

**San Juan County Commission Work Meeting  
Hideout Community Center - Conference Room  
Agenda  
May 1, 2018**

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

**Absent:** Bruce Adams - Commission Chairman

**Attendees:** Heber Heyder, Bob Turri, Jason Johnson, ???, Bob Turri, Tammy Gallegos, Jerry McNeely, Terry Garner, Mickey Smith, David Carpenter, Kendall Laws

**Heber Heyder - Fire Updates**

Heber came to the commission to give an update on the fire season. He talked about the 2017 season, what is happening so far in 2018, and projects that he is working on to mitigate fire risk. Heber also talked about weather and potential fire risks.

**Terry Garner - Forest Service Updates**

Terry came to the commission to give an annual update. He talked water and compared the amount of moisture in the county from 2017 to 2018 and the what the effects of the lack of moisture will be. Terry also talked about how the Forest Service deals with fires regarding safety and why some fires may be allowed to burn.

**Jerry McNeely - SJC Liaison**

Jerry updated the commissioners on Ken's Lake water storage situation. He also met with SITLA about the installation of a fence proposed by Friends of Cedar Mesa and asked the commission for their thoughts on the proposal. Jerry tried to meet with the BLM and explained that there were no new updates.

**Kelly Pehrson - CAO**

Kelly updated the commission on some topics from UAC. He also commended San Juan Search and Rescue and mentioned the elevator project and other updates to the building.

**Bob Turri - SPEAR**

Thanked the county on behalf of SPEAR for the new ladder at the Hook and Ladder

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**Commissioner Benally made a motion to approve the minutes from April 17, 2017. Commissioner Lyman 2nd the motion. Voting was unanimous.**

**Walter Bird - SJC HR**

Walter came to the commission to request the hiring of a new weed person. Walter suggested that Frank J Smith be selected to the position out of 4 applicants. A motion to approve the hire was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

Walter also requested that two new heavy equipment operators be hired. There were 14 applicants with 12 interviews. Walter would like to offer the positions to Sergio Cordova and Val Hurst with Gene Burgess as first alternate and Evan Rose as 2nd alternate. A motion to hire Sergio Cordova and Val Hurst was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

**John David Nielson - SJC Clerk**

John David resented a list of properties that had applied for tax exempt status for the year 2018. After the commissioners reviewed the list of properties, a motion to approve the applications for tax exempt status was made by Commissioner Lyman and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

**Commission Reports:**

**Commissioner Benally** - Commissioner Benally attended the Native American Finance Officers Association meeting. She explained that it was a training for tribal advisory committee members. One of the speakers talked about collaboration with businesses and governments entities to increase economic development. Commissioner Benally also talked about the transition of roads from the county to the NDOT. She said that the transition process is now complete and that she requested that Mr Silversmith help to educate the Utah Chapters on the transition. She explained that there will be a summit on May 9 to talk about education, collaboration, etc

**Commissioner Lyman** - Commissioner Lyman spent time with his family for his daughters graduation from nursing school. He also attended and was involved with the state convention.

The meeting adjourned at 11:33 p.m.