

San Juan County Commission Meeting
County Administrator's Office
October 4, 2016
9:00 A.M.

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

Attendees: Rick Eldredge, Ben Musselman, Stephanie Cecil, Kendall Laws, Bill Boyle

Kelly Pehrson - CAO

Kelly presented and read the proposed Resolution 2016-08

A RESOLUTION OF SAN JUAN COUNTY, UTAH:

**DEFICIENCIES OF A PROPOSAL BY A NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION FOR
ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATIONAL MONUMENT IN SAN JUAN COUNTY; NOTIFICATION OF
COUNTY PREROGATIVES AND INTENT FOR LAND USE PLANNING**

A small discussion took place after the resolution was read. Wording and grammatical revisions were suggested. A motion to approve the Resolution was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Benally with amended grammar and clarifications. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly Pehrson - CAO

Kelly presented an amendment to the Jim Carleson budget. The amendment is to increase the travel portion of the budget by \$4,000 to allow for Angus McIntosh to travel to Washington D.C. A motion to amend the budget was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Benally with a request to cap the budget which is now at \$53,000. Voting was unanimous. Kelly also talked about the Montezuma Canyon EWP and mentioned that it was bid out in 2 portions. The lowest bid on the 1st portion is from Feller Enterprises out of St. George with a bid of \$687,400 which is lower than the engineer's estimate of \$768,000. The lowest bid on the 2nd portion came from Harward & Reese out of Bicknell. Their bid of \$783,900 was also lower than the engineer's estimate of \$956,700. Kelly mentioned the time sensitivity of the project and explained that 75% of the project funds will be from grant money. The county will contribute material as their 25% match. A motion to approve the bids was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Kelly asked for commission approval to allow employees from other agencies to use county equipment during an annual training done by LTAP for blade operators. A motion to allow other

employees to use county equipment was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Commissioner Lyman made a request to formally ask George Wentz send the county an engagement proposal. A motion to approve the request was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

Stephanie Cecil - USDA

Stephanie came to the commission to request an abatement of the 2015 taxes Alfredo and Elisa Lopez, parcel # A33230258422. She explained that the an elderly couple rely on tax abatements so that the escrow part of their mortgage payment doesn't go up. Through and oversight, they did not apply for the 2015 abatement. This caused their mortgage payment to increase dramatically and now it covers 50% of their monthly income. A motion to refund the abatement was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Benally. Voting was unanimous.

A motion to adjourn was made Commissioner Benally and 2nd by Commissioner Adams. Voting was unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50