

**San Juan County Commission
Regular Meeting
April 7, 2015**

Chairman Johns called the San Juan County Commission meeting to order on April 7, 2015 at 4:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers located in the County Administration Building, 100 S. Oliver Drive, Aztec, New Mexico. Commissioner McDaniel gave the invocation and Mike Stark led the Pledge of Allegiance. Those present were:

CHAIRMAN	Keith Johns
CHAIRMAN PRO-TEM	Scott Eckstein
MEMBER	Jack Fortner
MEMBER	Margaret McDaniel
MEMBER	Wallace Charley
ASSESSOR	Clyde Ward
CHIEF DEPUTY ASSESSOR	Jimmy Voita
CLERK	Debbie Holmes
CHIEF DEPUTY TREASURER	Carol Taulbee
COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER	Kim Carpenter
COUNTY OPERATIONS OFFICER	Mike Stark
ASSISTANT CEO	Linda Thompson
ATTORNEY	Jim Durrett
DEPUTY ATTORNEY	Joe Sawyer
DEPUTY ATTORNEY	Doug Echols
EMERGENCY MANAGER	Don Cooper
DEPUTY FINANCE OFFICER	Brooke Quintana
PARKS & FACILITIES ADMINSTRATOR	Mike Davidson
PARKS & FACILITIES DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR	Daniel Hill
PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATOR	Dave Keck
DEPUTY HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICER	Roberta Padilla
ALTERNATIVE SENTENCING ADMINISTRATOR	Jennifer Miller
JUVENILE SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR	Traci Neff
FIRE CHIEF	Doug Hatfield
DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF	Craig Daugherty
HEALTH CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM COORDINATOR	Liza Gomez
GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR	Larry Hathaway
CHIEF IT OFFICER	Keith Lund
HOUSING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	Faye Anderson
SAFETY & COMPLIANCE MANAGER	Stewart Logan

PRESS: Farmington Daily Times

Dan Schwartz

VISITORS: 33

A motion was made by Commissioner Fortner, seconded by Commissioner McDaniel 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 March 17, 2015

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 Chairman Pro-Tem Eckstein, 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 Commissioner Fortner, seconded by Commissioner McDaniel to approve the agenda as presented. Upon voice vote this motion passed unanimously.

New Business

1. Report by the San Juan County Historical Society

Zang Wood, San Juan County Historical Society, presented the Historical Society's annual report and included a presentation on how the funding from the County Commission was expended. San Juan County allocated \$4,000 to the San Juan Historical Society in this year's budget. Mr. Wood presented each Commissioner with the 2014 booklet, Echoes of the Past, Volume III. In 2014 there were 184 visitors, 24 research requests for information, and 752.75 volunteer hours put in by the members and board. The Historical Society of New Mexico has expressed an interest in holding their annual meeting for 2016 in our area. There is an anticipated 400 people expected to attend in May 2016. During the year 2014, 10 individuals donated twelve books, various photos, and three boxes of 4-Corners Economic Development History. Mr. Wood recognized and thanked the Commission for their financial and physical support. Presentation only.

2. Presentation on Proposed Clean Path Energy Center

Curt Hildebrand, President of Western Energy Partners, provided a presentation regarding a proposed Clean Path Energy Center to be located in the western part of the county. Mr. Hildebrand introduced Dave Perkins, Executive Vice President and Fred Scott P.Eng, Sr. Vice President Engineering. The Clean Path Energy Center Project (CPEC) site is 635 acres of privately owned range land in Waterflow with a Purchase Option in place through October 2018. There are no tribal lands involved with the project site or project linear and is isolated from

populated areas and located on a remote plateau. The natural gas supply comes from a firm interconnect to nearby San Juan Hub which ensures abundant gas supplies and favorable local transport fees. The facility will use air cooled/parallel cooling in which water use will be reduced by 85+% over wet cooling providing an optimized output efficiency and capital cost. Annual water use is expected to be 1,000 to 1,200 acre feet per year. The project will utilize Best Available Control Technology (BACT) emissions control technologies. The baseline air data will be sourced from the existing New Mexico Environmental Department Air Monitoring Station at the Shiprock Substation. There will be no major new electric transmission lines or facilities necessitated for Western's entire regional system. The total network upgrade cost of \$3.6 million for CPEC's 750 Mega Watt (MW) project interconnection. CPEC is being designed to be the most efficient gas fueled plant in the Western United States. The project will:

- Create up to 800 construction jobs during the project's 30 month construction phase
- Create approximately 30 full-time, family wage operations and maintenance jobs at the project
- \$8-9 million per year projected property taxes paid to San Juan County
- Create a large new customer for local gas production
- Maximize the long term use of the regions robust gas and electrical infrastructure
- Establish a new state-of-the art project with unprecedented operating efficiencies and flexibility; and establish new standards for environmental stewardship in power generation

Presentation only.

3. Transfer of Location of Liquor License for Circle K Stores, Inc.

Jim Durrett, County Attorney, informed the Commission that Circle K Stores, Inc. has applied with the Alcohol and Gaming Division to transfer the location of their Liquor License No. 0955 from the north side of Highway 516 in Flora Vista to the south side of Highway 516 in Flora Vista where they are building a new store. Notice of Public Hearing was published in the Daily Times on March 8, 2015 and March 15, 2015. A public hearing was held March 25, 2015, to take evidence for approval or disapproval of the transfer of location. There was no one present and there were no comments in favor of or in opposition to the transfer of ownership, with the exception of representatives from Circle K Stores and their attorney, Linda Aikin. The State of New Mexico Alcohol and Gaming Division will need notification of the approval by April 24, 2015. Brad Staab, Regional Operations Director of New Mexico Circle K stores, provided a photo of the anticipated completed building and the floor plan which will be opening in May. A motion was made by Commissioner Fortner, seconded by Chairman Pro-Tem Eckstein to approve Application No. 940692 for Transfer of Location of Liquor License for Circle K Stores, Inc. Upon voice vote this motion passed unanimously.

4. Consideration of road construction agreement between the Navajo Nation and San Juan County- Attachment C of the Intergovernmental Agreement

Dave Keck, Public Works Administrator, stated on October 16, 2013 the County and the Navajo Nation entered into an agreement to cooperate on transportation projects of mutual benefit to

the citizens of San Juan County. The Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) will consist of the Navajo Nation providing \$135,008.75 of upfront/startup funding to the County for which the County will provide construction services to improve and chipseal approximately 1/4 of a mile of roadway leading to the Ojo Amarillo School located in the Upper Fruitland area. Out of the total project cost the County will collect approximately \$67,000 in additional revenue which will offset its fix equipment and labor cost. Staff believes Public Works has the capacity to perform this project for the Nation without interference to normal County road maintenance activities. Staff recommends approval of "Attachment C" to the IGA. A motion was made by Chairman Pro-Tem Eckstein, seconded by Commissioner McDaniel to approve the road construction agreement between the Navajo Nation and San Juan County- Attachment C of the Intergovernmental Agreement. Upon voice vote this motion passed unanimously.

5. Consideration of Grant Agreement with the New Mexico Department of Transportation for Improvements to the Intersection of NM Highway 371 and N36

Dave Keck, Public Works Administrator, stated at the request of Representative Sharon Clahchischilliage, the 2014 Legislature appropriated \$110,000 to San Juan County to plan, design and construct Phase 1 improvements to the intersection of New Mexico Highway 371 and Navajo Route 36 (N36). There is no required grant match. Based on a traffic study, a traffic signal is not warranted at this time. The improvements under this grant agreement will consist of advance warning flasher and overhead warning flashers at the intersection. A motion was made by Commissioner Fortner, seconded by Commissioner McDaniel to approve the Grant Agreement with New Mexico Department of Transportation. Upon voice vote this motion passed unanimously.

6. Consideration of Resolution No. 14-15-38, Authorizing the Assignment of Official Representatives and Signatory Authorities for the Lower Valley Lagoon Project

Mike Stark, County Operations Officer, stated at the March 17th Commission meeting, the Commission approved adoption of Ordinance No. 94 Authorizing a Loan Agreement with the New Mexico Environment Dept. (NMED) to plan, design, engineer and construct the Harper Valley wastewater plant decommissioning and lift station hookup project. NMED requires adoption of a Resolution listing all of the official representatives and signatory authorities for Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund monies. The resolution lists the individuals required by the NMED. Groundbreaking is scheduled for April 21, 2015, at 2:00 p.m. A motion was made by Commissioner McDaniel, seconded by Commissioner Charley to approve Resolution No. 14-15-38, Authorizing the Assignment of Official Representatives and Signatory Authorities for the Lower Valley Lagoon Project Upon voice vote this motion passed unanimously.

7. Proclaim April as National County Government Month to be celebrated at the San Juan Administration Building on April 29, 2015.

Mike Stark, County Operations Officer, informed the Commission that the National Association of Counties created National County Government Month in 1991 to raise public awareness and understanding about the roles and responsibilities of the nation's counties to meet the needs of the community. The activities during National County Government Month help citizens better understand how their county responds to their needs. During National County Government

Month, San Juan County will hold National County Government Day on Wednesday, April 29, 2015, at 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., providing a great opportunity to encourage interest by high school youth in local government and the role government plays in their community directly affecting their lives. Six high schools in San Juan County have been invited to bring up to 30 students and attend our government open house. The students will be able to take a closer look at what we do, how we do it, and the people behind the services we provide. We request that San Juan County, along with other communities throughout our nation, showcase local area government by celebrating April 2015, as National County Government Month. Mr. Stark invited the Commissioners to attend one of the sessions. A motion was made by Commissioner Charley, seconded by Commissioner McDaniel to approve April as National County Government Month to be celebrated at the San Juan County Administration Building on April 29, 2015. Upon voice vote this motion passed unanimously.

Reports From Elected Officials And Department Heads

Kim Carpenter, County Executive Officer, stated Martin Heinrich's office and NASA contacted him concerning a methane hot spot found in the county. NASA has two research planes flying over daily and a satellite dispatched to identify the source. The National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration is also making intermittent research flights. There will be a Forum to discuss the findings at San Juan College on April 17, 2015.

Commissioner Charley followed up with Mike Stark regarding an inquiry made regarding the fire stations on the Navajo Nation. Mr. Stark stated a meeting is scheduled April 8, 2015.

Dave Keck, Public Works Administrator, informed the Commission that the county was awarded a grant by the Federal Highway Administration in the amount of \$855,000 with a \$145,000 match by the county. The grant will be used to build a walk/bike path in Kirtland. The planning begins in FY2016 and the construction in FY2017.

Chairman Johns requested the representatives from Central Consolidated School District introduce themselves:

- Colleen Bowman, Director of Operations, CCSD, thanked Dave Keck for his lead in the project
- Dennis Fieldsted, Coordinator of Construction, CCSD, also thanked Dave Keck for his assistance
- Kathy Smiley, CCSD Operations
- Larry Joe, Navajo Nation Department of Transportation
- Pricilla Lee, Program Project Specialist, Navajo Nation Department of Transportation also thanked Dave Keck and the Commissioners for their assistance in the project
- Charlie Joe, grandfather of students at Ojo Amarillo Elementary School, has been working on getting a path for 22 years

Commissioner Fortner acknowledged the attendance of State Representative, Rod Montoya and thanked him for attending.

Kim Carpenter, County Executive Officer stated there is a ribbon cutting in Commissioner McDaniel's district for a bridge on April 16, 2015 @2:00 p.m. upon approved inspection.

Comments / Input From The General Public

None

Adjourn

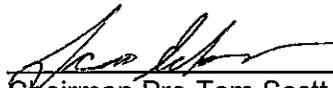
Being no further business a motion was made by Chairman Pro-Tem Eckstein, seconded by Commissioner Charley to adjourn the meeting. Upon voice vote this motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

APPROVED THIS 21ST DAY OF APRIL, 2015

BY THE SAN JUAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:



Chairman Keith Johns



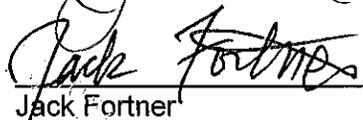
Chairman Pro-Tem Scott Eckstein



Margaret McDaniel

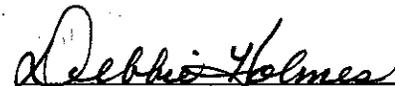


Wallace Charley



Jack Fortner

ATTEST:



Debbie Holmes, County Clerk