

**SAN JUAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**NOVEMBER 4, 1985**

The San Juan County Commission met in regular session on November, 1985 at the hour of 10 a.m. at the San Juan County Courthouse, Monticello, Utah.

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

Minutes of the October 28, 1985 meeting were approved on the motion of Commissioner Holliday. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bailey. UNANIMOUS

**BEEF BASIN - ROBERT REDD**

The Commissioners invited Robert Redd to meet with them to discuss the closing of the county road into Beef Basin. Commissioner Holliday feels that the road is in need of major construction, and that the county will have to close the road while repairs are made. Commissioner Black asked Mr. Redd if this would cause any problem since Mr. Redd runs his cows in Beef Basin. Mr. Redd said he is opposed to the county closing the road since he uses this road for access in and out of Beef Basin. The Commission informed Mr. Redd that they will notify him if they decide to close the road.

**UNDC - TULLY LAMEMAN**

Tully Lameman, Deputy Director of UNDC reported to the Commission that UNDC is having a Board of Directors meeting tomorrow. Mr. Lameman reported that UNDC is closing clinic services in Halchita and that the Indian Health Service have issued a contract to Monument Valley Hospital for the clinic services.-

Mr. Lameman said that UNDC is encouraging everyone to use these facilities. UNDC is working on cross deputization for police officers in the area but there is a problem in that the State Police Academy will not recognize the Navajo Tribe's Academy because the course requirements are different. UNDC wants the state to work with them on these differences so that police officers in Montezuma Creek can be cross deputized. Commissioner Black said he will check this and see what he can do to help.

UNDC is trying to get the Navajo Farms along the San Juan River rehabilitated and the Navajo Tribe wants UNDC to manage the farms on a contract bases. The Navajo Tribe will help form a farm co-operative system to help improve the area.

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

Rick Bailey, Administrative Assistant, reported that the Health Care Services was awarded a grant from Emergency Medical Services. \$12,911 was given toward the purchase of a new ambulance, \$4,500 for EMT Training and \$4000 to Monument Valley hospital for a study grant.

**FOREST SERVICE - DARK CANYON**

Rick Bailey, Administrative Assistant attended the Forest Service field trip. The concern the Forest Service has, is that the trail into Dark Canyon Wilderness Area is in bad shape and are open for suggestions. One suggestion was instead of fixing the road it be left the way it is and post it stating the condition must be traveled at own risk. The Forest Service wants to close the road to vehicles having a tread width of 48" or smaller, which eliminates motorcycles, three wheelers, etc. The Commissioners are opposed to this action, they feel that any vehicle should be allowed in as the road was designated by the Congress to be allowed and cherry stemmed into the wilderness area. Rick Bailey, Administrative Assistant, will write a letter to the Forest Service on this matter and cover other items.

**TED STAGG MEDICAL FACILITIES**

Rick Bailey, Administrative Assistant contacted Ted Stagg, CPA developer for Nursing Home. Mr. Stagg has agreed to review and assist the Commissioners in evaluating the companies that submit proposals on San Juan's medical facilities. Commissioner Bailey asked Mr. Bailey to get in contact with the companies that were sent information to get a rough idea of who are interested in submitting a proposal.

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE - Telephone system**

Gail Johnson, County Clerk, reported that she received a letter from Mytel in Florida and was informed that they have distributor in Durango, Colorado. The letter states that Mytel offers training sessions in various places and would recommend a weeks training in order to certify a Mytel repairman.

**LLOYD'S LAKE ROAD CONTRACT**

Doug Pehrson, County Surveyor, Engineer reported on the road under contract to Lloyd's Lake, pointing out that the road does not adequate compaction in places with soft spots on the shoulders. Mr. Pehrson talked with the Commission about the problem and the Commission asked Mr. Pehrson to put the alleged deficiencies in writing and give to the contractor.

**BLUFF - MOSQUITO CONTROL, ROADS, AIRPORT**

The Commission met with Eugene Foushee from Bluff on the problem of mosquitos in the Bluff area. Mr. Foushee is concerned that something needs be done now so that when summer comes the mosquito problem will be under control. Commissioner Holliday and Mr. Ralph Horne, District Supervisor for the Extension Service were in Bluff recently and took samples from the ponds in the area. Commissioner Holliday said that Mr. Ralph Horne would be willing to certify citizens of Bluff so that they can spray the stagnant ponds to help defray the cost. The county may be able to furnish the chemicals.

Also of concern of Mr. Foushee was the road from Aneth to Cortez. Commissioner Black says they have been working with Montezuma County on improving this road but the process has been slow.

Next issue discussed was the Bluff Airport concerning the proper way to put tie downs so the weeds can still be cleared. Commissioner Holliday suggested spraying the weeds instead of clearing them which would also be more permanent.

**TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR 1986**

Gail Johnson, County Clerk and John Fellmeth, Deputy Clerk/Auditor met with the Commissioners to go over the tentative budget for 1986. The Commissioners will meet with each department to go over their budgets. The Public Budget Hearing will be December 12, 1985 at 6:00 p.m.

**BEEF BASIN ROAD**

Commissioner Holliday said the county road that goes into Beef Basin is dangerous and needs to be closed for repair and maintenance purposes, because of hazardous curves, sliding rock, etc. Commissioner Holliday

made a motion to adopt a resolution that county road 104 be closed from November 8 to November 18 for major repairs. The voting was as follows:

Commissioner Black - in favor  
 Commissioner Holliday - in favor  
 Commissioner Bailey - opposed

Bruce Halliday, County Attorney was asked to outline in detail exactly what the road department needs to do on signs, notices, etc. and Doug Pehrson, County Surveyor will post the area. Notices will be put in The San Juan Record newspaper and broadcasted on the radio about the closing of the road.

#### JIM BLANKENAGEL EXTENSION OFFICE

Jim Blankenagel met with the Commissioners asking if they would write a letter of recommendation for him for the job of Extension Agent - Agriculture, Utah State University. Commissioner Black commented that if any individual commissioner would like to write a letter it would be appropriate. Mr. Blankenagel was also concerned about the qualifications required which is a minimum of an M.S. Degree, stating that he is working on his M.S. and will not receive it until next year. Commissioner Black said he will look into this to see if this qualification can be eliminated or worked around. The Commission indicated they strongly support a local person for the position if they are qualified, and also understand a B.S. is accepted in some parts of the state for this job and is the Commission's recommendation that it be for San Juan County area.

#### COUNTY JAIL

Anastasio Lopez and his wife Yolanda met with the commissioners regarding their property that the county wants to buy for the jail. Mr. Lopez has a family and said they use this property for a large garden. Rick Bailey, Administrative Assistant commented that since it is such a small piece why not see if the architect could work around this area. Commissioner Bailey said that the county will have to meet with the architect to see if this will cause any problems. The Commissioners assured Mr. Lopez the matter will be further discussed with him before a final decision is made.

#### UNDC - EQUIPMENT

Chuck Harrison, Utah Navajo Industries of UNDC met with the Commissioners to explain that in their educational division they are sponsoring a vocational education training program. UNDC's wants to train any interested people on heavy equipment so that more people in the area will be available for jobs. Mr. Harrison asked the Commissioners if the county would be interested in helping train some of these people. Commissioner Bailey commented that the road department's equipment is limited as well as their time but will look into it. The Commissioners suggested Mr. Harrison also talk to private operators.

#### HOSPITAL WATER PROBLEM

Commissioner Bailey reported that the watering at the San Juan Hospital is running thousands of gallons of water behind the Elementary School. Commissioner Bailey said the area is very swampy already, and this watering increases the problem. Commissioner Bailey will meet with Doug Pehrson, County Surveyor to see what can be done to correct this problem.

#### BLANDING LIBRARY

Gene Hacking, Blanding Librarian was honored for 23 years of service as librarian at Blanding. Commissioner Bailey made a motion that Gene Hacking be put on the Library Board for a three year term which begins December 1, 1985. Commissioner Holliday seconded it. UNANIMOUS

#### NUCLEAR WASTE INFORMATION

Commissioner Bailey asked Carl Eismann, Nuclear Waste director if he would send any information he has on Nuclear Waste to the Blanding Library. Mr. Eismann said he would do this.

#### BLM ROCK PERMITS

Commissioner Bailey reported that the BLM does not want to give the county any more permits for rocks until those at Bugg Point are closed. Commissioner Bailey said that he will write a letter saying that the county will close the rock pits as soon as the project is finished.

#### BIA CONTRACT

Commissioner Bailey made the motion for approval of the Contracts with BIA Eastern District in the amount of \$38,000 to the county for road maintenance. Commissioner Holliday seconded it. UNANIMOUS

#### MONTEZUMA CREEK BRIDGE - payment

Commissioner Bailey made the motion of the second payment on Montezuma Creek Bridge for \$39,330.84. Commissioner Holliday seconded it. UNANIMOUS

#### LA SAL COUNTY ROAD

Commissioner Bailey received the following letter.

Box 83  
 La Sal, Utah 84530  
 October 28, 1985

San Juan County Commission

Monticello,

Utah 84535

Commissioners;

I wish to go on public record protesting the closing of County Road 149 by Zane Chartrand for the following reasons;

1. My residence and business is located less than 1/2 mile down this road.
2. When Mr. Chartrand closes the road it forces us to detour at least five miles.
3. This road is part of the school bus route.
4. Mr. Chartrand uses a forklift to load trucks that completely park across the road. If parked parallel, one lane of traffic could be left open. This would cause Mr. Chartrand to drive his forklift only another 20 feet.
5. At times, employee vehicles are parked so close to the corner and far enough onto the roadway to obstruct the view when making a right hand turn on to road 149 causing a hazard.
6. Other people who live and work on this road have been forced to turn around when they reach Mr. Chartrand's business and go to the turn around when they did not know when he was closing the road.

Seven families are directly concerned.

7. The fast "temporary" closing was October 26, 1985 and lasted from 8:50 a.m. to 1:20 p.m. closings of this type have been happening on and off for the last year.

8. There are times it is necessary to our business that this road, not an alternate route be used. i.e. Oil tanker trucks going to well location to load and leave.

9. In the event of an emergency, time needed to reach locations south of Mr. Chartrands would be increased since no one ever knows until it happens that the road is closed.

Since we have been assured by Mr. Chartrand that he has had official permission for the last year to close the road, I feel it is the Commission looked further into the problem and reconsider their approval.

Sincerely,

Ralph Ramstetter

Commissioner Bailey said that on the week October 21, 1985 Jack Kirby, chief deputy called him from La Sal saying that he had a complaint on a moving van blocking the road. Assuming that someone was moving, Commissioner Bailey felt that two or three hours would be allowed to finish loading the moving van. A couple days later, Commissioner Bailey received a phone call from Ralph Ramstetter, complaining about Commissioner Bailey giving Mr. Chartrand permission to block the road for the last year or so. Commissioner Bailey replied that he only gave Mr. Chartrand permission for this one day only. Commissioner Bailey will have Merz Hugentobler and Dale Fuller from the road department go talk to Mr. Chartrand explaining the situation concerning this problem and also send him a letter.

#### DEPUTY RECORDER

A motion to approve a change in grade from Grade 1 to Grade 2 for Edna Rogers, Deputy Recorder was approved on the motion of Commissioner Bailey and seconded by Commissioner Halliday. UNANIMOUS.

#### RESCIND- BEEF BASIN ROAD

About 5 p.m. Mr. Mike Quailey from the Attorney Generals office called about the Commissioner's decision to close the road to Beef Basin. Mr. Quailey indicated it would seriously interfere with a special hunt Wildlife Resources has set for the same time. After considerable discussion and based on a commitment Mr. Dee Hansen, Director of Natural Resources had made with Commissioner Black and further assurances from Mr. Quailey that in the future San Juan County Commissioners and the public would be more involved in the process of determining and setting future hunts and management policy. A letter would be forthcoming confirming this based on the above information. Commissioner Holliday made a motion to rescind a previous decision to close the road for repairs at this time. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Bailey. UNANIMOUS

#### CANYONLANDS REGION TRAVEL COUNCIL

Commissioner Black reported that he attended the Canyonlands Region Travel Council meeting. There was a proposal for a Lake Powell brochure to bring traffic into Utah's Lake Powell from California and points east. Peggy Humphrey and Marion Eason were appointed to be representatives from our region to meet with other regions to work on a Southern Utah brochure.

#### BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD

Commissioner Black reported that county employees have had problems Blue Cross/Blue Shield. Rick Bailey, Administrative Assistant will talk with Al Price, Representative of Blue Cross/Blue Shield to see what can be done to clear this.

#### BILLS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT

A & M propane	Propane Blanding Road Shop	184.91
Anderson and Anderson	Legal Services Rendered	170.00
Beacon Metals, Inc.	Supplies Library	194.28
Harry E. Bedoni	Bail Refund Citation #8417	10.00
Better Books Company	Books Blanding Library	12.68
Black Oil Company	Road Dept. #112487	8,289.47
Brodart, Inc	Service for December 85	87.22
Carbon County Auditor	SJC Share/Crt. Rep Machine	79.46
Cardel Manufacturing	Align Wheels Road Dept.	21.20
Carr Printing Company	Official Rest. Supplies	370.47
Kirk H. Carroll	Labor at Blanding Road Dept	25.00
Caun-co., Inc.	Supplies Road Dept.	18.72
City of Blanding	Utilities Library (B)	621.83
City of Monticello	Utilities Road Shed	22.49
Continental Tel co of West	Tele. Charges Library (B)	53.27
HF Cosby Jr.	Hauling Road Dept	2,695.00
L.N. Curtis and Sons	Supplies Fire Control	195.82
DEMCO	Supplies Library (B)	29.67
Eaton Metal Products, Co.	Supplies Road Dept	213.09
Carl Eiseman	Travel Council	32.60
Empire Electric Assoc. Inc	Utilities Road Shop	398.60
Forestry Suppliers, Inc	Supplies Surveyors	13.79
Lynn Hansen Scaffold Co.	Supplies Road Dept	280.00
International Business Machine	Copy Machine Repairs	621.00
Jacco	Supplies Road Dept	104.86
Mitchell K. Kelling	Bail Refund Citations #8739	20.00
Kelly Company	Book for Justice Peace	330.35
Leavitt, Grant	Greens Fees (final) 1985	38.10
Edward S. McDowell	Bail Refund Cit. #A-069118	10.00
Kenneth Miller	Hauling Road Dept	2,252.25
Miline Truck Lines, Inc.	Pallet Stakes Surveyor	71.44
Monticello City Justice/Peace	Tsosie, Frank, Spencer	231.00
Motor Parts Pro Mart Home Center	Parts for Road Dept	307.30
National District Att's. Assoc	1986 Dues Attorney	50.00
Office of Recovery Services	Terry Hutchins #628	100.00
Palmer's	Supplies Historical Soc	404.41
Popular Subscription Service	Books/Library Blanding	504.80

Earl Randall	Herbicide Purchased	150.00
Parleys Redd's Food Town	Supplies Communication	96.11
Mark Rose	Advertising Travel Council	779.45
Doug and Dana Ross	Shovels for road Dept	87.60
Rusty Iron & Salvage	Supplies for road Dept	52.29
San Juan County	Gas, Battery, Fire Control	146.54
San Juan County Assessor	Tim Goodwine Impound Fee	25.00
S.J. County 12th District Court	Harvey, Alexander, Hatathley	1,038.00
San Juan Security	Keys for Blanding Library	2.50
Seventh District Court	Hutchins-100 Jones -25	125.00
Dayne Shumway Const.	Hauling Road Dept	2,618.00
Story House Corp	Books Blanding Library	85.70
United States Postal Service	Stamps Justice of Peace	44.00
Utah Power & Light Company	Utilities Bluff Rec.	16.42
Utah State Library	Books Blanding Library	7.45
Utah State Treasurer	Shortages 1983-1985	21,443.62
Andrew Wallace	Bail Refund Cit#A-209341	249.00
H.W. Wilson Company	Subscription Library (B)	50.00

**ADJOURNED**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.