

**San Juan County Commission Work Meeting
Administration Building - Commission Room
Agenda
December 3, 2019**

Present: Kenneth Maryboy - Commission Chair
Willie Grayeyes - Commission Vice Chair
Bruce Adams - Commissioner
Mack McDonald - Administrator
John David Nielson - Clerk

Attendees: Ben Musselman, Jerry McNeely, Jeremy Redd, Amer Tumeah, Kendall Laws, Amanda Podmore, Kate Groetzinger, Tara Benally, Kirk Bengel, Holly Sloan, Colby Smith, Hank Stevens, Tammy Squires, Trent Schafer, Phillip Rentz, Jason Torgerson, Andrea Wilson

Mack McDonald - SJC Administrator

Mack talked about a funding program which advocates can use to help voters with disabilities to have ADA access at polling locations. He asked the commission if they would like to have a letter of support drafted which would support all the agencies supporting ADA access to be able to use funds from the program.

Mack also spoke about an ordinance which would grant Emery Telecommunications & Video, Inc, its successors and assigns a franchise for communications systems within the county

Ben Musselman - SJC Public Works

Ben introduced a proposed inter-governmental agreement between San Juan County and Dolores County. He explained that the agreement is exclusive to snow removal of 11 miles of roads around the Dove Creek area. Commissioner Adams explained that the agreement has been worked on and tweaked over the last few months between San Juan County and Dolores County attorneys. Ben read through the hourly rate charges set forth in the agreement.

Jerry McNeely - SJC Liaison

Jerry explained to the commission that he attended the Grand Water & Sewer meeting, a San Juan Water & Sewer meeting, a Self Help Home meeting, and a State Board Water meeting. He stated that SITLA is still working on road easements. Jerry also reported on a meeting with the Forest Service regarding Geyser Pass road and explained that the Forest Service wants to widen the Geyser Pass road to 20 feet wide all the way to the pass. This project came about due to the increased traffic on the road. The Forest Service also explained that different areas of the road will be turned into a parking area with restroom facilities. Jerry also discussed Jim Nylan's right-of-way and explained that the Forest Service is going to remove a fence that blocks off a right-of-way. Jerry also stated that water and sewer are still being worked on and that the LaSal mine is still open. Jerry also said that the BLM is working with the copper mine to

expand and that Genesis Industrial site is working on redrilling a plugged hole site. He also explained that the BLM is working to put a time frame on leases

Nick Sandberg - SJC Planning

Nick asked the commission if they had proposed locations for the Forest Service to present their draft scoping plan. Commissioner Maryboy suggested that meeting locations be in Monticello, Blanding, and Bluff. Commissioner Adams suggested that meeting locations be placed on the reservation in Aneth and Oljato.

Nick also talked about an environmental assessment of the area where the Lisbon Valley Mine would like to expand. He explained that the mine is going to hold an open house to discuss the expansion.

Nick also spoke about a draft letter on a recovery plan program for Gunnison Sage-Grouse. Commissioner Adams urged the commission to not support transplanting the Gunnison Sage-Grouse birds to the county due to the climate and predators in the area. Nick then explained that transplanting is part of the program and that transplanting the Gunnison Sage-Grouse would be determined based on the habitat of the area where they are being considered for transplantation.

Lastly, Nick spoke about maintenance on the Dark Canyon South airstrip for backcountry usage. He explained that the Backcountry Pilots Association might be willing to work with the county on an agreement which would allow them to do dirt work on the airstrip.

Kirk Bengel -

Kirk made the commission aware of an unclaimed body at the San Juan County Mortuary. Kendall Laws explained how Utah Code deals with an unclaimed body and stated that it would be at the county's cost to follow through with the cremation or interment of the body.

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A motion to approve the November 19, 2019 minutes was made by Commissioner Grayeyes and 2nd by Commissioner Adams. Voting in favor was unanimous.

Monte Perkins - SJC Maintenance

Mack McDonald requested the purchase of a \$7000 dishwasher for the public safety building. Mack explained that Monte had received 3 bids and would like to go with the bid that had the best price and best serviceability. A motion to approve the purchase was made by Commissioner Grayeyes and 2nd by Commissioner Adams. Voting in favor was unanimous.

Nick Sandberg - SJC Planning

Nick presented a comment letter regarding the recovery plan for the Gunnison-Sage Grouse. Commissioner Adams made a motion allowing the Commission Chair to sign the comment letter. Commissioner Grayeyes 2nd the motion. Voting in favor was unanimous.

Mack McDonald - SJC Administrator

Mack presented an ordinance for a communications system franchise agreement granting Emery Telecommunications & Video, Inc. A motion allowing the ordinance was made by Commissioner Grayeyes and 2nd by Commissioner Adams. Voting in favor was unanimous.

Ben Musselman - SJC Public Works

Ben presented an inter-governmental agreement for approval between San Juan County and Dolores County, Colorado for snow removal on Cedar Pointe. A motion to approve the agreement was made by Commissioner Adams and 2nd by Commissioner Grayeyes. Voting in favor was unanimous.

Kendall Laws - SJC Attorney

Kendall Laws presented a land-use referendum petition to the commission asking them to determine if the petition is referable. Kendall explained that once the petition was filed, the county had 20 days to determine whether the petition is referable or not. He briefed the commission on the reasons why a petition would or would not be referable and explained that the petition filed with the clerk's office did meet all the requirements of the law.

A motion was made by Commissioner Adams to make the referendum petition referable. Commissioner Grayeyes 2nd the motion. Voting in favor was unanimous.

Commissioner Reports:

Commissioner Maryboy - Commissioner Maryboy explained that the Navajo Utah Commission was put in place to be able to lobby to Washington. He explained that the focus of the Navajo Utah Commission would be to meet with surrounding counties to discuss working together. Commissioner Maryboy also stated that he was unable to attend the meeting with the Navajo Nation President, but will attend the next meeting. He also explained that he plans on attending the 7 Navajo Nation Chapters located within San Juan County and will attend the public hearing tomorrow.

Commissioner Grayeyes - Commissioner Grayeyes updated his chapter about the outcome of the special election. Commissioner Grayeyes also reported on a meeting with Navajo Chapter officials, chapter staff, and the Navajo Nation President, Jonathan Nez where he submitted a document to the President. Commissioner Grayeyes also discusses 7 county proposals of a road connecting Oljato and Navajo Mtn and a railroad line.
He also

Commissioner Adams - Commissioner Adams will attend the public hearing on December 4th, the U CIP annual membership meeting in Draper, and a CIB meeting on December 12th.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commiss