

San Juan County Work Meeting
Hideout Community Center - Conference Room
Agenda
November 20, 2018

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

Attendees: Bob Turri, Dave Edmunds, Quinn Stevens, Nick Sandberg, Travis Kurn,
Bruce Bushore, Al Clarke

Travis Kurn - BLM Field Manager

Travis Kurn came to introduce himself and talk about his role in San Juan County. There was also a discussion on the MLP and other topics.

Dave Edmunds - Utah Communication Authority

Dave Edmunds came to talk about public safety communications and his role in helping police, fire, and EMS have radio communications. Dave also talked about a new coverage program in rural counties where there would be several VHF sites on their system to be able to cover the county and provide better public safety.

Nick Sandberg - SJC Planning

Nick updated the commission on a GRAMA request. He also mentioned comments that were made on the Lisbon Valley Mine assessment and the March 19th oil and gas lease sale.

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A motion to approve minutes from October 23, 2018 and November 6, 2018 was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

Citizen Comments:

Jim Sayers - Bluff Town Council

Jim Sayers commented on the proposed Bluff Land Transfer stating that he is opposed to the transfer. He explained that the transfer station as it works right now serves the citizens of Bluff those living south of Bluff very well. Jim also mentioned a resolution by the Mexican Water Chapter stating the same. Jim also mentioned the need for separation between church and state.

Scott Crook - Crook & Taylor Law

Scott Crook from Crook & Taylor Law came to the commission to discuss his findings of his review of the county's policies and procedures. He commented on how well the policies and procedures have been put together and made suggestions on certain policies to make them in compliance with current law and code. He also requested reorganizing some of the procedures and best practice ideas.

A resolution amending the San Juan County

A motion to accept the resolution and accept the changes was made by Commissioner Lyman

John David Nielson - SJC Clerk

John David presented the 2018 General Election results to the Board of Commissioners to be accepted. The commissioners reviewed the elections results. A motion to accept the results of the counted ballots was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

Bruce Adams - SJC Commissioner

Commissioner Bruce Adams brought request to transfer land in Bluff from the county to The Hole In the Rock Foundation for consideration. He explain that it has been considered for a couple of months. A motion to transfer the land from the county to The Hole In the Rock Foundation was made by Commissioner Lyman. Commissioner Benally 2nd the motion explaining that there had been much discussion on the matter. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly Pehrson - SJC CAO

Kelly brought the appointment of a San Juan County Health Board position to the commission for consideration. He mentioned that Alan Barry has requested to be reappointed to the board. A motion to reappoint Alan Barry to the San Juan County Health Board was made by Commissioner Lyman and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous. Kelly also stated that there is a position available on the Mental Health Board and that Rebecca Benally requested to be put on the board. A motion to appoint Rebecca Benally to the board was made by Commissioner Lyman. Commissioner Adams passed the chair to Commissioner Benally and 2nd the motion. Commissioners Adams and Lyman voted yes to the appointment and Commissioner Benally abstained from voting.

Tammy Gallegos - SJC Aging

Tammy presented an amendment to an aging contract. A motion to approve and sign the amended contract was made by Commissioner Lyman and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Commission Reports:

Commissioner Benally - Commissioner Benally reported that she traveled to Denver to represent the county and then traveled to UAC in St George. She also attended the chapter meeting on Sunday where she gave a report of the transition of roads from the county to NDOT. She explained that the transfer process started in 2007. In 2012 legislation regarding the transfer was done in the Navajo Nation. Commissioner Benally explained how the transition process works and the role of the county in the process. She explained that the county can still help maintain roads through an interlocal agreement. Commissioner Benally also talked about the Ismay Bridge project. She explained that there was a resolution on the agenda to repurpose \$500 thousand meant for the bridge project to school bus routes. The recommendation from the meeting was to give \$300 thousand from the Navajo Nation to bus routes and \$200 thousand for the Ismay Bridge project. She also stated that it is the wish of community members in Cahone Mesa, McCracken Mesa, Aneth and East Aneth is for San Juan County to continue to be part of maintaining roads which they can through an interlocal agreement. Commissioner Benally explained how this process would work. Commissioner Benally expressed gratitude, along with community members, to the San Juan County road department for the work that they have done on the roads. Commissioner Benally also informed the community that funds have been approved to widen roads in Montezuma Creek and by Hatch road. She also expressed appreciation to Public Health for their work. Commissioner Benally also mentioned that the roundabout in Monument Valley. She attended a phone call on intergenerational poverty.

Commissioner Lyman - Commissioner Lyman attended the budget hearings and commended the department heads for being conscious of county funds. He also traveled to Denver to represent the county and then went to Salt Lake to join a panel discussion on Bears Ears. Commissioner Lyman also talked about the possibility of USU taking over the dinosaur museum in Blanding and as well having a more active role with Edge of the Cedars. He also attended UAC and the 7 County Coalition meeting.

Commissioner Adams - Commissioner Adams also traveled to Denver representing the county and to UAC meetings in St George. He attended an AOG meetings where two projects in San Juan County were discussed and approved.

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