

San Juan County Work Meeting
Hideout Community Center - Conference Room
Agenda
March 20, 2018

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

Attendees: Phil Glaze, Lynn Stevens, Kirk Bengel, Kendall Laws, Randy Rarick, Ben Musselman, Rick Eldredge, David Carpenter, Bob Turri, Mark Lambert, Jerry McNeely, Wendy Black, Kristina Sloan, Patricia Kudsy, Scott Hacking, Nick Sandberg, Mark Lambert, Dawn Howe. LaRae Black, Bruce Bushore, Clark Hawkins, Brad Carpenter, Geri Gamber, Lorraine Berryhill, Bruce Bushore, Linda Simmons, Jeremy Hoggard

Wilson Arch Special Service District - Scott Hacking came to talk about the development of the Wilson Arch Special Service District. He indicated that the development of the district on the east side of the hwy is complete and explained that the west side needs to be finished with the development process. Scott reviewed a letter from the state which explained requirements needed for Wilson Arch Special Service District to come in compliance. There was a discussion and comments were made on the subject by Phil Glaze, Kristina Sloan, and Patricia Kdsy, and

Randy Rarick - Landfill

Randy came to the commission to discuss the landfill, how it functions, and upcoming events that could affect how the landfill is run. He talked about making the Landfill a Special Service District and how that might function.

Mark Lambert - Monticello BLM Field Manager

Mark Lambert came to the commission to give some updates on scoping meetings, and the Bear Ears National Monument planning process along with how the BLM plans on coordinating with the county.

David Carpenter - SJC Recorder's Office

David came to talk about staffing for the Recorder's Office. He mentioned the decrease in staff and increase in workload. David also talked about promoting Fermina Keith due to the additional workload that she's taking on.

LaRae Black - Cemetery Districts

LaRae Black came to the commission to request that every cemetery have 2 people available to open a grave

SEUAOG - Weatherization Program Update

Geri, Brad, and Lorraine came to the commission to talk about the weatherization program. Brad talked about the weatherization program and described the requirements that need to be met in order to qualify. Lorraine explained the process that she goes through when she accepts an application to the program. It was also explained how the program provides a mechanism to help clients reduce energy costs.

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A motion to approve the minutes from February 20, 2018 was made by Commissioner Lyman and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Sheriff Eldredge - SJC Taskforce

Sheriff Eldredge presented a lease agreement for a taskforce vehicle. He explained that the lease is funded by a grant and needs to be signed by the Commission Chair. A motion to approve the lease was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

Linda Simmons - SJC EMS

Linda came to the commission to talk about a waiver offered from the State Bureau of EMS that would allow her to use a paramedic from Moab. The paramedic would be able to cover calls in the county which would increase services within the county. She explained that the waiver does need commission support. There was a motion by Commissioner Lyman to support the waiver. He was 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Clark Hawkins - SJC Road Department

Clark presented the commission with two procurement requests. The first was for a yard forklift. The company that he would like to buy from is Peak JCB out of SLC at a cost of \$39,000. Clark explained how it would be used and how it would help the LaSal landfill. A motion was made by Commissioner Benally to approve the request and was 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

Clark also requested a Plasma Cutter for the Monticello Shop. The low bid was from 4 Corners Welding in the amount of \$32,558.44. A motion to approve the request was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

Ben Musselman - SJC Public Works Director

Ben came to the commission to request a procurement to have Holliday Construction, who was the low bidder, do some gravel crushing. A motion to approve the request was made by Commissioner Lyman and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Ben also requested a capital expenditure to do a road project on the road going out to the Dude Ranch. He explained the project and talked about where the funds to cover the project would come from. A motion to approve the project was made by Commissioner Lyman and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Jerry McNeely - SJC Liaison

Jerry mentioned about a project in Blanding and presented a memo to the commissioners. He also attended a CJC (Children's Justice Court) meeting and gave the commissioners packets from the meeting to the commissioners. He also talked about the Christmas Box house which is a children's justice program. He attended a water board meeting where Ken's Lake was discussed. Jerry also attended a meeting for Natalie Randall on trails mix.

Jerry also met with SITLA about the tank site, well site, and easements before work gets started. He also updated the commission on the Forest Service and their projects and the BLM.

Walter Bird - SJC Personnel

Walter came to ratify hirings for several positions. There were 3 Senior Center positions available and he requested that those spots be given to Katy Wharton in the Monticello Center, Michelle Singer in the Blanding Center and, Isabella Bea Biggs in the LaSal Center. A motion to ratify the hirings was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

In the sheriff's office Walter gave the names of Sherry Sallee as a Jail Cook, Dakota Adams as a Dispatcher, and Isaac Boone as a Dispatcher. A motion to ratify those hirings was made by Commissioner Lyman and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Walter also explained that the Road Department would like to hire Guy Tracy as a Laborer/Light Equipment Operator in Monticello. A motion to approve that hire was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

Walter also requested that Scott Burton replace Greg Adams as the Deputy SJC Assessor and also be the Building Inspector and Subdivision Administrator. A motion to approve the hire was made by Commissioner Lyman and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Lastly, Walter presented a plat to be signed that was presented but not yet signed by the Planning Commission. He explained that the plat is of the wild ridge subdivision. A motion to sign the plat was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

Nick Sandberg - SJC Planning

Nick gave an update of the Forest Service Planning System and talked about the IDT meetings. He talked about what the PLIPCO IDT is doing in the planning process and talked about integration with the IDT and some other concerns.

Kelly Pehrson - SJC CAO

Kelly mentioned the need to declare monthly a state of emergency that the county is in a drought. A motion to approve the declaration was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly had Bruce Bushore come to talk about the purchase of new 911 equipment. Kelly talked about how the purchase of new equipment has happened in the past, but now that process may not work. He explained that the county would lease the equipment and get reimbursed by the state at a later date. Bruce explained that the county would be switching to a CenturyLink and Airbus for the 911 services and talked about the benefits of going with them. A motion to sign the lease was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

Commission Reports:

Commissioner Benally - Commissioner Benally attended the Bluff Trail meeting, legislative NACO conference, the state youth leadership day at the capital, aneth chapter & red mesa chapter meetings. She also met with Governor Herbert and Congressman John Curtis and mentioned mentioned that she

has filed to run for office again and will attend caucus and convention meetings and the FIRM meeting. Commissioner Benally will also attend the Navajo Revitalization meeting.

Commissioner Lyman - Commissioner Lyman met with Mitt Romney, attended the sportsman meeting, met with Governor Herbert & Congressman Curtis and attended the 7 county meeting. He also talked about confusion that the new precincts have created and mentioned that he filed for state legislature position held by Mike Noel.

Commissioner Adams - Commissioner Adams will attend an AOG meeting this Thursday

Motion to go into closed session was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 12:20