

**San Juan County Work Meeting**  
**Hideout Community Center - Conference Room**  
**Agenda**  
**August 21, 2018**

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

**Absent:** Bruce Adams - Commission Chairman

**Attendees:** Bob Turri, Rhett Sifford, Jerry McNeely, Jeanne Whitaker, Larry Whitaker

**Kelly Pehrson - CAO**

Kelly shared and discussed an interlocal agreement between San Juan County and the City of Blanding which explained services provided and shared between the two entities

**Jeanne & Larry Whitaker - SJC Citizens**

Jeanne & Larry Whitaker came to the commission to ask the what the county's opinion is on having nightly rentals within the county. Kelly Pehrson talked about the county's general plan and how that could affect nightly rentals within the county.

**Jerry McNeely - SJC Liaison**

Jerry reported meeting with Brian Torgerson to discuss projects in Spanish Valley. He talked about a walk through with contractors wanting to bid on the Spanish Valley sewer project. Jerry also met with the BLM and discussed lease sales and other things that the BLM is doing. He also mentioned that the BLM is working on the Bears Ears plan and talked about visitation to the Bears Ears Monument. Jerry also met with Mike Diem from the Forest Service and discussed roads around the LaSal mountains.

**Bob Turri - SJC Planning**

Bob reported on the Bears Ears plan and mentioned that the plan is now out for a 90 day review. He briefly discussed some of the comments so far. Bob also gave the commissioners a news release from Park Services and a BLM notification on their plan to work on roads at Hatch Point. Finally, Bob gave the commissioners a petition that the state is preparing to send to the Secretary of Agriculture and discussed it.

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A motion to approve the minutes from August 7, 2018 was made by Commissioner Benally and by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

**Kelly Pehrson - CAO**

Kelly presented an amendment to the CIB Capital Improvements priority list: a sewer pump for the Mexican Hat Service District and day housing for the Mental Health Service District. A motion to approve the amended list was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

Benny mentioned that he has approval to seek RFPs for the crossing at Decker Wash. He mentioned that he had received a proposal from Jones and DeMille preconstruction engineering services and would like to use them and then put the construction part of the project out to bid. A motion was made by Commissioner Benally to use Jones and DeMille for preconstruction engineering services and put out to bid the construction part of the project. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

Scott Burton presented and explained some updated subdivisions that need signatures from the commissioners. Commissioner Benally made a motion to sign the subdivision maps and was 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

John David presented a request from a taxpayer (parcel # 28S25E290009) to waive a years worth of interest and fees due to late tax payment. John David explained that if the waiver was granted the overdue taxes would be paid off bringing the taxes owed to zero. After some discussion, the commissioners agreed to allow for the waiver, but stressed that such requests would be considered on a case by case basis. A motion to approve the waiver of interest and fees was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

## **Commission Reports:**

**Commissioner Benally** - Commissioner Benally reported on a successful county fair and thanked Anna Fredericks for the work that she does with the fair. Commissioner Benally also attended the grand opening of the Family Dollar and talked about how well they are doing and what an asset it is to the community in creating 11 new jobs. She also attended a meeting with mental health and a company that wants to conduct a Sharp Survey. This Thursday she will attend the Canyon Country partnership meeting at Edge of the Cedars.

**Commissioner Lyman** - Commissioner Lyman reported on the fair and the excellent concert and enjoyed going to the auction. Commissioner Lyman also mentioned attending the 7 county coalition meeting and mentioned that the broadband project for San Juan County is still being discussed. He attended the Public Health Board Meeting and discussed how their presence is growing within the county. He also mentioned that the board would like to go from a 5 member board to a 7 member board to adapt to the increase in area covered in the south part of the county. Commissioner Lyman also mentioned the San Juan Counseling Board Meeting and talked about how they are doing.

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

Meeting adjourned at 12:32 p.m.