

**San Juan County Commission Meeting
Administration Building - Commission Room
Agenda
September 17, 2019**

Present: Kenneth Maryboy - Commission Chairman
Willie Grayeyes - Commission Vice Chairman
Bruce Adams - Commissioner
David Everitt - CAO
John David Nielson - Clerk

Attendees: Pat Smith, Bob Turri, Ben Musselman, Ann Lepanenan, Linda Sosa, Amer Tumeh, Monty Perkins, Kendall Laws, Zac Podmore, Kate Groetzinger,Carolynn Dailey, Cheryl Bowers, Jerry McNeely, Kari Deeter, Lee Bennett, Susan Smith, Walter Bird, Monette Clark, Nick Sandberg, Carl Holiday, Marlene Huckabay, Patrick Baril, Bill Love

Pat Smith - SJC Library

Pat came to the commission to talk about a possible increase in tax revenue for the library. She explained how the library uses the revenue. Pat also presented a worksheet giving a history of revenue and expenditures.

Ben Musselman - SJC Public Works

Ben came to discuss an agreement between SJC and NDOT regarding repairs made to McElmo Creek Bridge.

Ben also discussed an amendment to an agreement between SJC and the Forest Service to make emergency repairs to roads north of Blanding. Ben explained that the repairs were needed do to vehicles causing road damage

Walter Bird - SJC Planning & Zoning

Walter presented 3 letters of interest from citizens to fill a vacancy on the planning and zoning board. He stated that the vacancy is in the Bluff area and that one of the letters of interest is from a Bluff resident. There was a brief discussion on open board positions and filling expiring positions.

David Everitt - SJC CAO

David held a discussion on planning issues in Spanish Valley. He talked about nuances and the uniqueness of the area and the need for an advisory committee. Ordinances and zoning and property development were discussed. Commissioner Adams briefly discussed the role of the Planning and Zoning Commission and talked about the reason, in his opinion, why the need for an advisory committee has been brought up. Commissioner Adams also talked about working with Landmark Design and ordinances created that are specific to the Spanish Valley area.

Monty Perkins - SJC Maintenance

Monty came to discuss purchasing large storage containers to put excess office equipment from different facilities as buildings are being upgraded. He explained why there is excessive equipment and what he's trying to do to sell it. Monty also talked about doing maintenance on the roofs at the public safety building and the county administration building. He explained why there is an urgent need to do maintenance on the roofs. Monty talked about a proposed weed ordinance in Bluff.

Nick Sandberg - SJC Planning

Nick briefed the commission on a draft document regarding the review of the West Wide Energy Corridor, part of which runs through San Juan County. Nick explained that the corridor was designed for oil, gas, and electricity distribution facilities. He explained that the corridor was required by the Energy Policy Act of 2005 and as part of a settlement agreement that came about from litigation, there is a periodic review of the corridor, which is what he presented. Nick also talked about a draft of a land use plan by the Forest Service and stated that the Forest Service would like to come and discuss the draft with the commission. He also mentioned to the commissioners that 31 protests were filed on the proposed Bears Ears Plan and that the BLM is currently reviewing the protests. Nick informed the commission that the BLM and the Forest Service found no adverse effect on the Bears Ears plan. Nick also briefed the commissioners on the San Juan County ATV safari that took place last week.

Jerry McNeely - SJC Liaison

Jerry updated the commission on meetings that he attended. He attended the Grand County Water and Sewer. Also talked about road maintenance. He also had meetings with citizens on the Water and Sewer hookups. He met with SITLA, Forest Service, BLM, CCP meeting.

Commission Report -

Bruce Adams - Commissioner Adams gave a report on his trip to Washington D.C. He explained that NaCO set up the conference so that PILT could be talked about and to encourage congress to fully fund PILT. Commissioner stated that there is a formula used nationwide to determine how much PILT money is given throughout the country. Commissioner explained how much money county gets from PILT and SRS and how important that money is to the county's budget.

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

Citizen Comments -

Carolyn Dailey - Carolyn asked the commissioners to request to SITLA and to Love's that a truck stop not be built in Spanish Valley.

Monette Clark - Monette asked the county to take action against the sale of land to Love's Truck Stop. She also recommended that Linda Smirz be appointed to fill the vacancy on the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Marlene Huckabay - Marlene suggested that the land for the proposed Love's Truck Stop be used for solar panels instead the Truck Stop.

Bill Love - Bill stated that many of the decisions made by SITLA in Grand County have resulted in lawsuits costing the citizens of Grand County thousands of dollars

Patrick Baril - Patrick reviewed the proposed Landmark ordinance and commented that they had done a good job in creating the ordinance. He

Resolution -

David Everitt explained that a resolution postponing the public hearing of the Mexican Hat until October 15, 2019 is being proposed because the previous resolution contained an incorrect address for the public hearing scheduled for October 1, 2019

A RESOLUTION POSTPONING DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF WATER REVENUE AND REFUNDING BONDS AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION AND POSTING OF NOTICE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING AND NOTICE OF BONDS TO BE ISSUED..

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the resolution and move the public hearing from October 1st to October 15th.

Nick Sandberg - SJC Planning

Nick came to the commission seeking approval of the comments made by the county to federal agencies. He explained that the comments were in response to the review of the West Wide Energy Corridor which was discussed in the Work Meeting. A motion to approve the comments was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Grayeyes. Voting was unanimous.

Ben Musselman - SJC Public Works

Ben came to request that the county ratify the amendment to the road agreement with USFS. Ben also requested that the commission approve the agreement with NDOT to repair the McElmo Bridge. A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Grayeyes and 2nd by Commissioner Adams. Voting was unanimous.

Walter Bird - SJC Planning & Zoning

Walter proposed that the commission fill the vacancy of the Planning & Zoning Commission with Leann Shrank, a resident of Bluff, who had requested to be on the commission. A motion to appoint Leann Shrank was made by Commissioner Grayeyes and 2nd by Commissioner Adams. Voting was unanimous.

Linda Simmons - SJC EMS Director

Linda requested to travel out of state to Florida for herself and two employees to pick up 3 new ambulances. Linda stated that the request would cost about \$4500, but would save the county \$9000. Linda explained that the company would allow her to tour the facility and recommend adjustments to the ambulances before they leave the facility. A motion to approve the travel was made by Commissioner Grayeyes and 2nd by Commissioner Adams. Voting was unanimous.

John David Nielson - SJC Clerk

John David brought the recommendations of the BOE hearings to the commission for approval. He provided a copy of the recommendations to the commissioners for review. Commissioner Grayeyes asked that the format of the document on which the recommendations were put be updated to show the hearing officer's determination. A motion to approve the recommendations as proposed was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Grayeyes. Voting was unanimous.

John David also presented for approval, a new Beer License, submitted by Andrea Carlson to sell beer at her business, Junction Stop located at the LaSal junction of highway 161. A motion

to approve the beer license was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Grayeyes. Voting was unanimous.

Commission Reports -

Commissioner Grayeyes - Commissioner Grayeyes attended the Western Navajo Agency Council meeting. He talked about money needed for road maintenance. Later this week Commissioner Grayeyes will attend the 7 county coalition. He will also attend the Native Voting conference in SLC the week of Sept. 25-27. He will also attend an economic development meeting in Blanding and the special commission meeting in Monticello on the 23rd and 24th of September.

Commissioner Maryboy - Commissioner Maryboy attended several chapter meetings and mentioned that there was a request to put a centerline on the road from Montezuma Creek to Red Mesa. He will also attend a meeting where road issues will be discussed. He also attended a couple of weddings and will attend the Native American Voting Rights meeting in SLC.

Commissioner Adams - Commissioner Adams gave his report in the Commission Work meeting.

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