



STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: April 7, 2026

ITEM TITLE, PRESENTER: County Commission

RECOMMENDATION: Approval of the Re-Appointments of Melissa Rigg for a 4-Year Term to the San Juan County Planning Commission Effective January 1, 2026.

SUMMARY

San Juan County has advertised a Planning Commission vacancy for several months. In accordance with the adopted bylaws (2020-03A), the advertisement was reformatted and published on March 4, 2026, with a closing date at least 15 days after publication.

Melissa Rigg was the sole applicant, and her request to continue serving is attached. In recognition of her dedicated service and consistent contributions during her previous term, the Planning Administrator recommends her reappointment, effective immediately, with a formal effective date of January 1, 2026, as she has maintained active participation with the Planning Commission.



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Bluff position on SJC Planning Commission

Melissa Rigg [REDACTED]

Sat, Mar 14, 2026 at 7:41 PM

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[REDACTED] "Coleman, Corey"

To Whom It May Concern:

I would very much like to continue as the Bluff area representative on the San Juan County Planning Commission. I believe I have proven myself to be:

- Reliable
- Knowledgeable
- Very hard working
- A good listener
- A good communicator
- Dedicated to Bluff, the County, and residents

Please consider my application. I am attaching my resume for your information.

Sincerely,

Dr. Melissa Rigg



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Dr. Melissa Rigg

Doctor of Social Work | Master of Business Administration

Skills & Knowledge

- Policy development, advocacy
- Non-profit management
- Professional writing
- Psychotherapy
- Case management
- Fluent in Spanish
- Trauma treatment
- Addiction treatment
- Integrated medical model

Professional Experience

Indian Health Service, Four Corners Regional Health Center Red Mesa, AZ (March 2020-Present)

Mental Health Director and Medical Social Services Supervisor

Oversee a staff of eight including two psychiatrists and four master level therapists. The two departments provide services to Native Americans primarily related to trauma, abuse, addiction, and chronic medical issues. Regularly serve as Acting Clinical Division Director.

San Juan County Planning Commission, Bluff representative (October 2024-present)

The 7-member Planning Commission meets monthly to address land management and planning and zoning issues.

Tres Gatos Properties (2005-Present)

Real estate development and management

This is my informal name for the nine residential rental properties I own and manage in Santa Fe and Espanola, NM, and Bluff, UT.

Land of Enchantment Wildlife Foundation Espanola, NM (2012-2024)

Co-founder and Treasurer

Responsible for incorporation and 501c3 filings and managing financial paperwork. The Foundation provides money to New Mexicans who rehabilitate wildlife.

Melissa Rigg, LCSW Santa Fe and Espanola, NM (June 2009-December 2019)

Owned two successful psychotherapy practices. In Santa Fe, the focus was on clients with sexual issues including sexual dysfunction, out of control sexual behavior, infidelity, sexual trauma, and alternative sexualities. At my Espanola practice, I treated most clients for trauma, primarily domestic violence and/or childhood abuse and neglect. I am certified to address childhood attachment issues and sexuality issues.

La Familia Medical Center Santa Fe, NM (June 2015-February 2020)

Psychotherapist

Worked with medical providers to deliver mental health services, including crisis services, to primarily Spanish-speaking patients. Common issues were depression, anxiety, grief, domestic violence, infidelity, and substance abuse.

Crisis Center of Northern New Mexico Espanola, NM (est. July 2005- May 2009)

Psychotherapist

Provided individual counseling to domestic violence victims and offenders and their children. Was responsible for all the agency's clinical paperwork.

The Life Link Santa Fe, NM (2004-2005)

Intern

Provided initial assessments, case management services, and social and living skills trainings for clients with severe mental illness and/or substance abuse issues.

Ayudantes Inc. Espanola, NM (2003-2004)

Intern

Provided counseling services to heroin-addicted youth who were participating in a clinical trial for the National Institute on Drug Abuse. Conducted initial assessments for mental health and substance abuse services. Ran a substance abuse group for women referred by the New Mexico Department of Corrections. Assisted with implementing and conducting the psychosocial rehabilitation group.

New Mexico Drug Policy Project Santa Fe, NM (2002-2003)

Office Manager

Managed the daily operations of the national organization's Santa Fe office. Helped to organize groups around the state in support of legislation to treat substance abusers rather than incarcerate them and to allow gravely ill New Mexicans to use medical marijuana.

League of Women Voters of Santa Fe County Santa Fe, NM (2001-2002)

President

Volunteer

During my tenure we published the definitive treatise on water in Santa Fe; advised the city and county on their redistricting proposals; and helped the Santa Fe Public School District and County Commissioners in their successful elections to raise revenues. Served as First Vice President, 2000-2001; Director, 1998-2000. Chair, League health care committee (2002-2003).

Teen Health Centers, Presbyterian Medical Services Santa Fe, NM (1998-1999)

Administrator

Supervised medical, mental health, health education, and office staff at PMS clinics at two high schools. Developed and managed the annual operating budget; improved the clinics' relationships with the state Department of Health, county Maternal & Child Health Council, and city Community Services Department; wrote grant requests and reports to funders; and prepared for successful review by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations.

Alliance for Community Care Palo Alto, CA (1998)

Clinical Services Specialist

Assessed severely mentally ill clients' needs and developed and implemented treatment plans. Appointed by the CEO to the non-profit's communications initiative committee.

Urban Ministry of Palo Alto Palo Alto, CA (1996-1997)

Administrator

Developed, implemented, and managed Urban Ministry's annual budget. Responsible for all administrative functions. Oversaw the organization's payee program for clients who were unable to manage their own money. Key participant in all fund-raising activities: newsletters, direct mail solicitations, and annual events.

Hewlett-Packard Co. Santa Clara County, CA (1992-1996)

Alliance Manager

Established and managed a relationship with Microsoft, including sales and marketing programs. Managed a six-person project team responsible for reducing HP's information technology costs in Europe. Developed and implemented a quality control process to manage suppliers. Developed a multi-site strategic business plan. Official HP recruiter at the graduate school level.

University of Arizona Academic Affairs Tucson, AZ (1991-1992)

20 hours per week

Developed and managed the microcomputer center for the University's adult education program. Coordinated seminars with the Smithsonian Institution for business leaders.

The Arizona Daily Star Tucson, AZ (1982-1989)

Reporter

Daily beat coverage and investigative reporting including stints covering the Legislature (the governor's impeachment), district court, and law enforcement. Awarded first place by the Arizona Associated Press for human interest reporting, 1988.

Specialties/Certifications

- Licensed Clinical Social Worker, State of New Mexico, expires July 1, 2026.
- Certified in Traumatic Stress Studies (Trauma Research Foundation), 2023
- Certified Sex Therapist, American Association of Sex Educators, Counselors and Therapists, 2018.
- Certified Circle of Security International: Early Intervention Program for Parents & Children, 2015.

Education

Doctor of Social Work University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA (December 2020)

Master of Social Work New Mexico Highlands University, Las Vegas, NM (May 2005)

Master of Business Administration University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ (August 1992)

Bachelor of Arts University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ (May 1982)

Volunteer Activities

State Historic Preservation Office

I am a Site Steward for multiple prehistoric sites in San Juan County.

Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance

I primarily help to remediate vehicle incursions into established wilderness or wilderness study areas.