

**San Juan County Commission Work Meeting  
Hideout Community Center - Conference Room  
Agenda  
November 6, 2018**

**Present:** Bruce Adams - Commission Chairman  
Rebecca Benally - Commission Vice Chairman  
Phil Lyman - Commissioner  
Kelly Pehrson - CAO

**Attendees:** Ann Leppanen, Ben Musselman, Heather Young, Heather Raiser, Tony Hall, Mike Roring, Jerry McNeely, Nick Sandberg, Kendall Laws

**Ann Leppanen - Bluff City Mayor**

Ann came to talk to the commission about turning B roads into C roads. She asked the commission if there is anything that would prohibit, such as an interlocal agreement, Bluff City from working with Sam Cantrell in getting a map of the class B and C roads ready?

**Heather Raiser - SJC Historical Commission**

Heather Raiser and Heather Young came to the commission to talk about replacing members who currently sit on the SJC Historical Commission. She also explained what the commission is doing to preserve and digitize old historic photos and tapes.

**Tony Hall - Ellis Hall Consulting**

Tony from Ellis Hall Consulting came to update the commission on the wind farm project. He explained what is happening in the legal field between Ellis Hall Consulting and Rocky Mountain Power. He also presented the commissioners the idea of having a solar project and gave them a brief breakdown of how that would work.

**Jerry McNeely - SJC Liaison**

Jerry updated the commission on meetings that he attended, including AOG and Grand County Water and Sewer. He also relayed citizens' comments to the commissioners on projects in Spanish Valley. Jerry also met with Brian from SITLA, Mike Diem from the Forest Service where different issues were talked about. Jerry met with the BLM

**Nick Sandberg - SJC Planning**

Nick explained there are comment periods open for the Forest Service Draft Plan and Bears Ears Monument draft and presented drafted comments for review. The commissioners reviewed the drafted comments and Nick answered any questions that the commissioners had over the drafted comments. Nick also gave an update on the grazing use within the county. He also mentioned that a public hearing will be held at 11:30 during the commission meeting on the categorization of the inventory roadless areas.

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**Walter Bird - SJC Human Resources**

Walter came to the commission to recommend that Ed Hawkins be hired as a full time seasonal worker working as a drop box attendant for the landfill and road department maintenance worker. He also requested that Thomas Kane be hired as a light equipment operator for the south district and Reuben Jim as a laborer for the south district. A motion to approve the hirings was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous. Walter also proposed a resolution to recognize and reaffirm the creation of the San Juan county Spanish Valley Special Service District. Walter explained the need for the resolution talked about the language contained within the resolution. A motion to authorize the commission chairman to sign the resolution and to send it to the the Lieutenant Governor's office was made by Commissioner Lyman and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

**Clark Hawkins - SJC Road Department**

Clark came to the commission to request the procurement of a couple of vehicles for the road department. Clark explained that Young Commercial and Ken Garff Ford submitted pricing for the vehicles. Clark recommended that he would like to purchase the vehicles from Young Commercial in the amount of \$32,315 each. A motion to approve the purchases was made by Commissioner Lyman and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

**Kendall Laws - SJC Attorney**

Kendall updated the commission on upcoming legislation that would affect the Indigent Defense Fund. He explained how the legislation would change who would be considered.

**Kelly Pehrson - SJC CAO**

Kelly presented a resolution for signature which appoints a San Juan County representative at the UCIP annual membership meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Lyman to have Commissioner Adams be the county's representative with Commissioner Lyman being the alternate. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly explained that the county needs to have an insurance policy to protect the county from crimes committed by elected officials. He has worked with Johnnie Miller from UCIP to come up

with a policy. A motion to approve the policy was made by Commissioner Lyman and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly also presented Heather Young to be apart of the Historical Commission. A motion to appoint Heather Young to the Historical Commission was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly also mentioned that a documentary on the Bears Ears National Monument will be viewed on Thursday at 7:00 in the Hideout Building.

### **Public Hearing -**

Commissioner Adams opened the public hearing by explaining that the hearing was to hear public input on the consideration to recommended modifications to the County Resource Management Plan (RMP). He explained that modifications to be considered would be categorized of Inventoried Roadless Areas in the Manti-LaSal National Forest in San Juan County.

Nick Sandberg gave a short presentation explaining the categorization of areas on the map, which he handed out. He explained the Roadless Rule and how it restricts certain activities in categorized areas. Nick also explained how the state and the participating counties will work together on implementation, restoration, and stewardship of the areas. He gave examples of how the process would work.

There was no public comment.

A motion to come out of Public Hearing was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

There was a motion to approve the modifications to the county Resource Management Plan by Commissioner Lyman and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

### **Commission Reports:**

**Commissioner Lyman** - Commissioner Lyman reported that he will attend the 7 County Coalition meeting on Friday.

**Commissioner Benally** - Commissioner Benally reported that she called in on the Intergenerational Poverty Meeting. She explained that a grant is being written for early childhood literacy. Commissioner Benally also explained that she will attend the budget hearings during the week and UAC the following week.

**Commissioner Adams** - Commissioner Adams will attend the CIB meeting on Thursday where the county has a proposal for a new Road Department shed. He will also meet with the AG's office and then attend UAC the following week.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.