

Commission Work Meeting
September 15, 2015
9:00 AM

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

Attendees: Lauren Bernally, Greg Adams, Kendall Laws, Bob Turri, Roma Young, Worthy Glover, Sam Cantrell, Linda Larsen, Tammy Gallegos, Rick Eldredge, Pam Hansen, Rick Meyer, Tim Chamberlain, Jerry McNeely, Nick Sandberg

Tim Chamberlain - Business Resource Center

Tim presented some dollar figures and numbers from December 31, 2014. The figures represent the number of businesses that Tim works with and the money used to help them start and increase their own business.

Sam Cantrell - SJC Surveyor

Sam reported on his office staff and how he plans to work around Jacob Regalado being called up to active duty. Sam also commented on the Monument Preservation Committee. He also talked about the D-Road easements and increasing the number of easements on SITLA land and the price to purchase them. Also mentioned were easements that had not been properly recorded and roads coming up on the parcel sale.

Linda Larsen - SJC EMS

Linda talked about the dedication of San Juan County personnel and a desire for them to be recognized. There was a discussion from the Commissioners expressing their gratitude for the employees of San Juan County.

Jerry McNeely - SJC Liaison

Jerry met with the Canyonlands Natural History Association and Kate Cannon. He talked with SITLA about a fencing and parking project and 33 acres of SITLA land still up for bid on the La Sal mountains. He also mentioned a meeting with Mike Diem where the thinning of aspen trees was talked about. He also talked about the Brownell easement.

Nick Sandberg - SJC Planning

Nick talked about sending a letter concerning the Peavine Corridor to a congressional district. He also mentioned a county resource management planning meeting in Price where there was a discussion about "the plan". Also discussed was Mark Ward and his role in "the plan."

Citizens Comments:

Lauren Bernally - Navajo Nation Human Rights

Lauren commented on the Navajo Nation's stance on the mail-in ballot process. She requested that the County Clerk repeal the mail-in ballot process and asked when that would happen. She presented a letter from the Lawyers Committee and the ACLU along with the letter from the Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission to the Commissioners.

Clarence Rockwell - SJC Citizen

Clarence expressed concern about the mail-in ballot and its effect on the Utah Chapters of the Navajo Nation

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Worthy Glover - Health Department Director

Worthy requested a phone system upgrade and presented specs of the proposed system. The cost for the new system would be \$7500. A motion to approve the upgrade was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Worthy also requested a pay increase for the Directors of WIC and Nursing. After some discussion ...

Commissioner Lyman passed the Chair to Commissioner Benally and made a motion to approve the pay increase. There was no 2nd and the motion died. Commissioner Benally passed the chair back to Commissioner Lyman.

Rick Eldredge - SJC Sheriff

Sheriff Eldredge presented a dog ordinance that would allow for the enforcement of the law; meaning citations could be handed out. A motion to approve the ordinance was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

A grant of \$23,000 was also presented, which will help with the screening process that is being put into place at the jail as more inmates are admitted. A motion to accept the grant was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Sheriff Eldredge also informed the commission that Jay Begay is being sent to the academy and that he has enough money in his budget to give Rhett Adair a \$0.50/hr raise.

A motion was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Benally to go into Public Hearing at 11:35

Kelly Pehrson explained that the purpose of the Public Hearing was to discuss a CIB application for a new Multi-Use Building.

Tammy Squires - Director of Mental Health mentioned the need for a new building. The current building doesn't allow for expansion. A new building would allow for more services and could help patients be more comfortable coming to get help.

Worthy Glover - Health Department Director also commented on the need for the building.

Clayton Holt - San Juan Health Care CEO mentioned that the county should look long-term for the benefits of the citizens of the county and doing it in a cost effective manner. He also talked about the importance of giving the citizens a choice.

Ryan Jolley - Jones and DeMille presented a floor plan and cost breakdown for the multi-use facility and explained it to the commissioners. The cost estimate set by the architects was set at 7 million dollars, but Ryan explained that it could be done for 5 million dollars. The rough cost per square foot could be done for around \$200 plus improvements and professional services.

Kelly Pehrson - CAO also talked about the cost breakdown. The County would apply for the entire project under the County MBA. The county would then lease out \$2 million to Mental Health, \$2 million to the Clinic and \$1 million to Public Health. The county would seek a \$2.5 million dollar grant, a \$2 million dollar loan, and a \$500,000 cash injection. Of the cash injection, \$200,000 would come from Mental Health, \$200,000 from the Clinic, and \$100,000 from Public Health. A \$2,000,000 loan will be determined based on cost to build each entity's wing. Also, interlocal agreements will be made to help discuss maintenance and utilities.

A motion to leave public hearing was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Benally at 12:07.

A motion to move forward with the CIB proposal and funding application was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Benally.

Pam Hansen - SJC Economic Development

Pam presented two grants for the Commission's approval. One for the Rotary Club and one for the Mt. Peale animal sanctuary. A motion to approve the Rotary Club grant was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly Pehrson - CAO

Kelly presented two areas in Montezuma Canyon for NRCS funding approval. A motion to approve the funding was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly presented the EOP (Emergency Operations Plan) for signatures. A motion to sign the plan was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Adams. Voting was unanimous.

One building permit for Scott was presented and a motion to approve the permit was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous. Three bids to fix the heating and A/C at the Monticello Library were presented. The recommended bid was out of Cortez. A motion to accept the bid was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Adams. Voting was unanimous.

Commission Reports

Commissioner Adams - Will attend UCIP on Thursday and then be in Midway

Commissioner Lyman - Talked with Bob Barry about the available position on the soil conservation board. He will also be in Midway

Commissioner Benally - Met with the Navajo Nation President on August 18th and the Navajo DOT on August 20th.

Commissioner Benally also talked about the help that San Juan County provided to the citizens on the reservation during the water contamination crisis. She attended the Utah Health Board Meeting and will attend the Utah Navajo Fair this week as well as other Chapter Meetings.

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

Meeting adjourned at 12:18 p.m.