

Commission Work Meeting

September 1, 2015

9:00 am

Present: Phil Lyman - Commission Chairman
Bruce Adams - Commissioner
Rebecca Benally - Commission Vice Chair (absent)
Natalie Freestone - Administrative Assistant
John David Nielson - Clerk/Auditor

Attendees:

Monte Perkins, Bob Turri, Martin Numbers, Shelby Seely, Worthy Glover, Kendall Laws, Jerry McNeely, Roma Young, Jim Keyes, Ken White, John Felmeth, Nick Sandberg, Leonard Gorman, Lauren Bernally

Leonard Gorman - Navajo nation human rights Commission

Leonard came to the commission to discuss the Mail in Ballot voting process. He presented 3 areas as problems with the By Mail voting process.

- 1 - Lack of language assistance associated with ballot interpretation
 - 2 - Closing of Polling locations
 - 3 - U.S. Postal Service not being able to date stamp ballots at the locations where they are dropped off at
- A lengthy discussion occurred concerning with Mr. Gorman urging the change to do away with the Mail in Ballot process

Monte Perkins - SJC Maintenance

Monte talked to the Commission about weed control and getting a weed sprayer to help keep the weeds under control. A lengthy discussion occurred. Also mentioned was the process of replacing carpet.

Nick Sandberg - SJC Planning

Nick discussed with the Commission about which roads might be included on the county Lands Bill as indicated on the current travel plan. Also discussed were the boundaries of the Energy Zone.

Jim Keyes - USU Extension

Introduced Dr. Ken White from USU. Jim came to give an update on his role with USU Blanding in aiding students with their Agricultural education. He will still work with range and livestock issues in San Juan County.

Jerry McNeely - SJC Liasion

Jerry attended several meetings and met with several organizations including BLM & Fidelity, SITLA, and Kate Cannon.

Jerry also had a meeting San Juan Ground Water and Sewer. He showed maps indicating the sewer and water setup. He also had a meeting Grand County Water and Sewer. On the 19th of August he attended a UDOT meeting where accelerated lanes were discussed.

A meeting with the Housing Authority over self-help homes was also mentioned along with a meeting the Childrens Justice Court (CJC).

Jerry mentioned "Red Tags" being put on trailers by the Forest Service reminding the trailer owners of the 14 day camping rule

Nick Sandberg - SJC Planning

Nick talked about the Indian Creek ATV appeal. He also mentioned that the Master Leasing Plan was modified by the BLM. Other things mentioned were the fee increase at campgrounds and the Resource Advisory Council Meeting

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A motion to approve the August 4, 2015 minutes was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

Natalie Freestone - SJC Administrative Assistant

Natalie presented a request for out of state travel for Pam Hansen and a \$3000 grant to be used for Mt. Peale Animal Sanctuary. A motion to approve the travel was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

No action was taken on the grant so that there could be more time to consider the request.

Walter Bird - SJC Human Resource Director

Walter presented proposed changes to the Personnel Policies/Procedures Manual. Walter will send out a letter to all the employees explaining the changes and then will make it available on the website. A motion to approve the changes was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

Walter also presented to new hires, Jaimee Bailey for the part time clerk position. Out of 10 applicants, Ben Sanchez was chosen to fill the heavy equipment operator. A motion to approve the hires was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

Walter also presented a building permit for a home in Bluff. A motion to approve the permit subject to Rick Meyer's signature was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

Worthy Glover - Health Department Director

Worthy presented Shawn Begay to serve on the Health Board. A motion to approve this position was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

Worthy also requested pay increases for Katy Knight and Brittany Carlson as directors of Nursing and WIC and presented information supporting the request. A motion to table the pay raise was made by Commissioner Adams.

David Carpenter - SJC Recorder

David came to the Commission with a request to start the process of finding a replacement for the Deputy Recorder who is retiring. He would like to have someone hired by Nov. 1st so that there can be 2 months of

training before the current Deputy Recorder leaves. After some discussion a motion to start the process was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

John David Nielson - SJC Clerk/Auditor

John David presented a Beer License application for the store at La Sal. A motion to approve the license was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

Nick Sandberg - SJC Planning

Nick presented a letter to Congressman Chavez regarding the Peavine Corridor. A motion to send the letter was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

Nick presented a resolution draft showing why San Juan County is opposed to unilateral designation of a National Monument through the Antiquities Act. There was a small discussion concerning a couple of submitted comments that needed to be added to the resolution. A motion to pass the resolution as submitted by Nick Sandberg and allow Commissioner Benally to sign at a later date was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Lyman. Voting was unanimous.

Natalie Freestone - Administrative Assistant

Natalie presented Aging Contracts for the Waiver Program. The amount of the contracts are \$120,000 for administration and \$505,000 for Client Services. The money comes from the State. A motion to be approved the signature of the Commissioner Chair Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Commission Reports:

Commissioner Lyman - Commissioner Lyman talked about an outbreak of Tularemia along the river. The disease is carried by rabbits. Also mentioned was the response of San Juan County to the citizens on reservation regarding the water contamination problem.

Commissioner Lyman also attended the CCP meeting. Mentioned at that meeting was a report on the Denaros Mine.

Commissioner Adams - Commissioner Adams will attend CIB on Thursday and the RS2477 meeting. He talked about the houses in Halchita that had burned down.

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

Meeting adjourned at 1:17 PM