



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORK SESSION MEETING
117 South Main Street, Monticello, Utah 84535. Commission Chambers
March 21, 2023 at 9:00 AM

MINUTES

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CALL TO ORDER

Time Stamp 0:00:01 (audio & video)

Commission Chair Adams called the meeting to order at 9:11 am.

ROLL CALL

Time Stamp 0:00:01 (audio & video)

Present-Commission

Commission Chair Adams
Commission Vice Chair Stubbs
Commissioner Harvey

Present-Others

Mack McDonald, County Administrator Officer (CAO)
Brittany Ivins, County Attorney – Virtual
Lyman W. Duncan, Clerk/Auditor

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Presentation and Update from the Bureau of Land Management, Jake Palma

Time Stamp 0:00:01 (audio & video)

Jake Palma, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Monticello Field Office Director, introduced the BLM programs that they represent within the county. The BLM manages 1.8 million acres and 1.1 million acres are within the Bears Ears' Monument. In prior decades, the BLM was focused on oil, gas, and mining interests, the focus has now moved to the recreation side with tourism driving the change. The BLM partners with the local visitor centers in Monticello, Blanding, and Bluff, by providing brochures and maps for tourists to utilize. The BLM Ranger station is in Kane Gulch, which is staffed with several employees. They also manage raft permitting for the San Juan River. The BLM appreciates their relationship the County staff. Tourists often underestimate the remote nature of the Bears Ears Monument. The BLM is in the process of creating the Bears Ears' Resource Management Plan for the county. There was extensive discussion regarding the trade out of State School Land's properties within the Bears Ears Monument for State/BLM land outside the Monument, but, in the northern part of the county. Commissioner Harvey spoke of the difficulty that local Native American's have with understanding BLM rules and what they can and cannot do as they gather wood, berries, and herbs. Jake and Nick Sandberg spoke of the RS 2477 rule. These early trails/routes were considered roads and highways. The county has co-claims with the State of Utah regarding the roads in Bears Ears Monument. Jake introduced Orlando Cortez, Deputy District Ranger, with the US Forest Service. Orlando has worked at several US Forest Service locations throughout the Rocky Mountains. They are creating a Wood for Life program which allows native people and those in need to have access to wood gathered by the Forest Service as they annually thin the forest. Commissioner Harvey encouraged Orlando to utilize the 7 Chapters and the Utah Navajo Trust Fund structure for the wood bank program.

2. Presentation and Update from San Juan Counseling, Tammy Squires, Director

Time Stamp 1:08:20 (audio & video)

Tammy Squires, Executive Director for San Juan Counseling (SJCSSD), a Special Service District of San Juan County created in 1998. SJCSSD has State of Utah oversight by State Code Title 17- Chapter 43 and Title 62A - Chapter 15. Tammy introduced the myriad of services provided to the county residents. Their focus is on mental health and substance abuse disorder programs. SJCSSD provides Outpatient Service Evaluations, Individual, Family, & Group Therapy, 24 Hour Crisis Response Care, through the Mobile Crisis Outreach Team (MCOT), Psychiatric Medication Management, Day Treatment Services, Drug Court, and Prevention Services for Substance Use and Suicide. Their main office is in Blanding, with client treatment offices in Montezuma Creek, Mexican Hat, and Monticello. Tammy introduced Aaron Duke, Clinical Director for SJCSSD. Graphs highlighting the organizational chart, revenue payer mix, revenue trends, expenses, and the grant mix. SJCSSD is extensively involved in prevention services, such as mapping services. Surveys are utilized to gather community wide information. Grants were awarded to SJCSSD for suicide prevention, marijuana usage, peer support, grief support, and tobacco secession.

ADJOURNMENT

Time Stamp 1:52:23 (audio & video)

Meeting adjourned at 11:04 am.

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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: _____