

San Juan County Commission Meeting
Hideout Community Center - Conference Room
Agenda
April 17, 2018

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

Absent: Phil Lyman - Commissioner

Attendees: Bob Turri, Kirk Benge, David Kimmerle, Ben Mussleman, Garrett Silversmith, Jerry McNeely, Kerry Sallee, Nick Sandberg, LeAnne Roy, Orlando Teller, Kendall Laws

Garrett Silversmith - NDOT

Garrett came to the commission to discuss changes within the Tribal Transportation Program and mentioned that his department within the Navajo Nation would be taking over that program from BIA which would expand the department. He mentioned the purpose of the program and that the Navajo Nation would also be taking over the road maintenance program. He also said that his department would be transferring ownership of some county routes from the county to the Navajo Nation and then talked about the identified routes. LeAnne gave a letter to the commissioners covering the transfer of county roads to tribal roads.

David Kimmerle - Cal Black Airport

David was invited to come to the commission to give ideas on how to manage and use the Cal Black airport out at Halls Crossing. He talked about the profitability and infrastructure of the airport and area surrounding it. Included in that discussion was talk of a lease.

Jerry McNeely - SJC Liaison

Jerry met with SITLA and talked about Tangren Lane and other topics. He also talked about a change that an oil company wants to make to a road. Jerry also met with the Forest Service and talked about construction on the loop road that will begin in May. He also reported that all the BLM projects and info is the same.

Nick Sandberg - SJC Planning

Nick reported on the Forest Service Planning meeting and discussed what was talked about at the meeting . He mentioned that a cooperating webinar will be held this week. Nick also talked about the Bears Ears Monument Planning. Nick also talked about a settlement agreement between the BLM and SUWA that has to do with tribal management planning. He gave a letter to the commissioners regarding an MOU sent by the BLM on planning of the plan. Nick also talked about a Hook and Ladder project and then mentioned a meeting with Utah Sovereign Lands.

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A motion to approve the April 2, 2018 minutes was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Adams. Voting was unanimous.

Walter Bird - SJC HR

Walter came to the commission to request the hiring of a new Monticello Library Aide job. He recommended Bridget Horrocks be given the position after four interviews were held. A motion to approve the hire was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Adams. Voting was unanimous.

Walter also mentioned that Donna Harlow, a public health nurse, is moving. There were two applicants for the position and Walter recommended that Kelsey Homedew be given the position. A motion to approve Kelsey Homedew as the new public health nurse was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Adams. Voting was unanimous.

Ben Musselman - SJC Public Works Director

Ben came to the commission to get approval for two procurement requests. The county advertised for a chip seal project and Western Emulation submitted a bid at a cost of \$359/ton for materials and \$72/ton for freight. Ben also mentioned that the bid was lower than last year's bid. A motion to proceed with Western Emulation as the approved vendor for the oil for chip seal was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Adams. Voting was unanimous.

Ben also requested the purchase of a new hot water pressure washer for the south shop. The low bid came in from Holland Equipment in the amount of \$4,997. Ben recommended that the county use this bid. A motion to approve the purchase was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Adams. Voting was unanimous.

Tammy Gallegos - SJC Aging

Tammy came to request a signature to approve the CSBG contract. She explained that the contract is a grant of \$19,000 which allows the county to provide meals for disabled clients. A motion to allow the Commission Chairman to sign the contract was made by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Tammy also presented year 4 of the 4-year plan for signature. A motion to sign the plan was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Adams. Voting was unanimous. Tammy also invited the commissioners to an aging conference in Richfield in May.

Kelly Pehrson - SJC CAO

Recommended that Scott Burton be the Floodplain Manager for the county. He also presented an ordinance called the Flood Damage to be put into the PDM plan. A motion to sign the ordinance was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Adams. Voting was unanimous.

Citizen Comments -

Howard Dee from Red Mesa came to ask the commission about County Road 444 that runs from the Red Mesa Chapter House to Navajo White Mesa. Howard talked about the poor condition of the road and is curious about maintenance and future care of the road. Commissioner Benally explained some of the setbacks that could prevent maintenance of the road.

Greg Adams - SJC Assessor

Greg presented for signature an amended plat map of the the Sky Ridge subdivision in Spanish Valley. A motion to have the Commission Chairman sign the map was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Adams. Voting was unanimous.

Kirk Bengel - Public Health Director

Kirk came to talk about getting 2-3 new vehicles for employees to use. He requested from the commission, approval to be able to pursue the purchase of more vehicles for the health department.

A motion to go into Public Hearing was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Adams. Voting was unanimous.

Commissioner Adams explained that the public hearing is to receive public comment on a draft of the San Juan County Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Plan. Tammy explained that a draft of the plan has been on the county website for 45 days and was open for comment. It was also explained that there was an open house for the public to educate the community and that no public comments have been made on the plan.

A motion to come out of Public Hearing was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Adams. Voting was unanimous.

Tammy mentioned that she would now send the draft to FEMA.

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Commissioner Adams explained that the public hearing is receive public comment in consideration of the draft Spanish Valley Area Plan. He allow Mark Plasic from Landmark Design to talk about the process that was followed to come up with a draft of an area plan for Spanish Valley. Mark presented the draft in a slideshow and explained how the plan came together. He talked about the research and analysis that was done to help the plan take shape. He also talked about how the plan might fit into future development. Commissioner asked if there were any public comments.

Elise Erler - Elise represented SITLA and commented that SITLA supports the plan. She also commented on the idea of affordable housing within the plan on SITLA land and how that might be able to be done. She commented on the phasing maps that were presented in the slideshow. She also commented on Plan B of the zoning discussion.

Kelly Pehrson expressed a fear that growth may be stunted if SITLA sells the land at too high of a price.

Kirk Bengt - Kirk commented that Public Health is supportive of a plan that considers sewer system as opposed to multiple septic systems.

A motion to leave the Public Hearing was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Adams.

A motion to adopt the plan was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Adams. Voting was unanimous..

Commission Reports -

Commissioner Benally - Commissioner Benally attended a heritage language conference at Whitehorse HS. Commissioner Benally also attended the Red Mesa planning meeting on April 9th and then on April 10th she met with Garrett Silversmith about the transition of roads from San Juan County to NDOT. She explained what role the county will have with road maintenance once the roads are transferred to NDOT. Also talked about at the meeting Mr Silversmith were road improvements and the airstrip at Navajo Mountain. On April 11th Commissioner Benally also had a meeting with the Whitehorse HS principal. Upcoming meetings that she will be attending are Early Childhood meeting, Aneth Chapter meeting, and the Native American Finance Association meeting.

Commissioner Adams - Commissioner Adams said that he will be attending UCIP meetings, UAC, and the Joint Highway Committee meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 12:35 pm