

**San Juan County Commission Work Meeting  
Commission Room, Administration Building  
117 South Main Street, Monticello, Utah  
Agenda  
August 6, 2019**

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

**Attendees:** Tara Benally, Ronnie Nieves, Larry Ellertson, Shanon Brooks, Julia Brooks, Cheryl Bowers, April Charley, Doug Allen, Kendall Laws, Ann Leppanen, Linda Sosa, Elisa Erla, Scoot Flannery, Wes Shook, Randy Rarick, Wendy Black, Jerry McNeely, Jeremy Redd, Mark Vlastic, Monte Perkins, Ben Musselman, Nick Sandberg, Jason Torgerson, David Carpenter, Susan White, John ??, Hank Stevens, Jimmy Johnson, Amber Brooks, Andrew Palmer, Susan Smith, Anna Tom, Bill Love, Carolyn Dailey, Farley Crofts, Kate Groetzinger, Marilyn Holly, Jeff Mattson, Alicia Landmon-Reiner, Albey Reiner, Colby A Smith, Holly Swan, Linda Ellertson, Marlene Huckabay, Clark Abbey, Amanda Podmore, Raegan Jacobson, Weston Hyer, Olivia Merten, Anthea Ward, Greg Adams, Ashley Reynolds, Teresa Montoya

**Mark Vlastic - Landmark Design**

Mark came to the commission to give an update report on Landmark Design's project efforts now that the moratorium is now in place. Looking at current ordinances and meeting with citizens has been part of the process. He discussed key issues that were identified following a meeting with the Northern San Juan County Alliance along with proposed ordinances from Landmark Design and Northern San Juan County Alliance.

**Susan White - State of Utah**

Susan updated the commission on a project to close abandoned mine sites within San Juan County. She discussed how the process of closing the mines works and highlighted several sites that are being worked on and how the closure is taking place.

**Candace Bear - U.S Census**

Candace discussed the census, reasons why there is a census and the efforts made to work with local communities to provide an accurate census. She encouraged the commission to form a Complete Count Committee. Candace explained that a Complete Count Committee would help to give a more accurate census.

**Ronnie Nieves - Public Health**

Ronnie came to update the commission on mosquito concerns within the county. He explained what the Health Department is doing to mitigate the risk of mosquito problems. Ronnie also offered tips on how to help control any mosquito problems within your own homes and stated that the West Nile Virus has not been found in San Juan County.

**Randy Rarick - Landfill Manager**

Randy presented an overview of landfill operations to the commission. He mentioned that the landfill is operating above revenue projections and below anticipated expenditures. Randy also talked about the difficult process of closing cells and how expensive it is. He recommended a new process to close cells suggested using an outside contractor to complete the closure process.

**Ann Leppanen - Bluff Mayor**

Mayor Leppanen talked about the efforts of the Town of Bluff to transfer assets from the Bluff Service Area to the Town of Bluff. Part of the process is transferring a parcel that currently has a condition attached to the deed. Mayor Leppanen requested that the existing condition be removed with the transfer of the parcel to the Town of Bluff.

**Jason Torgerson - SJC Sheriff**

Sheriff Torgerson came to the commission to discuss the compensation issues with the Sheriff's Office. He gave some examples of how the lack of compensation as resulted in the departure of several county deputies and explained that compensation for county deputies is a statewide issue. Sheriff offered a couple of suggestions on how to help solve the problem.

**Kendall Laws - SJC Attorney**

Kendall explained to the commission that the contractor in charge of the sewer project in Spanish Valley has requested arbitration and that UCIP has been able to assign an attorney to work through the arbitration process. Kendall also updated the commission on litigation regarding centrally assessed values for Pacificorp

**Jerry McNeely - SJC Liaison**

Jerry briefed the commission on meetings attended where water and sewer was discussed. He also attended meetings on self help homes, AOG, SITLA, Forest Service, and BLM

**Nick Sandberg - SJC Planning**

Nick updated the commission on the proposed Bears Ears Monument Plan. He explained that the plan has been issued and there is a now a 30 day protest period. Nick also stated that along with the protest period there is a 60 day Governor's Review period.

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A motion to approve the July 2nd, 23rd, and 29th Commission and Special Meeting Minutes was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Grayeyes. Voting was unanimous.

**Citizen Comments:**

**Shanon Brooks** - Shanon invited the commissioners to an event hosted by Citizens of San Juan County located at Monticello High School. He expressed his concern over not being able to be added to the commission agenda so that citizen concerns could be expressed.

**Wendy Black** - Wendy asked for a status on the hiring of a new administrator and requested a cost analysis of the mobile meetings. She also asked that if her name comes up during any meetings that it be done with respect.

**Bill Love** - Bill asked the commission to do what they could to preserve Pack Creek.

**Carolyn Dailey** - Carolyn stated that she is pleased with Landmark Design for listening to the concerns of citizens living in the Spanish Valley area. She talked about the public meeting that was held the previous night and how the meeting went.

**A motion to convene the Local Building Authority was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Grayeyes. Voting was unanimous.**

#### **Public Hearing**

Ben Musselman explained that the project being considered that would be funded by the issuance of the bonds is the consolidation of the public works buildings from 3-5 buildings down to one building. Ben stated that the new building would be used as a public works shop, office, and warehouse. The vacated buildings would be transferred to Fire and EMS services.

#### **Public Comments -**

Shanon Brooks asked where the building would be located and what the total cost of the new building would be. Ben explained that the new building would be located on the lot behind the current office and maintenance building and that the cost of the project would be about \$1.8 million with about half of that being funded by CIB grant money.

**A motion to reconvene the San Juan County Commission Meeting was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Grayeyes. Voting was unanimous.**

**Land transfer from Bluff Service Area to the Town of Bluff** - A motion to transfer the requested property as discussed in the Work Meeting and remove the restrictions to the Town of Bluff was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Grayeyes. Voting was unanimous.

**Reappointment to Administrative Control Board of the San Juan County Health Service District** - A motion to reappoint Paul Sonderegger to the Administrative Control Board of the San Juan County Health Service District was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Grayeyes. Voting was unanimous.

**Tax penalty fee abatement** - Greg Adams explained that the State of Utah reappraised the RGJ Inc property value in Monument Valley. An appeal was filed to the state tax commission. Due to the appeal process, there is a request from the State of Utah and RGJ Inc that the San Juan County Commission abate the penalty and interest portion of the 2018 taxes. A motion to abate the penalty and interest portion of the 2018 taxes in the amount of \$16,829.68 for RGJ Inc was made by Commissioner Adams. Commissioner Grayeyes 2nd the motion with a statement that the county to provide road and public safety services to the RGJ area. Voting was unanimous.

**Yazzie Subdivision** - Walter Bird submitted a revised subdivision plat due to a plot being subdivided Mr. Yazzie to be able to build a home. A motion to allow the chairman to sign the revised plat was made by Commissioner Grayeyes and 2nd by Commissioner Adams. Voting was unanimous.

**New Hires** - Walter Bird presented the names of several individuals who he would recommend be hired to county positions. He recommended that Howard Todachinnie be approved to be the new Corrections Officer, Elsie Dee and Carl Holiday to be the new Election Liaisons, Michael Moulton with Sherline Watson as alternate as the new Director of Public Health Promotion, and Jay Sallee as the Senior Center Aide for Monticello and LaSal. A motion to approve and ratify the hirings was made by Commissioner Grayeyes and 2nd by Commissioner Adams. Voting was unanimous.

**Out of State Travel** - David Carpenter requested travel to a conference in Colorado Springs, CO. He explained that conference would be to receive training on industry changes regarding the recording of records. A motion to approve the travel was made by Commissioner Grayeyes and 2nd by Commissioner Adams. Voting was unanimous.

**David Everitt - SJC Administrator**

David reviewed with the commission open board positions, a UDOT study, and a reminder of the next commission meeting being in Bluff.

**Commission Reports -**

**Commissioner Adams** - Commissioner Adams will attend the San Juan County Fair this week. He will also attend the community impact board meeting in Salt Lake City. He will also attend a UCIP board meeting.

**Commissioner Grayeyes** - Commissioner Grayeyes went on a tour of Goosenecks. He also attended the special commission meeting, 7 county infrastructure meeting where a view of the proposed route from Piute Canyon was seen. Commissioner Grayeyes also attended the 50th annual gathering to commemorate the anniversary of the Navajo Mountain Community as well as doing a site tour of the proposed BLM oil and gas lease sites.

**Commissioner Maryboy** - Commissioner Maryboy met with the Navajo Nation President's staff to discuss roads, police issues, trust fund issues. He also attended a couple of funerals and will meet with the Town of Bluff. Next week Commissioner Maryboy will meet with David Hinkins.

A motion to go into executive session was made by Commissioner Adams.