

**Commission Work Meeting**  
**Hideout Community Center - Conference Room**  
**February 16, 2016**  
**9:00 A.M.**

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

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**Attendees:** Bob Turri, Roma Young, Nick Sandberg, Jerry McNeely, Jason Johnson, David Gallegos, Ben Wofford, Dennis Shumway, Adam Wallerstein, Chris , Crystal Holt, Shelby Seely, Randy Rarick, Ramona Chamberlain, Pat Smith, Colby Turk

**Jason Johnson - Fire Legislation**

Jason came to the Commission to give them a heads up about some new proposed legislation about the agreement between DWR and the county and municipalities regarding Wildland Fire. He explained the current responsibilities and agreement. The division has been charged with creating a new agreement for fire suppression and control. Jason presented some information on the new agreement and explained the agreement, costs and responsibilities. A discussion took place over fire concerns around the North Creek Watershed. It was suggested with the commission

**DNR - Trapping Issue**

The DNR came to the commission to talk about trapping and concerns in the Pack Creek area. Dennis Shumway talked about his communication with the citizens in Pack Creek concerning the trapping concern. He showed a snare and a trap and explained how each worked. There was a discussion on trapping and the rights of the trappers vs the rights of the citizens.

**Jerry McNeely - SJC Liaison (about 1 hour into the mtg)**

Jerry talked about his meeting with Mike Diem concerning the winter road maintenance of Geysers Pass Road. He also mentioned a BLM meeting where people/groups met and talked about wanting more cultural resources classified with the BLM. There was a discussion on the cultural resource meeting. Jerry also met with Grand County water and sewer. Also has a CJC meeting and water meeting this week. He'll met with Beth from the BLM, SITLA, and the Parks Services later this week.

**Nick Sandberg - SJC Planning**

Nick mentioned the response from Fred Ferguson regarding the comments submitted concerning the Public Lands Initiative. Nick also talked about letters regarding the Peavine Corridor. Also mentioned was a request from CQ researcher about writing a letter on why a National Monument should not be created in Utah. Nick talked about how the letter could be worded.

**San Juan County Commission Meeting**  
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**11:00 A.M.**

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

**Attendees:** Bob Turri, Roma Young, Nick Sandberg, Jerry McNeely, Crystal Holt, Shelby Seely, Randy Rarick, Ramona Chamberlain, Pat Smith, Colby Turk, Lee Bennett, Nicole Perkins

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

**Randy Rarick - SJC Landfill**

Came to make a request for a replacement vehicle for the landfill. The price of the vehicle is \$20,000 and is located in California. He explained a little about the vehicle. He also talked about additional costs of getting the vehicle to the county. A motion to approve the purchase was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

**Crystal Holt - SJC Personnel**

Crystal came to the commission to request an increase to Pat Smith's salary as the director of the libraries in San Juan County. Pat presented some paperwork with reasons for the pay increase. She indicated that the library board supports her request from \$19.00 to \$25.81 Lee Bennett from the board addressed the commission and explained her reasoning of support for a pay increase. A motion to approve a raise of \$1.25 for Pat Smith was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

**Colby Turk - SJC Task Force**

Colby came to the commission to request signatures for a new lease on a vehicle to be used for the Task Force. Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the lease. Commissioner Benally 2nd the motion. Voting was unanimous.

**Commission Reports:**

**Commissioner Lyman** - attended the legislature meetings last Thursday and Friday

**Commissioner Benally** - attended most of the chapter meetings, but will be gone to NACO this week so she will be unable to attend the Ojato meeting on the 21st. At the meeting there will be a presentation on proposed gravel pit sites. She talked about some concerns at the chapter meetings regarding the transfer of utility power from Utah Power to NTUA. Also discussed at the chapter meetings was the desire to go back to polling locations for the voting. She also talked about developing literacy for kids.

**Commissioner Adams** - attended the legislature and mentioned the rancher's caucus. most ranchers feel like the BLM is overreaching. Will leave for NACO this week and will attend meetings on public lands.

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

Meeting adjourned at 12:31