



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

In Person and Electronic Meeting

September 21, 2021 at 11:00 AM

MINUTES

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Audio Link: <https://www.utah.gov/pmn/files/763021.MP3>

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CALL TO ORDER

Time Stamp 0:02 (Audio and Video)

ROLL CALL

Time Stamp 0:30 (Audio and Video)

PRESENT

Commission Chairman Willie Grayeyes

Commissioner Bruce Adams

ABSENT

Commission Vice-Chair Kenneth Maryboy

INVOCATION

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Time Stamp 3:25 (Audio and Video)

Mack briefly reviewed the agenda.

Motion made by Commissioner Adams, Seconded by Commission Chairman Grayeyes.

Voting Yea: Commission Chairman Grayeyes, Commissioner Adams

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments will be accepted through the following Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3125521102> Meeting ID: 312 552 1102 One tap mobile
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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.

Time Stamp 10:23:05 (Audio and Video)

Tara Benally resides in the southern part of county. Tara asked about the status of the transfer station in Bluff. Tara also asked about the possibility of receiving drivers licenses in the southern part of the county. She also asked about rotating the county commissioner meetings and for interpreters for the Navajo speaking citizens.

Phil Renttz resides in Hatch, Utah and is supportive of Tara's comments. Phil asked for trash and drivers license services in the river region of the county.

Chester Johnson lives in McCracken Mesa. Chester commented on the resolutions regarding the San Juan County Sheriff services and asked for the FBI to be part of the agreement.

Marlene Huckaby lives on Sunny Acres Lane. She commented regarding the Manti-La Sal Mountains and her desire to protect the native vegetation and various cultural sites.

Darlene Pino commented regarding the proposed multipurpose use arena and its location. Darlene requested Navajo speaking interpreters for the commission meetings.

Monette Clark of Spanish Valley commented on the Manti-La Sal Forest management plan to include studies dealing with long term drought, bird population, overgrazing reduction in sensitive areas and other similar.

Marilyn Holly attempted to speak with the commission through You Tube, but was unsuccessful.

Meredith Benally commented on the proposed review by the Forest Service regarding the Manti-La Sal area. She wanted the scope to include climate change with its impact on livestock, birds, cultural sites, native vegetation, and better parking. She also, supports the opening of the Bluff transfer station.

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.

Consent Agenda

Time Stamp 34:30 (Audio and Video)

Motion made by Commissioner Adams, Seconded by Commission Chairman Grayeyes.

Voting Yea: Commission Chairman Grayeyes, Commissioner Adams

1. Approval of Commission Work Session and Commission Meeting Minutes for September 7, 2021
2. Approval of Special Commission Meeting Minutes for September 10, 2021

3. Approval of Check Registers August 14, 2021 to September 16, 2021
4. Consideration and Approval of Materials Testing on CR373 West Summit
5. Consideration and Approval of State Homeland Security Program Grant Region 7 (San Juan & Grand), Tammy Gallegos, Emergency Manager
6. Consideration and Approval of Small Purchase Orders for the Purchase of Conference Chairs for \$1,633.18 and \$1,196.99 for a Smart TV for the Monticello Co-working Space

RECOGNITION AND PRESENTATION ITEM

Mack recognized the Sheriff's department for their good work in apprehending the individual in Navajo Mountain.

7. Thank you to the State of Utah Public Safety, San Juan County Sheriff's Department and Navajo Nation Public Safety

Time Stamp 39:30 (Audio and Video)

Mack thanked the San Juan Sheriff's office, Utah Public Safety department, and the Navajo Nation Police in capturing the armed individual near Navajo Mountain . The letter to be sent to all Public Safety departments thanking them for their help in the apprehension of the individual.

Motion made by Commissioner Adams, Seconded by Commission Chairman Grayeyes.
Voting Yea: Commission Chairman Grayeyes, Commissioner Adams

BUSINESS/ACTION

8. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE HIRING OF DR. GRANT SUNADA AS THE SAN JUAN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR AND LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER, Mack McDonald, Chief Administrative Officer

Time Stamp 44:25 (Audio and Video)

Mack presented the resolution for hiring Dr. Grant Sunada as the new San Juan County Public Health Director.

Motion made by Commissioner Adams, Seconded by Commission Chairman Grayeyes.
Voting Yea: Commission Chairman Grayeyes, Commissioner Adams

9. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION OF APPOINTMENT OF A SAN JUAN COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE AND AN ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE UTAH COUNTIES INDEMNITY POOL ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, Mack McDonald, Chief Administrative Officer

Time Stamp 47:47 (Audio and Video)

Mack presented the resolution for the San Juan County representative (Bruce Adams) and the alternative (Willie Grayeyes) to remain the same for the Utah Counties Indemnity Pool Annual Membership meeting.

Motion made by Commissioner Adams, Seconded by Commission Chairman Grayeyes.
Voting Yea: Commission Chairman Grayeyes, Commissioner Adams

10. Consideration and Approval of funds for paving CR175, Ken's Lake to the Fire Center. TJ Adair, Road Superintendent

Time Stamp 49:59 (Audio and Video)

TJ Adair presented the details regarding the road CR 175 to Ken's Lake and the fire center. The road is paved except for 3/10ths of a mile and has experienced significant damage over the years. San Juan County wants to partner with the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service to pave the final 3/10th's.

Motion made by Commissioner Adams, Seconded by Commission Chairman Grayeyes.
Voting Yea: Commission Chairman Grayeyes, Commissioner Adams

11. Consideration and Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with the Utah Office of Tourism - Elaine Gizler, Director of Economic Development and Visitor Services.

Time Stamp 55:11 (Audio and Video)

Elaine (via Zoom) presented a MOU with the Utah Office of Tourism. San Juan County Utah Economic Development and Visitor Services were awarded \$209,550 which needs to be matched by the budget from the Visitor Services department. UOT will advance 50% to help start the projects.

Motion made by Commissioner Adams, Seconded by Commission Chairman Grayeyes.
Voting Yea: Commission Chairman Grayeyes, Commissioner Adams

12. Consideration and Approval of a Letter of Support for a San Juan County Indoor Event Center. Elaine Gizler, Director of Economic Development and Visitor Services

Time Stamp 59:41 (Audio and Video)

Elaine presented and requested a letter of support from the commissioners for the construction of an indoor multi-purpose event center to be built on the fairgrounds property. The application will be submitted to the federal government under the Outdoor Recreation Grant program. If awarded, the grant requires a 20% match from San Juan County. The county will donate the land (valued at \$855,000) and with additional services provided by the road department, the match can be met for the application.

Motion made by Commissioner Adams, Seconded by Commission Chairman Grayeyes.
Voting Yea: Commission Chairman Grayeyes, Commissioner Adams

13. Consideration and Adoption of an Ordinance Establishing the San Juan County Credit Cell Phone Use and Stipend Policy, Ann Marie Burgess, HR Generalist

Time Stamp 1:09:14 (Audio and Video)

Ann Marie presented a standardized cell phone ordinance for the County. The proposal offers County elected officials and executive staff cell phones for only County business use, with a 3 year time frame for trade-in. Other staff can be compensated \$20 for occasional use and \$50 for more frequent use on personal cell phone.

Motion made by Commissioner Adams, Seconded by Commission Chairman Grayeyes.
Voting Yea: Commission Chairman Grayeyes, Commissioner Adams

14. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PASSAGE OF THE FRANK HARRISON, ELIZABETH PERATROVICH, AND MIGUEL TRUJILLO NATIVE AMERICAN VOTING RIGHTS ACT OF 2021 (NAVRA), Commissioner Kenneth Maryboy.

Time Stamp 1:11:32 (Audio and Video)

Mack presented the resolution for supporting The Passage of the Frank Harrison, Elizabeth Peratrovich, and Miguel Trujillo Native American Voting Rights Act of 2021. The US House of Representatives have introduced Bill 5008, which would improve Native American access to the ballot box by creating a task force grant program to increase voter outreach and education services. The bill ensures tribal input for registration sites and location of ballot boxes and polling locations for elections on tribal lands. In addition, the bill authorizes tribal voter cards. The bill would ensure fair and equitable elections for county, state, and federal elections.

Motion made by Commission Chairman Grayeyes, Seconded by Commissioner Adams.
Voting Yea: Commission Chairman Grayeyes, Commissioner Adams

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Motion made by Commissioner Adams, Seconded by Commission Chairman Grayeyes.
Voting Yea: Commission Chairman Grayeyes, Commissioner Adams

15. Consideration and Approval of Re-Evaluated Primary Residence values - Rick Meyer San Juan County Assessor

Time Stamp 1:14:20 (Audio and Video)

Rick Meyer presented the 2021 Primary Residence Tax reevaluation for the Board of Equalization.

Motion made by Commissioner Adams, Seconded by Commission Chairman Grayeyes.
Voting Yea: Commission Chairman Grayeyes, Commissioner Adams

COMMISSION REPORTS

Time Stamp 1:20:13 (Audio and Video)

Commissioner Adams: Attended the USAC meeting in Midway last week. Will attend the AOG on Thursday, he also participated in a Zoom call with the Utah Association of Counties

Commissioner Grayeyes: Attended the USAC meeting in Midway. Commissioner Grayeyes desires a closer relationship with county and state government officials, particularly regarding the federal stimulus award amounts to the state of Utah, San Juan County and Navajo Nation governments.

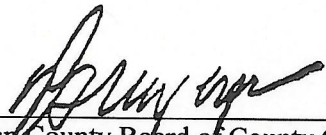
ADJOURNMENT

Time Stamp 1:34:11 (Audio and Video)

Motion made by Commissioner Adams, Seconded by Commission Chairman Grayeyes.
Voting Yea: Commission Chairman Grayeyes, Commissioner Adams

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APPROVED: 
San Juan County Board of County Commissioners

DATE: 10-19-2021

ATTEST: 
San Juan County Clerk/Auditor

DATE: 10/19/2021