

**San Juan County Commission Meeting
Administration Building - Commission Room
Agenda
February 4, 2020**

Present: Kenneth Maryboy - Commission Chair
Willie Grayeyes - Commission Vice Chair
Bruce Adams - Commissioner
Mack McDonald - County Administrator
John David Nielson - Clerk

Attendees: Zac Podmore, John Young, Jason Torgerson, Amer Tumeah, Amanda Podmore, Ann Lepannen, Linda Sosa, Kirk Bengé, Tammy Gallegos, Jerry McNeely, Doug Allen, Pat Smith, Kate Groetzinger, Cheryl Bowers, Kim Henderson, Kyle Kimmerle, Jackie Warren, Linda Sosa

Tammy Gallegos - SJC Aging

Tammy requested the approval of the amended CSBG contract which provides \$19,000 a year to provide meals to individuals with access issues. Tammy also made a request to procure two vehicles used to keep food hot & cold as it is transported to the homes of the individuals served by the Aging program.

Walter Bird - SJC P & Z Director

Walter explained that the county Building Code needs to be updated to follow what the State of Utah recommends. He explained that the updated ordinance would allow for the county to automatically use updated state building codes as they are updated.

Mack explained that the building code was out of date and the amended building code ordinance brings the county in compliance with the correct building codes.

Kirk Bengé - SJC Public Health Director

Kirk presented 3 different contracts for amendment and renewal. The contracts are for STD Disease Intervention, HIV Prevention, and Parents as Teachers. Kirk discussed with the commission that Public Health had used the Family Spirit Model, which was proven to work in Navtive American households. In 2018 they changed their model to the Parents as Teachers models which was used by the State of Utah.

Mack McDonald -SJC Administrator

Mack presented a USU Extension contract for renewal. He explained the role of the USU extension and talked about how they serve the county.

Nick Sandberg - SJC Planning

Nick presented a letter of support for the development of a campground, short hiking trail, and a mountain bike trail system in Goosenecks State Park. Nick also included in the letter, a proposal

for a trail system connecting Mexican Hat and Goosenecks as well as hogans in the campground area. Nick also explained that the state parks, BLM, and the county have collaborated so far on the proposed project idea. He also stated that D-road 4704 is proposed to be closed in order to make it a hiking trail. There was also a small discussion on how the project would be funded.

Nick informed the commissioners that there are no new developments on the Forest Service Plan, but that a proposed schedule for a 60 day public comment period is scheduled to start March 9, 2020. During the period there would be open houses, with suggested sites for the open houses being in Moab, Monticello, Montezuma Creek, and Monument Valley. Nick also stated that the Bears Ears Monument plan document still has not been signed. Nick also discussed a letter, received by the county, which talks about revising grazing regulations by the BLM.

Commissioner Grayeyes discussed the possibility of water contamination caused by drilling. He stated that there is a concern from the citizens in and around Bluff. He questioned where citizens would get their water if there was contamination. He also stated that archeological sites could also be at risk.

Commissioner Adams explained that the BLM and drilling companies are mitigating the contamination risk by using steel and cement to encase the drilling hole.

Commissioner Grayeyes stated that if drilling was done on a fault line an earthquake could disrupt the mitigation work done by the BLM and drilling companies. He questioned if there had been any studies done to consider all contamination possibilities.

Commissioner Adams stated that such studies were being done.

Commissioner Maryboy explained that during the drilling process, chemicals are injected into the drilling site causing the contamination. He also stated that looking at studies before drilling would be the best option.

Mayor Leppanen explained that the BLM had already met with Bluff to discuss the topic.

Jerry McNeely - SJC Liaison

Jerry updated the commission on meetings that he attended. Meetings that he attended were the Spanish Valley Sewer and Water, Self-Help home meeting, AOG, SITLA, BLM, Forest Service, and SEUALG where road improvements in San Juan County were discussed.

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A motion to approve the January 21, 2020 meeting minutes was made by Commissioner Grayeyes and 2nd by Commissioner Adams. Voting in favor was unanimous.

Commissioner Adams asked to recall the discussion from the previous commission meeting regarding a letter of support from the West Mountain Irrigation Company. He explained that new information about a road being gated might require further discussion before a letter of support is sent out.

Citizen Comments:

Cheryl Bowers - Cheryl talked to the commission about the State Tax Referendum and requested that San Juan County finish verifying the signatures that were collected in the petition process. She also asked that commission to wait on sending an approval letter in support of the development of a campground and bike & hiking trail adjacent to Goosenecks State Park

Jackie Warren - Jackie informed the commission that the BSA plans on dissolving itself during the June 30, 2020 election

Doug Allen - Doug asked the commission to not close D-road 4704 so to allow more visitors to view Goosenecks.

Amanda Podmore - Amanda expressed concern about the quality of life being impacted by the degradation of the Bluff aquifer. She disagreed with a BLM assessment which said that communities near well sites would not be disproportionately affected. Amanda also stated that BLM did not analyze fracking with the proposed well sites. Finally, Amanda asked the commission to weigh in on a letter with regards to potential water contamination in the Bluff area.

Tammy Gallegos - SJC Aging Director

Tammy requested that the commission approve the CSBG contract that was discussed during the work session. A motion to approve the request was made by Commissioner Adams. Tammy also requested that she be able to purchase two hot-cold transport vehicles to help in the transport of food. She explained that the purchase would be made with county money, which was budgeted for and grant money. A motion to approve the procurement request was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Grayeyes. Voting in favor was unanimous.

Walter Bird - SJC

Walter requested a signature for the proposed building ordinance code that was discussed during the work session. A motion to approve and sign the ordinance was made by Commissioner Grayeyes and 2nd by Commissioner Adams. Voting was unanimous.

Scott Burton - SJC

Scott requested that the commission approve amendments to several subdivisions:

A - Crimson Cliffs Phase 1 - A motion to approve the amendment was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Grayeyes. Voting in favor were Commissioners Adams and Grayeyes. Commissioner Maryboy abstained.

B - Canyon Shadow Subdivision - A motion to approve the amendment was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Grayeyes. Voting in favor were Commissioners Adams and Grayeyes. Commissioner Maryboy abstained.

C - Legacy Fields Phase 1 - A motion to approve the amendment was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Grayeyes. Voting in favor was unanimous.

D - San Juan Estates Phase 5 Subdivision - A motion to approve the amendment was made by Commissioner Grayeyes and 2nd by Commissioner Adams. Voting in favor were Commissioners Adams and Grayeyes. Commissioner Maryboy abstained.

Kirk Benge - SJC Public Health Director

Kirk requested that the commission renew the contracts that were discussed during the work session. The STD Disease Intervention, HIV Prevention, and Parents as Teachers agreements. A motion to approve the contracts was made by Commissioner Grayeyes and 2nd by Commissioner Adams. Voting was unanimous.

Mack McDonald - SJC Administrator

Mack presented for renewal, the USU extension contract which was discussed during the work session. A motion to approve the contract was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Grayeyes. Voting was unanimous.

Nick Sandberg - SJC Planning

Nick requested that the commission approve the drafted letter of support for the Campground and Trail System in Goosenecks State Park. Mack McDonald read the draft letter into the record. A motion was made by Commissioner Adams to table the support letter until more

information can be obtained regarding the camping area and the road closure. Commissioner Grayeyes 2nd the motion. Voting in favor of tabling the letter of support was unanimous.

Commission Reports:

Commissioner Maryboy - Commissioner Maryboy talked about the meeting with President Nez. He also went on a field trip around the county to look at road conditions. He also attended the funeral of several community members.

Commissioner Grayeyes - Commissioner attended a meeting in Window Rock with President Nez regarding the proposed route between Oljato and Navajo Mountain. He also reported on road maintenance on the reservation and meetings in SLC with Senator Hinkins, Utah Trust Fund and the Navajo Revitalization.

Commissioner Adams - Commissioner Adams attended the Legislative session. This week he will attend a CIB meeting, the legislative session, and the Yellow Cake Caucus. Commissioner Adams also discussed a bill that could help bring power and water to the Westwater Community. He will also make a request to have the CDC reimburse the county for funds spent on RS2477

Alex Goble - SJC Attorney's Office

Alex provided annual training on the Open and Public Meetings Act. He explained by definition what is considered a public body and what is considered a public meeting. Alex also discussed when there is a quorum, notice requirements, and recording keeping of meetings. Alex also stated that the Open and Public Meetings Act does provide for emergency meetings to happen without the 24 hour notice. Alex reviewed the reasons why a closed meeting could take place. Common violations regarding closed meetings include: not taking a vote to go into the closed meeting, discussing items not covered under closed meetings, taking votes while in a closed session, and failure to provide adequate notice.

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