

San Juan County Work Meeting
Hideout Community Center - Conference Room
Agenda
September 20, 2016

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

Attendees: Karah Nay, Bob Turri, Eric Niven, Tony Hall, Kimberly Seruti, Jerry McNeely, Shelby Seely, Mont Perkins, Nick Sandberg, Ben Musselman, Kedric Musselman

Karah Nay - USU Extension

Karah came to the commission to talk about bringing a Pro Rodeo to San Juan County. She explained how it would benefit the county. She talked about the cost to the county and revenue that could be generated from the rodeo. Karah also talked about the specs of the rodeo and who would be involved.

Tony Hall - Ellis Hall Consultants

Kimberly Seruti came to the commission talk about some of their projects and talk about a decision made by the Utah Supreme Court. She explained how a complaint was filed against Rocky Mountain Power to the Public Service Commission, which was later moved to the Utah Supreme Court.

Tony talked about moving forward with a 13 turbine Wind Farm project this next spring. He talked briefly about how the turbines would function.

Monty Perkins - SJC Maintenance

Monty talked about some upgrades to the Public Safety Building including the roof and the intercom and security system. Costs were mentioned in consideration of the upcoming budget season.

Ben Musselman - SJC Road Department

Ben talked about the need to upgrade the diagnostics equipment for both the North and South Road shops. He explained that this week there is significant cost savings if two machines are purchased due to rebates from Snap-On.

Jerry McNeely - SJC Liaison

Jerry updated the commission on meetings and what he's been doing. The water and sewer project and agreement with Grand County was discussed. Jerry also talked about working on a lease to get a truck to assist self help/home individuals. He went on a field trip with SITLA in the LaSal mountains and mentioned a couple of SITLA projects. He met with the Forest Service and BLM.

Nick Sandberg - SJC Planning

Nick attended a planning meeting with the San Juan Watershed people. He also talked about a couple of environmental assessments that are in their comment periods. He also mentioned an Old Spanish Trail Administrative Strategy document and parts of San Juan County that could be effected. Nick also talked about work that he has done on RMP for lawsuits. He talked about other calendar items coming up.

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A motion to approve the September 6, 2016 minutes was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

John David Nielson - SJC Clerk

John David brought back the minutes from the August 9, 2016. The minutes were amended to include the approval of funds by the commission that would go towards the new Public Health Building project. A motion to approve the amended minutes was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

John David also presented the BOE recommendations from the BOE hearings on September 12th and 13th. After a review of the findings a motion to approve the BOE findings was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous and Commissioner Lyman recused himself on several findings.

Charlie DeLorme - SJC Economic Development

Kelly Pehrson presented a grant of \$3000 for approval. The grant will help market the 12th annual Art Festival in Bluff. A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

A second grant in the amount of \$5,000 was requested to help with the Freedom Festival event this Thursday. A motion to approve \$5,000 for the Freedom Festival in Blanding on Thursday September 22, 2016 was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Crystal Holt - SJC Personnel

Crystal presented several new positions for approval. A seasonal part time office clerk position was offered to Sandra Strom. There were 5 applicants and 3 interviews. A motion to approve the position was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous. Next Crystal suggested that the part-time Deputy Clerk position be offered to Charis Pederson with Marlana Patterson as the alternate. There were 4 applicants and 3 interviews. A motion to approve the hire was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Adams. Voting was unanimous. The Justice Court Clerk position was offered to Marlana Patterson with Teresa Brooks as the alternate. A motion to approve the hire was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous. The Health Educator position was offered to Holly Hyde with Shelly Lust as the alternate. A motion to approve the hire was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Rick Meyer/Brittany Carlson - Public Health

Brittany and Rick came to the commission to seek approval to advertise a part time position. The position is to help administer a program called Parent to Teacher Program. Brittany explained how the program works and that the program would be funded by a \$50,000 grant through Rural Impact over the next 5 years. A motion to approve the advertising for the part time position was made by Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Adams. Voting was unanimous.

Rick also made the request to re-advertise for a Public Health Director and an Emergency Response Coordinator as one position.

Kelly Pehrson - CAO

Kelly presented the procurement request for diagnostic equipment for the road department which was discussed in the work meeting in the amount of \$15,840. A motion to approve the request was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly also presented a Master Plan grant to cover the Cal Black Airport. The grant is from the state which covers about 4.53% of the plan. A motion to approve the grant was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

After commission reports Kelly presented a couple of building permits. The 1st one was a spa/gym expansion for Julie Palmer and another was to build 2 small storage buildings in Bluff for an Andrea Martin. A motion to approve the permits contingent on the permit fee being paid was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Commission Reports:

Commissioner Adams - Commissioner Adams will attend USAC this week.

Commissioner Lyman - Commissioner Lyman attended the IMPACT inter-generational poverty meeting. He also talked with Guy Denton from USU about the old Senior Center in Blanding. Commissioner Lyman also attended a Forest Service open house in Blanding. He visited Kanab to attend a meeting on RS2477 roads. He also attended the Freedom Festival in Richfield

Commissioner Benally - Commissioner Benally was in Washington D.C. to attend the BIA meeting. She explained that Congressman Chaffetz was able to secure \$1.5 million in funding for road maintenance. Commissioner Benally also explained that the \$1.5 million would go into the BIA general fund and then that commission would decide how the money would be distributed. She also explained that all school bus routes on the Navajo Reservation would be eligible to receive part of that money so San Juan County might not see any of that money. Commissioner Benally was also able to participate in a hearing for the Public Lands Initiative while in Washington D.C. She also talked a little bit about the Bluff Fair and the parade for the Fair. Commissioner Benally also attended the San Juan Public Health meeting and will attend NRF and UAC and other meetings.

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

Meeting adjourned at 12:19 p.m.