

San Juan County Work Meeting
Hideout Community Center - Conference Room
Agenda
January 17, 2017

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

Attendees: Rick Eldredge, Brant Murray, Jerry McNeely, Nick Sandberg, Wendy Black,
Kendall Laws, Bob Turri, Tim Chamberlain, Bill Crowder

Rick Eldredge - SJC Sheriff

Sheriff Eldredge updated the commission on some locked gates in Bluff and why they have been locked and what to this point has been done. Sheriff also talked to the commission about an MOU with the Ute Tribe and the Navajo Nation concerning cross-training with the Sheriff's office.

Brant Murray - Bluff Citizen

Brant Murray came with Bill Crowder to the commission to give an update on their progress to incorporate Bluff. He explained what they have done so far and the process that they've followed to this point to incorporate Bluff.

Jerry McNeely - SJC Liaison

Jerry met with SITLA and talked about a road by Ken's Lake that has not been put on the transportation map, but will be. Jerry also talked about a group of people called Back Country Pilots that will come to the commission to talk about improving roads around air/landing strips. Jerry also met with Lance from the BLM and talked about the local BLM's involvement with the new National Monument. He presented a paper showing different National Monument proposals and also talked about getting the roads graded in Northern San Juan County. Jerry also talked a little bit about Spanish Valley Water and Sewer and ATV trail public comments,

Nick Sandberg - SJC Planning

Nick commented on the open house for the Resource Management Plan Project, which was attended by approximately 35 people, and talked about what happened there. He also discussed the survey that was presented at the meeting and mentioned some of the questions on the survey.

Tim Chamberlain -

Tim talked with the commission about his visit with Mike Bynum from Spanish Valley and how San Juan County could better serve that area. Tim also talked about the ASAP program and what it does to benefit different communities individually.

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A motion to approve the January 3, 2017 minutes was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Crystal Holt - SJC Personnel

Crystal brought to the commission several positions that needed to be filled. In the Sheriff's office Timothy Turk was promoted from Dispatch to Corrections. Timothy entered the academy January 3rd. Chris Sanchez was also promoted from part-time dispatcher to full-time. For the LaSal Senior Center, Crystal requested that Naomi Schultz be hired as the Senior Aide with Makinzie Bowden as the Alternate. In the Road Department, Mike Hannahs was moved from Light Equipment to Patch Crew Leadman in the south district and Troy Lopez was promoted to assistant foreman in the north district. A motion to accept the hirings of the above individuals was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Adams. Voting was unanimous.

Ben Musselman - SJC Public Works Director

Benny came to request plasma cutter purchase for \$2879.32 from Welder from 4 Corners Welding. A motion was made from Commissioner Benally to approve the plasma cutter purchase. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Adams. Voting was unanimous.

Benny also requested to purchase two flatbeds for the work trucks from Semi-Service at \$2900 each. A motion was made by Commissioner Adams to approve the purchase and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Next Benny talked about the Synthetic oil and ATF bid for the county. The lowest bid was submitted by Brantley BG, however, they don't have an oil that met a certain criteria and so the recommendation is to go with Monticello Home and Auto. A motion was made by Commissioner Adams to accept the bid by Monticello Home & Auto. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

The next bid talked about was for General Duty Grease. Monticello Home & Auto was the lowest bidder. A motion was made by Commissioner Benally to accept the General Duty Grease bid and was 2nd by Commissioner Adams. Voting was unanimous.

Finally, Monticello Home & Auto was the lowest for the battery bid. A motion to accept the bid from Monticello Home & Auto was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Adams. Voting was unanimous.

A motion to go into Public Hearing was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Public Hearing to consider potential projects for which funding may be applied under CDBG Small Cities Program for Program Year 2017

Commissioner Lyman opened the public hearing for the CDBG program and stated that this hearing is being called to consider potential projects for which funding may be applied under the 2017 Community Development Block Grant Program. It was explained that the grant money must be spent on projects benefiting primarily low and moderate-income persons. The Southeastern AOG, in which San Juan County is a member, is expecting to receive between \$300K - \$350K in this new program year. All eligible activities that can be accomplished under this program are identified in the CDBG Application Policies and Procedures Manual and interested persons can review it at any time. Commissioner Lyman read several of the eligible activities listed including examples, such as Construction of public works and facilities, e.g., water and sewer lines, fire stations, acquisition of real property, provision of public services such as food banks or homeless shelters. Also eligible are loan programs for private businesses which would then hire low income persons and the program can also pay for housing rehabilitation or down payment assistance for low income homeowners. Commissioner Lyman indicated that in the past San Juan County has received 5 grants accomplishing water and street projects. The county has handed out its capital investment plan as part of the regional "Consolidated Plan".

Commissioner Lyman asked for any public comments or questions. None were heard.

A motion to leave Public Hearing was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

A motion to approve the pursuance of CDBG Small Cities Program Grant was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

John David Nielson - SJC Clerk

John David presented another list of business seeking renewal of their Beer Licenses. A motion to approve the renewals was made by Commissioner Adams. Commissioner Lyman passed the chair to Commissioner Benally and 2nd the motion made by Commissioner Adams. There were 2 votes in favor and 1 vote abstain. Commissioner Benally passed the chair back to Commissioner Lyman.

John David also requested the contract renewal for the Predator Damage Control. A motion to approve contract renewal was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly Pehrson - SJC CAO

Kelly presented for signature the contract between SJC Sheriff's, Ute Tribe, and BIA for approval. A motion was made by Commissioner Benally to approve the Commissioner Chairman's signature for the contract between SJC Sheriff's Office, the Ute Tribe and BIA. Commissioner Adams 2nd the motion. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly presented 3 building permits: The first was for home upgrades for a home in Moab. The second is for a hotel in Bluff and the 3rd is for a (motion subject to meeting conditions of UDOT and permit fee), manufactured home in Bluff. A motion was made by Commissioner Adams to approve the permits subject to them meeting the conditions set forth by UDOT and payment of the permit fee.

Next, Kelly read the proposed resolution:

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SAN JUAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SUPPORTING THE PROPOSED TRANSFER OF ALL RIGHT, TITLE, AND INTEREST IN AND TO THE FEDERAL MINERALS LOCATED IN THE SUBSURFACE OF THE ANETH EXTENSION OF THE NAVAJO NATION TO THE UTAH TRUST FUND AND INCREASE THE ROYALTIES COLLECTED AND PAID ON MINERALS PRODUCED ON THE EXTENSION FROM 37.5% TO 62.5%

Commissioner Benally suggested that the resolution be amended. Corrections were made and a motion to accept the resolution to increase royalties from 37.5% to 62.5% to the Aneth extension was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Adams. Voting was unanimous.

Commission Reports

Commissioner Lyman - Commissioner Lyman talked about being on the County Seat program and attending the 6 county infrastructure meeting. He talked about what was discussed at the meeting.

Commissioner Benally - Commissioner Benally attended the Red Mesa chapter meeting and planning meeting on January 4th. She explained that there are concerns over roads and want to set up a meeting with BIA and NDOT to discuss a cooperative agreement. Commissioner Benally also mentioned that 2 resolutions were passed at the Aneth Chapter meeting. One was in support to overturn the National Monument and the 2nd resolution was to not support the Navajo Nation's legislation which did support the National Monument. She talked about a group out of New Mexico called the Navajo Nation Republican GOP that are working to overturn the National Monument. Commissioner Benally also attended a northern agency inauguration on Friday the 13th where new chapter officials are sworn in. During the inauguration Bears Ears was talked about and mentioned and talked about. There will also be a meeting January 30th and 31st with UDOT to finish up the road inventory.

Commissioner Adams - Commissioner Adams clarified remarks that he made at the Press Conference after the Bears Ears Monument was declared which had caused concern. He mentioned that he thought that President Obama had offended every resident in the county because not everybody got everything that they wanted or were looking for.

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