

**San Juan County Work Meeting**  
**Hideout Community Center - Conference Room**  
**Agenda**  
**March 7, 2017**

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

**Attendees:** Scott Christensen, Patti Christensen, Lexi Latham, Nick Sandberg, Bob Turri, Linda Gilmore, Wendy Black, Tim Chamberlain, Mike Finnerty, Jerry McNeely, Shelby Seely, Rick Eldredge

Commissioner Adams made a presentation to Scott Christensen on training programs that Scott has completed through Utah-LTAP. He read a letter from Nick Jones congratulating Scott on his accomplishments.

**Linda Gilmore - State of Utah**

Linda introduced herself and talked about the Rural Development Program that she runs for the state of Utah. She is in San Juan County for a couple of days to see how she can help the county create job growth.

**Tim Chamberlain - SBDC**

Tim updated the commission on the progress of the SBDC in the county and what benefits they have provided the county. Mike introduced himself and then talked about SBDC and how it works throughout the state. He gave the commissioners a magazine publication that gave a statistical breakdown of SBDC. There was a discussion on the SBDC and how they can help the county.

**Jerry McNeely - SJC Liaison**

Jerry talked about meetings with Scott Christensen and Grand County Water & Sewer. He also gave a snow report of LaSals. Jerry also met with SITLA. Water and sewer projects and the incorporation of Bluff. He met with the BLM and talked about different projects they have going on. He also talked about maps on culture sites which were given to him by Lance Porter. Jerry was able to meet the Forest Service and talked about Geyser Pass

**Nick Sandberg - SJC Planning**

Nick gave an update on the County Resource Management Plan. He talked about comments received regarding briefing papers from each resource. From those comments he drafted some objectives and policies for the resource plan. A comment period on his draft that will run through March 31st. Also talked about was a revised management plan schedule.

Nick also mentioned that the BLM sent out letters to permit holders explaining that there is no immediate change to their permit usage.

**Sheriff Eldredge - SJC Sheriff**

Came to the commission to talk about a rehab program to help kids integrate into society and get the commission's thoughts as far as the county participating in the program.

He also presented an annual contract renewal in the amount of \$5000 and explained what the sheriff's office does with the contract money.

There was also a discussion about BLM overreach with their rangers.

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

**Crystal Holt - SJC Personnel**

Crystal came to the commission with the request to hire Spencer Spotted Elk as the new Public Health Educator with Donna Harlow as the alternate. There were 6 applicants with 3 interviews. A motion to approve the hire was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

**Kirk Bengé - SJC Public Health Director**

Kirk came to the commission to talk about leasing vehicles for Public Health. He explained that there are a couple of cars with high mileage and would like to use funds from the Emergency Response Contract to lease an SUV and a truck. A motion to approve the lease request was made by Commissioner Lyman and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Kirk also mentioned that he will try to hire, internally, a business manager.

**Ben Musselman - SJC Public Works Director**

Ben presented to the commission the BIA Cooperative Agreement for signature. He explained that all the terms have been agreed to and that the agreement is for road maintenance. A motion to approve the agreement was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

**John David Nielson - SJC Clerk**

John David brought two beer license applications to the commissioner for approval. Both beer licenses, Cottonwood Steakhouse and SJ River Kitchen, are renewals from last year. A motion to approve the beer license renewals was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

John David also presented for approval a list of entities requesting tax exemption for 2017. All, but one, Colorado Outward Bound, are repeat requests. After some discussion a motion to approve the tax exemption requests except for Colorado Outward Bound which is pending review was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Adams. Voting was unanimous.

### **Kelly Pehrson - CAO**

Kelly presented the contract the Sheriff's Office and the Forest Service allowing the Sheriff's office to perform law enforcement duties in Forest Service areas. The contract is for \$5000 and the funds are used to buy equipment. A motion to approve the contract was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Adams. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly brought 2 resolutions to the commission to be passed. He mentioned that these resolutions are similar to resolutions passed by the State of Utah

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### **RESOLUTION REQUESTING AND RECOMMENDING THE REVERSAL OF THE DESIGNATION OF THE GRAND STAIRCASE-ESCALANTE AREA AS A NATIONAL MONUMENT**

After reading the resolution titles a motion to pass the resolutions was made by Commissioner Lyman and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly presented one building permit for Richard McFadden in Spanish Valley to build a garage/shop. A motion to approve the building permit was made by Commissioner Lyman and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

### **Commission Reports:**

**Commissioner Lyman** - Commissioner Lyman attended the Cowboy Caucus at the State Capitol. He met with several legislators and talked about Secretary Zinke's visit to San Juan County. He also did an interview with Al Jazir television and also talked with BBC

**Commissioner Benally** - Commissioner Benally talked with Clay White about the Indian School bus routes. Commissioner Benally attended NACO and presented on Inter-generational Poverty. She also attended the Rural action caucus and attended the multicultural youth day at the Capitol. After getting back Commissioner Benally received a call from the AGs office. They talked with her about a visit that was made to the county. She also met with Matt Anderson and talked about Secretary Zinke's visit and will meet with the Aneth Chapter

**Commissioner Adams** - Commissioner Adams was able to stay in the county, but appreciated the other commissioners for attending NACO and other legislative sessions.

A motion to adjourn to an executive session was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman.