

San Juan County Commission Regular Meeting February 16, 2016

Chairman Johns called the San Juan County Commission meeting to order on February 16, 2016 at 4:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers located in the County Administration Building, 100 S. Oliver Drive, Aztec, New Mexico. Commissioner Johns gave the invocation and Dr. Kim Carpenter led the Pledge of Allegiance. Those present were:

CHAIRMAN	Scott Eckstein
CHAIRMAN PRO-TEM	Jack Fortner
MEMBER	Keith Johns
MEMBER	Margaret McDaniel
MEMBER	Wallace Charley
ASSESSOR	Jimmy Voita
CHIEF DEPUTY ASSESSOR	Benay Jones
CLERK	Debbie Holmes
UNDERSHERIFF	Shane Ferrari
COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER	Kim Carpenter
COUNTY OPERATIONS OFFICER	Mike Stark
ATTORNEY	Doug Echols
DEPUTY ATTORNEY	Joe Sawyer
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR	Mike Mestas
ACTING CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	Jim Cox
DEPUTY FINANCE OFFICER	Kim Martin
PARKS & FACILITIES ADMINSTRATOR	Mike Davidson
PARKS & FACILITIES DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR	Daniel Hill
PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATOR	Dave Keck
PUBLIC WORKS DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR	Fran Fillerup
CHIEF HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICER	Charlene Scott
ALTERNATIVE SENTENCING DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR	Heidi Sawyer
JUVENILE SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR	Traci Neff
DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF	Thomas Fields
HEALTH CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM COORDINATOR	Liza Gomez Akley
GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR	Larry Hathaway
GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS COORDINATOR	Evan O'Keefe
HOUSING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	Faye Anderson
SAFETY & COMPLIANCE MANAGER	Stewart Logan
PRESS: Farmington Daily Times	Hannah Grover
VISITORS:	72

Presentations

1. San Juan County Sheriff Lieutenants David Hamlin and David Pixton Graduate from Northwestern Staff and Command Institute

Shane Ferrari, Undersheriff, introduced San Juan County Sheriff Lieutenants David Hamlin and David Pixton who have successfully completed Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command held in Golden, CO. on January 15, 2016. The School of Police Staff and Command (SPSC) prepares law enforcement managers for senior positions by combining academic principles with practical applications. Over 10 weeks they completed courses in resource allocation, budgeting, leadership, statistics and more. They were able to network with fellow law enforcement commanders from across the U.S. Their newly acquired skills will greatly benefit the Sheriff's Office and our community. This is the first time since 2008 we have been able to send someone to this training. The Sheriff and staff recognize their commitment and personal sacrifices made completing the course. Undersheriff Ferrari presented the lieutenants with their diplomas. Congratulations!

This is a presentation only.

2. Presentation of New Mexico Association of Counties Adult Misdemeanor Compliance Accreditation Award to San Juan County

Kim Carpenter, CEO, briefed the Commission that in August 2014, the Adult Misdemeanor Compliance Professional Standards Council adopted 121 Accreditation Standards for Adult Misdemeanor Compliance Programs statewide. The San Juan County Adult Misdemeanor Compliance Program has been engaged in the process of achieving accreditation since January 2015. This has been an arduous task, involving hours and hours of preparation consisting of writing policies and procedures, providing proof of compliance with standards and training staff. The Adult Misdemeanor Compliance staff has been dedicated to this process to ensure adherence to industry best practices and is a flagship program for the state. The San Juan County Adult Misdemeanor Compliance Program was awarded accreditation at the NMAC Legislative Conference in January and is the first program in the state to achieve this honor. This is a presentation only.

A motion was made by Chairman Pro-Tem Fortner, seconded by Commissioner Johns to call to order the Indigent Hospital and County Health Care Board Meeting. Upon voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Indigent Hospital and County Health Care Board Meeting

1. Review of Claims
2. Approval of Minutes of February 2, 2016.

The Indigent Hospital and County Health Care Board Meeting Minutes are taken separately and are made a part of the permanent minute's folder.

A motion was made by Commissioner Johns, seconded by Commissioner Charley to adjourn the Indigent Hospital and County Health Care Board Meeting and call to order the Regular Meeting. Upon voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Regular Meeting

Approval of Agenda

Kim Carpenter, CEO stated that there are no changes to the agenda. A motion was made by Chairman Pro-Tem Fortner, seconded by Commissioner McDaniel to approve the agenda as presented. Upon voice vote this motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Award of Bid No. 15-16-02, Valley Fire Station #1 Addition and Renovations
2. Approval of February 2, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes
3. Approval of January 2016 Check Register

A motion was made by Commissioner Johns, seconded by Commissioner McDaniel to approve the Consent Agenda. Upon voice vote this motion passed unanimously.

New Business

1. Discussion of Ordinance 95

Scott Eckstein, County Commission Chairman, opened the discussion of Ordinance No. 95 by stating that at the last commission meeting there were citizens who asked that the Commission reconsider their votes and repeal Ordinance 95. Chairman Eckstein stated that once an ordinance is passed it is not revisited unless, there is a movement from the Commission to repeal it and there has not been one. He asked if any of the Commission would like to change their votes and their votes remained unchanged. The Commission made various comments and Commissioner McDaniel requested clarification on agriculture income. Chairman Eckstein requested that the public observe the ordinance closely for one year. Kim Carpenter, CEO, gave an update on the ordinance and invited those who are concerned to meet with staff. This is a discussion item only.

2. Annual Update on First Tee Program

Tom Yost, Executive Director for the First Tee Program of San Juan County, provided an annual update to the Commission on the activities and accomplishments for the program. The mission of The First Tee is to impact lives of young people in San Juan County by providing educational programs that build character, instill life-enhancing values, and promote healthy choices through the game of golf.

Impact:

- Over 8,600 youth are served in our community and Cortez, CO
- 13 elementary schools teaching National School Program (NSP)
2 Aztec, 2 Bloomfield, 4 Central Consolidated, 5 Farmington

- 63% (up from 54% in 2015) non-Caucasian participants 40% being Native American
- 40% female participation, 33% teen participation
- 50+% retention rate with over 40% certifying

How funding assistance supported The First Tee of San Juan County, NM:

- San Juan County Juvenile Detention Facility Program put 7-10 participants through 12-16 hours of life skill training using golf at no cost
- 3,500 youth are impacted through in-school programs at no cost
- No cost summer programming impacting 40+ special needs youth San Juan Special Olympians
- No cost after school programs reaching over 100 youth, teaching character values and life skills through golf
- Summer scholarships for those that cannot afford programs (10-15%)
- 3 coaches with advance training and teaching life skills curriculum at a higher level

Celebrating Success:

- 2 More National School Programs on or near the Navajo Nation
- PGA Junior League grew by 60% (50 to 80 youth)
- 4 of 12 qualifiers to sub-regional Drive Chip Putt Qualifier in Colorado came from the First Tee program
- Eagle Certified Participant, Belle Toney, nominated for both the Air Force Academy and the United States Military Academy (West Point)

What's to come in 2016:

- Expansion of NSP into classrooms
- USGA/LPGA Girls Golf Program (self-esteem, relationships, high school mentors)
- 2nd Annual Clubs for Kids on May 12th (each child leaves with a golf club)
- STEM program into the middle and high schools
- Over 100 youth involved with PGA Junior League

This is a presentation only.

3. Consideration of Request for Approval of Operational Changes at Regional Landfill

Dave Keck, Public Works Administrator, stated that San Juan County contracts with Waste Management (WM) to operate the regional landfill. There has been discussion on ways to operate the Landfill in the most user-friendly and cost effective manner. The following two initiatives have surfaced:

1. **Credit Card Acceptance at the Landfill.** Currently only cash and checks are accepted as forms of payment at the landfill. Due to citizen request the County has asked that WM start accepting debit and credit cards which WM is willing to do. However in order to recover the finance charges involved with credit transactions WM is requesting they be allowed to add a 3% charge to each credit transaction.

2. Adjust Operating Hours. Currently the Landfill is open to the public from 7:00am to 6:00pm Monday through Friday, and 9:00am to 5:00pm Saturday and Sunday. In order to allow WM staff time to accomplish day end tasks safely and due to very low citizen use after 5:00pm WM is requesting the following operation hours:

October 1 through February 28: Change closing to 5:00pm on weekdays
March 1 through September 30: Change closing to 5:30pm on weekdays
The weekend hours will remain unchanged.

A motion was made by Chairman Pro-Tem Fortner, seconded by Commissioner McDaniel to approve the Operational Changes at Regional Landfill. Upon voice vote this motion passed unanimously.

4. Consideration of Changes of Housing Choice Voucher Administrative Plan

Faye Anderson, Executive Director, informed the Commission that the Housing Authority Administrative Plan has been revised to better support administration and operation of the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program. The major difference from the plan is changes to Portability that applies to families moving from San Juan County to other counties or states, and families moving to San Juan County from other jurisdictions. This also strengthens the plan to eliminate loop holes. The CEO's office, along with the Housing Authority will have the Housing Authority Administrative Plan available for viewing at any time. Staff is requesting approval of changes mentioned above, as presented which was last approved by the Commission March 17, 2009. A motion was made by Chairman Pro-Tem Fortner, seconded by Commissioner Charley to approve the Changes of Housing Choice Voucher Administrative Plan. Upon voice vote this motion passed unanimously.

5. Consideration of Proposal of San Juan County Ordinance No. 96, Repealing One-Sixteenth County Health Care Gross Receipts Tax

Doug Echols, County Attorney, stated that at their January 5 meeting, the Commission expressed interest in an early repeal of the one-sixteenth of one percent (.0625%) county health care gross receipts tax which went into effect on January 1, 2015, and will sunset on December 31, 2016. Ordinance 96 would repeal this tax, and the repeal would be effective on July 1, 2016. If the Commission approves the Notice of Intent to Adopt, the Legal Department will schedule the proper publication and place this item on the March 15, 2016 Commission meeting agenda requesting adoption of the ordinance at that time. The Commission asked various questions. A motion was made by Chairman Pro-Tem Fortner, seconded by Commissioner McDaniel to approve the Proposal of San Juan County Ordinance No. 96, Repealing One-Sixteenth County Health Care Gross Receipts Tax. Upon voice vote this motion passed unanimously.

6. Consideration of Proposal of San Juan County Ordinance No. 97, Repealing the Sunset of One-Eighth County Gross Receipts Tax

Doug Echols, County Attorney, stated that at the January 5 meeting, the Commission expressed interest in repealing the sunset of the one-eighth of one percent (.125%) county gross receipts

tax which went into effect on January 1, 2015, and will sunset on December 31, 2017. Ordinance 97 would repeal Section 6, the sunset clause. If the Commission approves the Notice of Intent to Adopt, the Legal Department will schedule the proper publication and place this item on the March 15, 2016 Commission meeting agenda requesting adoption of the ordinance at that time. A motion was made by Chairman Pro-Tem Fortner, seconded by Commissioner Keith Johns to approve the Proposal of San Juan County Ordinance No. 97, Repealing the Sunset of One-Eighth County Gross Receipts Tax. Upon voice vote this motion passed unanimously.

7. Consideration of Resolutions 15-16-37 and 15-16-38, Renewal of Blanco and Lower Valley Senior Center Leases with the Northwest New Mexico Seniors

Doug Echols, County Attorney, explained prior leases on the Blanco and Lower Valley Senior Centers have expired. The new leases are for one year, with three one year renewals. In lieu of rent, the Northwest New Mexico Seniors provides services including meals, recreational activities, home delivered meals, and home maker services to senior residents of those communities. Approval of the leases by the State Board of Finance is required and Resolutions 15-16-37 and 15-16-38 will indicate the approval of the Board of County Commissioners for this transaction. Chairman Pro-Tem Fortner made various comments. A motion was made by Commissioner Johns, seconded by Commissioner Charley to approve Resolutions 15-16-37 and 15-16-38, Renewal of Blanco and Lower Valley Senior Center Leases with the Northwest New Mexico Seniors. Upon voice vote this motion passed unanimously.

8. Consideration of Boards and Committee Appointments

Kim Carpenter, CEO, requested review of the Board and Committee members appointed by the San Juan County Commission. There are vacant board positions for the Metropolitan Planning Organization, Northwest New Mexico Seniors, the San Juan County Museum Association and Totah Behavioral Health Authority. Jimmy Voita, County Assessor, has agreed to serve in the Metropolitan Planning Organization. Heidi Sawyer, Alternative Sentencing Deputy Administrator, has agreed to serve as Alternate for the Totah Behavioral Health Authority. Doug Echols, County Attorney, has agreed to serve as the Alternate on the San Juan County Museum Association Board of Directors. Staff requests that the Commission review the list and approve if acceptable or appoint different representatives as desired. A motion was made by Chairman Pro-Tem Fortner, seconded by Commissioner Charley to approve the Boards and Committee Appointments. Upon voice vote this motion passed unanimously.

Report from the CEO

None

Reports From Elected Officials And Department Heads

Dave Keck introduced Fran Fillerup as the Public Works Deputy Administrator.

Kim Carpenter introduced Jim Cox as the Chief Financial Officer and Kim Martin as the Deputy Finance Officer.

Comments / Input From The General Public

Sharon Hottell stated she is against Ordinance 95 and requested clarification on section 17 of the ordinance.

Billie Murphy stated she is against Ordinance 95.

Closed Executive Session

A motion was made by Chairman Pro-Tem Fortner, seconded by Commissioner McDaniel to go into closed executive session to discuss threatened or pending litigation and the acquisition or disposal of real estate. Upon voice vote this motion passed unanimously. Upon return a motion was made by Commissioner Charley, seconded by Commissioner McDaniel to go back into open meeting. Upon voice vote this motion passed unanimously. Chairman Eckstein stated that nothing other than what was stated in the motion to go into closed executive session was discussed.

Adjourn

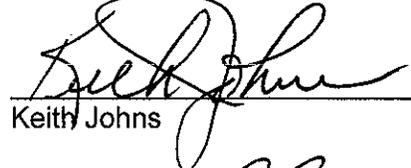
Being no further business a motion was made by Commissioner Charley, seconded by Commissioner McDaniel to adjourn the meeting. Upon voice vote this motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

APPROVED THIS 15TH DAY OF MARCH, 2016

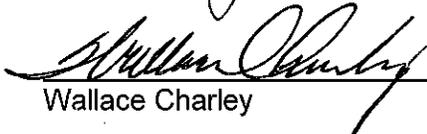
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Chairman Scott Eckstein

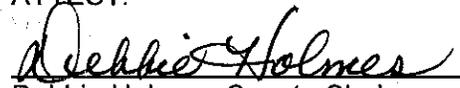

Chairman Pro-Tem Jack Fortner


Keith Johns


Margaret McDaniel


Wallace Charley

ATTEST:


Debbie Holmes, County Clerk