

**San Juan County Commission Work Meeting
Hideout Community Center - Conference Room
Agenda
June 19, 2018**

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

Attendees: Bette Arial, Boyd Lopez, Jerry McNeely, Bob Turri, Natalie Randall, Nick Sandberg, Kendall Laws, Tanya Lowry, Bernie Christensen

Bette Arial - Senator Lee's Office

Bette came to let the commission know that Senator Lee is aware of San Juan County and the issues surrounding the county. She talked about some of Senator Lee's goals and offered to answer any questions. Commissioners Adams, Lyman, and Benally all offered comments on Senator Lee's work and what he is trying to accomplish

Boyd Lopez - White Mesa Powwow

Boyd came to the commission from White Mesa to request a donation from the county for the September Powwow that will be held in White Mesa. He was directed to apply for a Community Grant for up to \$3000

Natalie Randall - SJC Economic Development

Natalie updated the commission on some work that her office is doing. She talked about an upcoming meeting with the Utah Alliance which is a group interested in Economic Development. She also mentioned a meeting at Lisbon Valley Mine. The BEAR and Fast Track programs and the Bluff Dwellings CRA were also discussed.

Jerry McNeely - SJC Liaison

Jerry updated the commission on his meetings with the BLM where various projects and updates were discussed. Jerry went on a field trip with Ben Musselman and the Forest Service and also met with Brian from SITLA and mentioned a water meeting.

Tanya Lowry - Monticello Cemetery District

Tanya Lowry came to the commission to talk about a tax increase for the Monticello Cemetery District that would require Truth in Taxation. She also mentioned a CIB loan application.

Nick Sandberg - SJC Planning

Nick presented a letter on the subject of the Moab Master Leasing Plan that Commissioner Adams asked him to write. Commissioner Adams explained why he requested the letter.

Nick also talked about a project that PLIPCO is working on and asked the commission if they would be interested in supporting the project. Finally, Nick talked about changes to the management of Wilderness Characteristics

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A motion to approve the minutes from June 5, 2018 was made by Commissioner Lyman and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Walter Bird - SJC Personnel

Walter came to the commission to request the hiring of Karson Lacy as the Assistant Librarian in Blanding and Becky Randall as the Assistant Librarian in Monticello. A motion to hire Karson Lacy and Becky Randall as library assistants was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

John David Nielson - SJC Clerk (3:50)

John David presented the Rate Neutral and Certified Rates to the commission for approval. He gave some background on the property values for the county and talked about what the effects on revenue would be the county were to go rate neutral vs going with the certified rate. There was a discussion on centrally assessed property as well as the drop in the value of personal property. There was also a discussion on the price of oil and how much oil San Juan County is producing. A motion to accept the certified rate for the 2018 tax year was made by Commissioner Lyman and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly Pehrson - SJC CAO

Kelly presented a lease agreement with Utah State University on the old clinic building for signature. He explained that the lease is for 3 years and that Utah State will pay for utilities and maintenance during that time. A motion to sign the lease was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly requested that the commission allow the Hospital Board to change their by-laws to allow a board members to be part of the board for 4 terms. A motion to allow the hospital board to change their by-laws to allow for members to serve 4 terms was made by Commissioner Lyman and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly presented an adjusted contract for the Aging Department which gave them an increase in funding. A motion to approve the adjusted contract was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly also mentioned that a lease with AP&P (in the Sheriff's office) expires. The state would like to renew and extend the lease for another 5 yrs. A motion to renew the lease for another 5 years was made by Commissioner Lyman and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly also requested that the commissioners allow the Monticello Cemetery district increase their taxes by \$10,000. A motion to allow the increase was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly presented a draft MLP letter to Brian Stead for signature. A motion to allow the Commissioner Chairman to sign the letter was made by Commissioner Lyman and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly requested that commission sign a support letter indicating that the county will use some of the TRT money to match state funds. A motion to sign the letter was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly asked the commission to ratify the hiring of Colby Draper in the Assessor's office. A motion to ratify the hire was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly also talked about tweaking a CIB application to allow the county to purchase a road department building to be used for an Emergency Operations Center and use CIB funds to build a new road shop.

Ben Musselman - SJC Road Supervisor

Ben presented 3 agreement proposals with the Forest Service for signature. One agreement is for \$15,000 for cattle guards. Another proposal is for \$14,000 to help with the maintenance of the Blue Mountain Ranch road. The last proposal was for \$40,000 to haul and place gravel on the Elk Ridge route. A motion to allow Commissioner Adams to sign the agreements was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

Commissioner Adams asked Ben about fixing the Pack Creek road with CIB money now and then paying the CIB back in 2022 with flat money

Commission Reports:

Commissioner Lyman - Commissioner Lyman attended Carolyn Black's funeral. He talked about her contributions to the county. He also went to the senior center for lunch and talked to the staff about the new senior center building and mentioned that the staff would like the opportunity for input. Commissioner Lyman also talked about the selling of the old san juan counseling building on main street in blanding. He reported on his meeting with the 7 county coalition where broadband was discussed.

Commissioner Benally - Commissioner Benally reported on the women's conference. The expected turnout was 150 and she was please with the turnout of 177. She also attended the PRCA rodeo, the Aneth Chapter and Red Mesa Chapter meetings where election boundaries were discussed. Commissioner Benally also attended the groundbreaking for the roundabout in

Monument Valley with Commissioner Lyman and was able to talk to Governor Herbert. From June 13th - 15th she also went to Bryce Valley to attend an opioid meeting. She also attended the Rancher and Farmer of the year event on Saturday.

This week Commissioner Benally will be going back to Washington DC for a meeting.

Commissioner Adams - Commissioner Adams went to the CIB retreat and meeting in Richfield. He also attended the rodeo and will go to Washington DC later this week.

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

Meeting adjourned at 12:43