

San Juan County Commission Meeting
July 7, 2020
Agenda

Present: Kenneth Maryboy - Commission Chair
Willie Grayeyes - Commission Vice Chair (via Google Hangouts)
Bruce Adams - Commissioner
Mack McDonald - Administrator
John David Nielson - Clerk

Attendees (via Google Hangouts): TJ Adair, Trae Bushore, Tammy Gallegos, Nick Sandberg, Scott Burton

1. Invocation
2. **Public Comment - Public comments will be accepted through the following google meet link. <https://meet.google.com/iaz-hgwg-mzf> or join by phone +1 971-245-2675 (PIN:681 362 909#). There will be a three minute time limit for each person wishing to comment. If you exceed the three minute time limit the meeting controller may mute your line.**

Mack read the agenda into the record. A motion to accept the agenda was made by Commissioner Adams with the suggestion to add Commission Reports. Commissioner Grayeyes 2nd the motion. Voting in favor was unanimous.

Public Comments -

Amanda Podmore - Amanda expressed concern over the 2020 BLM Oil and Gas lease sales. She requested that the commission not approve a letter to the BLM without making changes to the letter. She also requested that the county ask the BLM to defer the Oil and Gas Lease sale until the national health emergency has lessened and the market has rebounded. She also asked the county to hire an archeologist to do a study on the parcels in the sale.

3. **Consent Agenda (Routine Matters) - Mack McDonald, SJC Administrator**
 - a. Meeting Minutes
 - b. Check Registers
 - c. Summer Food Service Program - San Juan Amendment 2 with the Utah Department of Health
 - d. Public Health Department Vehicle Purchase from Ken Garff for a San Juan County Public Health Department Vehicle
 - e. Application and Contract for a \$11,000 Library grant from the Department of Heritage and Arts for the San Juan Library CARES project for digital inclusion projects for digital connectivity at Montezuma Creek and Bluff and to improve WIFI.
 - f. Cal Black Memorial Airport R/W 1/19 Rehab Construction Phase IFE with Airport IFE Services, Inc.

Mack read through and reviewed the consent agenda. Commissioner Grayeyes requested some changes to the meeting minutes. A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Commissioner Grayeyes and 2nd by Commissioner Adams. Voting in favor was unanimous.

4. Recognitions, Presentations and Informational Items

- a. Recapture and McElmo Bridge Project Updates - TJ Adair, SJC Public Works Director

TJ updated the commission on the bridge projects. He explained that both bridge project plans are up for final review from UDOT. He explained that after a review of UDOT and a comment period, bids would be accepted to complete both projects. TJ also talked about a constraint on the McElmo Bridge project stating that access to the river is only allowed between October through February.

Commissioner Grayeyes asked for the location of the McElmo bridge. TJ explained that the bridge is east of Montezuma Creek and that work done on the bridge is allowed from October through February due to the small amount of water in the river at that time.

Mack McDonald informed the commission that UDOT stated that there might not be enough money to complete the projects and that the county may need to come up with additional funds to complete the projects.

TJ also informed the commission that the bridge at Mexican Hat is being worked on by UDOT which will cause closers and delays. A motion to accept the report was made by Commissioner Grayeyes and 2nd by Commissioner Adams. Voting in favor was unanimous.

5. Business/Action

- a. Stellar Arch Name Proposal - Mack McDonald, SJC Administrator

Mack explained that the arch was given the name Stellar Arch by a hiker from Colorado who claims to have discovered the arch and the reasons for proposing the name Stellar Arch. Mack stated that the US Board of Geological Names is requesting from the county a response to keep the proposed name, reject the proposed name, or suggest a new name. Commissioner Grayeyes stated that he has reached out to the Navajo community for name suggestions, but had received no response. He then contacted the requestor to discuss the name. After some discussion with the requestor, Commissioner Grayeyes motioned that the county should suggest that the new name for the arch should be Tse Niz'oni-Stella. Commissioner Adams 2nd the motion. Voting in favor was unanimous.

- b. Nex Vortex Managed SIP Trunking Contract for Consideration - Trae Bushore, SJC IT Manager

Trae explained that he has found a phone service provider able to service the county's phone system at a cost of \$600 - \$700 per month instead of the \$11,000 a month that is paid to Frontier. A motion to approve the contract was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Grayeyes. Voting in favor was unanimous.

- c. Caregiver Program Contracts to Purchase Home Health Services with the following Care Providers: Rocky Mountain Home Health, Zions Way, Home Watch Caregivers and Comfort At Home Care - Tammy Gallegos, SJC Aging Director

Tammy requested that the commission approve contract renewals with the four (4) Home Health Providers allowing the providers to provide in-home care for seniors. A motion to approve the contracts for the Caregiver Program was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Grayeyes. Voting in favor was unanimous.

- d. Alternatives Program Contracts to Purchase Home Health Services With the following Care Providers: Rocky Mountain Home Health, Zions Way, Home Watch Caregivers and Comfort At Home Care - Tammy Gallegos, SJC Aging Director

Tammy explained that the contract for the Alternatives Program is the same contract as the Caregivers Contract. A motion to approve the contract was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Grayeyes. Voting in favor was unanimous.

Commissioner Maryboy asked Tammy to write a letter to the state asking them to look into COVID outbreak situation at a care facility in the county.

- e. State of Utah Department of Human Services Pass Through Agreement for Services Provided by an Area Agency on Aging - Tammy Gallegos, SJC Aging Director

Tammy explained that the renewed Aging contract with the state of Utah allows the county to provide services to seniors within the county. A motion to approve the agreement was made by Commissioner Adams. Commissioner Grayeyes 2nd the motion. Voting in favor was unanimous.

- f. Cal Black Memorial Airport U96 \$150,000 of Entitlement Funds Transfer Agreement to Logan Airport - Mack McDonald, SJC Administrator

Mack suggested that the county transfer \$150,000 of entitlement funds to the Logan Airport for the year 2020. Logan airport would then transfer the funds back to the county in 2021. A motion to accept the funds transfer was made by Commissioner and 2nd by Commissioner . Voting in favor was unanimous.

- g. Lee's Smokin' Hot BBQ Beer License Consideration - John David Nielson, SJC Clerk

John David presented a new beer license to the commission for approval. He explained that the applicant had submitted all necessary documents needed for approval of the license and that Sheriff Torgerson had investigated the location of the establishment, which was close to Blanding City limits, and was ok with the approval of the beer license. A motion to approve the beer license was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Grayeyes. Voting in favor was unanimous.

h. Department of Human Services SSBG Grant Renewal - John David Nielson, SJC Clerk

John David presented a contract renewal for the SSBG grant. He explained that the grant helps supplement the Aging program and San Juan Counseling by reimbursing them for services provided. John David explained that the amount that could be requested for reimbursement this year was \$38,635. A motion to approve the contract was made by Commissioner Grayeyes and 2nd by Commissioner Adams. Voting in favor was unanimous.

i. September 2020 Oil and Gas Lease Sale for Commission consideration - Nick Sandberg, SJC Planning

Nick proposed for consideration a summary sheet of Oil and Gas leasing throughout the state. He explained that parcels to be leased in San Juan County were located in the Hatch Point, Flat Iron and Kane Creek areas. Nick stated that all leasing would be in accordance with the Moab 2008 Resource Management Plan and the 2016 Moab Master Leasing Plan. Nick also said that the BLM can modify activity by lessees and explained that there is an agreement in the lease agreement which states that the BLM can reject any development if cultural sites are located on the lease sites.

A motion for discussion was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Grayeyes. Commissioners asked if cultural sensitive studies were done in-house by the BLM. Nick confirmed that the BLM did do the studies and also explained that the BLM stated that there would be no cultural impact to the ground and how they came to that conclusion. Commissioner Adams explained that the leasing of the parcels themselves is only a transaction which would bring money to the state and the county and would have no impact on the ground. Voting in favor was Commissioner Adams. Voting against the letter were Commissioners Grayeyes and Maryboy.

j. COVID FFCRA FLMA Leave and CARES Act Funding Distribution - Mack McDonald, SJC Administrator 1:12:12

Mack talked about the CARES Act funds anticipated to be received by the county was \$729,365. He explained that the cities of Monticello, Blanding, and Bluff each received their own allocation. Mack suggested that the funds be used as follows:

- \$45,000 - Administrative costs to hire additional staff for the grant distribution
- \$17,405 - For lost wages due to FMLA and quarantine employees
- \$92,683 - Communication costs to allow the county to communicate better with EMS, Fire, Sheriff, and First Responders.
- \$37,683 - upgrade the 911 system
- Website upgrade to be able to communicate to citizens
- \$40,000 - Senior Center meals
- \$40,000 - Emergency Management
- \$109,365 - for a CAD system to allow for a remote license
- Upgrade the phone systems and Commission Chamber technology
- Department Heads and Commissioner laptops
- \$15,000 - for Substance Abuse and Mental Health for an outside interview space

- \$6,000 - to help keep library services in Navajo Mountain and Montezuma Creek
- \$40,000 - to allow the Jail to do a feasibility study
- \$20,000 - Jail remodel
- \$250,000 - to be used for grants for businesses in the county
- Additional funds the the Ute and Navajo chapters
 - Ute Tribe - \$5,000
 - Aneth Chapter - \$10,000
 - Red Mesa Chapter - \$10,000
 - Mexican Water - \$10,000
 - Oljato Chapter - \$10,000
 - Navajo Mountain Chapter - \$10,000
 - Tec Nos Pos Chapter - \$5,000
 - Dennehotso Chapter - \$5,000
- \$8,910 - to be kept in reserves

Mack stated that if modifications needed to be made to the allocations, those modifications would be brought back to the commission for approval. Commissioner Grayeyes asked if the funds could be used to cover shortfalls in the budget. Mack stated that the county would not be able to use CARES Act funds for the shortfalls.

Voting in favor of the funding distribution proposals was unanimous.

k. Subdivision for Approval - Scott Burton, SJC Building Department

i. Sunset Meadows Subdivision

Scott explained that the Sunset Meadows Subdivision is south of Blanding off Browns Canyon Road. He explained that the subdivision had been approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission. A motion to approve the Sunset Meadows Subdivision was made by Commissioner Grayeyes and 2nd by Commissioner Adams. Voting in favor was unanimous.

l. County Response Letter requesting the denial for the Energy Fuels Resources (USA) Inc.: Amendment #10 of the 11e.(2) Byproduct License No. UT100479 and Modification to Groundwater Quality Discharge Permit No. UGW370004 to the DEQ, Division of Waste Management and Radiation Control - Mack McDonald, SJC Administrator

Mack explained that Energy Fuels is requesting to import additional alternative material and amend their current permits. The proposed letter is requesting denial of Energy Fuels requests as well as amendments and modifications to their licenses. The letter also explained that there would be long term effects, a long delay in the cleanup of contaminated ponds and other areas from mill tailings, and the contamination would affect both human and animal life. A motion to send the letter was made by Commissioner Grayeyes. The item died after there was no second to the motion.

After the commission reports a motion to recall item L was made by Commissioner Grayeyes and 2nd by Commissioner Maryboy. Voting in favor of the recall were Commissioners Grayeyes and Marboy.

A motion to approve sending the letter was made by Commissioner Grayeyes and 2nd by Commissioner Maryboy. Voting in favor were Commissioners Maryboy and Grayeyes. Voting against the motion was Commissioner Adams.

6. Commission Report

Commissioner Adams - Commissioner Adams reported that he will attend virtual meetings with the Community Impact Board and UAC.

Commissioner Grayeyes - Commissioner Grayeyes reported that a Navajo Revitalization meeting has been postponed. On Wednesday there will be a shipment of food assistance coming to the Navajo Mountain Chapter. On Friday he will attend the 7 county coalition meeting. He also reported that he will attend a Navtive American Leadership meeting on July 16th with attendees from around the country.

Commissioner Maryboy - Commissioner Maryboy reported on a COVID related death and attended a funeral.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Grayeyes. Voting in favor was unanimous.
Meeting adjourned at 12:48 p.m.