



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORK SESSION MEETING

117 South Main Street, Monticello, Utah 84535. Commission Chambers
July 06, 2021 at 9:00 AM

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CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Greyeyes called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Willie Grayeyes
Bruce Adams

ABSENT

Kenneth Maryboy

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Presentation of the Aging Adult Staff Reorganization Request, Tammy Gallegos, Aging Director

Time Stamp 3:02 (audio) 3:41 (video)

Tammy asked the commission to consider an amendment to the organizational chart. Tammy explained that the amendment would be moving a part-time position to a full-time position to accommodate staffing issues. An amended organizational chart was presented describing that to switch the individual to full-time it would cost \$27,420 annually verse paying \$33,849 annually for two part-time positions.

2. Pack Creek Fire Efforts Update

Time Stamp 8:36 (audio) 9:15 (video)

Tammy and Mack discussed efforts of the county to mitigate the effects of the Pack Creek Fire on the environment. She explained that some of the major concerns now are damage from debris moving down the mountain as well as flooding. Tammy stated that she is seeking funding to help mitigate concerns, but that no funding is currently available, she stated she has a letter to present in the Commission meeting to seek funding from the NRCS for emergency watershed which will likely be the biggest problem this year, the debris shed will take some time for the roots to detach and will probably be a big issue next year. With a lack of funding, Tammy had engineers recommend that sand bagging the homes to avoid flooding issues.

Mack discussed other avenues to help with possible flooding issues such as stream diversion and different debris catch basins, especially around structures. Mack explained how funding is allocated to areas experiencing disasters. He stated that larger disasters will likely receive funding first.

Tammy talked about a \$600K HMPG grant and explained that the county would need to provide a match either in dollars or in manpower of \$150K Tammy state she spoke with FEMA regarding the debris and where it is not federally declared a disaster there is nothing they can do to help us with debris, they told Tammy debris isn't something that they help with that it would fall onto the property owners.

Mack discussed a request to possibly have a fee reduction for homeowners who lost their primary or secondary residence in the Pack Creek fire. This fee reduction would help out with the cost of demolition of the remainder of the homes that were damaged. However, it doesn't make a lot of sense for them to bring to San Juan County's landfill on a four-hour round trip. Mack stated he has spoken with Grand County to see if there are any discounts they can give to the homeowners for their debris removal. He noted that he told Grand County that we don't have a lot of money for reimbursements but if they could help in any way with those costs to the individuals who suffered losses from the Pack Creek fire.

Commissioner Adams thanked all of the personnel who helped on the Pack Creek fire, he expressed great gratitude for all the hard work that was put in. He also, stated that it was interesting that FEMA had no help to offer because it is private land when the majority of the land is the federal government BLM and Forest Service so to him it seems as if they are contradicting themselves when they explained they couldn't help. He asked if someone could get in contact with the state to see if they could foot some cost's to reseed the area.

Sky White spoke and touched base on the county possibly helping with the removal of the remainder of her home. She was the only primary homeowner who lost her residence in the Pack Creek fire and explained that she has funds but they are limited. She stated she appreciates the efforts that have been put into helping.

3. Discussion on Attendance Policy update - Ann Marie Burgess HR Generalist

Time Stamp 41:50 (audio) 42:29 (video)

Ann Marie spoke on the county's issues with attendance and proposed a new Attendance and Timekeeping Policy. Ann Marie explained some of the credentials that they would be touching base in the new policy to alleviate possible dishonesty in timecards and excessive absences while creating a clear boundary for disciplinary actions from Department Heads and/or Administration. Some of the topics she touched based on are what qualifies as an absence, tardiness or early departure, job abandonment, timekeeping, overtime/after-hour work, and how the administration can discipline for the policy not being followed.

4. Fry Canyon Discussion and BLM Support Letter

Time Stamp 53:18 (audio) 53:57 (video)

Nick Sandberg spoke about the BLM stabilizing the contaminates in the Fry Canyon area. There was an old Fry Canyon Mill site that was used to process copper and uranium or in the 1950s and 1960s. The tailings ponds have been tested for hazardous materials, the testing showed that there were modest exceedances for acceptable risk levels for arsenic, copper, radium, uranium, thorium, and lead. He stated three remediation alternatives to reduce the risk to humans and ecological receptors such as livestock and wildlife, offsite migration of the contaminated material, and to reduce the leaching potential from the contaminated area which is adjacent to Fry Creek. The alternatives are as follows:

"Alternative 1 - No Action. This alternative is included as a baseline against which other alternatives are measured."

"Alternative 2 - In Situ Containment. This alternative consists of installing a concrete cap on the upland tailings pile and tailings ponds waste source areas, fencing the source areas, posting signage around the fences areas, maintenance and monitoring, and subsequent reviews." Nick stated that this would cost approximately three million dollars over a thirty-year period.

"Alternative 3 - Waste Consolidation in an On-Site Repository. This alternative consists of moving portions of the tailings ponds waste away from the creek to the upland tailings area and covering them with 6 inches of vegetated soil. Alternative 3 also includes fencing and posting signs in the respiratory area, maintenance and monitoring, and subsequent reviews." Nick stated that this is a preferred alternative that would cost 1.3 million dollars over a 30 year time period.

Nick stated that there are locals in the area who would like to go with Alternative 1 and take no action because it has been there for years and had no issues, but they understand the BLM has an obligation to do certain cleanup actions. The locals are concerned with topsoil loss to cover that area, with that being said the locals requested the county write a letter to the BLM for them stating that anything done for the cleanup in the area should take their livestock operations and them into consideration when they take topsoil from an area.

Nick discussed a letter up for approval stating the support to cover up the contaminants but also taking into consideration the locals in the area with any remediation at the site.

5. Make a Motion to Enter Into A Closed Executive Session to Discuss The Character, Professional Competence, or Physical or Mental Health of an Individual As Permitted Under UCA 52-4-205.

Time Stamp 1:09:18 (audio) 1:09:57 (video)

Motion made by Adams, Seconded by Grayeyes.
Voting Yea: Grayeyes, Adams

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Adams, Seconded by Grayeyes.
Voting Yea: Grayeyes, Adams

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San Juan County Board of County Commissioners

DATE: _____

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San Juan County Clerk/Auditor

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