

San Juan County Work Meeting
Hideout Community Center - Conference Room
Agenda
June 20, 2017

Present: Bruce Adams - Commission Chairman
Rebecca Benally - Commission Vice Chairman
Phil Lyman - Commissioner
Tammy Gallegos -
John David Nielson - Clerk

Attendees: Jerry McNeely, Shelby Seely, Sunny Redd, Bob Turri, Nick Sandberg, Wendy Black, Health Dpmtn director (Kirk Benge)

Sunny Redd - SJC Citizen

Sunny came to the commission to express her frustrations about the lack of services available at Lake Powell Marinas. She talked about a monopoly and requested that the commission verify contracts and make sure that the contracts are being fulfilled.

Jerry McNeely - SJC Liaison

Jerry met with SITLA over the Bluff land sale. Met with Forest Service and talked about the maintenance of a cattle guard, met with BLM and indicated that there are no changes. He attended other meetings with the Water and Sewer people. Jerry also discussed fossil water.

Nick Sandberg - SJC Planning

Nick attended a cooperating meeting with the forest service that covered a resource and socio-economic assessment. He reviewed with the commission what was talked about at the meeting.

Talked with forest service about wanting to meet and talk in a coordination meeting about the monument and how to handle different issues.

Nick also talked about how the public hearing that is scheduled during the regular commission meeting.

Commissioner Adams - SJC Commissioner

Commissioner Adams talked about a meeting covering water rights in Bluff and explained how the meeting went. There was a discussion a 40 yr plan that would be prepared by Jones & DeMille and how to resolve the water rights issue. He also reported on the rodeo and expressed how well it went.

Commissioner Benally - SJC Commissioner

Commissioner Benally reported that the Red Mesa Chapter is trying to get a transfer station put in south of the Red Mesa Chapter House. There was a small discussion on how the county could help make that happen.

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Marcia Hadenfeldt, Walter Bird

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 public hearing was to consider recommended modifications to the County general plan as part of the adoptions of the proposed County Resource Management Plan. He allowed Nick Sandberg to give a breakdown of the RMP and explained that the main purpose of the plan is to identify and specify management of BLM and Forest Service lands from the county's perspective. Nick explained that there are 28 resources within the plan and 5 components that define each resource. Following Nick's presentation, Commissioner Adams asked if there were any public comments.

Marcia Hadenfeldt, as a member of the planning and zoning commission, explained that there was great cooperation in putting together the RMP. She also commented, as a citizen of the county, on some of the language of the of the draft and requested that some of be changed to appear less oppressive and more cooperative.

Commissioner Benally requested that Nick summarize the changes and clarifications in the document during the public meeting.

After comments were made, Nick explained what the next steps will be in adopting the plan.

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

Commissioner Adams explained that the commission will now move forward in the process to respond to public comments and adopting the plan.

Scott Christensen - Roads Operations Manager

Scott came to inform the commission of the bids to work on County Road #457. He recommended that the commission go with Harrison Field Services out of Moab. A motion to accept the bid from Harrison Field Services was made by Commissioner Lyman and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Walter Bird - SJC Planning and Zoning

Walter came to gauge the commissioners feelings on having Jones and DeMille perform building inspections at a rate of \$80 hour. A motion to go with Jones and DeMille and allow them to perform the

building inspections was made by Commissioner Lyman and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

John David Nielson - SJC Clerk

John David came to the commission to talk about setting the tax rates for the 2017 year. He explained what the Certified tax rate is and recommended that the county go with that. Going with the certified would essentially make the county revenue neutral. A motion to accept the certified rate was made by Commissioner Lyman and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Tammy Gallegos - SJC Administrative Assistant

Tammy brought the fire restriction letter for signature. She explained that the county signs the letter that states that the county will follow fire restrictions implemented by the State of Utah. A motion to sign the letter and adopt the State fire restrictions was made by Commissioner Lyman and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Tammy also brought an amended state aging contract for signature. She explained that it updates the contract annually. A motion to approve the signature was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous. Lastly, Tammy asked the Commissioners ratify the proposal to submit a 40 yr water plan. The plan will be prepared by Jones and DeMille. A motion to approve the proposal was made by Commissioner Lyman and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Commission Reports:

Commissioner Benally - Commissioner Benally attended the Aneth Chapter meeting. Last Tuesday she attended a meeting in Gallup where 8 other counties on the Navajo Reservation attended.

She also attended the rural impact meeting in Blanding and then the Red Mesa Chapter Meeting. This week Commissioner Benally will attend the CCP meeting in Price. She'll also participate in the interview process for the Economic Development Director position and will attend the FIRM meeting

Commissioner Lyman - Commissioner Lyman expressed his hope that the next Economic Development Director would be a good asset for the county. He explained that John Howard who is working with RS247 would like to attend the next Commission Meeting. He mentioned a letter that the county received from SUWA regarding open meetings.

Commissioner Adams - Commissioner Adams attended several meetings including an NRF meeting. He also expressed his desire for President Trump to accept Secretary Zinke's recommendations to decrease the size of the monument.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:57