

San Juan County Commission Work Meeting
Hideout Community Center - Conference Room
Agenda
January 16, 2018

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

Attendees: Rick Torgerson, Mike Miles, Pat McGann, Chet Johnson, Scoot Flannery, Kendall Laws, Ben Musselman, Jerry McNeely, Nick Sandberg, Clark Hawkins, Ted Powell, Walter Bird, David Carpenter, Kirk Bengé

Rick Torgerson - UDOT

Rick came to the meeting to update the commission on UDOT projects via a slide presentation. The presentation covered projects that have been completed as well as those that are in process and those that are planned. He also talked about how the dollars from the recent gas tax were used. There was group discussion on specific projects

Jerry McNeely - SJC Liaison

Jerry met with SITLA to talk the transfer station in Bluff. He also talked about a well drilled in Spanish Valley. Jerry also met with the Forest Service about Geysers Pass and Brownelle Easement, and the LaSal Mine Complex. Jerry also met the BLM and talked about the status of various projects.

Nick Sandberg - SJC Planning

Nick talked about the part time hire of a BLM manager and an assistant field manager. Nick also mentioned the Forest Service on their Land Use Plan will issue to cooperating agencies drafts on Wilderness Evaluation, Wild Scenic Rivers, and Scenery Management. Nick also emailed the commissioners on a Westwide Energy webinar. He also explained the plans for Indian Creek and Shas Ja monuments will begin shortly and public comments are being asked for. Finally Nick explained that Lisbon Valley mine has plans to increase pits and the county has been invited to be a consulting party

Walter Bird - SJC Planning and Zoning

Walter came to the commission to discuss a rough draft of a Business License Ordinance. There was a discussion on pros and cons to having a Business License Ordinance.

Kelly Pehrson - CAO

Kelly talked to the commissioners about appointing a county person to be on a panel to select a new judge for Blanding City.

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A motion to approve minutes from December 19, 2017 and January 2, 2018 was made by Commissioner Lyman and 2nd by Commissioner Benally.

Crystal Brake - SJC Human Resources

Crystal requested that the county hire Colton Brimhall as the new north deputy for the sheriff's office. A motion to approve the hire was made by Commissioner Lyman and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Kirk Bengé - Public Health Director

Kirk came to request authorization for out of state travel. The travel request is to allow Kirk and Ronnie Nieves to attend the Annual Preparedness Summit in Atlanta. Kirk mentioned that the cost of the travel would be covered by a state grant. Kirk also requested for himself to to a Behavioral Health Training in Washington D.C. and the cost of the travel would be covered by Federal funds. Finally, Kirk requested permission to travel to a National Associations of Local Health Boards to North Carolina. A motion to approve the travel requests was made by Commissioner Lyman and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Ben Musselman - SJC Public Works

Benny came to request the purchase of a new backhoe. He explained leasing options were too expensive and requested approval to purchase the new backhoe at a cost of \$79,333.14. A motion to ratify the purchase was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

Clark Hawkins requested to purchase inventory of plastic culvert. He gave some specs on the material requested and mentioned that the material would be shared between the North and the South districts. Out of 3 vendors Contec from Salt Lake City was the low bidder at a cost of \$5516.82. A motion to approve the purchase was made by Commissioner Lyman and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

John David Nielson - SJC Clerk

John David presented the list of beer license renewals approved to date. He mentioned that all license requests were renewals from previous years. The businesses that have submitted renewal requests to date are: K&C Trading Post, LaSal Store, Mexican Hat Lodge, 7-Eleven in Mexican Hat, Sunrise Convenience Store, San Juan Trading Post, Olde Bridge Grille, Shirttail C Store, Twin Rocks Cafe, Valle's Trading Post, The Line Camp, Comb Ridge Eat & Drink, 3 Step Hideaway, Aramark stores (Halls Crossing Store, Halls Crossing Marina, Hite Store), and The General Store at Hole-n-the-Rock. Commissioner Adams passed the chair to Commissioner Benally. A motion to approve the beer license renewals was made by Commissioner Lyman and 2nd by Commissioner Adams. There were 2 votes in favor (Commissioners Lyman and Adams) and 1 vote against (Commissioner Benally). Commissioner Benally passed the chair back to Commissioner Adams.

John David also presented the 2018 pay schedule for the elected officials. He indicated that anytime a change to the pay has been made the new pay schedule needs to be approved. A motion to approve the elected officials pay schedule was made by Commissioner Lyman and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly Pehrson - SJC CAO

Kelly talked about the CIB priority list for 2018. He requested amending the 2018 list. A motion to approve the CIB priority list was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly also brought the USU Contract to the commission for signature. He explained that USU came to the January 2nd work meeting and talked about the contract. The contract for this year is \$59,000 down about \$3500 from last year. A motion to sign the contract was made by Commissioner Lyman and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly requested that the commission ratify the decision to appoint Greg Adams as interim SJC Assessor until the Republican Party submits a name. A motion to appoint Greg Adams as interim SJC Assessor was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly also presented a UCIP Resolution regarding Spanish Valley for signature. The resolution allows Spanish Valley to be apart of San Juan County's Indemnity Pool.

RESOLUTION OF A SAN JUAN COUNTY APPROVING PARTICIPATION OF THE SAN JUAN SPANISH VALLEY SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT IN THE UTAH COUNTIES INDEMNITY POOL AS A SEPARATE COUNTY RELATED ENTITY MEMBER

Citizen Comments -

Karl Spielman - Karl expressed his concern about the airport that is being developed in Spanish Valley. He talked what the current developer plans to do with the small airstrip and expressed possible consequences associated with the development of the airstrip.

Ted Powell - Ted expressed his concerns about decisions that the Forest Service is making and the county's involvement in those decisions. Ted also expressed his concerns over the

decision made by Judge Shelby regarding the voting districts. He also asked if the county was going to fight the Judge's decision.

Ted finally talked about HR4532 and asked the commission to be united on fighting the decision on HR 4543 and Judge Shelby's decision.

Commission Reports -

Commissioner Benally - Commissioner Benally attended Chapter meetings in Red Mesa and Aneth.

Commissioner Lyman - Commissioner Lyman had nothing to report

Commissioner Adams - Commissioner Adams mentioned that he will be attending the next AOG meeting in Moab. He also mentioned that the Legislative Session will start next week.

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

Kelly Pehrson - CAO

After the closed session Kelly requested that the commissioners approve raises that had been recommended by HR. A motion to approve the raises was made by Commissioner Lyman and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.