

**San Juan County Work Meeting**  
**Hideout Community Center - Conference Room**  
**April 19, 2016**  
**9:00 A.M.**

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

**Absent:** Phil Lyman - Commission Chairman

**Attendees:** Jeff Wallin, Brandon Hoffman, Jeff Flick, Heber, Jason Johnson, Mike Diem, Michelle Smith, Jerry McNeely, Bob Turri, Nick Sandberg, David Gallegos, Bruce Bushore, Rick Eldredge, Crystal Holt, Pam Hanson, Kendall Laws

**BLM/Forest Service/State Fire - Fire updates, projects, ect**

Jeff Flick presented a Chief's Letter of Intent and talked about it. There is an extra concern for the firefighters during the fire season and keeping them safe. The Chief would like to cut down on the fatalities resulting from firefighting. Also discussed were multiple projects and around areas of the county. Jeff then presented a supplement to the Letter of Intent with outlined the vision for Risk Management in fire control and protocol. There was a discussion of the supplement and what it covers. A risk map showing high risk areas that could be impacted by a fire was shown to the commissioners and talked about.

Jason Johnson also commented on the different roles that the BLM, Forest Service, and other have during the firefighting season.

**Bruce Bushore & Rick Eldredge - SJC Communications & Sheriff**

Bruce came to the commission seeking permission to hire a seasonal employee to help troubleshoot radios. Part of the new revenue coming into the Sheriff's office could be used to help cover the cost which is estimated to be around \$8,000. The commission agreed with the request which will be brought as an action item at a later time.

**Jerry McNeely - SJC Liaison**

Jerry reported on a CCP meeting that he attended. He went on a few field trips with SITLA around the county. Jerry also met with the Forest Service and talked about an ATV trail. He met with the BLM and briefly discussed a PCP meeting that he attended.

**Nick Sandberg - SJC Planning**

Nick presented a summary document containing comments made by the county to Fred Ferguson on the Public Lands Initiative. He also presented maps and discussed how the comments made on different proposals within the PLI would affect the county.

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A motion to approve the April 5, 2016 minutes was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Adams. Voting was unanimous.

**Pam Hanson - SJC Economic Development**

Pam came to the commission to request out of state travel to Minnesota for class that will help her be able to work with the USDA in a more structured manner. A motion to support the out of state travel was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Adams. Voting was unanimous.

**Rick Eldredge - SJC Sheriff**

Sheriff Eldredge came to the commission to request the purchase of new optics for guns. The purchase of optics would be covered by a refund that came from previous defective optics. The second request is to purchase 14 body cameras which would be covered by 2 grants that would cover all but \$760.11. The third purchase request is to replace 12 laptop computers which would also be paid for by grants. The total cost of the computers would be \$17,482. The last request is for a radar at a cost of \$2,190 which would be paid for out of the general fund. A motion to approve all requests was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Adams. Voting was unanimous.

**Crystal Holt - SJC Personnel**

Crystal came to the commission to ratify the hiring of Angela Kuntz as the public Health Nurse. A motion to approve the hire was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Adams. Voting was unanimous.

Crystal also requested the hiring of Tyler Bird as the Weed Sprayer. Four applications were received and 3 were interviewed. A motion to approve the hire was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Adams. Voting was unanimous.

### **Kelly Pehrson - SJC CAO**

Kelly requested the payment to the Southern Fair manager be paid half up front and the other half on the completion of the fair. A motion to approve the request was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Adams. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly requested the signature of the Commission Vice-chair for an EMPG Grant for \$32,000. The grant helps pay salaries for Emergency Management. A motion was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Adams. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly also presented an agreement between the County and the Forest Service regarding schedule A roads. The schedule A agreement was reviewed by Kelly and the County Attorney. A motion to sign the agreement was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Adams. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly requested approval to purchase 2 more Ford Explorers for the county fleet. He presented some research on the vehicles. A motion to approve the procurement of anything Ford was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Adams. Voting was unanimous.

He also requested permission to advertise for a Road Superintendent.

### **Gregg Adams - SJC Planning and Zoning**

Gregg presented several building permits. The first was for a residence in Spanish Valley, the second one is for additional office space in Blanding, and a third as an addition to a house in La Sal. A motion to approve the building permits was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Adams. Voting was unanimous.

### **Commission Reports:**

Commissioner Benally - Commissioner Benally attended several meetings last week including a tribal higher education at U of U, UAC and the governor's economic summit. She was also able to give a presentation at UAC on working with Native American tribes and collaboration. She also attended the Red Mesa Chapter meeting. Commissioner Benally explained that 2 chapter resolutions were presented to help with roads. Commissioner Benally was also able to talk about current lawsuits and Bears Ears at the chapter meetings.

Commissioner Adams - Commissioner Adams attended a CIB meeting. He also suggested that Senator Lee come to San Juan County to hold a town hall meeting covering the subject of a National Monument. This week there is a UCIP meeting and other in St. George.

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

Meeting adjourned at 12:23 p.m.