

**San Juan County Commission Work Meeting
Arts & Events Center - Conference Room
576 W 200 S, Blanding, UT 84511**

Agenda

October 1, 2019

Present: Willie Grayeyes - Commission Vice Chairman
Bruce Adams - Commissioner
Mack McDonald - CAO
John David Nielson - Clerk

Absent: Kenneth Maryboy - Commission Chairman

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Tammy Gallegos - SJC Emergency Manager

Tammy introduced Alden Orme from State of Utah Division of Emergency Management. Alden provided the elected officials with an Emergency Management training on a system called National Incident Management System (NIMS).

David Ure - SITLA Executive Director

David briefed the commission on money the county and school districts receive from SITLA each year. He also gave a slideshow presentation and explained that SITLA functions to support public institutions by managing the use of trust lands given to the state by the federal government. A video presented explained that revenue to help public institutions is generated from Oil and Gas leases, grazing, telecommunication sites, renewable energy, land sales, and other commercial projects off of trust land sites. David also explained his role as the Executive Director of SITLA.

John David Nielson - SJC Clerk

John David reviewed with the commission the process that is followed when preparing the budget for the next calendar year. He explained how departments requests budgets and then after meeting with department heads and adjustments are made, the commission approves a finalized budget for the upcoming year.

John David also discussed a possible tax increase which would help certain county funds operate within a budgeted amount and mitigate decreasing fund balances. He explained that the library and public health have already requested that the county increase revenue for their funds

and that if a tax increase is going to be considered, there is a timeline schedule that needs to be followed.

Mack McDonald, the new county administrator, offered comments as to how funds in different accounts are spent and how fund balances are affected from year to year. Lastly, John David reviewed a schedule of tax increase amounts and the impact that it would have on the taxpayers of the county.

Mack McDonald - SJC CAO

Mack discussed with the commission the possibility of amending the county's General Plan. He explained that there have been a couple of requests to update the plan and discussed how the commission could proceed going forward to amend the plan.

Nick Sandberg - SJC Planning

Nick presented the county's draft comments regarding the Forest Service Plan. He explained that the county, as a cooperating agency, can make comments on the Forest Service draft plan. Nick reviewed the comments with the commission and provided maps to help in the understanding of draft comments.

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Joe B Lyman - Blanding City Mayor

Mayor Lyman welcomed the commission to Blanding and spoke to the commission about the uniqueness and diversity of Blanding along with the educational and healthcare opportunities for Native American people. He also thanked the commission for holding the commission meeting in Blanding.

A motion to approve the August 17th and August 24th commission meeting minutes was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Grayeyes. Voting was unanimous.

Citizen Comments -

Carolyn Dailey - Carolyn thanked the commission for passing the moratorium in Spanish Valley. She also disagreed with SITLA director David Ureon a number of things. Carolyn stated that there were no public hearings before the parcel of land was sold to Love's Truck Stop. She also stated that there were no competing bids and that the SJC commission did not approve the sale.

Kim Henderson - Kim invited the commission to a town hall meeting to be held in Blanding. She explained that all citizens are invited and encouraged to attend.

Patrick Baril - Patrick thanked the county administration for what they do for the citizens of the county. He also commented on how the right lighting can help create dark skies as well as tourism.

Monette Clark - Monette thanked the commission for having meetings around the county. She also talked about Landmark Design and their help in creating updated ordinances specific to Spanish Valley. Monette also explained that she would not like a Truck Stop in Spanish Valley and asked the commission to express that concern to SITLA.

Sheila Canavan - Sheila spoke about a performance audit of SITLA done by the State Auditor and stated that she was alarmed because the audit showed that revenues from trust lands do not contribute overall to the education in the state.

Amer Tumeh - Amer asked the commission to consider dissolving the interlocal agreement with the Town of Bluff. He explained that the planning and zoning process in Bluff is arbitrary and discriminatory. He stated that he's afraid that the money collected from TRT and taxes will be used to fight lawsuits instead of providing services.

Walter Bird - SJC Personnel

Walter requested that the commission hire Courtney Fennel at the Senior Center in Monticello and Colton Lee as a labor light equipment operator. A motion to approve the hiring recommendations was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Grayeyes. Voting was unanimous.

John David Nielson - SJC Clerk

John David asked that the commission table the request for property tax increases until the next meeting. Commissioner Adams asked to see a breakdown of the tax increases for the library and public health. A motion to table the property tax increase was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Grayeyes. Voting was unanimous.

Resolution

RESOLUTION OF APPOINTMENT OF A SAN JUAN COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE AND AN ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE UTAH COUNTIES INDEMNITY POOL ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING.

A motion to pass the resolution appointing Commissioner Adams as a san juan county representative with Commissioner Maryboy as the alternate was made by Commissioner Grayeyes and 2nd by Commissioner Adams. Voting was unanimous.

Mack McDonald - SJC CAO

Mack presented the names of Julie Sword, Travis Sumner and Joy Howell as the Mexican Hat SSD Board appointments. Mack explained that the Mexican Hat Board would oversee the culinary water and sewer system in Mexican Hat. Commissioner Adams pointed out that Danny Fleming is the certified operator of the system and suggested that the Mexican Hat Board

continue using him as the system operator. Travis requested to use some space in the Fire Building to allow for office work responsibilities of the Mexican Hat SSD. A motion was made by Commissioner Adams to approve the appointment of the Julie Sword, Travis Sumner, and Joy Howell as Mexican Hat SSD Board Members and to allow them to use the Fire Building for their board responsibilities. Commissioner Grayeyes 2nd the motion. Voting was unanimous.

Monty Perkins - SJC Maintenance

Monty stated that there are four windows along the north side of the Public Safety Building that need to be replaced. He mentioned that 3 bids came from Sun Glass from Farmington, New Mexico in the amount of \$3472, Cortez Glass from Cortez, Colorado in the amount of \$2898, and Rick's Glass from Moab in the amount of \$2660. Monty requested to use Rick's Glass. Preferred bid is with Rick's Glass. A motion to use Rick's Glass to replace the windows at the Public Safety building was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Grayeyes. Voting was unanimous.

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