

**San Juan County Commission Work Meeting
Hideout Community Center - Conference Room
Agenda
December 19, 2017**

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

Attendees: Ellis Hall, Mike Roring, Kendall Laws, Natalie Randall, Tamara Goetz, Shelby Seely, Monte Wells, Jerry McNeely, Kirk Bengé, Benny Musselman, David Carpenter, Nick Sandberg

Ellis Hall - Ellis-Hall Consultants

Ellis Hall updated the commission on his negotiations with Pacific Corp after an Order by the Supreme Court. He explained a wind farm project based in Monticello that resulted in and from the order by the Supreme Court. He explained when construction might begin and how that might take place

Tamara Goetz - Utah STEM Action Center

Tamara came to the commission to talk about the Utah STEM Action Center. Tamara explained what the Utah STEM Action Center is and how it works. She also talked about the K16 computing initiative and explained how grant funds help to fund the programs set forth by the initiative. She also talked about partnerships that help move the programs forward.

Natalie Randall - SJC

Natalie gave the commissioners information on the the governor's initiative meeting.

Kirk Bengé - Public Health Director

Kirk came to the commission to talk about the possibility of creating 2 new jobs. He explained how that could be accomplished and the funding for the 2 jobs would take place.

Jerry McNeely - SJC Liaison

Jerry met with SITLA, BLM, Forest Service and talked about the same projects that have been in the pipeline for some time. Benny Mussleman gave an update of some drilling

Nick Sandberg - SJC Planning

Nick gave the commissioners a document outlining a proposal to allow Lowry Redd to construct a pipeline on 80 acres of county property.

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

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A motion to approve the minutes from December 5, 2017 was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

Crystal Brake - SJC Personnel

Crystal presented several names to be accepted as new hires in various positions. She requested that Zachary Keith be the new Public Health Educator. A motion to approve the hire was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

Crystal also recommended that Andy Platt be names the new Business Coordinator for Economic Development with Robert Lyman as the alternate. She stated that there were 11 applicants for the position. A motion to approve the hire was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous. Commissioner Lyman declared that Robert Lyman is his brother. Crystal said that the Road Department in the South District needed to replace a mechanic. There were 7 applicants resulting in 4 interviews. She suggested that Evan Rose be hired with Hunter Black as the alternate. A motion to approve the hire was made by Commissioner Lyman and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Crystal also requested to have chair to sign insurance renewal with CIGNA. A motion to have the Chair sign the insurance renewal was made by Commissioner Lyman and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Finally, Crystal asked for a signature on inter-local agreement with UCIP. Commissioner Adams declared that he is the President of UCIP. A motion to have the Commission Chair sign the agreement was made by Commissioner Lyman and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

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

Commissioner Adams explained that the purpose of the public hearing was to consider adjustments to the 2017 General Fund and Related Budgets. John Fellmeth proposed that the General Fund budget be increased from \$12,209,684 to \$13,400,000. He explained why the adjustment is needed.

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

John also explained that other funds will need to be adjusted due to over expenditures. The requested adjustments are as follows: B-Road fund from \$6.8 million to \$7.8 million. The Public Health fund from

\$839,000 to \$980,000, and the Tort Liability fund from \$239,000 to \$260,000. John also explained why the over the expending occurred and what the county is doing to mitigate it.

A motion to allow the County Clerk to make inter-departmental budgets for the 2017 budget was made by Commissioner Lyman and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

John David Nielson - SJC Clerk

John Fellmeth discussed the proposed 2018 budget. He anticipated and hoped for an increase in property values next year which would lead to increase revenues. He also explained that with the proposed budget, the county would be operating in the red. He also reviewed the different budgets. As part of the discussion, a cost of living (COLA) increase and other adjustments was talked about. A motion to approve the 2018 budget with a 2% COLA increase was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly Pehrson - SJC CAO

Kelly presented an ordinance creating a CRA within San Juan County.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE SAN JUAN COUNTY COMMISSION CREATING A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AGENCY, DESIGNATING THE COUNTY COMMISSION TO BE THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AGENCY, GRANTING TO THE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AGENCY AUTHORITY AS PROVIDED BY STATUTE, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

A motion to authorized the chair to sign the ordinance was made by Commissioner Lyman and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly also talked about extending the contract for Larson & Company to be the county's auditor. A motion to extend the contract with Larson & Company by 3 more years was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly mentioned that every year the county needs to re-submit names for the Grand County Water Conservancy Board. Dan Pyatte and Rex Tanner both made requests to be re-appointed as board members. Those recommendations would be sent to the Governor. A motion to re-appoint the board members was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly presented an easement for Lowry Redd for approval. A motion to allow the CAO to sign the easement was made by Commissioner Lyman and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly had Bruce Bushore come to request the purchase of a new service monitor. Bruce explained the function of the monitor and presented several bids. He would recommend the bid for \$3780 from Vertronics. A motion to approve the purchase was made by Commissioner Lyman and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Shelby Seely - SJC Assessor

Shelby came to the commission to recommend several property changes.

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

Shelby presented several properties that should be adjusted. The property belonging to Debbie Rush was being double taxed. A change was made to only tax the property once. The second property was inherited by Jeff Frost he applied to put it in Green Belt status. The last property was sold by Red Mesa Trading Company to UNHS.

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

A motion to accept the recommendations of the Assessor and make the changes to the properties was made by Commissioner Lyman and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Commissioner Reports:

Commissioner Benally - Commissioner Benally attended a parent conference at Whitehorse HS, the Aneth Chapter Meeting. She also met with a bus driver who expressed some concern about an intersection in Monument Valley. She attended a CCP meeting in Moab. She wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Commissioner Lyman - Commissioner Lyman talked about the redistricting hearing with Judge Shelby. He met with Ed Roberson and Gary Torres. He is excited about the CRA and would like to talk about potential projects in the near future. Wished everyone a Merry Christmas

Commissioner Adams - Commissioner Adams attended AOG last week and attended the NFR in Las Vegas. He also wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Lyman and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15