

**San Juan County Commission Work Meeting
Hideout Community Center - Conference Room
Agenda
June 5, 2018**

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

Attendees: Randy Rarick, Bob Turri, Jerry McNeely, Nick Sandberg, Karah Nay,
Jacob Swanson

Randy Rarick - SJC Landfill

Randy came to the commission to discuss an increase in fees for those who use the landfill. Randy explained the reasons why there is a need to increase rates. Randy also talked about options for maintaining and/or replacing equipment used at the landfill.

Jerry McNeely - SJC Liaison

Jerry met with SITLA. He also went on a field trip with Brian, Kelly, and Natalie from Economic Development. He also met with the Forest Service and mentioned that there will be some upcoming meetings. Jerry also stated that the Brownelle Easement is now complete. Jerry met with the BLM who is also working on Bears Ears issues and talked about other projects that are ongoing and attended a meeting with Kelly and UDOT

Nick Sandberg - SJC Planning

Nick mentioned that the Forest Service and BLM have been actively working on the Bears Ears plans and drafts. Nick also mentioned a charter document signed by then Secretary Jewel that is being worked on that talks about the formation of a Bears Ears committee. Nick also mentioned that the BLM field office manager position is still vacant. He also talked about the vacancy of the Forest Service supervisor and mentioned other projects.

Karah Nay - USU Extension

Karah came to the commission to give an update on the rodeo that will be held in San Juan County. She talked about who is coming to participate, food vendors, and advertising.

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A motion to approve the minutes from May 15, 2018 was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

Kyle Hosler - SJSD Business Administrator

Kyle came to discuss gaining the easement rights to pieces of property adjacent to the area where the school district plans on building a new elementary school. Kyle explained some of the challenges that the school district is facing and how they are working through those challenges. Sam Cantrell talked about his concerns with the county giving away easements and mentioned the process of transferring easements.

Walter Bird - SJC Human Resources

Walter came to ratify the hiring of Chad Perkins in his role with the landfill and road department. A motion to ratify the hiring of Chad Perkins was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly Pehrson - SJC CAO

Kelly discussed with the commission the selection of board members for the Wilson Arch Board. Currently, the board requirement calls for 3 members, but he suggested that the commission consider making the Wilson Arch board a 5 member board to better accommodate the six citizens who applied to be on the board. Commissioner Adams then read a letter from County Attorney Kendall Laws regarding his suggestions for the new board.

A motion to go into the Wilson Arch Special Service District board meeting was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

Commissioner Benally made a motion that the Wilson Arch Board be moved from a 3 member board to a 5 member board. Commissioner Lyman 2nd the motion allowing for some discussion.

There were comments from citizens living in the area supporting the motion to move to a 5 member board. After some discussion, voting was unanimous.

There a motion by Commissioner Lyman to appoint Patricia Kudsy, Craig Simpson, and James Ogle to a 4 year term with Jonathan Niemen and Steve Hansen to a 2 year term. Commissioner Benally 2nd the motion. Voting was unanimous.

There was some discussion on how the board could start acting in their roles.

A motion was made to leave the Wilson Arch Special Service District board meeting was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly mentioned that Don Torgerson was selected to replace Judge Anderson as the district court judge. Don Torgerson is currently the conflict public defender for the county. Kelly suggested that the county use Thomas Sitterand to finish out that conflict public defender contract that had been given to Don Torgerson's law office. A motion to move the contract from Don Torgerson to Thomas Sitterand was made by Commissioner Lyman and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly also requested 2 out of state travel requests. The first was for Derek Bethea to go to Vancouver Canada for an annual training. A motion was made by Commissioner Benally to allow the travel. Commissioner Lyman 2nd the request. Voting was unanimous. The second was for Ronnie Nieves to go to Anaheim, California for training. The expenses are 100% reimbursable by the state. A motion to allow the travel requests was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly received an email from Cole Cloward requesting to be a member of the San Juan County Spanish Valley Special Service District and San Juan County Planning and Zoning boards. A motion was made by Commissioner Benally to allow Cole Cloward to be on the board and was 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly reported that he got back from a conference in St. George where the opioid epidemic was discussed. He also mentioned that the sheriff from Las Vegas came and talked about what was learned from the shooting that happened there.

Commission Reports:

Commissioner Lyman - Commissioner Lyman attended meetings in Salt Lake City. He also reported that he has been working with a group from Arizona on a uranium withdrawal issue. Commissioner Lyman said that he will attend a 7 county coalition meeting this week in Price and talked about a couple of items that the coalition is working on. He also met with Natalie Randall to talk about her projects with Economic Development.

Commissioner Benally - Commissioner Benally reported on attending graduations. She mentioned the trends of the young people wanting to get into the workforce as soon as possible. She also attended the Red Mesa chapter meeting and mentioned a resolution that the chapter passed on working with NDOT. Commissioner Benally talked about a couple of projects that she's working on with San Juan Counseling. One project is with Allyn Mitchell to allow an

assessment of students in high schools. The other project is trying to get a grant with San Juan Counseling Center to help address issues that Intergenerational Poverty is facing. Also mentioned was an award that Governor Herbert will be given. She did some videos with Natalie Callahan and met with Utah State University students. Commissioner Benally said that she attended the Utah Navajo Health System clinic grand opening and tour the facility.

This Friday Commissioner Benally will be sponsoring the 2nd annual women's conference. She thanked the Whitehorse HS principal and staff for their support with the conference. As part of the project with Allyn Mitchell, Commissioner Benally will attend Intergenerational Poverty conference where several topics will be discussed. She will also be traveling to Washington DC later on this month.

Commissioner Adams - Commissioner Adams attended the AOG meeting in Moab. He is also excited about the rodeo that will be held in Monticello this weekend. Commissioner Adams also said that he will attend a CIB board meeting and a UCIP meeting at the end of the month.

A motion to adjourn to a closed session was made by Commissioner Lyman.