

SAN JUAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

January 26, 2015

The regular meeting of the San Juan County Commission was held at 10:00 A.M. in the Commission Room at Monticello, Utah.

Present: Phil Lyman, Chairman
Bruce Adams, Commissioner
Rebecca Benally, Commission Vice Chairman
Kelly Pehrson, Chief Administrative Officer
Michaela Gallegos, Deputy Clerk

Attendees: Jerry McNeely, Nick Sandberg, Roma Young, Pam Hanson, Rick Eldredge, Worthy Glover Jr., Gary Crowley, Crystal Holt, Chris Crowley, Scott Christensen, Linda Larson, Monica Alvarado, Monte Perkins, Ryan Jolly, Jeff Nielson

The minutes of January 12, 2015 were approved by a motion of Commissioner Adams and seconded by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Crystal Holt - SJC Personnel

Crystal presented Clayton Most to be hired as the new south road deputy. Clayton had previously been working in dispatch. The motion was approved by Commissioner Benally and seconded by Commissioner Adams. Voting was unanimous.

Crystal also presented Mary DeLorme to be hired as a PT Blanding Library Assistant, Tina Corrao as a PT Monticello Library Assistant, and Alicia Sissy Begay was hired full time for the Monticello Senior Center. All three of the new hires will start at step 1. Motion was approved by Commissioner Adams and seconded by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Pam Hanson - SJC Visitor Services

Pam made an out of state travel request to travel to Phoenix, Arizona for the IUDC Business Expansion Retention Training. The motion was approved by Commissioner Benally and seconded by Commissioner Adams. Voting was unanimous.

Rick Eldredge - SJC Sheriff

Rick came to the Commissioners with a request to renew the vehicle lease agreement with Ken Garff. This agreement is for 13 vehicles. Rick stated that it is within the budget. Rick will be getting 13 trucks instead of 11 trucks and 2 explorers. The motion was approved by Commissioner Adams and seconded by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous. Rick is also requesting to purchase one of the explorers from Ken Garff to use for jail transports for the state inmates. He stated that the funds will come from the inmate funds and it is within budget. The motion was approved by Commissioner Adams and seconded by Commissioner

Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Worthy Glover Jr. - Health Department

Worthy came to the Commission with a request to purchase office furniture in the amount of 2397.00. The motion was approved by Commissioner Benally and seconded by Commissioner Adams.

There was significant discussion about what Worthy has been doing with the health board and what training he has been taking. The full time assistant for the Public Health Department started today.

Gary and Chris Crowley - SJC Resident

Gary and Chris Crowley raised concern about the San Juan County Road Department doing the work on the new senior center. The Crowleys said they felt they should have been able to bid on the project. Commissioner Lyman apologized on behalf of the county. Commissioner Adams said he thinks that we did the right thing by having the Road Department do the work. Ryan Jolly agreed, stating that if we took a different route on this project, it would not have been a possibility.

Kelly Pehrson - Chief Administrative Officer

Kelly and Monica presented bids for Road Department equipment. San Juan County Road Department is recommending Monticello Home and Auto for the 2015/2016 filter and battery bid. Their recommendation is based on overall lower price. The motion was approved by Commissioner Benally and seconded by Commissioner Adams. Voting was unanimous. San Juan County Road Department is recommending Contec for the 2015/2016 corrugated pipe bid. Their recommendation is based on the fact that they were the only bidder. The motion was approved by Commissioner Adams and seconded by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly presented the annual BIA contract in the amount of 85,000.00. He requested for it to be approved. The motion was approved by Commissioner Adams and seconded by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly presented the board member appointments for Bluff Water Works SSD. Kent Cantrell and Marx Powell were reappointed. The motion was approved by Commissioner Adams and seconded by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly presented contracts for Mexican Hat SSD to be ratified. The motion was approved by Commissioner Benally and seconded by Commissioner Adams. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly presented the UDOT cooperative agreement for the travel plan in Spanish Valley for \$20,000.00. The motion was approved by Commissioner Benally and seconded by

Commissioner Adams. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly presented an engagement letter with Larson & Company to be ratified. The motion was approved by Commissioner Benally and seconded by Commissioner Adams. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly presented an agreement with the Road Department and Surveyor's Department for \$15,819.00. The agreement states that the Road Department will pay the Surveyor's Department to maintain and map signs on B roads. The motion was approved by Commissioner Adams and seconded by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly also stated that in the same agreement the Road Department pays 20% of the Deputies wages. The motion was approved by Commissioner Benally and seconded by Commissioner Adams. Voting was unanimous.

Monte Perkins - SJC Weed Department

Monte came to the Commission with a request to purchase a flatbed for the price of \$1,995.00. The flatbed will be going on the new Weed Department truck. The motion was approved by Commissioner Lyman and seconded by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Jerry McNeely - SJC Liaison

Jerry met with Lisa from the BLM and reported that Lion Mesa Seismic will be ending at the end of January. There are two drilling pads to be approved in Lisbon Valley with CCI. The lease sell is being reviewed by the state. Jerry stated that the Moab BLM is to work with Colorado BLM with the sage grouse problem. He told the Commissioners that we have a new endangered species in our area. Jerry reported on the copper pits which are upstate for review.

Jerry met with Kate Cannon and she reported that she is backing off control visits and permits for Arches. She is also working on permits for concessions for San Juan County. Jerry met with Mike Diem from the Forest Service about snow removal. He said Ellis road had a snow problem with the culvert that didn't get put in. Jerry also stated that he attended a Grand County Public Lands meeting.

Jerry and the Commission discussed a request to pay the Association of Local Governments \$5,000 for a new IT person. The motion was approved by Commissioner Adams and seconded by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Nick Sandberg - SJC Planning

Nick reported that they held a Citizens Advisory Land Council meeting last Tuesday. He said they discussed roads to be added and roads that should not be added. He noted the next meeting is February 3rd.

Nick stated they received working maps from the Forest Service. The Forest Service is asking the county to review the maps and look them over before they are released to the public. The Commissioners had some discussion about meetings and the county working with the Navajo Nation.

Commission Reports:

Commissioner Lyman - met on last Monday with an attorney in Salt Lake about the Recapture protest. He also met with Worthy on Thursday. Tomorrow Commissioner Lyman will be attending the health board meeting in Price. He presented an idea of a "Historic Right of Way" road sign. Commissioner Lyman is planning on attending the State Legislature meetings in Salt Lake on Thursday. He will be leaving Wednesday and plans to return on Friday.

Commissioner Benally - attended the Citizens Advisory Land Council meeting in Blanding on Tuesday. She thinks that the Navajo people are being misled on the Wilderness Act and wants to further educate them. In order to do so, she plans on attending all of the coming meetings so she can better educate them. She also commented on how the San Juan School District is wanting to build a gymnasium next to the Montezuma Creek Elementary School building. Commissioner Benally is also planning on attending the State Legislature meetings.

Commissioner Adams - attended the Law Enforcement meeting on Thursday. He also attended the UAC Board Meeting held at Snow Basin and said the Legislative process is moving forward. Commissioner Adams commented on the gas tax and sales tax that have been proposed. He is also planning on attending the State Legislature meetings.

Commissioner Benally made a motion to go into an Executive Session at 12:26 pm and was seconded by Commissioner Adams.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:30 pm.