

San Juan County Work Meeting
Hideout Community Center - Conference Room
Agenda
April 4, 2017

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

Attendees: Bob Turri, Wendy Black, Randy Rarick, Jerry McNeely, Nick Sandberg

Jerry McNeely - SJC Liaison

Jerry reported that SITLA is still working on the Sewer and Water Project, which is in good shape. He also talked about a trip that he went on with DOGMA. Jerry also reported on the Forest Service's work on the Brownelle Easement. The LaSal Mining complex and Geyser Pass were also mentioned.

Nick Sandberg - SJC Planning

Nick talked about an Environmental Assessment (EA) put out by the BLM then showed the commissioners the comment letter related to the EA he drafted. He also talked with the BLM about possible sites that visitors could go to when they come to see the new Monument and mentioned some suggestions. Also talked about with the BLM is a potential campground that the BLM would like the county to consider. Nick also reported on the county Resource Management Plan and comments received. He explained the next step in the process is to meet with the Planning and Zoning Committee. Finally, Nick mentioned a Forest Service Coordination meeting.

Randy Rarick - SJC Landfill

Gave the commission an update on a fire at the the Landfill.

John David Nielson - SJC Clerk

John David reported to the commission on how he plans to run the 2017 Tax Sale and also about the Westwater properties and who is responsible for the property taxes.

Bruce Adams - SJC Commissioner

Reported on a conference that he and other SJC citizens attended in Dodge City, Kansas. He read through and talked about an executive order from President Trump

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A motion to approve the March 21, 2017 minutes was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

Tammy Gallegos - SJC Aging Director

Tammy requested travel to N4A in Savannah, Georgia in July for a meeting on how rural counties use Aging. A motion to approve the travel request was made by Commissioner Lyman and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous. There was a small discussion about the Senior Center in Blanding.

Crystal Holt - SJC Personnel

Crystal came to request the hiring of several individuals. For the Public Health Business Manager she presented Katrina Reed for the position. A motion to approve the hire was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous. Crystal also talked about the seasonal weed spraying position and suggested that the county hire Nash Freestone. A motion to approve the hiring of Nash Freestone was made by Commissioner Lyman and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous. Lastly Crystal requested that Lisa Kline be hired at the senior center as an aide. There were two applicants. A motion to approve the hiring was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

Sam Cantrell - SJC Surveyor

Sam came to the commission to request a capital expenditure. Sam would like to replace a couple of 4-wheelers and explained the two bids from Rocky Mtn ATV and Hondaland. He would like to go with Hondaland because they are local and cheaper than the Rocky Mtn ATV bid. The cost of the purchase will come from the Monument Preservation Fund. A motion to approve the request was made by Commissioner Lyman and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Public Hearing

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

Lynn Stevens and Shane Shumway came to explain the land transfer request from the county to the Hole in the Rock Foundation. Lynn presented a map that showed Hole in the Rock Foundation facilities and boundaries and explained how they encroached on 2 acres of the transfer station in Bluff. Lynn proposed that the purchase of 2 acres of land by the Foundation from the county. The request would close the transfer station in Bluff and have the citizens of Bluff travel 8 miles to the Landfill in White Mesa instead of the 4 miles to the transfer station. Another option and the purpose of the public hearing would be to do a land transfer between the county and the Foundation.

Commissioner Adams opened up the meeting to public comment.

Wes Shook from Bluff explained that the citizens of Bluff did not know that transfer station might be closed due to this land transfer request. He indicated that he would be ok with the land transfer as long as the landfill would not be closed

Sam Cantrell commented that he would prefer not see the landfill station closed either.

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

Bruce Adams - SJC Commissioner

Commissioner Adams talked about the county CAO's contract bonus for 2015 and 2016. In the contract the county agreed to pay him a bonus of 3% for 2015 and 2016. A motion to approve the contractual bonus was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly Pehrson - SJC CAO

Kelly explained that due to a project in the Blanding airport which will close down the hanger. Eagle AirMed would like to lease the Monticello Airport Hanger at \$1000 per month. A motion to approve the request was made by Commissioner Lyman and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous. Kelly also mentioned 2 pavement preservation projects going on at the Cal Black and Bluff Airports.

Kelly also mentioned 4 open positions for the the LaSal recreation board. Steve and Karen DeKruger sent in letters requesting to be on the board. A motion to approve the DeKrugers to be on the board was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly and Benny talked to the commission about a purchase of a backhoe. Benny discussed some backhoe options through the State Contract. He explained that a good lease is no longer available, just the option to purchase with a buy back. After discussing the options he requested the purchase of JCC Backhoe. A motion to approve the purchase of the JCC backhoe was made by Commissioner Lyman and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Benny also gave a financial analysis of the road department budget with the intent to hire another mechanic and office staff in Monticello. His request to the commission is to advertise to hire. A motion to allow the advertising was made by Commissioner Lyman and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

John Fellmeth and Nick Sandberg came to the commission to discuss the possibility of setting up meetings with Congressional Staffers and PLIPCO to try and get some action going on some of the land issues that the county has. More in depth discussions could help better educate individuals at a higher level. Commissioner Adams also mentioned President Trump's request for input on how to better manage the federal government.

Commission Reports -

Commissioner Lyman - Commissioner Lyman attended an NRF meeting in Montezuma Creek. He will also attend the 6 County Coalition meeting in Price this week, but will not go to UAC in Vernal

Commissioner Benally - Commissioner Benally attended the Inter-Agency Poverty Meeting, the San Juan Inter-Agency meeting, and the Early Childhood Coalition meeting on March 22nd. Commissioner Benally then attended the Navajo Women Commission Meeting in Window Rock on March 24th. She explained how the women of the Navajo Nation are trying to get more services across the Navajo Nation. Commissioner Benally also attended the FIRM meeting and will be attending UAC in Vernal.

Commissioner Adams - Commissioner Adams did not report.

Citizens' Comments -

Wes Shook commented on the University of Utah getting an award for designing a pamphlet that covers Bluff. He stated that a couple of pictures in the Community Center hall are labeled incorrectly.

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

Meeting adjourned at 12:48