

## **COMMISSION WORK MEETING**

**August 4, 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:** Jerry McNeely, Bob Turri, Nick Sandberg, Casey Moon, Roma Young, Kay Shumway, Stan Bird, Martin Numbers, Greg Allen, Kendall Laws, Monte Wells, Nick Sandberg, Pat Barr, Crystal Holt, Vernon Dent, Jane Dent, Frank Dent, Shelby Seely, Harrison Johnson, Suzie Philemon, Marie S Halliday, Worthy Glover Jr., Vaughn Hadenfeldt, Alfred Ben, Chester Johnson, Standford Jones, Betty Jones, Anna Tom, Yolanda Keyonnie

### **Department Heads -**

#### **John David Nielson - Clerk/Auditor**

John David informed the Commissioners about the change in the BOE dates and times.

#### **Commissioner Lyman - Commission**

Commissioner Lyman talked about the Public Health Board and some questions about how the board interacts with the executive director, staff and the day to day operations. Commissioner Adams talked about what he believes the roles between the board and the executive director are. Commissioner Benally also commented on the need to clarify the roles of the board and the executive director.

#### **Nick Sandberg - SJC Planning**

Nick mentioned a call from Gunnison County Colorado and their desire to enter the law suite. Nick also presented a letter from SPEAR to Representative Chaffetz regarding the Peavine Corridor and explained its purpose.

A resolution to "oppose" a National Monument in san juan county.

Commissioner Benally also commented on the resolution and making some changes that more clearly benefit the Native American people

**Kelly Pehrson - CAO**

Kelly presented resolution 2015-07 and read it into the Commission minutes.

**RESOLUTION 2015-07, OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SAN JUAN COUNTY, UTAH, SETTING FORWARD A PROPOSAL TO CONGRESSMEN BISHOP AND CHAFFETZ FOR THE "PUBLIC LANDS INITIATIVE."**

Public comments were made concerning the resolution.

Greg Allen from Escalante commented on a similar situation that their town faces due to the formation of the Escalante Grand Staircase National Monument.

Marie S Halliday commented on her support for alternative B.

Suzie Philemon gave her support of the resolution and alternative B.

Alfred Ben also supported the resolution.

Monte Wells commented on his desire that there be no designation so that there will still be the freedom to use and enjoy the land

the way it has been used for years.

Josh Ewing - Friends of Cedar Mesa, commented on the Lands Council and the desire to move forward as this resolution moves forward.

Commissioner Benally - commented on the importance of preserving and protecting the land in support of Alternative B

Commissioner Adams - commented on the Lands Council process and the desire of the commission to do what's best for the citizens of the county

Anna Tom - wanted to know more about mineral rights on McCracken Mesa

Meeting adjourned at 11:24