

Commission Work Meeting
January 19, 2016
9:00 A.M.

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

Attendees: Bob Turri, Nick Sandberg, Jerry McNeely, Debbie Westfall, Roma Young, Charlie DeLorme, Tim Chamberlain, Herman Farley, Donna Farley, John Fellmeth, Norman Johnson, Kimball Brace, Brittan Butterfield, Lauren Bernally, Leonard Gorman, Cleal Bradford, Mark Maryboy, Clarence Rockwell, Doug Wright

Tina Krusky - Bluff City Historic Preservation Association

Tina came to the commission to talk about a non-motorized trail in Bluff. She presented a map of the proposed trail and explained a little bit about it. Tina talked about the background of the Bluff and explained why the Bluff City Historic Preservation Association wanted to have the trail.

Jerry McNeely - SJC Liaison

Jerry gave an update on several meetings that he has been at. He attended a meeting covering the Looproad Flat. Financing and a walk through were discussed. Jerry also met with Mike Diem from the Forest Service concerning Geyser Pass. Also discussed was the plowing of the road on the La Sal mountains that is in San Juan County.

Jerry also had meetings with SITLA and Park Services. During the Park Service Meeting a fire management plan was discussed.

Nick Sandberg - SJC Planning

Nick reported that he had sent comments of a draft to congressional staff and had received feedback from Fred Ferguson. He presented this feedback to the commission. There was a lengthy discussion. Also included in the discussion was the addition of the Recapture Road to the plan.

Cleal Bradford -

Cleal presented a handout to the commissioners and talked about the Rural Impact draft plan.

Commission Reports

Commissioner Lyman - Will attend a meeting in St. George this week and then a congressional hearing. He mentioned Commissioner Bill Redd's death as well as Senator Mike Noel's wife's passing.

Commissioner Benally - Commissioner Benally talked about attending chapter meetings and the interest of the chapters in the School Board redistricting case. She also mentioned attending Indian Caucus day.

Commissioner Adams - Commissioner Adams attended a 6 county coalition meeting in Duchesne.

San Juan County Commission Meeting
Hideout Community Center - Conference Room
January 19, 2016
11:00 A.M.

Present: Phil Lyman - Commission Chairman
Rebecca Benally - Commission Vice-chair
Bruce Adams - Commissioner
Kelly Pehrson - CAO
John David Nielson - Clerk

Attendees: Doug Wright, Jerry Murdock, Charlie DeLorme, Roma Young, Tim Chamberlain, Norman Johnson, Lauren Bernally, Leonard Gorman, Kimball Brace, Kendall Laws, Herman Farley, Donna Farley, Brittan Butterfield, Bill Boyle, Clarence Rockwell, Mark Maryboy

A motion to approve the minutes from January 5th was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Crystal Holt - SJC Personnel

Crystal presented the names of Regina Holiday and Marlana Patterson for the Senior Center Aide with Shiala Welch as alternate. The position is a part time position. Five applications were received and three were interviewed. Commissioner Adams made a motion to accept the hiring for this position and was 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Charlie DeLorme - SJC Visitor Services

Charlie came to present names for 4 open positions on the Tourism Travel & Advisory Board (TTAB). Richard Reeb and Terry Paul whose terms on the board have expired, submitted requests to remain on the board. Charlie noted that he had talked to all potential members and explained that they may or may not be appointed. Commissioner Adams made a motion that they retain their positions on the board and was 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

The names of Jerry Murdock and Craig Simpson were presented as other possible nominations for the two remaining board member positions. Commissioner Adams made a motion to nominate Jerry Murdock and Craig Simpson and was 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Charlie also mentioned the next TTAB meeting would be on February 16th that will be held at the Desert Rose Inn in Bluff.

Kendall Laws - SJC Attorney

Kendall gave a brief explanation of the court order from the School Board Redistricting case. He presented the redistricting plan, alternative 6, for adoption. He explained that if adopted, the plan is still subject to the court's decision. Kimball Brace explained the alternative plan and showed a slide of the proposed plan explaining the boundaries and how they were drawn. He also explained that the criteria given by the court and input from the School Board were critical in the drawing of the map. He then answered questions from Leonard Gorman of the Navajo Nation Commission. A motion to approve the redistricting plan contingent on the court's decision was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Clarence Rockwell presented a resolution from the Navajo Utah Commission which included a redistricting plan and explained the purpose of the resolution.

Mark Maryboy was given the opportunity to speak and expressed his concerns over the lawsuits and the redistricting of the school board boundaries. He also made inappropriate comments towards the commission. Commissioner Benally addressed the body and spoke to Mr. Maryboy letting him know on record that his comments and personal attacks were inappropriate and he needed to stop his bullying tactics and stop the derogatory comments but instead work towards a solution.

John David Nielson - SJC Clerk

John David presented 2 Beer Licenses to be renewed for the year 2016, 3 Step Hideaway LLC, and Comb Ridge Coffee. Commissioner Lyman passed the chair to Commissioner Benally. A motion to approve the license renewals was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was 2-1 in favor of renewing the licenses. Commissioner Benally passed the chair back to Commissioner Lyman.

Kelly Pehrson - CAO

Kelly explained that the FAA requires the county to renew their airport consultant every 5 years. He suggested that J-Aviation continue as the county's airport consultant. A motion to approve the continued consulting of J-Aviation was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly also explained the need to continue to have a civil engineer as a consultant for the county. He recommended that the county continue to use Jones and DeMille and J-Aviation to be the civil engineering consultants for the county. A motion to accept the recommendation of Kelly to use both firms was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly presented a letter from Dr. Genevieve Ford to be on the library board. Dr. Ford has already attended board meetings and has gotten a feel for how things are run. She has the support of the current library board. Commissioner Benally made a motion to approve the board member appointment and was 2nd by Commissioner Adams. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly also presented a building permit for a classroom in Bluff. A motion to accept the permit subject to the payment was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Adams. Voting was unanimous.

Public Comment:

Leonard Gorman presented a letter from the Navajo Nation Attorneys to San Juan County legal counsel. He expressed concerns that San Juan County had not communicated with The Navajo Nation. Kendall Laws commented that the different alternative maps were shared with the Navajo Nation Attorneys.

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

meeting adjourned at 12:47 p.m.