

**San Juan County Work Meeting**  
**Hideout Community Center - Conference Room**  
**Agenda**  
**September 6, 2016**

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

**Attendees:** Todd Hurst, Ben Musselman, Clark Hawkins, Scott Christensen, Scoot Flannery, Bob Turri, Jerry McNeely, Nick Sandberg, Eric Niven

**Ben Musselman - SJC Road Department**

Ben informed the commission that the Backhoe lease from the state was terminated on Friday, September 2nd. He discussed a couple of possibilities that the county has for being able to use other backhoes in the coming year and other options. Loaders were also discussed.

Ben also mentioned the RipRap stockpile. He explained that the county would like to stockpile approximately 5000 yards at a cost of \$97,500 until the EWP project is over. Ben also mentioned the maintenance on the road department building gave an cost estimate of \$3811.16 for the framing portion of the interior.

Ben also expressed interest in a SRTS project with ARL Middle School and talked about obtaining a possible grant to create a SRTS for ARL.

Commissioner Benally also gave an update on BIA funds used for school bus routes and explained that she'll be going back to Washington D.C. to lobby that the funds stay in Utah.

**Jerry McNeely - SJC Liaison**

Jerry talked about a water quality meeting in Salt Lake. He also attended a FLAP program meeting which covers the LaSal loop road project. Jerry showed the commissioners a map and explained the different phases of the project. He also attended a meeting with Grand County Water and Sewer. A contract with the City Moab has not been signed because the City of Moab's standards are too high. Those standards are higher than the state's standards. He also met with the Forest Service, SITLA, and will attend a meeting in SLC.

**Nick Sandberg - SJC Planning**

Nick talked about a news release from Glen Canyon regarding ferry ramp improvements. He drafted a letter in support of the ferry and its importance to San Juan County. He also mentioned a BLM meeting today, September 6th and rescheduling a Forest Service meeting. Nick also mentioned the BLM has the draft of the Gunnison Sage Grouse Resource Management amendments out. There is a 90 day public comment period and on October 18th there will be a public meeting at the high school in Dove Creek.

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A Motion to approve the August 23, 2016 minutes was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Adams. Voting was unanimous.

**Crystal Holt - SJC Personnel**

Crystal requested that the county hire Katrina Reed with Heather Lyman being the 1st alternate and Teresa Brooks as the 2nd alternate for the new Health Department Receptionist position. There were 15 applicants with 9 interviews. A motion to accept the recommendations and hire Katrina Reed was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Adams. Voting was unanimous.

Crystal presented the name of Jesse Cole Young to fill the Road Department labor position.

**A motion to go into an executive session at 11:07 to discuss the hiring was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous. A motion to leave executive session at 11:19 was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.**

A motion to approve the hire with a 12 month probation period was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Adams. Voting was unanimous.

Crystal also requested a pay increase to Rick Meyer as Interim Health Department Director. The request was made to retroactively increase pay for Rick until a new Health Department Director is hired. The temporary pay increase goes from \$29.10/hr to \$34.01/hr and the pay grade goes from step 244 to step 278. A motion to approve the increase for Rick Meyer as interim director was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

### **Randy Rarick - SJC Landfill**

Randy requested roughly \$2,000 to help the state dispose of the tires that have accumulated at the Landfill. A motion to approve the request was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Randy also requested that the county use Rapid Recovery to dispose of freon that comes into the landfill and explained the process. A motion to approve the request was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

### **Pat Smith - SJC Library**

Pat requested out of state travel to Fargo, North Dakota to attend a conference. A grant will cover the cost of the trip. A motion to approve the travel request was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Pat also requested to hire an additional part-time position in the Blanding Library. She presented the Commissioners with some data to support her request. A motion to approve the additional part-time position request was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Adams. Voting was unanimous.

### **Phil Lyman - SJC Commission Chair**

Commissioner Lyman talked about support for the current PLI language and mentioned communication with Rob Bishop about when the PLI will be finished and presented to Congress.

### **Kelly Pehrson - CAO**

Kelly requested that a \$500,000 grant be submitted to build a SRTS path near Albert R Lyman Middle School be submitted. He explained that the county's portion to complete the project would be about \$33,000, but that he would seek other partners to help with the cost. He also explained that the grant for a SRTS path in Monument Valley had been submitted a couple of weeks prior. A motion to approve the submission for the grant was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly also presented a building permit in LaSal to build a garage. A motion to approve the building permit was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly met with the Division of Drinking Water where money was requested to complete a water system project in Spanish Valley. A request of \$2.55 million from Water Quality was made for the project. The county received \$765,000 in grant and \$1.785 million in a loan. Kelly mentioned that the entire project will take about \$5 million. The rest of the funding will be requested from CIB, \$200,000 in loan and \$2.3 million in grant.

Kelly requested approval to purchase more RipRap at the pit in Hovenweep. A motion to approve the request was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Adams. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly presented the approval of the materials bought from San Juan Building Supply to update the Road Department Office. A motion to approve the purchase of the materials was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Adams. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly also talked about an MOU with the Forest Service. The county attorney was able to review the document. A motion to agree with the MOU was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

**Commission Reports:**

**Commissioner Benally** - Commissioner Benally attended the BIA meeting in Gallup and met with Sharon Pinto to talk about increased funding for school bus routes. On September 15th Commissioner Benally will be going to Washington D.C. to lobby that all of the funds for the school route request be given to the Utah Navajos. She will also attend a meeting with Aneth, Red Mesa, and Mexican Water Chapters covering roads. There will also be a meet and greet with Heidi Redd at the Dugout Ranch, and the Utah Navajo Fair from the 14th to the 18th.

**Commissioner Lyman** - Commissioner Lyman attended a CCP meeting and went golfing. He also talked about a report from the sheriff's office related to looting since 2011. Commissioner Lyman also talked about a concert to raise awareness for the Bears Ears Proposed Monument.

**Commissioner Adams** - Commissioner Adams will attend CIB, meeting in Vernal, and a Utah Highway Committee Meeting.

A motion to adjourn to executive session at 12:25 was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 1:05