

**San Juan County Commission Work Meeting
Hideout Community Center - Conference Room
Agenda
October 10, 2017**

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

Attendees: Randy Rarick, Kendall Laws, Bob Turri, Kirk Benge, Shelby Seely, Jerry McNeely, Nick Sandberg, David Carpenter, Ken Ezpeleta, April Shuck

Randy Rarick - SJC

Randy came to the commission to discuss the possible purchase of a new trash compactor. He talked about why a new compactor would be a good purchase

Phil Lyman - SJC Commissioner

Commissioner Lyman talked about some of the things that the 7 County Coalition is doing. He explained the model that the Coalition is using to evaluate projects and potential projects and is pleased with the concepts being used in the model.

Kirk Benge - SJC Public Health

Kirk came to the commission to talk about the possibility of purchasing new office equipment for the new building that Public Health will be moving into. There was also a discussion about Public Health's presence within the county.

(about 50 min into the mtg) Kirk also talked about other Public Health positions that need to be created. He explained that ??? would help fund the positions.

Jerry McNeely - SJC Liaison

Jerry reported that he attended an AOG meeting. He also attended a water meeting and updated the commission on San Juan County's usage of Ken's Lake. Jerry also reported on his meeting with SITLA and the project to buy the land in Bluff. Jerry also met with the Forest Service, and the BLM and talked about different projects going on with those agencies.

Nick Sandberg - SJC Planning

Nick talked to the commission about a letter received from the Tribal agency to meet with the Commission in November. Nick also asked if there has been feedback on a letter that was sent to the DOI concerning the MLP. He also mentioned a letter that went to Mark Pentecost, upcoming meetings, and meetings that were attended.

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A motion to approve the September 19, 2017 was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

Crystal Holt - SJC Personnel

Crystal presented Liz Meyer as a new Blanding Senior Center Aide. A motion to approve the hire of Liz Meyer was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

Crystal also requested that the commission ratify the move of Allison Yamamoto-Sparks from a Media Tech to a Tourism and Media Specialist. A motion to approve the move was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

Crystal also presented Jesse Young as the Deputy County Surveyor. A motion to approve the hire was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

Crystal also asked for signatures from the commissioners of the UCIP resolution to appoint a San Juan County representative for the Utah Counties.

**RESOLUTION OF APPOINTMENT OF A SAN JUAN COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE AND AN
ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE UTAH COUNTIES INDEMNITY POOL ANNUAL
MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

David Carpenter - SJC Recorder

David came to the commission to request a part time position to scan and digitize old books and paperwork. He mentioned that over the past two years there has been an increase in recordings in mining claims. After some discussion, it was suggested that more research should be done and then brought back to the commission for approval.

John David Nielson - SJC Clerk

John David presented the annual Predator Control Contract for approval. He explained that the county would spend \$10,000 and be reimbursed \$5,000 for the control of animal predators in the county. A motion to approve the contract was made by Commissioner Lyman and was 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

John David also talked to the commission about the Westwater properties. He explained that houses located on reservation land in Westwater are not owned by the individuals living there. The tenants lease the house from the Navajo Nation. Because the tenants do not own the homes he would like to seek tax collection for the properties from the Navajo Nation. A motion to approve this request was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

Bruce Adams - SJC Commissioner

Commissioner Adams talked about the decision on vacating two road portions in San Juan County, Utah. He explained that after the public meeting, discussions were held to decide the matter. A motion was made by Commissioner Lyman to vacate the two road portions. Commissioner Adams passed the chair to Commissioner Benally. Commissioner Benally mentioned that she would like to see as many roads as possible stay open. Commissioner Adams 2nd the motion made by Commissioner Lyman. Commissioner Lyman expressed appreciation to the landowner for following the correct process. Commissioner Adams mentioned that individuals desiring to hike on the road can still request access from the property owner. Voting was 2 in favor and 1 opposed. Commissioner Benally passed the chair back to Commissioner Adams.

Kelly Pehrson - CAO

Kelly presented bids on the old Public Health building and recommended that the county accept the high bid from Hannah Bailey. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly also brought an agreement to accept 185 Mt Peale road into the b-road system. A motion to allow 185 Mt Peale road into the b-road system was made by Commissioner Lyman and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly presented a bid from Public Health to buy new furniture. The money used to purchase the furniture would come the sale of the old public health building. A motion to purchase the furniture was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly mentioned that the county has had 2 engineers of record, but that JViation will begin to only focus on airports. Kelly requested that a 2nd and 3rd Engineer of Record be put on file. An RFP was sent out and 5 companies responded. Kelly recommended that the county use Savage Albright and PEC out of Salt Lake City as the 2nd and 3rd engineers of record. He explained that when an engineer is needed the county can bid out to the 3 engineering companies.

Commission Reports:

Commissioner Lyman - Commissioner Lyman talked about the appointment of Bryan Steed. He also went to the 6 county coalition meeting. He will attend the Public Health meeting tomorrow.

Commissioner Benally - Commissioner Benally attended the Substance and Mental Health conference in St. George and talked about how the meeting went. She also attended Jimmy Manheimer's retirement party. Commissioner Benally also the Rural Action Caucus in Decatur, Texas and mentioned that there are funds available for community development

Commissioner Adams - Commissioner Adams talked about meetings that he attended in northern Utah and in Baltimore. He was also able to visit Fort McHenry and expressed his gratitude for the people who keep our country free. He also attended a CIB funding meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:08