



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Electronic Meeting

November 17, 2020 at 11:00 AM

MINUTES

The public will be able to view the meeting on San Juan County's Facebook live and Youtube channel

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

INVOCATION

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments will be accepted through the following Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3125521102> Meeting ID: 312 552 1102 One tap mobile +16699006833,,3125521102# US (San Jose). There will be a three-minute time limit for each person wishing to comment. If you exceed that three-minute time limit the meeting controller will mute your line.

RL Wilcox - RL expressed concern about the proposed underground in-situ mining. He explained that there is already a public hearing scheduled for November 24th. He encouraged the commission to oppose the in-situ mining process. He explained that during this mining process, acid is injected into aquifers which are used as drinking water and to water livestock. He requested the commission to attend a public hearing where this would be discussed.

David (a landowner in lower Lisbon Valley) – David expressed concern about the permit submitted by Lisbon Valley Mine. He explained that the permit is based on data from studies that were done over 25 years ago and that Lisbon Valley has changed since that time. He encouraged the commission to consider whether the county is the right spot to perform this type of mining that would put drinking water at risk.

Jim Blankenagle - Jim explained that his property is being threatened by the leaching process from a mine that was closed years ago. He encouraged the commission to consider the long term effects of the leaching process before making a decision on the Lisbon Valley Mine request.

Curtis Wilcox - Curtis expressed concern over the approval of the proposed in-situ mine process and stated that it would ruin the livelihood of ranchers in the area.

Monette Clark - Monette expressed support for the public hearing process

Scott Stevenson - Scott expressed his opposition to in-situ mining and anything that injected sulphuric acid into the ground.

CONSENT AGENDA (Routine Matters) Mack McDonald, San Juan County Administrator

The Consent Agenda is a means of expediting the consideration of routine matters. If a Commissioner requests that items be removed from the consent agenda, those items are placed at the beginning of the regular agenda as a new business action item. Other than requests to remove items, a motion to approve the items on the consent agenda is not debatable.

Mack reviewed the items on the consent agenda which were being recommended to be accepted. A motion to accept the consent agenda was made by Commissioner Adams and seconded by Commission Vice-Chair Grayeyes.

Voting Yea: Commission Chairman Maryboy, Commission Vice-Chair Grayeyes, Commissioner Adams

1. Check Register for the Week of 10/20-10/27
2. October 20, 2020 Meeting Minutes
3. Streakwave Wireless Purchase of \$20,447.27 using CARES Act Funds for IT upgrades
4. GMAIL Upgrade of \$24,192 Using CARES Act Funds

RECOGNITIONS, PRESENTATIONS, AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

5. Introduction of a nonprofit organization Restoring Ancestral Winds, Inc., Yolanda Francisco-Nez, MBA, Executive Director

Davina Smith, Moroni Benally, and Alana Kindness from Restoring Ancestral Winds, Inc. (RAW) gave a presentation explaining what RAW is and that their purpose as a non-profit organization is to end violence happening within Native American families. Discussed in the presentation were different types of violence occurring in households and the effects from these situations. Alana talked about the importance of reopening the Gentle Ironhawk shelter in Blanding, Utah for those individuals affected by domestic violence.

6. Consideration of letter recommending a public hearing by Utah Division of Water Quality on the permit application for underground in-situ mining by Lisbon Valley Copper Mine. Nick Sandberg, County Public Lands Coordinator

Nick presented for approval, a letter supporting a public hearing by Utah Division of Water Quality on the proposed in-situ mining process by Lisbon Valley Mining Company. He explained that the Utah Division of Water Quality is providing a comment period, ending December 4th, for the proposed in-situ mining process and that the public hearing is happening due to the amount of public interest on the proposed mining process.

Commissioner Adams explained that it would be good for the county to send the letter. A motion to not support the mining process was made by Commission Vice-Chair Grayeyes and

seconded by Commission Adams.

Voting Yea: Commission Chairman Maryboy, Commission Vice-Chair Grayeyes,
Commissioner Adams

7. Consideration of a letter with comments on the Canyon Rims Travel Management Plan (BLM).
Nick Sandberg, County Public Lands Coordinator

Nick presented a letter of comments for consideration regarding the Canyon Rims Travel Management Plan and environmental assessment. He explained that the letter contained the county's comments on the analysis of the environmental assessment. Nick reviewed with the commission the draft comments. Commissioner Grayeyes submitted a replacement letter, for approval, to the one prepared by Nick Sandberg. Mack read the replacement comment letter into the minutes.

A motion to approve the replacement letter was made by Commission Vice-Chair Grayeyes,
Seconded by Commission Chairman Maryboy.

Voting Yea: Commission Chairman Maryboy, Commission Vice-Chair Grayeyes

BUSINESS/ACTION

8. Consideration and Approval of Verizon Hotspot Grant Contract, Nicole Perkins, Library Director

Nicole presented a grant agreement which would provide 10 Hotspots / MyFi units from Verizon to library patrons. She explained that the county would first purchase the units and associated equipment and then receive a reimbursement. A motion to approve the grant agreement was made by Commission Vice-Chair Grayeyes and seconded by Commission Chairman Maryboy.

Voting Yea: Commission Chairman Maryboy, Commission Vice-Chair Grayeyes

9. Consideration and Approval/Signature from Commissioners for Cellular One Hotspot Grant, Nicole Perkins, Library Director

Nicole presented a hotspot grant agreement from Cellular One. She stated that this grant is the same as the Verizon grant and explained that having Verizon and Cellular One would give more coverage for library patrons throughout the county. A motion to approve the grant agreement was made by Commission Vice-Chair Grayeyes and seconded by Commission Chairman Maryboy. Voting Yea: Commission Chairman Maryboy, Commission Vice-Chair Grayeyes.

10. Consideration and Approval of the Building Resilient Infrastructures and Communities Mitigation Plan Grant, Tammy Gallegos, Emergency Manager

Tammy stated that the county is required, every 5 years, to redo a pre-disaster mitigation plan which identifies all potential disasters that could happen in the county. Tammy presented a grant for approval that would allow the county to go through the process of identifying potential disasters so that they could be added to the mitigation plan. A motion to approve the

grant application was made by Commission Vice-Chair Grayeyes, Seconded by Commission Chairman Maryboy.

Voting Yea: Commission Chairman Maryboy, Commission Vice-Chair Grayeyes

11. Presentation of Final CARES Act Allocations

Mack presented and reviewed with the commission the allocation of the final CARES Act funds received by the county. *see attachment

Motion made by Commission Vice-Chair Grayeyes, Seconded by Commissioner Adams.

Voting Yea: Commission Chairman Maryboy, Commission Vice-Chair Grayeyes, Commissioner Adams

12. Consideration and Agreement of a Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement with Utah Association of Counties Tax Refund Exchange and Compliance System (U-TRECS), Mack McDonald, Chief Administrative Officer

Mack presented an MOU agreement with UAC Tax Refund Exchange and Compliance System for approval. He explained that organizations could register with the system, which acts as debt collection agency to recover uncollected payments through garnishment. Mack explained that that there would be no cost to the county other than the time to submit names to the agency. A motion to approve the MOU was made by Commission Vice-Chair Grayeyes and seconded by Commissioner Adams.

Voting Yea: Commission Chairman Maryboy, Commission Vice-Chair Grayeyes, Commissioner Adams

13. Consideration and Approval of a Participation Agreement with Gouldings Monument Valley Enterprises, L.C. for \$100,000 of CARES Act Funds for the Private/Public Well Upgrades, Mack McDonald, Chief Administrative Officer

Mack presented a participation agreement with Gouldings for approval. He explained that CARES Act funds would be used to upgrade Gouldings Well which would then be used for public and private use. A motion to approve the agreement was made by Commissioner Adams, Seconded by Commission Vice-Chair Grayeyes.

Voting Yea: Commission Chairman Maryboy, Commission Vice-Chair Grayeyes, Commissioner Adams

14. Approval of the 2020 General Election results by the San Juan County Board of Commissioners, John David Nielson, County Clerk/Auditor - *see attachment

John David presented the 2020 General Election results. He explained that the Commissioners act as the Board of Canvassers to review and certify election returns for the 2020 General Election. John David reviewed the election returns and requested the commissioners approve the election results. A motion to accept 2020 general election results was made by Commissioner Adams and seconded by Commission Vice-Chair Grayeyes. Voting Yea: Commission Chairman Maryboy, Commission Vice-Chair Grayeyes, Commissioner Adams

COMMISSION REPORTS

Commissioner Maryboy – Commissioner Maryboy reported on working at the chapters to help those infected with the coronavirus.

Commissioner Grayeyes – Commissioner Grayeyes reported on attending chapter meetings. He explained that the chapters passed a resolution requesting that the date for CARES Act funds be extended to December 31, 2020. He also reported that the Navajo Nation has implemented a 3 week shut down due to the rise of COVID-19 cases.

Commissioner Adams – Commissioner Adams reported that he has been selected on NaCOs taskforce to address broadband throughout the nation. He explained that there are only about 4 commissioners on the task force that are west of the Mississippi. He also reported that he would be attending UAC virtually later in the week.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Adams to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commission Vice-Chair Grayeyes.

Voting Yea: Commission Chairman Maryboy, Commission Vice-Chair Grayeyes, Commissioner Adams

The Board of San Juan County Commissioners can call a closed meeting at any time during the Regular Session if necessary, for reasons permitted under UCA 52-4-205

All agenda items shall be considered as having potential Commission action components and may be completed by an electronic method **In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing auxiliary communicative aids and services for this meeting should contact the San Juan County Clerk’s Office: 117 South Main, Monticello or telephone 435-587-3223, giving reasonable notice**

APPROVED: _____
San Juan County Board of County Commissioners

DATE: _____

ATTEST: _____
San Juan County Clerk/Auditor

DATE: _____