

San Juan County Work Meeting
Hideout Community Center - Conference Room
Agenda
August 1, 2017

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

Attendees: Wendy Black, Kara Laws, Nick Sandberg, Bob Turri, Ben Musselman, Heber Heyder, Jon Brooks, Walter Bird, Jerry McNeely, Rick Meyer, Kendall Laws, Chester Johnson

Kara Laws - SJC Resident

Kara presented a project idea to the commissioners about creating a website that highlights different areas of San Juan County and how land management has helped to shape the county. She asked the commission if they might be interested in helping to fund the project. There was a small discussion about how the project could possibly happen.

Commissioner Adams - Soil Conservation Letter

Commissioner Adams read a letter from Bob Barry asking the Commissioners to not support any bill that would take away Conservation Districts and representation. After a small discussion, it was decided that the Commission would draft a letter of their own.

Heber Heyder - SJC Fire Warden

Heber updated the commission on the number and types of fires that have occurred in San Juan County since the beginning of the year. He also talked about trainings that he has done this year. He gave updates on other current and future projects.

Walter Bird / Kelly Pehrson - SJ & Spanish Valley Master Plan Update

Walter and Kelly came to the commission to talk about long term planning for Spanish Valley as it grows. Walter explained that he and Kelly met with SITLA, the main property owner in Spanish Valley about the long term plan. Walter proposed working with a planning group to update the County's general plan and create a Spanish Valley Master Plan. Kelly explained that SITLA is willing to partner with San Juan County and share the cost of updating the Master Plan in Spanish Valley. Kelly explained that the cost to create a plan in Spanish Valley and update the general county plan would be around \$88,000.

Rick Meyer - SJC Resident

Rick came to the commission to start the process of closing a D Road in Bluff. He explained that the purpose of closing the road is for liability issues. The process of closing the road was explained by Ben Musselman.

Jerry McNeely - SJC Liaison

Jerry updated the commissioners on his meeting with the BLM. He also met with SITLA and talked about the Spanish Valley Master Plan. Jerry also mentioned that he hasn't been able to meet with the Forest Service or Park Services, but he has been able to meet with people and talk about water project in Spanish Valley and other issues.

Nick Sandberg - SJC Planning

Nick attended a BLM Class One Cultural Resources Parties meeting. He explained to the commissioners what was talked about in the meeting. He also gave an update on the Forest Service planning and their assessment document. Nick also mentioned a Scenery management system process that goes along with the Forest service planning. Lastly, Nick also talked about a proposed campground near Natural Bridges.

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A motion to approve the July 18, 2017 minutes was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

John Young - SJC Jail Commander

John presented a contract for a medical physician. The contract is to help the dispatch center come into compliance with EMS for the State of Utah. The recommended physician to meet the contractual needs is Dr. Croft. John explained what Dr. Croft's duties would be under the contract and the cost to do with would be \$300 per month.

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

Ben Musselman - SJC Public Works Director

Benny came to the commission to let the commissioners know that there will be an out of state travel to Albuquerque for training for Monica Alvarado.

Benny also presented an agreement from BIA to pay San Juan County \$7,296 to patch potholes on county road 414. A motion was made by Commissioner Benally to accept the agreement and was 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly Pehrson - CAO

Kelly requested permission to add buildings to the 2017 CIB priority list. A motion to allow Kelly to add the buildings to the CIB priority list was made by Commissioner Lyman and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly also requested approval to go with Landmark as the company to plan the Master Plan for Spanish Valley. The contract would be for \$75,770 of which the county will be responsible for \$22,102 with SITLA paying the rest of the contract. A motion to move forward with the Spanish Valley Master Plan was made by Commissioner Lyman and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Lastly, Kelly presented for approval the contract with the Dicio group. A motion to move along with the contract was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

Commission Reports:

Commissioner Lyman - Commissioner Lyman talked about the new Public Health Service District and expressed his excitement for it to get going. He also talked about the FBO on the Cal Black Airport and suggested looking into how the county can make better use of the facilities. He also talked about a weed issue with the Meyer family. Commissioner Lyman also attended the mail-in ballot hearing in SLC and was pleased with the work of the attorneys hired by the county.

Commissioner Benally - Commissioner Benally attended a NACO conference in Ohio. She updated the commission on the subjects that were covered. She also went to Halchita and spoke to the students attending summer school. On August 2 Commissioner Benally will sponsor a back to school night to help students and parents get some school supplies. She also has meetings with the State Finance Department and Utah Navajo Health Systems. Other meetings that she will attend are a BIA meeting in Monticello, the Bluff Incorporation meeting, and the FIRM meeting. She also updated the commission about the Southern Fair.

Commissioner Adams - Commissioner Adams attended the court hearing in SLC and met with the new AOG director. He also mentioned that the San Juan County Fair starts this weekend and next week the Lieutenant Governor will be in the county to kick off the 25K jobs in Rural Utah. He will also go to AIG meeting this week.

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

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 pm