

**San Juan County Commission Meeting**  
**May 19, 2020**  
**Agenda**

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

**Attendees (via Google Hangouts):** Tammy Gallegos, Kirk Benge, Nick Sandberg, Ted Neff, Jason Torgerson, Clark Hawkins, Natalie Randall

**1. Consent Agenda (Routine Matters) - Mack McDonald, SJC Administrator**

- a. Meeting Minutes
- b. Check Registers
- c. Small Purchase Report
  - i. Ratify a low dollar grant contract under \$2,294 for Library Services and Technology Act funds through the Department of Heritage and Arts, State Library Division for technical support, digital inclusion and efforts to prepare, prevent and respond to COVID-19
- d. Public Health emergency and Healthcare Preparedness Programs - San Juan FY20 Amendment 1 with the Utah Department of Health
- e. TB Prevention and Control Amendment 1
- f. State of Utah Department of Human Services Contract #160336 Amendment #11

Mack read through and reviewed the consent agenda items with the commissioners. A motion to accept the consent agenda and items for approval was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Maryboy. Voting in favor was unanimous.

**2. Recognitions, Presentations and Informational Items**

- a. Introduction and Forest Service Regional Update - Ted Neff, Deputy District Ranger for the Forest Service

Ted, the new deputy district ranger for Moab & Monticello, updated the commission on his position, background, and what his job in San Juan County looks like. He talked about campgrounds, group use sites, and permits and how they are being used during the current COVID-19 pandemic. He explained that the Forest Service is staying cautious to help keep campers and visitors safe and will reopen sites depending on the State of Utah's risk level. Ted also explained that people can look for updates on the Forest Service's website and Facebook page.

b. Thank You Letter for Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus Donation from Ogden City - David Gallegos, SJC Fire

David was on a fire call. Mack McDonald, SJC Administrator, explained that the City of Ogden had donated self-contained breathing apparatuses to San Juan County which replaced older apparatuses at the Montezuma Creek Fire Station. He requested that the county send a Thank You letter for their donation. A motion to send the Thank You letter was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Grayeyes. Voting in favor was unanimous.

c. Monticello Sheriff Patrol and Policing Discussion - Jason Torgerson, SJC Sheriff

Sheriff Torgerson discussed with the commission the idea of taking on the responsibility of policing the City of Monticello via a contract due to the depletion of the police force in Monticello. He said that there have been some discussions about logistics and finances in possibly making the situation work. Commissioner Adams asked how the county would work the new officers into the work schedule. He also questioned why the county would want to take on the extra work and if it would set a precedent for the other cities in the county. Sheriff Torgerson explained that the other municipalities in the county would monitor how the county handles the situation. Mack explained that it would be a good idea to have a decision made before the City of Monticello finalizes their 2020-2021 fiscal year budget and before the current City Manager steps down. Commissioner Adams expressed his concern that this might not be the thing for the county to do. Commissioner Grayeyes asked if it were possible to seek grant funding to help with a transition. Sheriff Torgerson explained that grants would only be temporary and would not be able to sustain the transition long-term. Mack explained that a transition to the county would be helpful to them because of their smaller police force and the burden of being down an officer would have on the other officers. Commissioner Adams asked if there would be any conflicts by bringing over an officer who would be higher paid than other other staff members. After further discussion it was decided to have more meetings with the city to discuss the financial side and expectations of the transition. Commissioner Adams stated that he would like to attend. A motion to continue discussions with the City of Monticello regarding the possible transition of the police force to the county was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Grayeyes. Voting in favor was unanimous.

d. UT Federal Lands Access Program 73(2) La Sal Mountain Loop Road Project Award Discussion

Mack explained that the county had applied to UDOT to add onto the La Sal Mountain Loop Road Project. UDOT accepted the application allowing the county to continue the entire loop. He explained that the county needed to provide \$473,900 to the project or approximately 7% of the project cost. Mack said that if the county wanted the additional funding to complete the project, they would need to fund the entire \$7 million project upfront and receive a reimbursement in 2023 from the federal government if the Federal Lands Access funding program is still available in 2023. He suggested waiting on the project until 2023 to make sure that the funding program is still around and could be funded. A motion to fund the county's portion of the project and wait until funds are available for the rest of the project was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Grayeyes. Voting in favor was unanimous.

e. Letter Requesting Special Stimulus Support Funding for Gateway Communities  
Mack presented a letter that would be sent out to the county's congressional representative requesting special stimulus funds to communities who rely heavily on tourism and have been affected by the pandemic. Commissioner Grayeyes suggested making a resolution to request the stimulus funds. A motion to approve sending the letter was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Grayeyes. Voting in favor was unanimous.

### **3. Business/Action**

- a. A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SAN JUAN COUNTY COMMISSION GRANTING AUTHORITY TO THE COUNTY ASSESSOR TO WAIVE PERSONAL PROPERTY FILING PENALTIES AND INTEREST - Mack  
McDonald, SJC Administrator

Mack presented a resolution granting authority to the county assessor to waive penalties and interest on personal property and also to push out the due date deadline. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Grayeyes. Voting in favor was unanimous.

- b. AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF SAN JUAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ESTABLISHING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE LICENSING AND OPERATION OF BUSINESSES WITHIN SAN JUAN COUNTY - Natalie Randall,  
SJC Economic Development and Visitor Services

Natalie discussed with the commission a proposed business license ordinance. She reviewed the ordinance with the commission and stated that it is similar to the proposed business license ordinance of 2019, but has been adjusted after input from the commission and the public. Some of the changes made included waiving the application fee due to COVID-19, no additional license required for businesses within the county that already have a license, and no license required for the sale of agricultural items. Commissioner Grayeyes asked if the proposed business license would affect road-side businesses on the Navajo Reservation. Natalie stated that the proposed ordinance would not be enforceable on the Navajo Reservation. Mack also explained that the proposed business license doesn't apply to home businesses. A motion to accept the ordinance was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Grayeyes. Voting in favor was unanimous.

- c. SITLA easement application for the documents on the D2104 Extension - Nick Sandberg, SJC Planning

Nick discussed using county easements that the county has to provide safer routes for the public using OHV to Mull Canyon and Texas Flat areas. Commissioner Adams explained that he had traveled the routes and agreed that having safer routes for the public would be a good idea. A motion to approve the application to SITLA was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Maryboy. Voting in favor was unanimous.

d. Tangren Lane Extension Authorization and Approval for the Spanish Valley Road  
Chip Seal Project - Clark Hawkins, SJC Road Department

Clark came to the commission seeking approval for the county to participate with the subdivision to bring the Tangren Lane road back to D-road standards. The county would then accept the road into its inventory and be able to chip seal the road. A motion to approve the request was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Maryboy. Voting in favor was unanimous.

Commissioner Adams asked Clark to have someone from the county be available to water the road to suppress the dust on the Tangren Lane road until the chip sealing can take place. Clark stated that manpower is short, but that he will make efforts to water the road and keep the dust down. Mack explained that the county could possibly contract that work out.

**Commission Reports -**

**Commissioner Adams** - Commissioner Adams suggested that the county send a letter to the State of Utah as a thank you for the \$180,000 in helping the county with legal costs. He also explained that the county received a \$400,000 grant approval to help with maintenance at the Cal Black Airport and that Senator Romney's office should be thanked for the work done on the grant.

**Commissioner Grayeyes** - Commissioner Grayeyes was unable to provide a report

**Commissioner Maryboy** - Commissioner Maryboy had nothing to report