

Commission Work Meeting

May 5, 2015

9:00 A.M.

PRESENT: Phil Lyman, Commission Chairman
Rebecca Benally, Commission Vice Chairman
Bruce Adams, Commissioner
Kelly Pehrson, CAO
John David Nielson, Clerk/Auditor

Attendees: Bob Turri, Kendall Laws, Sam Cantrell, Roma Young, Charlie DeLorme, Crystal Holt, Wes Shook, Jerry McNeely, Nick Sandberg, George Marian, Scott Marian, Marilyn Boynton, Shelby Seely, Scott Christensen, Greg Adams, Lynn Stevens

Sam Cantrell - Surveyor

Sam updated the Commission on the survey equipment that was put up on an online auction.

Charlie DeLorme - Economic Development

Charlie gave an update on a group from Delta Airlines marketing and magazine that he hosted. They have decided to bring Delta Asian Brand Ambassador to the county to do a photo shoot.

Crystal Holt - HR

Crystal informed the Commission that 12 applicants applied for the heavy equipment operator position. Eight applicants were interviewed and HR would like to offer the position to Adam Halliday with Troy Guston as an alternate.

Kelly Pehrson - CAO

Updated the Commission on a letter of support that was requested by Commissioner Benally, concerning birth certificates.

Also, gave a brief update on the Bluff meeting last week and then will fly with Commissioner Benally tomorrow to meet with the BIA, UAC was mentioned and the the proposed gas tax bill. There was a discussion about how the bill would work and how it would benefit San Juan County.

Shelby Seely - Assessor

Presented the Centrally Assessed property values. There was a drop of about 124 million dollars. Resolute is largest centrally assessed property in the county. It's anticipated that the values will drop even more.

Wes Shook - Bluff Resident

Talked with the commission about Dark Skies. He's promoting Dark Skies and wants the Commissioners to also promote a Dark Sky program. He feels that this would increase tourism, visitation and transient room tax. He would like the Commission to do what is needed to preserve the Dark Skies.

Commissioner Lyman

Talked about an environmental study that was requested and done in 1991 and the impact that it has had. He wanted to be on record in saying the county has an interest in the right of way. A lengthy discussion occurred.

Greg Adams - Assessor's Office

Greg presented for signature, the Platte of an amended subdivision in Old LaSal.

Lynn Stevens - County Citizen

Lynn talked about the transferring of property in Bluff from the county to the Hole in the Rock Foundation and requested that the commission take action on it during the next Commission Meeting. He explained that certain small issues regarding easements and property lines could be corrected by the transfer of the property and how it would affect the transfer station. Lynn also requested the use of county resources to help during the process of relocating the transfer station. Lynn also mentioned the need for a bigger building to be used for mental health and suggested a way that this could be done.

Jerry McNeely - SJC Liaison

Talked about his meeting with ALG and a trip to St. George where he was able to get money for "water" Also talked about his meeting with the forest service, met with Kate Cannon,

Nick Sandberg - Planning

Nick presented an agreement of cooperation with the Navajo Nation to be signed by Commissioner Lyman. He also talked about a letter from the Forest Service indicating that the study that was going to be done has been called off.

Nick also mentioned the Lands Bill and talked about the need for the county to have some general objectives by June 1st on the county resource plan.

Commission Reports

Commissioner Adams - Attended UAC conference, CIB and meeting in Price

Commissioner Benally - Attended UAC conference, NDOT, Aneth, Mexican Water and Tees chapter

planning meetings. Also received 3 letters of interest from individuals wanting to run the Utah Navajo Fair

Commissioner Lyman - Attended meetings, spoke with Congressman Chavez, Mike Noel

A motion to go into closed session was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Benally.