

San Juan County Commission Meeting
Administration Building - Commission Room
Agenda
November 5, 2019

Present: Kenneth Maryboy - Commission Chairman
Willie Grayeyes - Commission Vice Chairman
Bruce Adams - Commissioner
Mack McDonald - CAO
John Fellmeth - SJC IT

Attendees: Paige Wray, Kolton Michalek, Lynda Smirz, Kirk Nielson, Kirt McDaniel, Doug Allen, Ann K Leppanen, Patrick Baril, Susan Baril, Monette Clark, Sheila Canavan, Holly Sloan, Colby Smith, Amer Tumeh, Kim Henderson, Cheryl Bowers, Carolyn Dailey, Mark Shapiro, Marlene Huckabay, Hank Stevens, J Lowry, Phil Lyman, Harry C Minedy, Jeremy Redd

Paige Wray - USU Extension

Paige explained that USU Extension was able to fill a position for a 4H program coordinator. That position was filled by Kolton Michalek. He explained that his role is to increase awareness and participation within 4H. He explained that he plans on reaching out to schools to find out what needs are so that he can create a plan to increase 4H participation.

Kirk Nielson - Jvation

Kirk Nielson and Kirt McDaniel from Jvation came to the commission to discuss capital improvements to the Cal Black (Halls Crossing Airport). Kirk gave a history of the airport and explained which type of aircrafts are capable of using the airport. Kirk then explained that funds to improve airports come from federal and state funds and that other businesses have come in to provide funds and work in maintenancing airports. projects that are in place to improve the airport

Natalie Randall - SJC Economic Development

Natalie discussed with the commission the possibility of developing the Cal Black Airport by adding additional storage areas and hangers. She discussed that with the amount of traffic passing through the area, there might be opportunities for future development.

Walter Bird - SJC P&Z

Walter gave the commission a briefing on the proposed Spanish Valley ordinances. He talked about comments and discussions that took place at the recent Planning and Zoning meeting. Walter explained that there will be some changes made to the proposed ordinance maps so that the ordinances will be ready to be approved at the next commission meeting. He also explained that it was found that some zoning boundary lines were cutting through property lines and that those lines needed to be adjusted. Walter also stated that if the ordinances are not approved at

the next meeting then more work will need to be done until the Planning and Zoning Commission can pass the ordinance(s).

Tammy Gallegos - SJC Aging

Tammy came to talk to the commission about an amendment to her aging contract. She explained that certain areas in the contract will receive additional funding while others will receive a reduction of funds. Tammy explained that overall, the amount of funding will stay the same.

John Fellmeth - SJC IT

John came to the commission to discuss the county's health insurance. John explained that the county is self insured which means that the county pays all of the insurance claims and that health insurance is one of the biggest expenses to the county. He explained that health insurance costs fluctuates each year due to the number and type of claims and talked about stop loss insurance that the county has purchased. Due to a few claims over \$100,000 the stop loss premium has been increased from \$280,000 to \$290,000 with the county paying the first \$50,000 in claims over \$100,000.

John also talked about some adjustments to the plan allowing employees with chronic illnesses to take their medication without the medication being charged to the deductible.

Mack McDonald - SJC Administrator

Mack presented a request of funds from Y.E.S. (Youth Empowerment Services). The use of the funds would be to sponsor 3 events within San Juan County, a youth trail race in Navajo Mountain, a marathon in Monument Valley, and a Monument Valley ultra marathon.

Mack also informed the commission that the Eastern Utah Television and Technology Association would like San Juan County to participate as a board member of their association. Mack suggested that any of the commissioners could be on the board or appoint him to serve on that board.

Lastly, Mack presented a cooperative agreement with the Southeastern Utah Regional Transportation involving Grand County, City of Moab, San Juan County, UDOT, and SITLA. Mack stated that the agencies would like to put together a comprehensive travel plan in the Moab Spanish Valley area and that San Juan County's participation into the agreement would be \$5,000. There was a brief discussion about the amount of traffic and congestion going through southeast Utah.

Nick Sandberg - SJC Planning

Nick presented a draft letter which gives comments on the recent environmental study done by the BLM of the LaSal #2 well, near the Wilson Arch Community. He explained that BLM took into consideration comments and concerns for the study and that access to the site, lighting, and noise from drilling have been considered so as to mitigate the impacts of the drilling on the Wilson Arch Community.

Nick also informed the commission that he attended the Canyon Country Partnership Meeting and discussed some of the highlights of the meeting. He mentioned that Lance Porter, from the

BLM, is transferring to the Vernal area; the Bears Ears National Monument is still being considered in Washington D.C. Nick also explained that Deadhorse Point is a dark skies state park and that Goosenecks could soon become a dark skies state park. He also stated that the San Juan River is being considered in a plan with park services. Nick also discussed a canyon rim travel plan being worked on by the BLM. Regarding Utah Forestry and Fire Control, Nick informed the commission that Heber Heyder will be transferring to Washington County and that there will be an advertisement to replace him. He also said that Jason Johnson that the Pinion Imps Beetle, which disrupts the growth of pinion trees, may be coming back into the area. Nick also reported that UDOT has said that the ferry on Lake Powell is operational again, that blasting along hwy 191 south of the Hole in the Rock will likely go on until mid December. Nick also reminded the commission that Mike Diem has retired from the Forest Service and Brian Murdock that will be the acting Ranger. Nick also gave an update on the Shingle Mill project with the Forest Service.

Nick presented a map showing where there some unauthorized ATV trails near the San Juan River and River House and explained that the BLM brought that information to his attention. Nick also stated that the National Parks Service has rescinded its order that street legal ATVs would be allowed in Utah's National Parks. Nick explained that the Gunnison Sage Grouse recovery plan is out for review and that he will be making some comments on that plan for the commission to review.

Jerry McNeely - SJC Liaison

Jerry reported on meetings that he attended. He went to AOG, Self Help Home meeting, Grand Water and Sewer, and SITLA. Jerry also went on a field trip with Ben Musselman who was doing some blue staking for water and sewer in Spanish Valley. Jerry also attended the Planning & Zoning meeting and felt that it was a good, productive meeting. He also met with the BLM, the Forest Service, SITLA, and will attend meetings with the Children's Justice Board. There was also a discussion about the affect that a proposed clinic in Spanish Valley would have on the Grand County Hospital. Commissioner Adams explained that the clinic being considered in Spanish Valley is being proposed by San Juan County Health Care.

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Mack McDonald read the agenda into the record. A motion was made by Commissioner Adams to approve the agenda as read by Mack McDonald. Commissioner Grayeyes 2nd the motion. Voting was unanimous.

Citizen Comments -

Doug Allen - Doug stated that he felt that there was not much notice on the resolution to approve the Spanish Valley Aggregate and Hot Mix Plant. He explained that he felt that the current commission is pro environmental and anti business and make it harder for businesses to come into the county who would pay property taxes which shifts the burden to the citizens who do pay property taxes.

Sheila Canavan - Sheila explained that she submitted a letter regarding some concerns and that she supported the resolution regarding the Hot Mix Plant.

Monette Clark - Monette thanked the commission for their hard work and stated that she supports the ordinances drafted by Landmark Design. She felt that the drafts show that public concerns were listened too

Steve Pehrson - Steve asked the commission about the status of the roads and addressing on the southern part of the county. He expressed his frustration over the road conditions and the wear and tear on the school buses.

Hank Stevens - Hank spoke about a quadrilateral agreement that spoke on a buffer zone. He explained that the agreement restricts development within the buffer zone of which Monument Valley and Navajo Mountain are apart of.

Ben Musselman - Ben explained that opposition to the resolution regarding the Hot Mix Plant will increase costs in all aspects of road construction and materials.

Scot Flannery - Scot expressed concern about the approval of the resolution opposing the renewal of the Hot Mix Plant. He also stated that DEQ has evaluated project and that it meets applicable Utah Administrative Code.

Ryan Holyoak - Ryan stated that he opposes the passing of the Hot Mix Plant resolution and that it could be setting a precedent.

Larry Ellertson - Larry briefed the commission on Congressman Curtis' stance on the Impeachment process currently happening in Washington D.C. Larry also explained that Congressman Curtis is supporting a new farm bill which would help farmers as well as trying to bring fairness to the Taiwanese regarding trade. Larry also explained that Congressman Curtis would like to help resolve the issue with allowing off-road vehicles in the National Parks as well as being a co-sponsor to better healthcare rural citizens. Congressman Curtis is also supporting the broadband project which would take broadband into the southern part of the county. Larry also explained that the Congressman is sponsoring an act which simplifies outdoor recreation.

Phil Lyman - Phil updated the commission on the district that he serves and invited the commission to give input on the upcoming legislative session on a bill that covers under performing counties.

J Lowry Redd - J Lowry asked the commission to amend an ordinance in the Pack Creek area that has to do with fencing. He also expressed his desire to renew the Hot Mix Plant agreement. He also stated that the proposition on the ballot was vague and not easily understood.

Marlene Huckabay - Marlene spoke about dark skies and felt that the dark sky concept is misunderstood.

Mark Shapiro - Mark clarified the report on fires as a result of road work. He felt that heavy equipment operator should not have been doing road work on that particular day. Mark spoke about a disastrous situation was avoided due to quick thinking citizens.

Carolyn Dailey - Carolyn thanked Commissioner Grayeyes for touring Spanish Valley. She also spoke about the public hearing regarding the permit for the Hot Mix Plant and would like to see more temporary permits rather than permanent permits.

Resolutions

Mack McDonald read the following resolutions into the record

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONCERN AND OPPOSITION OF THE UTAH DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPROVE THE SPANISH VALLEY AGGREGATE AND HOT MIX ASPHALT PLANT WITHIN SAN JUAN COUNTY

A motion to establish discussion about the resolution was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Grayeyes. Voting was unanimous.

Commissioner Adams indicated that without competition, the cost to maintain roads in the county will go up and suggested that the commission support the asphalt plant and aggregate. Commissioner Grayeyes recommended that the resolution be changed so that hot mix asphalt not be used at the plant and that permits should not be on a permanent basis. Commissioner Grayeyes made a motion to modify the resolution as stated in earlier discussion. Commissioner Adams made a motion to create a new resolution modifying the resolution in its current form. After some discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Adams to reject the resolution. The motion dies for lack of a 2nd.

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND UPDATING THE REMAINING REGULARLY SCHEDULED COUNTY MEETINGS AND MEETING LOCATIONS FOR THE 2019 ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE PURSUANT TO SECTION 52-4-202 OF THE UTAH CODE, PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT DURING THE YEAR 2019, THE ANNUAL SCHEDULE OF THE BOARD OF SAN JUAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

A motion to approve the resolution as read and discussed was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Grayeyes. Voting was unanimous.

Mack McDonald - SJC Administrator

Mack discussed the possibility of donating money to meet the request from Y.E.S. to sponsor their events in Monument Valley and Navajo Mountain. A motion to appropriate \$500 to Y.E.S. was made by Commissioner Adams. The motion died for lack of a 2nd.

Nick Sandberg - SJC Planning

Nick requested that the commission send the drafted letter to the BLM in response to their environment study on the LaSal #2 well near the Wilson Arch community. A motion to allow the chair to sign the letter was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Grayeyes. Voting was unanimous.

Nick also requested that the commission sign the letters of appreciation to the federal partners. A motion to have Commissioner Grayeyes sign the letter was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Grayeyes. Voting was unanimous.

Greg Adams - SJC Assessor

Greg present and discussed several properties for adjustment within the county.

A motion to go into BOE was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Grayeyes. Voting was unanimous.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to accept the SJC Assessor's recommendations as previously discussed. Commissioner Grayeyes 2nd the motion. Voting was unanimous.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to come out of BOE. Commissioner Grayeyes 2nd the motion. Voting was unanimous.

Tammy Gallegos - SJC Aging

Tammy requested that the commission approve the amended contract which was presented during the Work Meeting. A motion to approve the amended contract was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Grayeyes. Voting was unanimous. Voting was unanimous.

Walter Bird - SJC Personnel

Walter presented several new hires for approval. Walter explained that the Economic Development department would like to hire a Communication Specialist. Stuart Smith was recommended for the position. Walter also said that the Sheriff's office is in need of 3 new dispatchers due to a promotion, termination, and retirement. Anthony Dayish, Jason Slade, and Kavika L Sue Sue were recommended. A motion to approve the hires was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Grayeyes. Voting was unanimous.

Natalie Randall - SJC Economic Development Director

Natalie presented a letter of support to have USU merge with the Dinosaur Museum in Blanding with the expectation that the museum would be turned into a USU museum in the future. A motion to approve the letter of support was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Grayeyes. Voting was unanimous.

John Fellmeth - SJC IT

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the renewal increase for the county health insurance program. Commissioner Grayeyes 2nd the motion. Voting was unanimous.

Randy Rarick - SJC Landfill

Randy requested permission to purchase a John Deere Loader to meet the needs of the SJC Landfill. A motion to allow the Randy Rarick to purchase the Loader was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Grayeyes. Voting was unanimous.

Mack McDonald - SJC Administrator

A motion was made by Commissioner Adams to approve and execute the South Eastern Utah Regional Transportation Plan agreement as discussed in the Work Meeting. Commissioner Grayeyes 2nd the motion. Voting was unanimous.

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