

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

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

Attendees: John Felmeth, Nick Sandberg, Bob Turri, Kendall Laws, Jerry McNeely,
Wendy Black, Kirk Bengé

John Felmeth - SJC Finances

John came to the commission to talk about finances. He explained that the county ended the year on a good note, but suggested that county transfer money to a couple of different funds that are running in the deficit. There was a discussion and the transfer request would be brought as an action item in commission meeting.

Kirk Bengé - Public Health Director

Kirk came to talk to the commission about hiring an Public Health Emergency Response Coordinator. He explained the position and how the position would be funded. There was also some discussion about the position for a new Business Manager.

Jerry McNeely - SJC Liaison

Jerry talked about an emergency meeting with the City of Moab regarding the bids for the sewer plant. Also talked about a Housing Authority Meeting and talked about growing interest in the sewer and water project. Jerry also met with Jeff Whitney and SITLA. During his meeting with the Forest Service the Brownelle Easement, the LaSal Mine complex, and the Bears Ears were talked about. He also explained his meeting with the BLM and mentioned how hard it was to get any answers about what's going on.

Nick Sandberg - SJC Planning

Nick talked to the commission about the Open House meeting on the County Resource Management Plan. He explained the plan and the status of it to those who attended the open house. He also met with the Planning and Zoning Commission and briefed them on the Management Plan. He also requested a revised schedule for the Resource Management Plan Timeline.

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

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

Crystal Holt - SJC Personnel

Crystal came to the commission to the replace part time dispatcher at the sheriff's office. There were 4 applicants with 3 interviews. Crystal would like to office the position to Melissa Gill. A motion to approve the hire was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

Crystal also needed to fill a part time position at the Blanding library. There were 13 applicants with 12 interviews. She recommended the position be given to Courtney Montella with Bridget Farley and Claralise Williams as alternates. A motion to accept the recommendation was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

Randy Rarick - SJC Landfill

Randy came to the commission to requested permission to attend a Landfill training in Reno for himself and Dekker Perkins. Randy indicated that he has the money in his budget to attend the training. A motion to approve the travel request was made by Commissioner Lyman and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

There was also some discussion about an underground fire at the landfill.

Ben Musselman - SJC Public Works Director

Ben came to the commission to talk about rebidding the Filters due to confusion and a lack of complete bids. Ben also talked about Culverts bids and requested that the culverts be bid out on a per project basis instead of stockpiling them. A motion was made by Commissioner Lyman and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Walter Bird - Planning & Zoning Director

Walter presented an interlocal agreement between San Juan and Grand counties to contract for plan review and building inspection services. Walter explained the agreement and how it would work. A motion to approve the signing of the contract was made by Commissioner Lyman and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Bruce Adams - SJC Commission Chairman

Commissioner Adams talked to the commission about a Gold Membership with FIRM. FIRM is an organization that helps with rural county issues. He explained the cost and what the Gold Membership entails. A motion to approve purchase of the Gold Membership was made by Commissioner Lyman and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Commissioner Adams also talked about a conference in Dodge City, Kansas. He explained the conference and suggested that the county offer up to 10 county citizens a stipend to attend the conference. A motion to approve the request was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly Pehrson - CAO

Kelly said that Casey Veach would like to be a member of the Healthcare Board. Commissioner Lyman made a motion to allow Casey Veach to be on the Healthcare Board and was 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly presented 5 building permits. Kelly explained that 2 of the permits are commercial permits and have gone through the planning and zoning process and have been inspected by a commercial inspector. Three other permits were for a shed in Blanding and a home in Spanish Valley. A motion to approve the building permits was made by Commissioner Lyman and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly also presented for ratification the proposed transfers talked about during the work meeting with John Fellmeth. A motion to approve the transfer of \$255,000 to the Ambulance fund, \$200,000 to Public Health and \$300,000 to the Tort Liability fund was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

A motion to go into public hearing regarding the purchase of D-road easements from SITLA was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman.

Kelly explained that he submitted an application to purchase all D Road Easements through CIB from SITLA for the amount of \$602,000 and \$118,000 in surveying costs. The purpose of the purchase request is to make sure that the county has road access if SITLA ever switches out land sections that the roads run through. This would allow the county ongoing road access. During the comment period Bob Turri asked if the easements went across state sections in the Monument? If purchased, the owners of sections of land with D-roads would have to leave the roads open for access.

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

Commissioner Lyman made a motion to approve the application for D-road easements to the CIB board and was 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Linda Larson - SJC EMS Director

Linda came to the commission to ratify the medical director contract allowing Dr. Zeb Crofts to be the medical director for EMS. A motion to approve the contract was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

Commission Reports:

Commissioner Lyman - Commissioner Lyman handed out the latest edition of the Blue Mountain Shadows and also talked about Economic Development and At Your Leisure. He mentioned that Tim Smith from State Parks wants to talk about Goosenecks. Mike Noel asked if the Commission would do a resolution to reduce the size of the Grand Staircase.

Commissioner Benally - Commissioner Benally attended several hearings and meetings during the legislative session and talked a little about those meetings. She also attended the Aneth chapter and planning meeting and updated the new chapter president on county issues. She also attended the Red Mesa chapter and planning meeting where cooperative and intergovernmental agreements were discussed. She'll be going to Salt Lake to attend other meetings with UAC and the Cowboy Caucus. After that she'll fly to DC for more meetings. She also mentioned that Sam Dee has a desire to be on the Public Health Board. Also, Silvia Zhonnie would like to be on the Economic Development Board. Commissioner Benally mentioned that The Navajo Nation Women's Commission would like to have San Juan County do a Utah Conference, possibly in Blanding.

Commissioner Adams - Commissioner Adams has attended the legislative session and will attend AOG meetings. Commissioner Adams complimented the entire San Juan County staff and team with all they do to help and keep San Juan County going.

Citizen Comments:

Peter Haney from the radiation exposure screening program came to request another letter to URSA to be able to reapply for their grant because it is up for renewal.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Lyman and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:13 p.m.