

San Juan County Work Meeting
Hideout Community Center - Conference Room
Agenda
August 23, 2016

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

Attendees: John Fellmeth, Bob Turri, Shelby Seely, Eric Niven, Nick Sandberg, Nicole Perkins, Shea Owens

John Fellmeth - SJC Deputy Auditor

John presented to the Commission an updated financial report of the county and discussed the county's cash position. He also discussed different fund accounts and discussed revenues and expenditures.

Nick Sandberg - SJC Planning

Nick talked about a problematic agreement over the LaSal Mines Complex. The county has the option to sign the agreement as an invited signatory. Nick explained the agreement and mentioned that the county has made comments on the document over the last year. He also suggested that it would be okay for the county to sign the document.

Nick also talked about road locations in the Peavine Corridor. He talked about new road routes or reestablishing other roads.

Bruce Adams - SJC Commissioner

Commissioner Adams talked about HB 60 which deals with road funds. He gave some background on how road funds have been distributed to the cities and counties. He presented a spreadsheet that showed a distribution breakdown of funds and discussed current and possible legislation regarding HB 60.

Nicole Perkins - SJC Library

Talked about going over old records in the Courthouse basement and scanning them and making a permanent record of them. Part of the project is to help Bob McPherson in a book he is writing.

Shea Owens - Legal Counsel Public Lands

Shea attended the work meeting to introduce himself and talk about how he can help the county. He talked to the commissioners about the proposed Bear's Ears National Monument proposal and other county concerns relating to land issues.

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A motion to approve the minutes from August 9, 2016 was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Crystal Holt - SJC Personnel

The county is looking for an advanced EMT/Paramedic. Two individuals were interviewed the position was offered to a Matthew Keen. A motion to approve the hire was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Adams. Voting was unanimous.

Rick Eldredge - SJC Sheriff

Sheriff Eldredge talked with the Commissioners about taking care of dogs that are picked up and the need to contract with Blanding City to use their facility to shelter the dogs that are picked up. He is requesting \$4,500 to help fix the roof on the dog pound. A motion to approve the repair request with the suggestion to get an MOU with the City of Blanding was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Randy Rarick - SJC Landfill

Randy came to request funds to repair a water well at the landfill. Randy gave a rough estimate of the cost of the repair at up to \$20,000. He presented the commissioners with a document giving a breakdown at of possible costs. Kelly will meet with Randy on how to bid out the repairs and then bring that decision back to the commission.

Ben Musselman - SJC Road

Ben came to the commission to request the purchase of an air compressor for the the Blanding Road Shop. The purchase amount is for \$5079.99. A motion to approve the purchase was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Adams. Voting was unanimous.

Ben also talked about a road easement of 66 ft and a project dealing with that easement in the Bluff area and explained the project involved with the easement.

Ben mentioned that he was contacted by Kilgore Paving who is doing a road project in Monument Valley. They would like to test their product on a county road near Bluff. He mentioned the cost savings for the county. It was agreed that the county would allow Kilgore to go ahead and use the road to test their project.

Kelly Pehrson - CAO

Kelly presented a request to bond a private citizen to crush material for the EWP project. The bond amount is \$46,000 and the county will obtain a letter from bank to certify the bonding. A motion to approve the EWP Bonding Project was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly mentioned that Mark Ward was unable to do the Resource Management Plan project. The county has decided to go with Rural Community Consultants to do the RMP project. A motion to accept the contract was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Ryan Jolley of Jones and DeMille also updated the Commission on a few projects including the Hatch Trading Post road. The bid will be out in two weeks and then the construction phase would be up to the contractor. He also talked about a sewer project in Spanish Valley.

Commission Reports:

Commissioner Benally - Commissioner Benally attended the Native American Summit and commented on the improved format of the meeting

Commissioner Lyman - Commissioner Lyman talked about the meeting with an auditor over the Health Department and the direction that they would like to be going. He also talked about the preservation of historical county documents.

Commissioner Adams - Commissioner Adams attended CIB, UCIP, and SCIC last week. He also attended the grand opening of the Four Corners Discovery Center. He will be attending an Energy Conference in Vernal and will be going to Gallup with other county officials to meet with BIA. He also mentioned other meetings that are coming up.

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

Meeting adjourned at 12:02