

**San Juan County Commission
 Regular Meeting
 August 6, 2019**

Chairman Fortner called the San Juan County Commission meeting to order on August 6, 2019 at 4:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers located in the County Administration Building, 100 S. Oliver Drive, Aztec, New Mexico. Commissioner Beckstead gave the invocation and Chairman Fortner led the Pledge of Allegiance. Those present were:

CHAIRMAN	Jack L. Fortner
CHAIRMAN PRO-TEM	Jim Crowley
MEMBER	John T. Beckstead
MEMBER	GloJean Todacheene
MEMBER	Michael Sullivan
CHIEF DEPUTY ASSESSOR	John Kuhn
CHIEF DEPUTY TREASURER	Carol Taulbee
SHERIFF	Shane Ferrari
UNDERSHERIFF	Cory Tanner
COUNTY MANAGER	Mike Stark
ATTORNEY	Doug Echols
DEPUTY ATTORNEY	Joe Sawyer
RISK MANAGER	Cynthia Singleton
EMERGENCY MANAGER	Mike Mestas
CHIEF FINANCIAL AND STRATEGY OFFICER	Jim Cox
DEPUTY FINANCE OFFICER	Kim Martin
PARKS & FACILITIES DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR	Steven Dansie
PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATOR	Nick Porell
CHIEF HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICER	Charlene Wells
ADULT DETENTION CENTER WARDEN	Tom Havel
ALTERNATIVE SENTENCING ADMINISTRATOR	Jennifer Mitchell
DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF	John Mohler
GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR	Larry Hathaway
CHIEF IS OFFICER	Keith Lund
HOUSING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	Faye Anderson
SAFETY & COMPLIANCE MANAGER	Stewart Logan
PUBLIC RELATIONS MANAGER	Devin Neeley

VISITORS:

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A motion was made by Chairman Pro-Tem Fortner, seconded by Commissioner Todacheene to call to order the Board of Finance Meeting. Upon voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Board of Finance Meeting

1. Consideration of Resolution 19-20-08 Waiving the \$5.00 Minimum Penalty on Delinquent Property Taxes

Carol Taulbee, Deputy Treasurer, explained that a New Mexico State Statute allows a county to impose a penalty of 1% per month, but not exceed 5% of the delinquent tax amount except when the penalty is less than \$5.00. Each year, San Juan County waives the \$5 minimum penalty on delinquent property taxes and staff requested the Commission approve Resolution 19-20-08, waiving the \$5.00 Minimum Penalty on Delinquent Property taxes as allowed under State of New Mexico Section 7-38-50, NMSA, 1978, Compilation. A motion was made by Commissioner Sullivan, seconded by Commissioner Todacheene to approve Resolution 19-20-08 Waiving the \$5.00 Minimum Penalty on Delinquent Property Taxes. Upon voice vote this motion passed unanimously.

2. Report on County Investments and Interest Earned

Carol Taulbee, Deputy Treasurer, reported that FY2019 County investments earned \$941,183.67 in interest for the 12-month period ending June 30, 2019 which is a 50.28% increase over interest earned in FY2017 and 61.73% increase over the same period in FY2018. It is the most interest revenue the County has earned since FY2011. The return on investment has steadily increased from 0.68% in FY2016 to 1.67% in FY2019. There has been an \$18.6M reduction in total average invested dollars since FY2016. The total cash and investments as of June 30, 2019, totaled \$60,668,726.90 which includes June property tax collections of \$653,090.57 of which \$480,565.48 was distributed to local municipalities and school districts in July 2019. The June 30, 2019 cash and investments totaled \$58,616,980.97.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sullivan, seconded by Commission Todacheene to adjourn the Board of Finance Meeting and call to order the Indigent Hospital and County Health Care Board Meeting. Upon voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Indigent Hospital Claims Board Meeting

1. Review of Claims
2. Approval of Minutes of July 2, 2019.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Todacheene, seconded by Chairman Pro-Tem Crowley 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

Mike Stark, County Manager, stated that there are no changes to the agenda. A motion was made by Chairman Pro-Tem Crowley, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan to approve the agenda as presented. Upon voice vote this motion passed unanimously.

New Business

1. Consideration of 2019 Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Application

Undersheriff Cory Tanner requested approval to submit the 2019 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) application. The San Juan County Sheriff's Office is eligible to receive \$39,466.00 and will be using the allocation to purchase advanced equipment to support existing agency operations. The equipment purchased will be in-car mobile radios, maintenance items for the helicopter, and wireless access points. There are no matching funds required with this grant. The grant requires that the public has the opportunity to comment; there were no comments from the public. Undersheriff Tanner opened the floor for public comment. There were no comments. A motion was made by Commissioner Beckstead, seconded by Chairman Pro-Tem Crowley to approve the 2019 Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Application. Upon voice vote this motion passed unanimously.

2. Consideration of DWI Grant Agreement #20-D-G-24 with DFA/LGD for Operation of Local DWI Program

Jennifer Mitchell, Alternative Sentencing Division Administrator, indicated that the New Mexico Local Driving While Intoxicated (LDWI) Grant Council allocated \$400,000 in LDWI Grant funds and approved an estimated \$947,964 in distribution funds to San Juan County. As requested in the application, the funding will be utilized for the 28-day Detention, Treatment and Aftercare Program and the Adult Misdemeanor Compliance Program. The total state funding is \$1,347,964. Staff requested approval of the grant agreement. The Commission asked various questions. A motion was made by Chairman Pro-Tem Crowley, seconded by Commissioner Beckstead to approve the DWI Grant Agreement #20-D-G-24 with DFA/LGD for operation of Local DWI program. Upon voice vote this motion passed unanimously.

3. Consideration of FY20 Client Fees for Alternative Sentencing Division Program

Jennifer Mitchell, Alternative Sentencing Division Administrator, explained that the fees for the Alternative Sentencing Division jail-based treatment programs are established by a formula that takes into consideration the previous fiscal year's population and the proposed budget for the new fiscal year. The formula has been used annually since 2005 and this is the second annual adjustment requested to the Axis/Nexus fee since the program's inception in 2006. Staff recommended approval of client fees for FY2020, as follows:

DWI Jail-based Treatment and Aftercare Services: Decrease the FY2019 client fee for the 28-day DWI Treatment program from \$3,669 to \$2,557 due to an increase in the number of program referrals during FY19, coupled with a decrease in overall funding. The recommendation is based on the following:

- The total number of offenders admitted for treatment at the DWI center in FY2019 was 342
- The FY2020 treatment and aftercare budget is \$874,353. Clients are not charged for the cost of incarceration

Axis Jail-based Treatment / Aftercare Services and Nexus Transitional Services: Decrease the FY2020 client fee for the 60-day Axis/Nexus Treatment & Transitional Program from \$16,532 to \$15,901, due to slight decrease in funding for FY2020. This recommendation is based on the following:

- The total number of offenders admitted for treatment at the Axis/Nexus Program in FY2019 was 71
- The FY2020 treatment and aftercare budget is \$1,128,958. Clients are not charged for the cost of incarceration

**A regional comparison of daily rates for inpatient treatment found the average 28-day stay costs \$11,025.

The Commission asked various questions. A motion was made by Commissioner Sullivan, seconded by Commissioner Todacheene to approve the FY20 Client Fees for Alternative Sentencing Division Program. Upon voice vote this motion passed unanimously.

4. Consideration of Section Eight Management Assessment Program Certification (SEMAP)

Faye Anderson, Executive Director, reported the Section Eight Management Assessment Program (SEMAP) measures the performance of the public housing agencies (PHA's) that administer the Housing Choice Voucher Program in 14 key indicators. Housing staff requested that the County Commission certify the responses to SEMAP; including no evidence to indicate deficient performance that cast doubt on the Housing Authority's capacity to administer the Section 8 rental assistance in accordance with Federal law and regulations. A motion was made by Chairman Pro-Tem Crowley, seconded by Commissioner Todacheene to approve the Section Eight Management Assessment Program Certification (SEMAP). Upon voice vote this motion passed unanimously.

5. Consideration of adding Life Scan Wellness Exam Benefit to the 2019 Medical Plan

Melissa Wood, Benefits and Compensation Manager, stated that Life Scan Wellness is a fully mobile medical company that will come to San Juan County to conduct a voluntary head to toe, internal/external physical examination for an all-inclusive flat rate of \$550.00. Each exam is three hours long (one hour in each segment) and covers several services not covered by a regular annual wellness physical, such as echocardiogram (heart ultrasound), treadmill stress

test with EKG, aortic ultrasounds, and many more. Employees interested will need to schedule time off and utilize personal leave to cover time away from work. Two local entities, SJRMC and Reliance Medical Group, were contacted. They are not capable of doing all the tests at the cost offered by Life Scan. The cost is contained by utilizing county facility rooms and fitness equipment and not having structural overhead costs. All scanners and equipment will be provided by Life Scan to the location. The intention is to make this opportunity available to any County employee and their dependents (18 years and older). If an employee, spouse, or child has County medical insurance, the member will need to pay a \$100.00 copay and our medical claims benefit will pay the remaining \$450.00 (this is a trial value benefit not subject to current plan deductible or maximum out-of-pocket). If an employee, spouse, or child does not have County medical insurance, the member will need to pay the full \$550.00 cost. If approved, Life Scan Wellness will have Lab Corp collect blood September 9-11, 2019, from scheduled participants, and conduct up to 45 physicals (9 per day) the week of October 7-11, 2019. San Juan County Fire Department conducted this exam last year for their full-time employees and several volunteer fire fighters, which had exceptional experiences. The Commission asked various questions. A motion was made by Commissioner Sullivan, seconded by Commissioner Beckstead to approve the Life Scan Wellness Exam Benefit to the 2019 Medical Plan. Upon voice vote this motion passed unanimously.

6. Report on Inspection of Detention Center

Doug Echols, County Attorney, reported that Commissioner Beckstead has inspected the Adult Detention Center and requested that two additional Commissioners attend an inspection so that a report can be presented at the August 27, 2019 Regular Commission Meeting

Report from County Manager

Mike Stark updated the Commission on the following:

The County applied for the Intervention Demonstration Program Grant which funds additional behavioral health services within the Adult Detention Center, post release, and re-entry services upon exit. Mr. Stark stated that the County is anticipating approval of the requested amount of \$492,000 this week.

The Human Resources expansion project is nearing completion. An open house will be held on September 17, 2019.

The San Juan County Fair will be August 12-17. The parade will be Friday, August 9th at 6:00 p.m. in downtown Farmington.

Mr. Stark commended Emergency Management for the meeting held with staff and various entities regarding any delays or possible traffic issues at the fairgrounds due to road construction.

The County will be receiving a grant for \$168,000 from the State for promoting and marketing the upcoming census.

The annual Federal Communications Test will be performed August 7th at 12:20 p.m.

Mr. Stark updated the Commission regarding the Public Service Company of New Mexico (PNM) Town Hall Meeting held last week. The Commission made various comments.

Reports From Elected Officials And Department Heads

Mike Mestas, Emergency Manager, explained that at the July 23, 2019 Farmington City Council Meeting they voted to pass a curb side household hazardous waste pick up for the City of Farmington and will no longer share the County Household Hazardous Waste Program with the County. San Juan County will continue to provide this service in the Spring and Fall for the citizens of San Juan County. The next event is scheduled for September 21, 2019 at McGee Park. Mike Stark, County Manager, informed the Commission that Aztec and Bloomfield have been asked if they would like to continue participating in the program. The City of Bloomfield has agreed to continue with the contract and the City of Aztec has not yet responded.

Nick Porell, Public Works Administrator, updated the Commission on the CR 5500 bridge and the CR 4460 Largo Bridge projects. Mr. Porell also reported that there will be construction on La Plata Highway and NM 170 in 23-mile increments which may cause delays to the citizens until mid-October.

Comments / Input From The General Public

Madoline Smith expressed her concerns regarding weed overgrowth and trash in vacant lots in Mesa Manzano. Mike Stark, County Manager, referred Ms. Smith to Larry Hathaway, General Services/Community Development Administrator.

MP Schildmeyer commended County Manager, Mike Stark and Chairman Pro-Tem Crowley for their representation at the PNM Hearing. Ms. Schildmeyer recited a quote by Tony Morrison and requested that the Commission repeal Resolution 18-19-52, Declaring San Juan County to be a Second Amendment Sanctuary County, in light of the recent shooting in El Paso, TX.

Adjourn

Being no further business, a motion was made by Chairman Pro-Tem Crowley, seconded by Commissioner Beckstead to adjourn the meeting. Upon voice vote this motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

APPROVED THIS 27TH DAY OF AUGUST 2019
BY THE SAN JUAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

Chairman Jack L. Fortner

Chairman Pro-Tem Jim Crowley

John T. Beckstead

GloJean Todacheene

Michael Sullivan

ATTEST:

Tanya Shelby, County Clerk