

COMMISSION WORK MEETING NOTES
December 2, 2013
9:00 A.M. COMMISSION CHAMBERS

PRESENT: Bruce Adams, Chairman
Phil Lyman, Commissioner
Kelly Pehrson, CAO
Norman Johnson, Clerk / Auditor

ABSENT: Kenneth Maryboy, Vice Chairman

Others Present: Rick Eldredge, John Young, Alan Freestone, Nick Sandberg, Bob Turri, Monty Wells, David Bronson, John Fellmeth, Jerry McNeely, Lynn Laws, James Francom, Jim Keyes, Walter Bird, Stephanie Turk, Marilyn Boynton

Kelly Pehrson – SJC CAO

Discussed two letters to be sent:

1. to our congressional delegation, concerning PILT
2. on the U.S. Wildlife economic analysis of the Sage Grouse.

Rick Eldredge – SJC Sheriff

Sheriff Eldredge, John Young and Alan Freestone discussed the proposal to add (6) state, sex offender, inmate beds and create a 5 person “full-time” work crew along with hiring an additional therapist and security officer. Various cost possibilities were discussed. This item will be put on the next commission agenda.

SJC Lands Team

Discussed at length what direction the Commission wanted them to proceed in relation to the Bishop Lands Bill.

Norman Johnson – SJC Clerk / Auditor

Provided a copy of the latest budget draft numbers to be presented in the Public Hearing tonight at 6 PM.

Mark Maryboy – SJC Citizen

Discussed the state of the Navajo Trust Fund

Adjourn 11:42 AM

2014 Budget Hearing

The San Juan County Commissioners conducted a public hearing on the 2014 proposed budget at 6:00 p.m. in the commission chambers of the county administration building. Commissioners Adams and Lyman were present along with elected and appointed officials and members of the public. There were 21 persons in attendance.

Commission Chairman Adams explained the basics of the budget and the process followed to date. He stated that all budgets and projects have been carefully reviewed. At present the General Fund Budget shows a deficit of \$164,420 which does not include a transfer to the Capitol Projects fund.

The tentative general fund and other county budgets were reviewed by Chief Deputy Auditor John Fellmeth. Questions were entertained from the audience, comments and suggestions were exchanged in an open discussion format. There were not any specific recommendations on the budget items.

Commissioner Lyman expressed his appreciation for the cooperation of the staff this year as the process moved forward. He is hopeful that the county's economic future will improve increasing our tax base. He said there does not appear to be any wiggle room to give across the board employee pay adjustments. He indicated he is willing to look at individual situations which might have a merit adjustment.

Commissioner Adams expressed his appreciation for the employees of San Juan County as a whole. He stated that the capital expenditure for next year would be on the same basis as last year. Each request will need to be brought before the commission for approval and justification.

There being no other comments or suggestions the hearing was ended at 6:31 p.m.