

SAN JUAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
May 26, 2015 at 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT: Phil Lyman, Commission Chairman
Rebecca Benally, Commission Vice Chairman
Bruce Adams, Commissioner
Kelly Pehrson, CAO
John David Nielson, Clerk/Auditor

Attendees: Pam Hansen, Tim Chamberlain, Bob Turri, Roma Young, Crystal Holt,
Sam Cantrell, Jerry McNeely, Nick Sandberg, Jim Keyes, Greg Adams, Walter Bird

The agenda was amended to add a closed session. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Approval of Minutes - a motion to approve the minutes from May 19, 2015 was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Adams. Voting was unanimous

Department Head Concerns -

John David Nielson - Clerk/Auditor

John David talked about a property that is scheduled to be sold at this week's tax sale. The property owner is requesting an abatement on delinquent property taxes for years 2008-2012. After some discussion the commissioners decided not to abate the taxes, but suggested that the property owner be given another 3 months to come up with a plan to pay the taxes or to get them paid. If not completed at that time the property will be put on the next tax sale.

Worthy Glover Jr. - SJC Public Health

Worthy made an out of state travel request for June 7th. A motion to approve the travel was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Adams. Voting was unanimous.

Worthy also talked about the transfer of assets from SEUHD, a Ford Focus and a Jeep
Worthy talked about billing software for the new Health District and presented the Commission with a couple of options. Worthy preferred to purchase E-clinical. The monthly fee would be up to \$900 with all the bells and whistles, but Worthy plans on using \$750/month and the contract could be cancelled at any time. A motion to approve the contract was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Adams. Voting was unanimous.

Sam Cantrell - SJC Surveyor

Sam presented a sample of the San Juan County Historic Right of Way Sign and a cost estimate for 20 signs. The signs would be placed at different locations around the county. He also presented the idea of using different photos that could be put on the signs instead of the sample picture. He mentioned the website where these photos were found. A discussion about possible placement sites and different sign logos occurred.

Jim Keyes - USU Extension

Presented a document concerning the extension of the USU budget for 2015. A motion to approve the extension was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

A lengthy discussion took place regarding grazing permits that expire and the effect it will have on the grazers. When the grazing permits on ranches are up, SITLA can come in and advertize those permits to the public, which could then be bought and taken away from the grazers. There is a meeting in Price on the 28th to discuss the issue.

Pam Hanson - SJC Economic Development

Pam presented a resolution for a Grant Commitment and requested a commitment of \$2500, from the economic development budget. The county's commitment would be for 3 years and it would be for the better cities project. A motion to approve the commitment pending further information was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting unanimous.

Greg Adams - SJC Building Inspector

Greg Adams presented building permits for a manufactured home in Spanish Valley, a house south of Blanding, a couple of homes north of Monticello, and a recreational cabin in Montezuma Canyon. A motion to approve the building permits was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Adams. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly Pehrson - CAO

Kelly talked about the conference that he went to and some of the hot items that were talked about.

Jerry McNeely - SJC Liaison

Jerry talked about a meeting with the Federal Highway department regarding the LaSal loop road. San Juan County was grandfathered in. There will be a project that will affect different locations in the county.

Nick Sandberg - SJC Planning

Nick presented the San Juan County Resource Plan objectives. He discussed some of the objectives and some changes to them and explained that this document is a draft and subject to change as discussion occurs.

He also talked about a letter of no significant impact to the East of Blanding and reviewed the contents of the letter. Nick also mentioned a court case and a judge's decision to "assess" land by the BLM. He asked the Commission how to proceed in the Lands Bill process. Dates for scheduling another meeting with the Lands Council were discussed.

Commission Reports

Commissioner Lyman -

Commissioner Lyman mentioned Peter's Hill and the desire to make that a double yellow lane. He also talked about the Lincoln Day Dinner this week and some meetings with archeologists that will be looking at the recapture area.

Commissioner Benally -

Attended High School graduations. She will attend the Bluff Water Works Meeting tomorrow, their interlocal agreement and couple of other items coming up.

Commissioner Adams -

Will attend meetings with SITLA, AOG, and the Lincoln Day Dinner this week.

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

Meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.