

**San Juan County Commission Work Meeting**  
**Hideout Community Center - Conference Room**  
**Agenda**  
**February 6, 2018**

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

**Attendees:** Jay Kinghorn, Rachel Bremer, Natalie Randall, Allison Yamamoto-Sparks, Jerry McNeely, Bob Turri, Clark Hawkins, Cody Deeter, Joe Lyman, Kendall Laws, Kim Henderson, Heather Young, David Carpenter, Kirk Bengé

**Utah Office of Tourism - County Partnership**

Jay Kinghorn from the Utah Office of Tourism talked about a digital marketing meeting that was held with business owners in the area. He explained that during the meeting that business leaders talked about how they would like San Juan County to be promoted. A general discussion followed

**Joe B. Lyman - SJC Citizen**

Joe came to the commission to discuss changing the county to a Five Member Council. He shared and discussed a document outlining his thoughts. There was a discussion on the process. Pros and cons were talked about.

**Jerry McNeely - SJC Liaison**

Jerry updated the commission on a meeting with Grand County Water & Sewer. Ken's Lake and saturation was discussed. Drill sites and wells were also discussed with SITLA. He had a short meeting with the Forest Service, BLM

**Kim Henderson - SOS**

Kim came to the commission to see if there is anything that the county would like SOS to participate in. She made some suggestions on what could be done. Other suggestions were also made on how SOS could be involved.

**Heather Young - SJC Citizen**

Heather, representing Blue Mountain Shadows, came to the commission to talk about new relationships and partnerships and to show her appreciation to the county for their support

**Bob Turri - SJC Planning**

Bob reminded the commissioners of the open house to discuss comments on Forest Service Planning with an emphasis on Wilderness and Scenic Management. Bob indicated that he and Nick will meet with the BLM to talk about the possibilities of building a camping area for motor homes. Bob also mentioned HB143 and how that might affect the county.

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**Natalie Randall - SJC Economic Development Director**

Natalie and Cody came to the commission to discuss CRAs. Cody explained what CRAs, how they are used, how they are approved, and how they function. After the CRA explanation, Cody discusses the potential Bluff Dwellings Project.

Natalie also brought the TTAB (Tourism Tax and Bylaws) for the commission to review and approve. She indicated that the current TTAB board has already had reviewed and had input with the new Bylaws. A motion to adopt the San Juan Tourism Bylaws was made by Commissioner Lyman and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

**Clark Hawkins - SJC Road North Foreman**

Clark submitted a request to lease Motor Graders that were talked about in the Road Work Meeting. A motion to approve the lease request was made by Commissioner Lyman and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Commissioner Adams explained the purpose of the public hearing is to discuss submitting an application to the Permanent Community Impact Board for funding of constructing two buildings under the County LBA (Local Building Authority), a new senior center in Blanding, UT and a new emergency service building in Monticello, UT.

**A motion to go into public hearing was made by Commissioner Lyman and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.**

Kelly Pehrson talked about the poor condition of the current Senior Center in Blanding. He stated that he would like to submit one application for both buildings. Kelly explained that the cost of the new emergency service building would be \$559,000 and will be funded 100% by loan. The cost of the new senior center is \$1.5 million and the funding will be through a \$1 million grant, \$200 thousand in a loan, and \$250 thousand in cash, and \$50 thousand in land.

There were no public comments

**A motion to go leave the public hearing was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.**

A motion to allow Kelly submit the application was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

Commissioner Adams explained that a Public Hearing would be held to discuss to receive public comments regarding the reactivation of the Wilson Arch Special Service District which was created in 1998, but was never active.

Kelly explained that a request was made by Phil Glaze and his attorney to reactivate the Special Service District that was created in 1998 with the Commissioners as the Administrative Board of the District, but that nothing has been presented to show any activity by the District. Commissioner Adams explained that letters concerning the issue have been received by the county.

**A motion to go into public hearing was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.**

Public Comments were made by:

**Kristina Sloan** - Kristina Sloan gave an explanation on the SSD and how it has been operating to this point for the last 20 years and that Phil Glaze has not heard from the county during that time. She also explained that the request to reactivate the SSD was being made to be able to increase assessments and activating a board.

**Phil Glaze** - Phil gave an explanation as to how things have been run from then until now and his interactions with the county administrator and expressed his concern about needing to redo some of the work. He also explained how the water system works.

**Kelly Pehrson** - Kelly read an email from Scott Hacking talking about the drinking water system at Wilson Arch.

**Patricia Kudsy** - Patricia expressed her concerns about the reactivation of the Wilson Arch SSD because she did not know that it existed. She talked about accountability & liability and trust of knowledge.

**Commissioner Adams** - Commissioner Adams asked if the water systems were different on the west and east side of the highway

**Karl Pederson** - Karl expresses his admiration for Phil Glaze and praised his management of the property

**A motion to leave public hearing was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.**

Commissioner Lyman commented on the county's administration of the SSD and expressed appreciation to what Phil Glaze has done.

**John David Nielson - SJC Clerk**

John David presented the new recommended precincts to be adopted so as to allow easier administration of the election process. After some discussion a motion to adopt the court mandated precincts which are under appeal was made by Commissioner Lyman and 2nd by Commissioner Benally if the original motion was changed to reflect that the adopting the precincts was also done under time constraints to be in compliance with State Code. Commissioner Lyman accepted the change and a vote was taken. Voting was unanimous.

### **Kelly Pehrson - CAO**

Kelly talked about a potential agreement between USU and SJC to allow for a better partnership. A motion to allow Kelly to draft the agreement was made by Commissioner Lyman and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly talked about sheriff's truck lease that was done last year. He is seeking approval to continue the lease in 2018. A motion to continue the lease in 2018 was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly also presented the Republican party Assessor recommendation of L Gregory Adams to be the interim SJC Assessor. A motion to accept the recommendation was made by Commissioner Lyman and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly presented 3 names to be on the Eastland Special Service District board. Scott Johnson, Warren Peterson, and Janet Ross all sent letter requesting to be on the board. A motion to approve Scott Johnson, Warren Peterson, and Janet Ross as board members for the Eastland Special Service District was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly also mentioned that the Water Conservancy District has 2 openings and 3 people asked to be on the board: Chet Johnson, Heidi Redd, and Kedric Curtis. A motion to appoint Heidi Redd and Kedric Curtis to The Water Conservancy Board was made by Commissioner Lyman and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Lastly, Kelly mentioned that the Mental health board opening had an opening. A letter from Edward Krusky requesting to be on the board was presented. A motion to appoint Edward Krusky to the board was made by Commissioner Lyman and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

### **Walter Bird - SJC Personnel**

Walter presented the name of Rue Shane Jim as the new secretary for Public Health with Vonda Warren as the alternate. A motion to approve Rue Shane Jim as the new Public Health secretary was made by Commissioner Lyman and 2nd by Commissioner Adams. Voting was unanimous.

### **Michael Brian - CIB**

Michael Brian reminded the commissioners that CIB is in the process of updating priority lists from the counties. He explained how projects are selected and asked the commission for input on the selection process if they wanted to give input

### **Commission Reports -**

**Commissioner Benally** - Commissioner Benally reported that she was able to attend the State of the Union Address by President Trump. She will also attend the Utah Legislative sessions.

**Commissioner Lyman** - Commissioners mentioned that he will attend the legislative meetings, attend the 7 county coalition meeting, and CIB. He also mentioned that Tim Smith from State Parks has retired and that Tim might be a good consultant to the county.

**Commissioner Adams** - Commissioner Adams attended a meeting in DC and CIB

Meeting adjourned at 12:54