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**San Juan County Work Meeting
Hideout Community Center - Conference Room
Agenda
August 7, 2018**

Present: Bruce Adams - Commission Chairman
Rebecca Benally - Commission Vice Chair
Phil Lyman - Commissioner
Kelly Pehrson - CAO
James Francom - Chief Deputy Clerk

Attendees: Bob Turri, Rhett Sifford, Nick Sandberg, Duane Baker, and Michael Bryant

Nick Sandberg - SJC Planning

Nick updated the Commissioners on the Hatch Point road project, future hiring with the BLM, Bears Ears Monument Plan, Oil and Gas leases, and a 3-D Seismic project near Church Rock.

Duane Baker - SEUALG

Michael Bryant introduced Duane Baker who is our new Regional Assistant over Planning and Transportation. He will be available to help with grants, planning, and other issues.

Commissioner Benally made a motion to go into a closed session and Commissioner Lyman seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous.

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Hideout Golf Course
August 7, 2018
11:00 A.M.

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Kelly Pehrson - CAO
James Francom - Chief Deputy Clerk

Attendees: Randy Rarick, Ben Musselman, Rhett Sifford, Bob Turri, Kirk Bengel, Scott Burton, Duane Baker, Michael Bryant, Robert Turk, Jeremy Redd, Doug Wright, Gilbert Yazzie, and Bose Blair

A motion to approve the minutes from July 25, 2018 with a change to the record of vote for one item was made by Commissioner Lyman and seconded by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Walter Bird - SJC Personnel

Walter presented a couple of new hires. The sheriff's office would like to hire Blayne Jenkins as a dispatcher. Commissioner Lyman made a motion to approve the hire and it was seconded by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

It is proposed that the position for the Library Assistant go to Shauna Black with Natalie Gonzales as the alternate. Commissioner Benally made a motion to approve the hire and it was seconded by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

Ben Musselman - SJC Public Works Director

Ben presented a proposal for the new official B Road map now that the Navajo Nation is requesting a clarification in the ownership of the roads on the reservation. Ben also discussed different road designation changes off of the reservation that were included in the new map proposal to be sent to the state. Commissioner Benally clarified that with these changes the Navajo Nation could still choose to contract with San Juan County on the maintenance of those roads. Commissioner Benally made a motion to approve the new proposed map to send to the state, Commissioner Lyman seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous.

Ben requested that an RFP be submitted for a bridge to be built on Decker's Wash Crossing. Commissioner Benally made a motion to submit the RFP for construction of a bridge and Commissioner Lyman seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous.

Public Hearing

Commissioner Benally made a motion to go into a public hearing and Commissioner Lyman seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous.

Randy Rarick the Landfill Operations Manager presented information on the need for rate increases at the landfill. He stated the proposed rate increases were for funding permitting obligations, equipment improvements, and for bond obligations deemed necessary from an audit. The last increase was in 2015 and this increase would increase the per ton amount from \$30 to \$44.

Commissioner Lyman explained that TRT funds could also be used to supplement short falls. Jeremy Redd the Blanding City Manager and Robert Turk with the Blanding City Council explained that each city resident would be looking at a \$2.50 to \$3.50 per month increase with the proposed rate increases. They also expressed concern about illegal dumping, people keeping trash around, and burning trash.

Gilbert Yazzie and Bose Blair of Kayenta Township explained that the steep rate increase would be a large burden and recommended increases in smaller increments each year.

Doug Wright the Monticello City Manager expressed similar concerns.

Kelly Pehrson made mention of the additional costs of needing to close cells and open new acres, which hadn't been brought up earlier.

Bob Turri was against the large increase and how it would affect individuals with so many other costs going up.

There was considerable discussion about the needs of the landfill versus the difficulties caused by increasing rates, especially in large increments.

The Commissioners decided to hold off on making a decision and to see if any alternative plans could be created.

Commissioner Benally made a motion to leave the public hearing and Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous. Commissioner Lyman was absent for the vote.

Scott Burton - Chief Deputy Assessor

Scott presented three new subdivisions for signatures. Commissioner Benally made a motion to approve the new subdivisions and Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous. Commissioner Lyman was absent for the vote.

Nick Sandberg - SJC Planning

Nick presented a letters for participation in the Forest Planning. Commissioner Benally made a motion to approve the new subdivisions and Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous. Commissioner Lyman was absent for the vote.

Commission Reports:

Commissioner Benally -

Commissioner Benally attending a public lands meeting on the 21st of July and had a teleconference with Ron Dean on the 31st of July.

Family Dollar opened in Montezuma Creek on August 1st and has been busy. There was an Opioid meeting on August 2nd and 3rd. This afternoon Commissioner Benally has a meeting with San Juan Counseling.

She will host a CCP meeting in Blanding at the Edge of the Cedars.

Commissioner Adams -

Commissioner Adams attended conference calls in UAC. He has and will be attending the events at the SJC Fair. Commissioner Adams will also be attending the Daniels Summit.

Commissioner Benally made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous. Commissioner Lyman was absent for the vote.

Meeting adjourned at 12:40