

San Juan County Work Meeting
Hideout Community Center - Conference Room
August 9, 2016
9:00 A.M.

Present: Phil Lyman - Commission Chairman
Rebecca Benally - Commission Vice Chairman
Bruce Adams - Commissioner
Natalie Freestone - Administrative Assistant
John David Nielson - Clerk

Attendees: Jerry McNeely, Nick Sandberg, Bob Turri, Robert Ogle, Bill Haven, Lawrence Guymon, Pam Hansen

Blanding Area Travel Council -

Members of the Blanding Area Travel Council came to discuss how the Travel Council might be able to work better with the county to further Economic Development in San Juan County. There was a discussion about the need to create an economic development plan that could better market the county.

Jerry McNeely - SJC Liaison

Jerry reported to the commission on several meetings that he attended. He attended a culture study meeting where culture sites and resources were discussed. He attended a meeting at the visitor center that was put on by the BLM.

Nick Sandberg - SJC Planning

Nick asked the commission if the county should make comments on the updated PLI regarding the county's stance on the road and energy sections of the PLI and how those sections affect the county. A discussion followed and the county's position on the PLI was talked about.

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A motion to approve minutes from July 19, 2016 was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Sam Cantrell - SJC Surveyor

Sam came to the commission to talk about a salary increase for the Chief Deputy Surveyor. He brought some information and a synopsis sheet regarding the position. The increase would raise the salary from step 166 to step 203. A motion to approve the increase was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Adams. Voting was unanimous.

John Young - SJC Jail

John requested the purchase to pay Spillman the cost to transfer data from an old server to the new server. A motion to approve the payment of \$7,000 to Spillman for the transfer was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

John provided a Beer Tax document for signature. The Beer Tax is an allocation given to the county by the state for housing individuals with drug and alcohol related offences. This year the allocation will be about \$30,000. A motion was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Crystal Holt - SJC Personnel

Crystal requested the hiring of two senior center aides. There were 2 applicants for the position in Blanding and Crystal would like to offer the job to Marie Black. She would like to offer the position split position to Steve Cannon. A motion to approve the hirings was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Crystal also requested that hiring of Shayne Christensen to be a Mechanic for the South Road Department. A motion to approve the hire was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Commissioner Adams - SJC Commissioner

Commissioner Adams talked about the Resource Management Plan. There was a discussion about contracting Jones and DeMille. San Juan County has also been contacted by other organizations interested in helping the county out. A suggestion was made to put out an RFP

Phil Lyman - SJC Commissioner

Commissioner Lyman requested that the county put together another resolution regarding the Bears Ears

Pam Hansen - Economic Development

Pam presented a recreation grant to the commission. The purpose of the grant is to put a pathway from the store at Goulding's Lodge down to the schools and the health clinic. The path would allow a safe place off the main road for visitors and residents to recreate. Pam explained the grant and options that the county has when applying for the grant. A motion to approve the application for the grant was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Adams. Voting was unanimous.

Natalie Freestone - Administrative Assistant

Natalie presented a Lobbyist contract for Tom Higgs to be ratified. A motion to approve a 1 year contract based on a flat rate of \$5,000 per month with a negotiated list of priorities was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Adams. Voting was unanimous.

Greg Adams - SJC Buildings

Greg presented building permits for Mike Desulter in Flat Irons Mesa, Nathan Edwards for a mobile home in Blanding, Leann Hunt at Blue Mountain Guest Ranch for an addition, Ben Stearns for a home near Blue Mountain Guest Ranch, Steve Walston for a cabin up on the LaSals, and two permits for Kevin Carroll out of Moab. A motion to approve the building permits subject to all stipulations being met was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Commission Reports:

Commissioner Adams - Commissioner Adams is attending the county fair this week

Commissioner Lyman - Commissioner Lyman talked about public health funds being frozen and why they are being frozen at this time. He explained that an auditor will be visiting to help the health department move forward. He also mentioned the CCP meeting on August 25th and attended a Forest Service open house.

Commissioner Benally - Commissioner Benally attended the rural impact/poverty seminar in Washington DC. She then attended NACO, a regional economic development training, and the Native American Summit

Nick Sandberg - SJC Planning

Nick mentioned that the Moab Master Leasing plan is out and there is a 30 day protest period. He suggested that the county protest the MLP and would like to draft a protest letter. Commissioner Adams suggested that San Juan County work with Uintah County and the San Juan County Attorney as the protest letter is drafted.

Commissioner Benally - SJC Commissioner

Commissioner Benally talked about funds that the county should donate to the Utah Navajo Fair. There was a discussion about documents and resolutions that were presented. A motion was made to approve a donation of \$30,000 to the Utah Navajo Fair was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Adams. Voting was unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 12:39 p.m.