



SAN JUAN COUNTY COMMISSION

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Commissioners:

Last year, you had authorized the County to be a pass through for the preservation grant of \$10,000 to the County Historic Commission to begin the first phase of the \$20,000 post rehab of the Oljato Trading Post. Robert McPherson has continued to work on this project and has satisfied and met the terms of the grant award. Last year, he also requested additional funds to complete the preservation of the Oljato Trading Post. Due to budget constraints at the State level, funding was not received for the project.

At this time, it has been asked that the County assist them in this effort by applying to the Utah Navajo Trust Fund for Non-Chapter Funding for the restoration project in a request for \$35,000 to replace the roof on the Trading Post. In total, the re-roofing project will cost \$50,000 based on estimates. The Utah Division of State History/State Historic Preservation Office has already earmarked \$5,000 for this project through the National Trust for Historic Preservation. An additional \$10,000 is being requested at this time from the National Trust for Historic Preservation to complete the amount needed to complete the roof replacement.

As a reminder, this one hundred year old Trading Post was constructed in 1921 with additions in the 1930s and early 40s. The original structure has a rectangular trading hall with a shallow gable roof. It consists of a center “bull-pen” area for customers surrounded on three sides by an elevated floor for the clerks. Living quarters and storage areas are included in the additions. The walls are primarily double-wythe stacked native sandstone with adobe sections as well. The roof consists of rough-hewn logs over which is a later 1940s(?) roof structure consisting of a 2x4 grid overlaid with sheathing and roofing material. Most of the roofing material and some of the sheathing is missing, and what remains is in very poor condition (see photos).

We are requesting your authorization and support as we submit an application requesting grant funds for the project.

Mack McDonald
Chief Administrative Officer