1, 1986. The public safety employee contributions paid by the employer are raised .20 and the contribution paid by the employee raised .39 and will be 12.29%. Commissioner Bailey made the motion for the county to pay this at the new rate. Commissioner Holliday seconded it. UNANIMOUS.

**BLANDING LIBRARY - COPY MACHINE**

Commissioner Bailey made the motion to approve the copy machine for the Blanding Library to Patterson Office Equipment, a Richo Repro for \$1325.65, which was the low bid. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Holliday. UNANIMOUS. The other bid was Western Office, a Xerox 1020 for \$1495.

**NURSING HOME - EMPLOYEE BENEFITS AND PAYROLL**

The Commission asked John Fellmeth, deputy auditor, if he would handle all the nursing home employee benefits and payroll for April as the nursing home will be under Kamar Management May 1. Mr. Fellmeth said he would like to work with Rayburn Jack, administrator, and Reuel McPhie, manager, and supervise the billings and records for two or three weeks before closing the accounts. The Commission authorized Mr. Fellmeth to work with them as much as he needs to. Commissioner Bailey said he feels that the Physician's Group accounts should be moved to the courthouse. This will be discussed at the Health Care Board meeting this Wednesday.

**ROAD DEPARTMENT MEETING WITH THE BLM & OIL COMPANIES**

Commissioner Bailey reported he, Commissioner Holliday, and the foremen will be meeting with some oil companies and the BLM to discuss certain county roads. The meeting will be April 24 at 1 p.m.

**SAN JUAN COUNTY RESIDENTS SAY NO TO ANNEXTION - GRAND COUNTY**

The Commission received a letter from six people who own land in San Juan County and are opposed to an annexation into Grand County.

**HIGH LEVEL NUCLEAR WASTE OFFICE**

The Commission received a letter from Patrick Spurgin, director of High Level Nuclear Waste Office, saying the DOE's final EA issuance will occur approximately the first week in May.

**AOG - WILDERNESS ISSUE**

Commissioner Black said he attended an AOG meeting last Friday. Dick Carter, Utah Wilderness Association gave his views on the wilderness areas and a full presentation. Commissioner Black said he gave his views to Mr. Carter on Canyonlands, the Arizona strip, and other wilderness areas in the county and told them his concern of multiple use and natural resource development.

**HOVENWEEP EXPANSION**

The following letter was sent:  
April 10, 1986

The Honorable Jake Garn  
The Honorable Orrin Hatch  
The Honorable Howard Nielson  
The Honorable James Hansen  
The Honorable David Monson

Dear Gentlemen:

The San Juan County Commission has recently been made aware of an attempt by the "Special Interest Groups" to increase the boundaries of the Hovenweep National Monument located in San Juan County in Utah and in Colorado.

The Commission is totally against such an expansion for several reasons. The Monument is now serviced by inadequate roads from both states and has a very low visitation rate.

There is great potential for oil and gas production in this area. The County has a declining revenue and a possible loss of taxation authority on the Navajo Reservation. It is very important that the County and the State of Utah work together to not allow any valuable resources under multiple use to go under single use management. We have included correspondence relating to this issue that the County and State are presently facing.

The Commission is also concerned over the large number of acres that are already inside National Parks, Monuments, and Recreation, etc. and that have been recommended to be included in the Wilderness Act by the BLM. If this acreage is declared Wilderness, it will be managed as a single-use, which compounds the county's future problems.

The Commission is asking for your support and cooperation in opposing any expansion of Hovenweep National Monument.

Sincerely,

SAN JUAN COUNTY COMMISSION

**JAN TREML - COUNTY HOME HEALTH SERVICES**

Ted Stagg, CPA developer, Jan Tremel, director of Community Nursing Services, Jill Bayles, home health director, met with the Commission to discuss the county's home health. Jan Tremel operates a state-wide community nursing service out of Salt Lake City. It's the largest agency in the state, and last year the agency made 70,000 home visits. Ms. Tremel said she plans to develop a satellite network throughout the state, which will help the agency to be more efficient and cost less money. Ms. Tremel said the agency provides charity care and will find ways to fund it. In Salt Lake City, the United Way helps with the funding. She said they concentrate on working with the elderly in giving them a more stable environment. Rick Bailey, Administrative Assistant, said the county's aging home health services contract is funded through Social Services and last year the county received \$25,000 plus \$11,000 which is for salary and the overhead.

Ms. Tremel said she uses a sliding fee schedule and charges Medicare at full cost and the patient pays direct. Ms. Tremel explained that the program uses a two hour private home care at the cost of \$12.50. A certified aid goes to the home and cooks, washes clothes, cleans house, and goes to the store to buy groceries, etc. She says they never refuse care to anyone and also teach the families and neighbors how to take care of the elderly.

The Commissioners said the county's home health owns two four-wheel drive vehicles. Ms. Tremel said she can not afford to buy and maintain any vehicles, but she pays her employees a mileage fee. The Commission explained that the reservation is a large isolated area and some of the roads are very bad. Ms. Tremel said she would have to evaluate the reservation roads and these vehicles before making a decision. Ted Stagg suggested that the county keep the vehicles and let her agency lease them when needed.

Ms. Tremel said she would form a local advisory board that would meet once a month to evaluate the program and to give suggestions.

The Commission asked Jill Bayles, director of county's home health, what her recommendation was and she recommended that the county accept Ms. Tremel's proposal. Jill Bayles had written a letter earlier to the Commission making the same recommendation.

The Commission unanimously agreed to work with Jan Tremel on an ownership agreement of the county's home health. She said she would like to have two of her people come down; one, a nurse practitioner who has worked on the reservation to see what travel will be necessary; and two, someone with a financial background to look over the office management and equipment to see what cuts need to be made. The county will be responsible for the accounts receivable and payable up through April 30, 1986, and Ms. Tremel's agency will take over them May 1. John Fellmeth said there are about \$2000 of fixed assets in the home health's office equipment. The Commission agreed to a lease/purchase agreement on the fixed assets. She pointed out that she would hire local people and would work with the hospital. The Commissions authorized Rick Bailey to work with Ms. Tremel and Ted Stagg in finalizing this. The county will pay the home health employee's insurance until the end of May, 1986 and Ms. Tremel will reimburse the county for the May premium. Commissioner Bailey made the motion to transfer ownership of the county's home health to Community Nursing Services. Commissioner Holliday seconded it. UNANIMOUS. The Commission wrote the following letter authorizing Ms. Tremel to go ahead with the state in applying for the license.

April 21, 1986

Ms. Janice Tremel  
Community Nursing Service  
1370 South West Temple  
Salt Lake City, UT 84115

Dear Ms. Tremel:

Action of the San Juan County Commission this day has transferred ownership of the San Juan County Home Health Agency to Community Nursing Services to be effective May 1, 1986.

This transfer does not require County subsidy. The terms of this transfer will be worked out in the next week. This letter is merely to notify you of this action.

Sincerely,

SAN JUAN COUNTY COMMISSION

**NURSING HOME - AGREEMENT OF SALE - ESCROW OF WARRANTY DEED**

Reuel McPhie, Kamar Medical Management Services Incorporated, met with the Commission to finalize the Agreement for Sale, Agreement for Escrow of Warranty Deed and the Management Agreement on the nursing home. Mr. McPhie presented the Commission a check for \$25,000 earnest money. Commissioner Holliday made the motion to approve the Agreement for Sale between San Juan County and TERRA, a California Ltd. Partnership, and the Agreement for Escrow of Warranty Deed, between TERRA and San Juan County and authorized Commissioner Black and Gail Johnson, clerk, to sign them. Commissioner Bailey seconded it. UNANIMOUS. Mr. McPhie, Ted Stagg, Rick Bailey and John Fellmeth will meet with Prudential this week in Salt Lake concerning the financing purchase for the nursing home. Mr. McPhie recommended that the county maintain their bank accounts for a period of time and the nursing home management will collect the county's receivables and deposit the money into the county's account. Rayburn Jack, nursing home administrator, explained the problem that the county would have trying to collect; one example is, the state requires a follow up and when it is collected the state requires approval and signatures. Mr. Jack said it takes a lot of time and trouble and the staff is trained to follow up on these collections. The Commission agreed to do this. The management agreement between San Juan County and Kamar Medical Management Services Inc. was approved on the motion of Commissioner Bailey and authorized Commissioner Black and Gail Johnson to sign them. It was seconded by Commissioner Holliday. UNANIMOUS. Bruce Halliday, county attorney, was absent and will sign these agreements later.

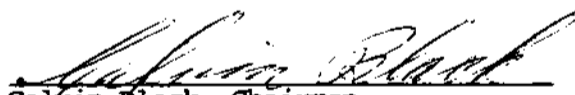
**BILLS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT**

Assoc. of Counties - Treasurer	Act. annual membership dues	20.00
Richard M. Bailey	Travel Expenses	154.00
Karl Barton	Subsistence April 1986	8.00
Johnson Begay	Subsistence April 1986	112.00
Nelson Begay	Uniform Allow/March-April	70.00
Oley Black	Tool Allow April 1986	25.00
Tully Black	Uniform Allow/March April	70.00
Blanding City Justice Court	Stanley Lehi #56	29.00
Philippe Bolduc	Uniform Allow/March-April	70.00
Charles Bowles	Uniform Allow/March-April	70.00
Brodart, Inc.	Service for June 1986	129.95
Bryan, Robert F.	Tool Allowance April 1986	25.00
Ramon G. Cantu	Part'Refund Bail/86DWR064	34.00
Car Care Center	Restitution/Regan Shiew	50.00
City of Monticello	Bail Johnny Samora SJCCrt	34.00
Continental Tel Co of the West	Tele Charges Courthouse	1,101.05

Rudolph Cook	Uniform Allow/March-April	119.00
Tom Dyer	Uniform Allow/March-April	70.00
Jimmy Grant	Subsistance April 1986	88.00
Mike Halliday	Uniform Allow/March-April	70.00
Hawkins, Stanley M.	Subsistance April 1986	105.00
Holly Thomas	Subsistance April 1986	88.00
Horticultural Association	Travel Expenses Rick B.	68.00
Humphreys, Peggy	Travel Expenses	85.20
Gail D. Johnson	Travel Expenses to Maob	12.60
Kensley, George	Standby for 5 months 1986	50.00
Jim Keyes	Reimb. Travel Expenses	94.92
Kirby, Jack	Uniform Allow/March-April	70.00
Max Ksiaskiewicz	Tool Allow/March-April	25.00
Leavitt, Grant H.	Professional Service April	929.20
Martineau, Gary	Janitor Blanding Library	404.25
Monticello City Justice/Peace	Sheriffs Office Collection	127.00
Mountain Plains Bookbinding	Supplies Library Monticello	115.00
Musco Sportslighting, Inc.	Supplies Recreation	409.25
Victor Nebeker	Tool Allowance	25.00
Park's Sportsman	Supplies Recreation Dept.	83.40
Tierre J. Patterson	Tool Allowance April 1986	25.00
William H. Pierce	Uniform Allow/March-April	70.00
Rufino Romero	Janitor Library Monticello	225.00
San Juan County	Supplies Library Monticello	61.30
San Juan County Hospital	Bal. Remaining on Employees	354.14
San Juan Health Care Services	Reimb. and capital request	43,368.40
San Juan Home Health Agency	Contract with county	96.00
Gayleen Schaugaard	Janitor Library Monticello	173.25
Shilo-Inn Salt Lake City	Travel Jack Mortensen	160.25
State of Utah Central Stores	Supplies Purchasing Dept	32.12
Steve Stovall	Uniform Allow/March-April	70.00
Swenson, Eric P.	Public Defender San Juan	500.00
TTC	Supplies for Abajo Peak	53.39
University Radiologist	Payroll Deduction	100.00
Utah Association of Counties	County Road School	510.00
Utah Gas Service Company	Utilities Courthouse BLDG.	950.06
Utah Power & Light Company	Utilities LaSal Fire St.	70.20
Utah State Dept. of Soc. Service	Alternative Care Program	2,886.27
Utah State Library	Supplies Monticello Library	7.37
Utah State University UMC 49	Reg. Workshop Weed	15.00
West Publishing Company	PC 708 for Attorney	38.75
Western Office Products	Supplies Assessors Office	71.11
Western Paper Company	Supplies Copier	142.00
Harold Williams	Subsistance April 1986	96.00
S. Rigby Wright	Uniform allow/March-April	70.00
Ambrose Yanito	Subsistance April 1986	112.00
David Yanito	Subsistance April 1986	104.00
Colonial Life & Accident Ins.	Liability from Payroll Run	315.08
Equitable Life Assurance Soc.	Liability from Payroll Run	810.00
First Security Bank of Utah	Liability from Payroll Run	12,582.90
San Juan Credit Union	Liability from Payroll Run	488.92
State Tax Commission of Utah	Liability from Payroll Run	4,152.34
Utah Public Employees Assoc.	Liability from Payroll Run	31.41
U.S.E. Credit Union	Liability from Payroll Run	4,787.22
Utah State Retirement Board	Liability from Payroll Run	691.38
Utah State Retirement Fund	Liability from Payroll Run	18,916.44
Ut St Social Security Agency	Liability from Payroll Run	18,202.18

**ADJOURNED**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

  
 Calvin Black, Chairman

  
 Karen Halls, deputy