

**San Juan County Commission Meeting**  
**May 5, 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):** Monte Perkins, Tammy Gallegos, Kendall Laws, Kirk Benge, Nick Sandberg, Amber Johnson, 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 Renewal of Utah Association of Local Health Departments
  - ii. Ratify a low dollar grant contract under \$5,000 for Library Services and Technology Act funds through the Department of Heritage and Arts, State Library Division for the San Juan County Blanding Branch
  - iii. Ratify a low dollar grant contract under \$3,000 for the Library Services and Technology Act funds through the Department of Heritage and Arts, State Library Division for 2020 Children and Teen Book Enhancement mini grants for San Juan County Blanding Branch
  - iv. Ratify a low dollar grant contract under \$1,000 for Library Services and Technology Act funds through the Department of Heritage and Arts, State Library Division for 2020 Summer Reading Program
  - v. Ratify a low dollar contract under \$400 for Library Services and Technology Acts funds through the Department of Heritage and Arts, State Library Division for WIFI Expansion to support COVID-19 Efforts
- d. Airport Liability Policy Renewal
- e. BIA Road Amendment
- f. San Juan County COVID-19 General Response Amendment #1

Mack reviewed the items on the consent agenda and briefly talked about each one. A motion to approve the agenda along with the consent agenda was made by Commissioner Grayeyes and 2nd by Commissioner Adams. Voting in favor was unanimous.

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

- a. Support Letter for the Rural Partnership Board Nomination for Natalie Randall, Economic Development & Visitor Services Director

Mack explained that Natalie had been nominated to sit on the Rural Partnership Board and that the board advise and recommend items of an economic development nature to the Governor's Office. Mack also said that the board represents rural Utah and also help approve grants through the state of Utah. Mack asked the commission to approve a letter of support for Natalie to sit on this board. A motion to approve the letter of support was made by Commissioner Grayeyes and 2nd by Commissioner Adams. Voting in favor was unanimous.

- b. UDAF COVID-19 Relief Grant Program to Utah agriculture operations that qualify  
Mack informed the commissioners of a UDAF COVID-19 Relief Grant Program meant to help those citizens and farmers who have been affected by the pandemic. He explained that an application for relief can be filed by 5:00 p.m. by May 15, 2020.

## **3. Business/Action**

- a. **Extension of the Emergency Declaration - Tammy Gallegos, SJC  
Emergency Manager**

Tammy requested that the commissioners renew the county's emergency declaration due to the COVID-19 pandemic. She explained that the county should renew this declaration each month until the county is no longer in an emergency situation. A motion to renew the Emergency Declaration was made by Commissioner Grayeyes and 2nd by Commissioner Adams. Voting in favor was unanimous.

- b. **LaSal Loop FLAT SITLA Easement - Clark Hawkins, SJC Road Department**

Clark Hawkins explained that the county had recently been approved for the lower portion of the LaSal Loop Road project which runs from Pack Creek to the Old Airport Road. Clark stated that new easements on the road will be filed for by the State of Utah so that the road project could be completed. A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Grayeyes. Voting in favor was unanimous.

- c. **Notice changing meeting location for the May 19th Commission Meeting  
from the originally proposed Spanish Valley location to an online electronic  
meeting - Mack McDonald, SJC Administrator**

Mack explained that a public notice will be going out that changes the Special Meeting in Spanish Valley on May 19th to an Electronic Commission Meeting at the county administration building in Monticello. He also explained that one of the meetings in July is scheduled to be held in Aneth. Mack explained that as of right now that meeting will still go forward unless current conditions with the pandemic do not change.

**d. Contract with Blue Mountain Horsehead Inn to provide Emergency Isolation or Quarantine Services during the COVID-19 Period - Kirk Bengé, SJC Public Health Director**

Kirk explained that in an effort to be prepared for potential scenarios related to the pandemic and after communicating with the Utah Department of Health several sites were looked at within the county where individuals could be quarantined, if needed. Kirk said that the Horeshead Inn in Monticello made a reasonable offer to allow Public Health to use four rooms, if needed, to house quarantined individuals. He also stated that meals, toiletries, and clean bedding would be provided should the rooms be needed. Kirk presented a contract for approval that would secure the rooms at a rate of \$150 per night only on nights when the rooms would be used. A motion to approve the contract was made by Commissioner Grayeyes and 2nd by Commissioner Adams. Voting in favor was unanimous.

**e. AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE FORMATION, RULES, PROCEDURES, AND BYLAWS FOR THE SAN JUAN COUNTY LOCAL HOMELESS COORDINATING COMMITTEE - Mack McDonald, SJC Administrator**

Mack presented a proposed ordinance for approval which addressed the formation of a SJC Local Homeless Coordinating Committee. He explained that Homeless Coordinating Committees from around the state meet, via a phone call, with the state to discuss needs around the state and ways that individuals could be helped. Mack stated that during these meetings, it was noticed that San Juan County did not have a Homeless Coordinating Committee and so the county was urged to create a committee. Mack also stated that he reached out to the municipalities and health care to find out if there were any individuals in the county that are reporting as homeless. A motion to approve the ordinance was made by Commissioner Grayeyes and 2nd by Commissioner Adams. Voting in favor was unanimous.

**f. Cal Black Airport CARES Act Grant Sponsor Signature Report Form - Mack McDonald, SJC Administrator**

Mack reported on potentially receiving \$20,000 from the CARES Act for maintenance at the Cal Black Airport. He explained that several things at the airport need maintenance. To be able to receive the grant money Mack requested the commission chair's signature on the report form. A motion to approve the commission chair's signature on the report form was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Grayeyes. Voting in favor was unanimous.

**Commissioner Reports:**

**Commissioner Adams** - Commissioner Adams reported that he attends several electronic meetings each week including meetings with CIB, UCIP, and UAC. He also reported that the state legislature would be having another special session during the month of May and that the county received \$180,000 from the State of Utah as a request for assistance for legal funds from the Constitutional Defense Council. He explained that Lieutenant Governor Cox helped to secure those funds for the county.

**Commissioner Grayeyes** - Commissioner Grayeyes asked Mack McDonald about the School Bus Routes project on the Navajo Nation. Mack said that he requested that the State of Utah add those roads to the list of B-roads. Commissioner Grayeyes talked about a road between Oljato and Navajo Mountain and stated that no maintenance is being done on the road. He explained that he would like the road to be improved so that travel could be done quicker and safer. Commissioner Grayeyes also informed the commission that next week he will be helping with the delivery of food supplies. Commissioner Grayeyes also explained that items used for assistance with the pandemic are unloaded in Kayenta, AZ which makes it hard for citizens in Navajo Mountain. He would like to see the assistance taken directly to Navajo Mountain.

**Commissioner Maryboy** - Commissioner Maryboy stated that he has been working to help distribute food throughout the Navajo Nation.

A motion to accept the reports and adjourn was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Grayeyes. Voting in favor was unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 12:40