

San Juan County Commission Meeting Work Meeting
Hideout Community Center - Conference Room
Agenda
September 25, 2018

Present: Bruce Adams - Commission Chairman
Phil Lyman - Commissioner
Natalie Freestone - Administrative Assistant
John David Nielson - Clerk

Absent: Rebecca Benally - Commission Vice Chairman

Attendees: Jerry McNeely, Rhett Sifford, Wes Shook, Kendall Laws

Jerry McNeely - SJC Liaison

Jerry attended a contractor's meeting over the sewer project in Spanish Valley. He also went to a UDOT meeting where different topics were discussed. Jerry also met with San Juan (water meeting). Went to the SITLA board meeting with Ben Musselman. Jerry talked about his work with SITLA. He met with BLM and discussed several projects. He met with the Forest Service and discussed a few items. Jerry also mentioned that 5 families in Blanding have qualified for housing through USDA.

Kendall Laws - SJC Attorney

Kendall came to discuss the county's Night Hunting Ordinance. He explained that the current ordinance and its amendments are vague and asked if the Commission would like to come up with a new ordinance to clarify Night Hunting. There was a discussion on the pros and the cons of making a new ordinance and the best way to go about it.

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A motion to approve the September 4, 2018 minutes was made by Commissioner Lyman and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Scott Burton - SJC Deputy Assessor

Scott presented 8 subdivisions for approval by the commission. He discussed each subdivision and mentioned that each one had been approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission. A motion to approve the subdivisions was made by

John David Nielson - SJC Clerk

John David requested that the commissioners forgive the 2017 taxes of Robert Johnston of Monticello. John David explained that Robert qualifies for an abatement, but due to his health he did not apply for an abatement in 2017. The clerk's office has contacted Mr Johnston and received a 2018 abatement. After a small discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Lyman to forgive the 2017 taxes for Robert Johnston. Commissioner Benally 2nd the motion. Voting was unanimous.

John David presented the BOE hearing officer's findings to the commission for their approval. John David individually went through the list of parcel owners who had come to BOE. **(The full list is attached to the commission meeting documents).**

A motion was made by Commissioner Lyman to retroactively go into BOE to approve the hearing officer's BOE decisions. Commissioner Benally 2nd the motion. Voting was unanimous.

There was a small discussion on the Corinne Roring property.

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

After reviewing the list of BOE appeals a motion was made by Commissioner Lyman to accept the hearing officer's recommendations. Commissioner Benally 2nd the motion. Voting was unanimous.

Public Hearing -

Commissioner Adams introduce the public hearing and explained that the hearing is to receive public input regarding a land exchange in Bluff, Utah involving property owned by the county and a non-profit entity. He then opened the hearing up for public comment

Lynn Stevens - Lynn Stevens representing the Hole-in-the-Rock Foundation presented a map of the properties involved in the possible land Exchange. He talked about the two properties and explained why the Hole-in-the-Rock Foundation would like to exchange properties.

Wes Shook - Wes Shook, a Bluff resident, read a statement explaining his reasons why he opposes the land exchange. He mentioned and discussed other issues that have previously come up with regards to the land exchange including an agreement between Navajo Indian Health Services and San Juan County. He questioned whether the land transfer would benefit the citizens of the county living in and around the Bluff area

Lynn Stevens - Lynn Stevens representing the Hole-in-the-Rock Foundation, talked about the agreement between the Navajo Indian Health Services and San Juan County regarding the transfer station which exists on the land being considered in the transfer

Jim Sayers - Jim Sayers, a Bluff resident, talked about the values of the two properties involved in the proposed land exchange. He questioned that the values of the two pieces of land are not equal. Jim also mentioned that the trade would not benefit the people of Bluff or the county

Paula Sayers - Paula Sayers, a Bluff resident, expressed her opinion as economic discrimination because it is an action that benefits only one party / organization

Linda Sosa - Linda Sosa, a Bluff resident, submitted a letter to the commission from Ann Leppanen. She encouraged an assessment of the property in question and would like more details. Commissioner Adams explained that the county would not be operating a transfer within Bluff city limits. He said that the operation of a transfer station would be up to Bluff.

Commissioner Lyman said that he would be interested in reviewing the comments made and learning more. Commissioner Benally requested that the public comments made be taken into consideration which was followed by Commissioner Adams closing the Public Hearing.

Local Building Authority Meeting

Commissioner Adams explained that the purpose of the Local Building Authority meeting is approve a resolution allowing the Local Building Authority the ability to sell lease revenue bonds in order to build a new senior citizen center in Blanding.

Commissioner Lyman made a motion to go into the Local Building Authority Meeting and was 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

A motion to approve the resolution to offer the lease revenue bonds was made by Commissioner Lyman and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

A motion to set a public hearing for October 23, 2018 for the issuance of the bonds was made by Commissioner Lyman and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

A motion to leave the Local Building Authority Meeting was made by Commissioner Lyman and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

A motion to approve the adoption of the resolution authorizing The Local Building Authority to issue the lease revenue bonds and enter into the lease agreement was made by Commissioner Lyman and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Natalie Freestone - SJC Admin Assist

Natalie requested that the CIB priority list be updated by adding a road shop to the list. A motion to update the CIB priority list was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

Natalie mentioned that Steve Simpson requested to be put on the San Juan Health Service District Board. A motion to approve Steven Simpson to be on the board was made by Commissioner Lyman and 2nd by Commissioner Benally with the understanding that there is an effort to recruit and have various representation in the county. Voting was unanimous.

Commissioner Adams - SJC Commissioner

Commissioner Adams requested that the county pass a resolution declaring the existence of a drought emergency. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

Commission Reports -

Commissioner Adams - Commissioner Adams attended the Daniel Summitt and enjoyed the discussion. He also reported from Sunny Redd that there are minimal services at Halls Crossing. He expressed his concern about the lack of services being offered. Commissioner Adams said that he will attend an AOG meeting and then a CIB meeting.

Commissioner Benally - Commissioner Benally met with Secretary Zinke and other Commissioners from around the state. They discussed National Park funding for maintenance needs and the existing backlog of funding. She also met with the Natural Resources Committee. Commissioner Benally mentioned that she will attend the San Juan Prevention and the Early

Childhood Coalition meeting where intergenerational poverty will be discussed. She said that she will also attend the Tribal Treasury Advisory meeting.

Commissioner Lyman - Commissioner Lyman attended the Blanding Travel Council meeting, went to USAC meeting and mentioned that the fire suppression was discussed. He also had a meeting with Kim Christy and David Uer. Commissioner Lyman explained that he also met with Bret Hosler and talked about increasing the water infrastructure. He also attended an Economic Development meeting and mentioned that he hoped that San Juan County can connect more with other counties with similar tourism needs.

Motion to adjourn at 12:30