

**San Juan County Commission Work Meeting
Hideout Community Center - Conference Room
Agenda
October 24, 2017**

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

Attendees: Rob Sweeten, McKenna , Nick Sandberg, Bob Turri, Gary Torres, Shelby Seely, John Fellmeth, Kim Henderson, Ben Mussleman, Rick Peterson, Chad Booth, Mike Diem, Curtis Henderson, Ted Powell, Cara Glabau, Don Hoffheins, Mark Pentecost, Rosann Fillmore, Tami Conner, Mat Meccariello, Duane Resare, Charmaine Thompson, Sharon Smith

Rob Sweeten - Old Spanish Trail Administrator

Rob came to the commission to talk about the Old Spanish Trail, the Recreation Development Strategy for the trail, and how it could be a useful commodity to San Juan County. McKenna presented maps showing how other counties have interpreted/shown the trail and what they've done to put the trail on the map which was followed by a discussion of how to proceed.

Chad Booth - The County Seat

Chad came to give a report on County Seat to the commission and ask if there were any topics that could be highlighted by the County Seat program. There was a discussion on topics and how the County Seat could cover them.

Mark Pentecost - Forest Service

Mark brought a presentation to the commission covering the different environments that the Forest Service works in and how those environments affect decisions that are made. The presentation also covered projects the Forest Service is participating in. The presentation was followed by a discussion.

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A motion to approve the minutes from October 10, 2017 was made by Commissioner Lyman and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous

Michael Bryant - Southeastern AOG

Michael, the regional planner for AOG came to talk about different programs that he facilitates. He brought brochures and welcomed any questions that anyone had. Michael also mentioned a new website that is up and running. Jade talked about a community development workshop that will be held in Moab. Jade also explained his role as the coordinator for the Community Block Grant and funding opportunities available to the county senior centers. He also briefly explained the VITA program.

Michael also made a request for the county to amendment to the county CIB priority list to include a vehicle purchase for the HEAT program. A motion to approve the amendment was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

Crystal Holt - SJC Personnel

Crystal requested that Jennifer Acox be given the Monticello Senior aide position. A motion to approve the hire was made by Commissioner Lyman and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Crystal also talked about a split position for the Blanding and Monticello Senior Center. Peterson Begaye was interviewed for the Blanding position and Crystal will ask if he will also accept the Monticello position. A motion to approve the hire was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

Crystal also presented Neal Crank as the new Elections liaison. A motion to approve the hire was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous. Crystal requested that Clint Bradford be promoted at the Blanding road department as a heavy equipment operator. A motion to approve the promotion was made by Commissioner Lyman and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Lastly, Crystal requested that Gene Burgess be moved from part-time to full time as a Laborer and Light Equipment operator at the Blanding road department. A motion to move Gene from part time to full time was made by Commissioner Lyman and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly Pehrson - SJC CAO

Kelly mentioned needing to have a Well Protection Ordinance for the well that is being used in Spanish Valley. He explained that he sent an example of an Ordinance to the state for review and has not heard back from them.

Commissioner Adams presented a Declaration of Drought. He explained that the declaration is meant to inform the public about the concern that the commission has with the lack of water and how that affects the county. He talked about the drought situation in San Juan County. He talked problems that farmers run into when planting in soil that doesn't contain enough water for crops to grow. Lack of good crops also affects the quality of feed for the rancher's cattle.

Commissioner Adams also asked citizens and visitors to take extra precaution with their water usage. A motion to support the declaration and have it sent to different government organizations was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

Nick Sandberg - SJC Planning

Nick presented Consulting Parties agreement for signature. He briefly explained the agreement. A motion was made by Commissioner Lyman to have chairman sign the letter. Commissioner Benally 2nd the motion. Voting was unanimous. Nick also reminded the commissioners of the Forest Service coordination meeting in November.

Natalie Randall - SJC Economic Development

Natalie came to the commission to talk about her strategic plan for Economic Development in the county. Natalie also talked with the commissioners about a meeting with the governor. She talked about a list of asks from the county to the governor to help with economic development. Natalie also talked about other projects and ways to help develop infrastructure within the county. Also talked about was the Travel and Tourism Board meeting that Natalie attended where travel was discussed.

CRA's were also discussed

Commission Reports:

Commissioner Lyman - Commissioner Lyman talked about Mexican Hat Special Service district. He mentioned that there are fewer and fewer residence and talked about the Taps for water and said that few residents that live there are responsible for the payment of that water. He also talked about forgiving the loan debt or decreasing interest rate. Commissioner Lyman also talked about the Health Building in Blanding and mentioned that USU is looking for a place to do their medical assisting program. USU might be interested in the old health building. He will also attend UAC

Commissioner Benally - Commissioner Benally reported on the Public Health Board Meeting. She also talked about the rededication of the Hatch Road and attended the Aneth Chapter Meeting where Water Treatment Facility funding was discussed. She also attended the Red Mesa Chapter meeting where NRF and Utah Navajo Trust Fund monies were talked about. A repurpose of funds was discussed. Commissioner Benally also attended the Elder Abuse Conference in Blanding and a meeting in Navajo Mountain where road projects were discussed and the how projects are developed. She will attend CCCP meeting, attend the Utah Navajo Fair and help out with the race at Navajo Mtn and then attend UAC.

Commissioner Adams - Commissioner Adams will attend the NRF funding meeting today and AOG on Thursday. He also mentioned a luncheon with the Dolores County Colorado Commissioners.

Meeting adjourned at 1:07