

**San Juan County Work Meeting**  
**Monument Valley Welcome Center - Monument Valley, Utah**  
**Agenda**  
**July 2, 2019**

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

**Attendees:** Roy V Smith, Ben Musselman, Nick Sandberg, Brant Murray, Jackie Warren, Luanne Hook, Ann K Leppanen, Jonah Yellowman, Bob Helmes, Jim Sayers, Monica LaFont, Amanda Podmore, John Fellmeth, Shanon Brooks, Julia Brooks, Magga Benally, Steve Benally, Sarah Funman, Leroy Teeasyatoh, Alastair Bitsoi, Loha Guy, Samuel Fatt, Tammy Squires, Kee Stanley, Lorissa Jackson, Dalene Redhorse, Sally J, Darvina Smith, Albert Holiday, Doug Allen, Allen Parrish, Sam Dee, A Baca, Etta Begaye, Carol Tallus, Carolina Begaye, Gene Begay, Jimmie Chee, C Williams, Ruby Stevenson, Phillip Rentz, Melvin Chee, Sally Chee, James Parrish, Harve Holiday, Hellen, Sharon Cly-Stryker

**Natalie Randall - SJC Economic Development & Tourism**

Natalie talked to the commission about the Tourism side of her office. She explained where the funds come from that her office uses to promote Economic Development and Tourism and how those funds are used.

**David Everitt/John Fellmeth - Budget Briefing**

David gave a slideshow presentation and talked about the county budget. He also explained and discussed the different funds in the budget and how each is used by the county. He briefed the commission on tax rates and how the recent historical rates have affected the county's funds. David also explained that the commission can make the general fund healthy again by controlling expenses and/or increasing revenue and gave a few options on how to accomplish that.

**Ben Musselman - Roads Update**

Ben briefed the commission on a meeting with NDOT where road maintenance was discussed. Ben explained that NDOT is going to request a temporary right of way to the county so that maintenance could be done on the roads in the south end of the county. Ben explained that the request would need to be approved by BIA and that funding to do the maintenance would be requested from UDOT by asking for approval to allow the county to add those roads back into the road inventory. Commissioner Adams explained that he could get Senator Hinkins and Governor Herbert involved to help solve the road issue. Commissioner Grayeyes stated that information that could be used in a negotiation process should not be withheld, but brought forward.

**David Everitt - County Administrator Appointment Process**

David stated that there have been 12 applications for the County Administrator position. He explained that the process would begin to choose a new administrator.

**Nick Sandberg - Public Lands**

Nick informed the commission of a meeting with the Fish and Wildlife where the Gunnison Sage Grouse will be discussed. He invited the commission to the meeting

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A motion to approve the June 10, 2019 and June 18, 2019 was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Grayeyes. Voting was unanimous.

**Citizen Comments -**

**Wendy Black** - Wendy expressed her concern about the remoteness of the meetings and the ineffectiveness of the meetings. She also asked if the county sheriff has jurisdiction on the reservation and asked that a cost analysis be done on the meetings outside the county seat.

**Roy V Smith** - Roy expressed his concern over the community water supply system and talked about some of the problems with the water supply system. He asked why the tax dollars are not being used to update the system.

**Carol Tallis** - Carol suggested that there be some upgrades to the community water system.

**Luanne Hook** - Luanne talked about a new state program that will allow for Bluff to receive TRT money to be used for EMS services.

**Alastair Bitsoi** - Alastair invited the commissioners to the Utah Dine Bikeyah summer gathering.

**Lorraine Bigman** - Lorraine asked the commission about marketing plans for Monument Valley. She also explained that she would like to see a library in Monument Valley.

**Jonah Yellowman** - Jonah asked that the people responsible for harassing Utah Dine Bikeyah be civil and respectful towards them.

**Davina Smith** - Davina expressed gratitude in having the commission meetings in different locations where everyone can speak to the issues and be heard.

**Shanon Brooks** - Shanon requested that a translator be used to allow for everyone to be able to understand what is being talked about.

**Sam Dee** - Sam requested that youth recreation centers be made available in the Montezuma Creek and Monument Valley areas. He would also like to see more law enforcement in the area.

James Adakai, Oljato Chapter President - James welcomed everyone to Monument Valley and thanked the commission for holding the commission meeting at various locations around the county.

Bruce Adams, San Juan County Commissioner - Bruce expressed appreciation for being able to work with the citizens on improvement projects while he represented Monument Valley as their commissioner.

#### **Bruce Adams - SJC Commissioner**

Bruce mentioned that a Commissioner need be designated as the voting member of the commission during the NACo conference. Commissioner Maryboy asked if Commissioner Adams would be willing to be designated to be the voting member. Commissioner Grayeyes concurred with the decision.

#### **Nick Sandberg - SJC Planning**

Nick requested that the commission ratify the commission chairman's signature of the BLM letter that was signed at the previous commission meeting. A motion to ratify the chairman's signature was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Grayeyes. Voting was unanimous.

Nick also presented the county's draft comments on the Colorado River Comprehensive Management Plan and Mineral Leasing Plan. He showed the commissioners a map and explained the history of mineral rights in regards to certain sections of the river. Nick also explained how mineral leasing would work. A motion to have the commission chair sign the letter was made by Commissioner Adams. Commissioner Grayeyes 2nd the motion and asked . Voting was unanimous. There was a brief discussion about the length of the mineral leasing plan.

#### **Ben Musselman - SJC Public Works**

Ben requested that the commission chairman sign a cooperative agreement with Utah Parks and Recreation to allow for the county to install vault toilets at the Hook and Ladder Trailhead. Ben mentioned that the funds used to complete the task will be from a grant and the San Juan County general fund. A motion to allow the commission chair to sign the agreement was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Grayeyes. Voting was unanimous.

#### **John David Nielson - SJC Clerk**

Requested that the commission ratify their decision to accept the state's recommended certified tax rates for the year 2019. A motion to ratify the commission's decision to accept the state's recommended certified tax rates was made by Commissioner Grayeyes and 2nd by Commissioner Adams. Voting was unanimous.

#### **David Everitt - CAO**

David presented 5 hirings to be ratified. The hired positions were for a road deputy, parks and rec laborer, landfill laborer noxious weed control, and a seasonal weed sprayer. A motion to ratify the hirings was made by Commissioner Grayeyes and 2nd by Commissioner Adams. Voting was unanimous.

#### **Tammy Squires - Mental Health**

Tammy requested that the county appoint Steve Jensen to the vacant Mental Health Board position. A motion to appoint Steve Jensen to the Mental Health Board was made by Commissioner Adams. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Grayeyes. Voting was unanimous.

#### **David Everitt - CAO**

David presented the Reimbursement Agreement between SITLA and the county specific to costs incurred during the ordinance creation process. A motion to have the chairman sign the agreement was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Grayeyes. Voting was unanimous.

#### **Commission Reports -**

**Commissioner Adams** - Commissioner Adams explained that he will attend CIB and NACo meetings in the next couple of weeks.

**Commissioner Grayeyes** - Commissioner Grayeyes attended the Natural Resources Summit, Navajo Mountain School Board meeting. Commissioner Grayeyes also attended the Red Mesa chapter meeting and will attend the 7 county coalition meeting in Price. Then he will attend the Navajo Chapter meeting and other meetings in Las Vegas. Commissioner Grayeyes will then attend the NACo conference. He then talked about the lack of money in the county general fund and how to resolve the problem.

**Commissioner Maryboy** - Commissioner Maryboy attended a road meeting and felt that it was a good meeting. He also talked about wanting to give the county law enforcement a pay raise.

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

A motion to move the public hearing date to August 6, 2019 was made by Commissioner Grayeyes and 2nd by Commissioner Adams. Voting was unanimous.

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

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Grayeyes.