

**Commission Work Meeting**  
**February 2, 2016**  
**9:00 A.M.**

**Present:** Phil Lyman - Commission Chairman  
Rebecca Benally - Commission Vice Chair  
Bruce Adams - Commissioner  
Tammy Gallegos -  
John David Nielson - Clerk/Auditor

**Attendees:** Randy Rarick, Crystal Holt, Jerry McNeely, Nick Sandberg, Roma Young, Shelby Seely, Bob Turri, Terri Paul, Kendall Laws, Worthy Glover

**Randy Rarick - SJC Landfill**

Randy came to the commission seeking a recommendation on what to do with permits at the landfills. He discussed a concern about the current permit system being abused by some residents. There was a lengthy discussion on possible solutions and what would work best.

**Crystal Holt - SJC Personnel**

Crystal presented a draft of a job description for a Road Department Superintendent. The only thing missing was a salary amount. Crystal discussed her research into old job descriptions and finding what a superintendent was previously paid.

**Jerry McNeely - SJC Liaison**

Jerry met with SITLA, BLM, and Parks Service

The closure and reopening of two roads in Castle Valley was discussed.

He also met with Scott Christensen, Phil Jackson, and Mike Diem of the Forest Service about the Geyser Pass road not being plowed. The Forest Service will close the road when it looks non driveable and notify either Grand or San Juan Counties until the road can be plowed.

MOU was signed by Grand County with the City of Moab for Grand County water and sewer.

**Nick Sandberg - SJC Planning**

Nick met with Mike Diem of the Forest Service regarding the Peavine Corridor and the management of it. Commissioner Adams read a letter from Mike Diem to Congressman Chaffetz and talked about it.

He also talked about the Public Land Initiative and talked about some drafted comments that he, John Felmeth, and others have made concerning the plan. The comments focused on 3 categories: open with standard stipulations, open with conditions, and closed. Nick has since looked more into the energy section of the initiative. He presented a map and talked about areas that have no surface occupancy, areas that have special conditions and other concerns.

Commissioner Adams also talked about Master Leasing Plan being illegal and initiating a lawsuit against the MLP. A lengthy discussion followed.

**San Juan County Commission Meeting**  
**Hideout Community Center - Conference Room**  
**February 2, 2016**  
**11:00 A.M.**

**Present:** Phil Lyman - Commission Chairman  
Rebecca Benally - Commission Vice-chair  
Bruce Adams - Commissioner  
Tammy Gallegos -  
John David Nielson - Clerk

**Attendees:** Roma Young, Shelby Seely, Terri Paul, Crystal Holt, Kendall Laws, Worthy Glover, Jerry McNeely, Rick Meyer, Pam Hansen

A motion to approve the minutes from January 19, 2016 was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Adams. Voting was unanimous.

**Department Heads -**

**John David Nielson / Clerk**

John David presented a Single Event Beer application for the Friends of Cedar Mesa to be approved by the Commission. A motion to approve the permit was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

**Rick Eldredge - SJC Sheriff**

Presented an annual contract for signature from the Forest Service for work and services done by the sheriff's office. The contract is for \$5,000 and spells out the cooperation between the San Juan County Sheriff's office and the Forest Service. A motion to approve the Commission Chair's signature on the document with the provision that the County Attorney will review the contract and approve it was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous. Also mentioned was a similar contract between the BLM and the Sheriff's office that could be presented in the future. Sheriff Eldredge also mentioned the importance of not supporting the bill dealing with marijuana.

**Terri Paul - SJC Resident**

Terri presented a quit claim deed from Daniel Anderson if the county decides to convey a parcel of property to Terri. She also presented an ordinance that Daniel encouraged her to show the commissioners. The ordinance was reviewed by County Attorney Kendall Laws. A motion to allow the Commission Chair to sign the quitclaim deed giving the property to Terri Paul was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

### **Crystal Holt - SJC Personnel**

Crystal presented the names of Chadwick McFadden with Matthew Brooks as the alternate for Deputy County Attorney with a salary range of \$70,000 - \$75,000.

A motion to approve the hire was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

### **Shelby Seely - SJC Assessor**

Shelby presented an exemption request for Archeologist Conservancy.

**A motion to go into BOE at 11:33 was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Benally.**

A request was made to continue the exemption status for the Archeologist Conservancy.

**A motion to come out of BOE was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Benally at 11:35**

A motion to accept the recommendation of the Assessor and continue the exemption was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

### **Worthy Glover - SJC Public Health**

Worthy discussed the medical marijuana bill and mentioned that the Health Officers would “endorse” Senator Vickers bill over another bill, but hoping that neither one passes. He also requested the approval to appoint directors (WIC, Nursing, Environmental Health). With this job title change also comes a salary change. Worthy has looked at other directors pay scale and is suggesting a rate that is the average of what other directors are making and pay them accordingly. He mentioned that this amount of money was part of his 2016 budget which was approved. There was some discussion about the county’s benefits package and taking that into consideration as part of the increase. A motion to approve the directors and give them each a raise of \$1.25 per hour raise was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. The raise would follow the pay scale used by SJC Personnel. Commissioner Lyman expressed his frustrating that this issue keeps coming up and not being dealt with and keeps getting kicked down the road.

Rick Meyer requested permission to address the commission. He suggested that in the future if the county goes through the same process again that the county go through the regular hiring process.

### **Tammy Gallegos - Administrative Assistant**

Presented a building permit at Bridger Jack Mesa subject to Rick Meyer’s signature. A motion to approve the permit was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Crystal also presented an Aging Contract with KSL. She explained the contract and encouraged the Commission to sign the contract. A motion to approve the contract and the Commission Chair's signature was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Adams. Voting was unanimous.

#### Commission Reports:

Commissioner Adams - talked about an organization named RUA that was talked about at the Legislative session last week. They are encouraging rural counties to contribute \$5000 to the effort. He also mentioned the transfer of public lands and the importance of the legislative session this week. He'll be up in Salt Lake on Thursday and Friday.

Commissioner Benally - talked about the public lands initiative and a group of local utah navajos who oppose the Bears Ears monument went to Window Rock to peacefully protest. The County Seat was there and was able to record and interview various people.

She also mentioned that local chapters in Utah are rescinding their support of the transfer of utilities from Rocky Mountain to NTUA.

Also mentioned a meeting with Jones and DeMille. Met with bus drivers and Road Department Heads to look at bus routes on the reservation. Will attend the legislative sessions in Salt Lake this week.

Commissioner Lyman - Will attend the legislative session on Thursday and then head to Kanab for a service on Friday. Also, mentioned right ways being placed over county roads. Commented on his meeting with Senator Noel. Also, attended Bill Redd's funeral and encouraged the county to do something in his name.

Meeting adjourned at 12:35 P.M.