

**San Juan County Work Meeting**  
**Hideout Community Center - Conference Room**  
**Agenda**  
**June 6, 2017**

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

**Attendees:** Scott Burnett, Brian Christensen, Dale Bezzant, Jeannine McElveen, Kate Cannon, Bob Turri, Nick Sandberg, Jerry McNeely, Wendy Black, Samuel Roth, Mel Leesberg, Kendall Laws, Walter Bird

**Samuel Roth and Mel Leesberg - Jviation**

Samuel and Neil came to update the commission on the 3rd portion of the Master Plan for the Cal Black airport. Sam reviewed a handout given to the commissioners detailing Jviation's progress so far on the Master Plan.

**Scott Burnett & Brian Christensen - Zions Capital Advisors**

Scott and Brian came to the commission to give an update on the county's investment accounts and how they are performing. They talked about how Zions plans to monitor and work with the accounts as the market changes.

**Dale Bezzant - SJC Resident**

Dale came to the commission to request putting in a Community Garden on a plot of land north of the County Administration Building. There was a discussion about leasing options and other possible Garden sites. Dale explained how the Community Garden would work. A couple of other options were also discussed.

**Jeannine McElveen - Park Services**

Jeannine came to the commission to talk about a fee increase at Natural Bridges. She explained that the fee increase would bring the park up to Park Standard. Jeannine also explained how the fees would be used and how much attendance has increased from 2014 through 2016.

**John David Nielson - SJC Clerk**

John David updated the Commissioners on the Special Election to replace Congressman Chaffetz. He talked about party conventions and a possible Primary Election in August.

**Jerry McNeely - SJC Liaison**

Jerry updated the commission on different meetings. He also talked about water management involving Grand County, the City of Moab, and Spanish Valley. Jerry mentioned the sale of the Outpost in Canyonlands. Jerry also met with the Forest Service, BLM, and Park Services.

**Nick Sandberg - SJC Planning**

Nick informed the commission of a public hearing on January 20th covering the County Resource Management Plan (RMP). He showed the commissioners a letter that would be sent to all entities affected by the public hearing. Nick also provided the commissioners with an updated draft of the RMP and discussed it page by page.

**Walter Bird - SJC HR**

Walter came to gauge the commission's thoughts on exploring countywide Business License Regulations. Comments were given.

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A motion to approve the May 16, 2017 minutes was made by Commissioner Lyman and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

**Rick Eldredge - SJC Sheriff**

Sheriff Eldredge came with Justin and Walt to talk about the Blanding Shooting range. Justin explained how a 5 yr right of way at the shooting range with the BLM will be expiring next year and a plan to transition the property to the county is being worked on. He explained that the transfer will need to happen through a purchase. Justin talked mentioned improvements that have been made to the shooting range and talked about the process that would need to take place for the purchase to happen, which would include an appraisal. Walt talked about the financing part of the project and what the cost of the purchase would entail including a 25% match by the county. A motion to support the Elk Ridge Shooting Range was made by Commissioner Lyman and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Sheriff Eldredge also presented a Beer Tax funds plan for signature. He explained how the county gets money from the state to offset costs of confinement of those related to alcohol or drug related crimes. A motion to accept the beer tax funds was made by Commissioner Lyman and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

**Crystal Holt - SJC Personnel**

Crystal came to ratify the hiring of the Blanding Senior Center Aides, Mona Perkins and Shyann Palmer with Marcia Curley and Cory Benally alternates. A motion to ratify the hirings was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

Crystal also presented Angela Duncan as the Road Department clerk for the North Road Department. A motion to approve Angela Duncan as the clerk was made by Commissioner Lyman and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

### **Ryan Murray and Tim Chamberlain - SBDC**

Ryan came to the commission to talk about the joint effort with the county, the Custom Fit Program and SBDC for economic development. Tim talked about the Utah Foundry and how they would help serve San Juan County. Ryan talked about the areas of impact that the SBDC serves and presented numbers showing the growth in the county compared to other rural areas. Ryan also talked about the BEAR program and explained what its purpose is. He mentioned that the program could be used in tandem with Economic Development. Also talked about was the Custom Fit program and training that it can provide funding from the county and the future of the partnership.

### **Kelly Pehrson - CAO**

Kelly mentioned that the cities having a representative to be on the new SSD Health Board. The City of Blanding would like KD Perkins to represent them. A motion to ratify the appointment of KD Perkins to the SSD Health Board was made by Commissioner Lyman and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly also mentioned the need for Water Conservancy district board members. Two positions were advertised and the board would like to reappoint Nate Langston and Merlin Grover. A motion to reappoint Nate Langston and Merlin Grover to the Water Conservancy Board was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

There was also a motion by Commissioner Benally to appoint Suzette Morris to the new SSD Health Board. Commissioner Lyman 2nd the motion. Voting was unanimous.

John David talked about the 2017 Tax Sale and presented the minutes from the Tax Sale. He mentioned that all properties were redeemed or removed except for an easement belonging to Dale & Martha Lyman. He recommended that the easement be sold to Jeremy Homedew. John David also mentioned 3 State Assessed (SA) properties that had taxes past due for 5 years. The 3 properties, SA-3507, SA-4210 and SA-4000 were listed as personal property and that the personal property used was long gone. John David also mentioned efforts to contact the companies, but with no luck. His recommendation was to write off the taxes of the SA properties and remove them from the county tax role. A motion to follow the Clerk's recommendation to write off the taxes was made by Commissioner Lyman and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

### **Commission Reports:**

**Commissioner Benally** - Commissioner Benally talked about the Women's Conference that she put together. She mentioned that 103 people registered for the conference and felt like it was a success. She also attended graduations in Monument Valley and Whitehorse High School and the Navajo Mountain 6th grade promotion. Commissioner Benally also visited Washington DC and will attend the FIRM meeting and the BIA meeting in Gallup.

**Commissioner Lyman** - Commissioner Lyman also went to Washington DC and talked about the meeting with the Secretary of the Interior. He talked about the timeline for the Secretary to

make a recommendation about the monument and mentioned all of the resolutions that were passed in favor of the monument being rescinded. Commissioner Lyman also attended the 7 county coalition and talked about a conference call with the Governor's office. In the call he talked about public lands use and getting some jobs back to San Juan County. He talked about Blanding Senior Center location and had a meeting with the state BLM director, Senator Noel, and other officials where the recapture appeal was discussed.

**Commissioner Adams** - Commissioner Adams commented on the opportunity to go Washington DC and to give input on the Bears Ears National Monument. He expressed appreciation to all involved for helping facilitate the meetings that he and the other commissioners attended and to all citizens that have given their input on the monument.

The meeting adjourned at 12:08 p.m.