

**San Juan County Work Meeting**  
**Hideout Community Center - Conference Room**  
**Agenda**  
**March 21, 2017**

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

**Attendees:** Wendy Black, Bob Turri, Tim Smith, Scoot Flannery, Cody Deeter, Jim Keyes, Shelby Seely, BJ Grover, Shawn Ivins, Chris Hansen, Kendall Laws

**Tim Smith - State Parks**

Tim came to talk about possible impacts the Goosenecks State Park Plan would have due to the new Bears Ears National Monument. He talked about the hope to work with the BLM. Chris talked a little bit about the Edge of the Cedars Museum and some ways that the museum is trying to reach out to the local citizens to get them more interested in the museum.

**Cody Deeter - Financial Planner**

Cody came to the commission to talk a little about his background and explain how he helps local governments with financing. He talked about how he might be able to help the county in making good financial decisions that will help them moving forward.

**BJ Grover & Shawn Ivins - San Juan Ranch**

BJ and Shawn came to the commission to talk about the San Juan Ranch horse sale. They explained what the horse sale is and requested county support and use of county facilities to proceed with the horse sale

**Nick Sandberg - SJC Planning**

Nick mentioned the county resource management plan and talked about Wilderness Study Areas within the county and how the BLM works with these areas. Nick also mentioned an upcoming BLM coordination meeting and talked about a meeting with BLM where the Old Spanish Trail was discussed.

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There was a motion by Commissioner Lyman to go into executive session. Commissioner Benally 2nd the motion. Voting was unanimous.

A motion to approve the March 7, 2017 minutes was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

**Karah Nay - USU Extension**

Karah brought the annual USU contract to the commission for approval. She explained that the support staff section and the facilities and equipment section had some changes. The support staff section allowed the county to choose to have USU hire and supervise the support staff or to hire and supervise the support staff themselves. Currently the county hires and supervises the support staff. The change to the facilities and equipment section came about because of a fire at the office in St. George. The change will give an inventory of what belongs to USU and what belongs to the county. Karah also mentioned the hiring of the FCS agent to replace Lou Mueller and talked about the soil in the rodeo arena.

**Tammy Gallegos - SJC Aging Director**

Tammy brought, for approval, the CSBG contract. The contract helps provide meals for the low income and disabled. A motion to approve the CSBG contract was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

**Crystal Holt - SJC Personnel**

Crystal came to ratify the hiring of Ryan Norman and Hayden Black as the Light equipment operators for the South District of the Road Department. There were 13 applicants with 13 interviews. A motion to approve the hirings was made by Commissioner Lyman and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

### **Kelly Pehrson - CAO**

Kelly requested a donation of \$5,000 from the county to help with Farm Days which they do every other year. A motion to approve the donation was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly presented an annual maintenance contract that the county has with the Forest Service to do maintenance on B & D roads. A motion to approve the contract was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly also talked about an AYL sponsorship package for the county. Commissioner Adams suggested the county go with the prime sponsorship package at a cost of \$60,000 for the year. Commissioner Lyman made a motion to approve the sponsorship and was 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Finally, Kelly mentioned his visit to a trade show in Denver. He explained that he had a positive experience.

### **Commissioner Adams - SJC Commissioner**

Commissioner Adams explained that the scheduled public hearing to talk about a Special Events Conditional Use Permit Ordinance has been cancelled. He invited any public comments concerning the proposed ordinance.

Carol Van Steeter commented on the proposed ordinance and mentioned how confusing it seemed to her. Miriam Peterson requested that the county come up with a constitutional solution to help solve the issue of possible private property problems associated with future large events in the county.

### **Shelby Seely - SJC Assessor**

Brought back to the commission the application and information for property tax exemption for Colorado Outward Bound School. A motion to allow the tax exemption for the school was made by Commissioner Lyman and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

### **Commission Reports:**

**Commissioner Benally** - Commissioner Benally attended the Aneth and Red Mesa planning and chapter meetings. She was part of some interviews with Tony Rampton and his staff. She also attended her first CCP meeting. Commissioner Benally said that she will also attend the Intergenerational Poverty Meeting and the Navajo Nation Women Commission Meeting later this week. She also informed the commission that Herman Daniels would like to attend a commission meeting to talk about the Fire Station in Monument Valley. There was some discussion about that.

**Commissioner Lyman** - Commissioner Lyman mentioned a call from the SL Tribune informing him that San Juan County was the #1 county for percentage growth in the country according to census data for 2015-2016. He also attended meetings in SLC and indicated to the Commission that he feels that 2017 will be a good year for the county. Commissioner Lyman also talked about the possibility of hiring some folks with drones to help the county do an inventory of the county roads.

**Commissioner Adams** - Commissioner Adams will do to Dodge City next week.

A motion to adjourn Commissioner meeting was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Meeting was adjourned at 11:57