

San Juan County Work Meeting
Hideout Community Center - Conference Room
Agenda
January 3, 2017

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

Attendees: Lynn Stevens, Bob Turri, Kristine Adams, Wendy Black, Jerry McNeely, Shelby Seely, Ben Musselman, Cindy Tumeh, Joan Powell

Commissioner Bruce Adams was sworn into office by San Juan County Clerk John David Nielson

Jerry McNeely - SJC Liaison

Jerry reported on meeting with the Forest Service and SITLA. He gave the commission several maps and documents related to the Bears Ears National Monument. He also provided a copy of the National Monument Proclamation.

Nick Sandberg - SJC Planning

Nick talked to the commission about a letter giving the County's comments on the Gunnison Sage Grouse Resource Management Plan Amendment. He also mentioned an Open House on the County Resource Management Plan next week on Jan. 10. It will allow for the public to see resource briefings and make comments on them.

Nick also mentioned that the BLM has signed the Indian Creek ATV Trail decision record and is within a 30 day appeal period which will end on January 14th.

Also talked about was Section 16 of Comb Ridge that was sold. There was a complaint about a locked gate on one of the D roads in that section. The county wants to obtain easements on all 9 D-Roads within that section.

Joan Powell - Wellington Mayor

Joan wants to bring Big Ride Utah to San Juan County this year and came to the commission for advice on which roads and trail might still be opened after the Bear Ears Monument designation.

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

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A motion to approve the December 20, 2016 minutes was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Adams. Voting was unanimous.

Ben Musselman - SJC Public Works Director

Ben came to request a continuation of a backhoe lease agreement for the 310 backhoe. Ben explained the lease and mentioned the cost will be \$65,000. Commissioner Benally made a motion to continue the lease and was 2nd by Commissioner Adams. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly Pehrson - CAO

Kelly talked about an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement that needs to be signed for the 7 county. A motion to approve the agreement was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly also presented a letter from Alan Barry to continue to serve on the hospital board for a 3rd term. A motion to approve Alan Barry to continue to serve on the hospital board was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly discussed with the commission, Commission Assignments. The commissioners also discussed rotating the commission chair every 2 years.

Kelly presented two building permits, 1 for a log cabin close to the Dude Ranch and 1 for a garage in Blanding. Commissioner Adams made a motion to accept the permits and was 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly also presented for approval, the contract renewals for Danny Fleming with the Water Systems Services. A motion to approve the renewals was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Adams. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly brought for ratification, a letter drafted by Nick to the BLM regarding the Sage Grouse for signature. A motion to approve the Commission Chair's signature was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Commission Reports:

Commissioner Lyman - Commissioner Lyman will be going to 7 county meeting on Friday. He also attended a Club 20 meeting in Grand Junction.

Commissioner Adams - Commissioner Adams talked with Mark Whitney about 2.0 and UACs involvement, also commented on the support of the San Juan County citizens regarding the Bear Ears Monument and praised the Commissioners Benally and Lymans' involvement and work done to prevent the monument

Commissioner Benally - Commissioner Benally also praised the citizens of the county and the Aneth Chapter for their work in opposing the monument. Commissioner Benally also attended a BIA meeting in Shiprock on December 21st. She talked about much of an effort the county has made to work on roads in the south end of the county. She also attended a Christmas dinner in Aneth.

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Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.