

San Juan County Work Meeting
Hideout Community Center - Conference Room
Agenda
December 4, 2018

Present: Bruce Adams - Commission Chairman
Rebecca Benally - Commission Vice Chairman
Phil Lyman - Commissioner
Kelly Pehrson - CAO
John David Nielson - Clerk

Attendees: Ryan Collins, Bob Turri, Kirk Bengé, Nick Sandberg, Jerry McNeely, Tara Benally

John David Nielson - SJC Clerk

John David came to the commission to discuss two procurement requests. He explained why he would like to buy new election equipment and either purchase new accounting software or upgrade the current accounting software.

Kirk Bengé - Public Health Director

Kirk gave the commissioners a brief update on the medical cannabis bill that is being proposed. He explained some of the stipulations associated with the bill

Jerry McNeely - SJC Liaison

Jerry reported on the CIB meeting and Grand County Water and Sewer meeting. He also reported on his field trip with SITLA. Jerry mentioned that he has also been meeting with Planning and Zoning where zero landscaping has been talked about. He also reported on a meeting with Mike Diem from the Forest Service. He also met with the BLM.

Nick Sandberg - SJC Planning

Nick attended the Forest service interdisciplinary team meeting. He also talked about the comment period on draft documents that were out for review and mentioned that there were quite a few comments. Nick discussed some of the comments that related to San Juan County. Nick also discussed the Bears Ears management plan. He explained that there will be a phone call and meeting where cooperating agencies can discuss the plan

Kirk Bengé - SJC Public Health Director

Kirk briefed the commissioners on an ordinance that will be presented for approval during commission meeting. He explained why the ordinance had come about.

Kelly Pehrson - SJC CAO

Kelly discussed with the commission SITLA property that the county wants to purchase.

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A motion to approve the November 20, 2018 minutes was made by Commissioner Lyman and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Kirk Bengé - SJC Public Health Director

Kirk came to the commission seeking approval of an ordinance ratifying the creation of San Juan County Health Department and San Juan County Board of Health. Kirk explained that the ordinance was broken down into 3 sections. He explained each section and commented that the Public Health is being run as stated in the ordinance. A motion to approve the ordinance was made by Commissioner Lyman and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Ben Musselman - SJC Public Works Director

Ben came to the commission seeking a letter of support from San Juan County for UDOT for the project which UDOT is applying for grants. Ben gave a brief description of where the project would take place and the cost. A motion to have the commission chair sign the letter of support was made by Commissioner Lyman and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly Pehrson - SJC CAO

Kelly came to the commission with a request to purchase land from SITLA. He explained that the land to be purchased is 10 acres located in Spanish Valley. He suggested that the county purchase all 10 acres in the amount \$747,370 and then sell 5 acres to San Juan Health Care at a later date. A motion allow the purchase was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly also requested to purchase 37 sign posts. The only bid for the request was from Safety Signs. A motion to approve the purchase was made by Commissioner Lyman and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Commission Reports:

Commissioner Benally - Commissioner Benally attended an Interagency and Early Childhood Coalition meetings in Blanding where different issues are discussed such as behavior in schools. She also talked with Congressman Curtis's office to discuss economic development. Commissioner Benally gave an interview to a reporter on poverty and unemployment within San Juan County and suggested that a partnership be formed between the State or the county and the Navajo Nation to promote economic development. Lastly, Commissioner Benally mentioned attending Coffee with the Principal and the Western Caucus and the CCP meetings.

Commissioner Lyman - Commissioner Lyman reported that he spent the previous day up at a Legislative session where the medical cannabis bill was discussed. He will also attend the 7 county coalition meeting and will meet with a DNR representative next week. Commissioner Lyman also talked to Tony Rampton and Dave Halverson concerning an appeal on the Gunnison Sage Grouse lawsuit. Commissioner Lyman also mentioned that there will also be RS2477 depositions going on this week. He also talked about the BLM's Recreation and Public Purposes Act and mentioned that the county can request 6,400 acres for its use.

Commissioner Adams - Commissioner Adams will attend the budget hearing tomorrow and then travel to the Western Caucus and then CIB meeting. Later on he will attend UCIP meeting.

A motion to go into closed session was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.