

**San Juan County Work Meeting
Hideout Community Center - Conference Room
Agenda
August 15, 2017**

Present: Bruce Adams - Commission Chairman
Rebecca Benally - Commission Vice Chair
Phil Lyman - Commissioner
Kelly Pehrson - CAO

Attendees: Karah Nay, Kim Henderson, Nicole Perkins, Rick Eldredge, Kendall Laws, Jerry McNeely, Nick Sandberg, Bob Turri, Wendy Black, John Young, John Fellmeth, Ben Musselman

Karah Nay - USU Extension

Karah reviewed with the commissioners the budget for the rodeo. She talked about current and future sponsors and asked the commissioners if they wanted to continue to hold the rodeo. After some discussion, it was decided that the rodeo should continue.

Kim Henderson/Nicole Perkins - Freedom Festival

Nicole and Kim came to the commission to talk about the Freedom Festival that will be held on September 9th. Nicole explained what they hope to accomplish with the festival. Kim talked a little more about how the festival will function.

Rick Eldredge - SJC Sheriff

Sheriff Eldredge came to the commission to talk about hiring an additional corrections officer at the jail. He and John Young explained why there is a need to have an additional officer and explained how the jail could handle the additional cost

Kendall Laws - SJC Attorney

Kendall came to the commission to talk about the Victims Advocate position. He explained that the position will be vacated at the end of the year and that there will be a need to find someone who can be trained on grant writing so the county can continue to receive grant money associated with the victims advocate position

Jerry McNeely - SJC Liaison

Jerry updated the commission his meetings with Grand County Water and Sewer, BLM, SITLA, and the Forest Service

Nick Sandberg - SJC Planning

Nick and John Fellmeth came to discuss with the commission the meeting they attended with PLIPCO and the Congressional Staff where agency coordination was discussed. They talked about some of the things that they learned from the meeting. Nick also talked about drafting a letter to the Forest Supervisor to talk about coordination. Also discussed was a letter from Lance Porter.

Ben Mussleman - SJC Road Supervisor

Benny discussed with the commission the road closure request by Rick Meyer. He also mentioned that the City of Monticello requested help from the county in doing maintenance on a water line near the Fair Grounds.

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A motion to approve the August 1, 2017 minutes was made by Commissioner Lyman and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Bruce Adams - SJC Commissioner

Commissioner Adams explained that after going through the appropriate process the commission was ready to make a decision on the request to close CR D-4006. A motion to close CR D-4006 and remove it from the county road system was made by Commissioner Lyman and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly Pehrson - SJC CAO

Kelly presented Sheriff Eldredge's request to hire another corrections officer at the jail. The specifics were previously discussed in the Work Meeting. A motion to allow the Sheriff's office to hire an additional corrections officer was made by Commissioner Lyman and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly also presented the request from the Freedom Festival for a donation from the county. A motion to approve a donation of \$5,000 and to allow the Freedom Festival to use the county's stage was made by Commissioner Lyman and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly also presented Charis Pedersen to work part time in the Economic Development office and continue in the clerk's office. A motion to approve the hire was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

There was a brief discussion a court hearing. A motion to allow Kelly to represent San Juan County and to have settlement authority at the NMA court settlement on August 22nd was made by Commissioner Lyman and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

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

Commissioner Adams explained that the Public Hearing was to receive public input with respect to properties located at 804 N. 400 W. Blanding, UT 84511 (San Juan Clinic) and 193 E. Center, Blanding, UT 84511 (Public Health Building) as surplus properties and offering these properties for sale to the public. No public comments were made.

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

A motion to put the properties mentioned in the Public Hearing up for surplus was made by Commissioner Lyman and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous

Commission Reports:

Commissioner Adams - Commissioner Adams talked about the success of the county fair and complimented Anna Fredericks on a job well done. He talked about the different events and talked about how entertaining they were. There was also a discussion on insurance for the Junior Livestock show.

Commissioner Benally - Commissioner Benally talked about her meeting with BIA and NDOT. She explained road maintenance by San Juan County on Navajo Nation roads was discussed. She also attended the Aneth planning and chapter meeting. Commissioner Benally also talked about the Fairgrounds in Bluff. She mentioned that San Juan School District would like to build a new school on that spot. She also attended the County Fair, the 25K job fair and Navajo Mountain Pioneer Day. She will attend several meetings the rest of the week and next week.

Commissioner Lyman - Commissioner Lyman talked about a Better Cities Analysis. He mentioned the County Fair and also attended the Bluff Incorporation meeting. Commissioner Lyman also mentioned an open house by Energy Fuels

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

Meeting adjourned at 1:07 pm