

**San Juan County Commission
Regular Meeting
January 7, 2020**

Chairman Fortner called the San Juan County Commission meeting to order on January 7, 2020 at 4:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers located in the County Administration Building, 100 S. Oliver Drive, Aztec, New Mexico. Chairman Fortner gave the invocation and Mike Stark led the Pledge of Allegiance. Those present were:

CHAIRMAN	Jack L. Fortner
CHAIRMAN PRO-TEM	Jim Crowley
MEMBER	John T. Beckstead
MEMBER	GloJean Todacheene
CHIEF DEPUTY ASSESSOR	Michael Sullivan
CLERK	John Kuhn
CHIEF DEPUTY TREASURER	Tanya Shelby
SHERIFF	Carol Taulbee
UNDERSHERIFF	Shane Ferrari
COUNTY MANAGER	Cory Tanner
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	Mike Stark
ATTORNEY	Fran Fillerup
DEPUTY ATTORNEY	Doug Echols
RISK MANAGER	Joe Sawyer
EMERGENCY MANAGER	Cynthia Singleton
CHIEF FINANCIAL AND STRATEGY OFFICER	Mike Mestas
DEPUTY FINANCE OFFICER	Jim Cox
PARKS & FACILITIES ADMINISTRATOR	Kim Martin
PARKS & FACILITIES DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR	Daniel Hill
PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATOR	Steven Dansie
CHIEF HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICER	Nick Porell
ADULT DETENTION CENTER DEPUTY WARDEN	Roberta Padilla
ALTERNATIVE SENTENCING ADMINISTRATOR	Daniel Webb
FIRE CHIEF	Jennifer Mitchell
HEALTH CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM COORDINATOR	John Mohler
GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR	Liza Lier
CHIEF IS OFFICER	Larry Hathaway
HOUSING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	Keith Lund
SAFETY & COMPLIANCE MANAGER	Faye Anderson
PUBLIC RELATIONS MANAGER	Stewart Logan
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES DIRECTOR	Devin Neeley
	Su Hodgman
VISITORS:	17

Election of Chairman and Chairman Pro-Tem

Chairman Fortner conducted the election for Chairman and Chairman Pro-Tem for the 2020 Calendar Year. Commissioner Sullivan nominated Commissioner Fortner for the position of San Juan County Chairman, Commissioner Beckstead seconded. There were no other nominations. Commissioner Beckstead nominated Commissioner Crowley for the position of Chairman Pro-Tem, Chairman Fortner seconded it. There were no other nominations. A motion was made by Commissioner Sullivan, seconded by Commissioner Todacheene to approve Commissioner Fortner as San Juan County Chairman and Commissioner Crowley as Chairman Pro-Tem for the 2020 Calendar Year. Upon voice vote this motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Todacheene, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan to call to order the Board of Finance Meeting. Upon voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Board of Finance Meeting

1. Consideration of Resolution 19-20-33, Authorizing Investment of Monies in the Local Short-Term Investment Fund

Carol Taulbee, Chief Deputy Treasurer, explained that at the beginning of each year, the San Juan County Commission must authorize the County Treasurer and the Chief Deputy Treasurer to invest County monies in the local short-term investment fund, pursuant to Section 6-10-10.1, N.M.S.A., 1978. The fund is managed by the New Mexico State Treasurer. Resolution 19-20-33 authorizes P. Mark Duncan, County Treasurer and Carol Taulbee, Deputy County Treasurer to deposit or withdraw monies in the local short-term investment fund. The County Treasurer requested approval of Resolution 19-20-33, authorizing investment of monies in Local Short-Term Investment Fund. A motion was made by Commissioner Sullivan, seconded by Chairman Pro-Tem Crowley to approve Resolution 19-20-33, Authorizing Investment of Monies in the Local Short-Term Investment Fund. Upon voice vote this motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Chairman Pro-Tem Crowley, seconded by Commissioner Todacheene to adjourn the Board of Finance Meeting and to call to order the Indigent Hospital Claims Board Meeting. Upon voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Indigent Hospital Claims Board Meeting

1. Request for Approval of Health Care Claims
2. Approval of Minutes of December 17, 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 Commissioner Sullivan to adjourn the Indigent Hospital Claims Board Meeting and call to order the Regular Meeting. Upon voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

donation of the 2009 Chevrolet C4500 Ambulance to the City of Farmington Police Department Crisis Negotiation Team which is allowed pursuant to NMSA 1978, § 13-6-1. The Commission asked various questions. A motion was made by Commissioner Beckstead, seconded by Chairman Pro-Tem Crowley to approve Resolution No. 19-20-29 for the Disposition of County Surplus. Upon voice vote this motion passed unanimously.

3. Consideration of Letter of Support for CarbonSAFE Grant Application

Mike Stark, County Manager, explained that New Mexico Tech and Enchant Energy are planning to be joint applicants on a United States Department of Energy (DOE) grant application under the Carbon Safe program. The grant is to support the geological research and test well drilling to evaluate a site in New Mexico for permanently storing captured CO₂ in a non-oil-bearing subsurface geological strata. Enchant Energy envisions shipping the captured CO₂ to an oil producer in the Permian basin by way of the Cortez pipeline and believes it is important to have access to a non-oil and gas related carbon sequestration storage site. This grant would lay the technical groundwork necessary to see a CO₂ disposal well developed in San Juan County and further the case for continued use of San Juan Generating Station post 2022. This is Phase III of the CarbonSAFE (Storage Assurance Facility Enterprise) project that was introduced in 2016. The first objective of the Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to conduct a site characterization study to evaluate the feasibility of injecting and storing 50 million metric tons of CO₂ over a 30-year period; the second objective is to permit a class VI injection well. Letters of support from local stakeholders are being requested to show the community support for this grant and project with the DOE. The deadline for submission is January 15, 2020. Peter Mandelstam, Chief Operating Officer of Enchant Energy Corporation, explained the application process and the benefits of the program. The Commission asked various questions. A motion was made by Chairman Pro-Tem Crowley, seconded by Commissioner Beckstead to approve the Letter of Support for CarbonSAFE Grant Application. Upon voice vote this motion passed unanimously.

4. Consideration of Request to Authorize the County Manager to Negotiate Lease of Industrial Building with Highest Ranked Applicant

Mike Stark, County Manager, stated San Juan County received notice on November 27, 2019 that Integral Resources would not be entering a long-term lease of the Industrial Building at the San Juan County Industrial Park which made the building and surrounding 45-acre tract of land available for lease effective January 1, 2020. As a result, the Purchasing Office issued a Request for Applications 19-20-13 on December 18, 2019. On December 31st, a pre-application conference was hosted on-site, and applications are due on January 8, 2020 at 5 p.m. During the pre-application conference, a prospective tenant indicated a desire to occupy the facility as soon as possible, which would be March 1st. With the probability of only having one meeting in January, staff recommended the County Manager's office evaluate and start lease negotiations with the highest ranked applicant. A successfully negotiated lease agreement approved by the County Legal Department would be presented to the Commission for approval at the first meeting in February. If any Local Economic Development Act (LEDA) fund benefits are requested, a separate ordinance may need to be considered by the Commission to allow for provision. A motion was made by Chairman Pro-Tem Crowley, seconded by Commissioner

Beckstead to approve the Request to Authorize the County Manager to Negotiate Lease of Industrial Building with Highest Ranked Applicant. Upon voice vote this motion passed unanimously.

5. Consideration of Resolution 19-20-34, Cancelling and Rescheduling Certain Meetings in Calendar Year 2020

Mike Stark, County Manager, presented the following Commission Meeting adjustments to the Commission for approval for calendar year 2020:

1. Cancel the 2nd meeting in January due to the NMAC legislative meeting.
2. Cancel the 1st meeting in March due to the NACO Conference annual meeting.
3. Reschedule the 1st meeting in June to the 9th due to Primary Election day.
4. Cancel the 2nd meeting in June in anticipation of lack of an agenda due to the meeting the prior week.
5. Reschedule the 2nd meeting in July to July 28th for consideration of the final budget
6. Cancel the 1st meeting in August in anticipation of lack of an agenda due to a meeting the prior week.
7. Reschedule the 1st meeting in November to November 10th due to the canvass of the November 3rd election
8. Cancel the 2nd meeting in November will be cancelled in anticipation of lack of an agenda due to a meeting the prior week.

Staff requested adoption of Resolution 19-20-34. A motion was made by Commissioner Sullivan, seconded by Commissioner Todacheene to approve Resolution 19-20-34, Cancelling and Rescheduling Certain Meetings in Calendar Year 2020. Upon voice vote this motion passed unanimously.

6. Consideration of Open Meetings Resolution 19-20-30

Doug Echols, County Attorney, indicated that the Open Meetings Act requires that a public body determine annually what notice for a public meeting is reasonable when applied to that body. Commission Meetings will be held the 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 4:00 p.m. unless otherwise rescheduled or a Special Meeting is order. A motion was made by Chairman Pro-Tem Crowley, seconded by Commissioner Todacheene to approve the Open Meetings Resolution 19-20-30. Upon voice vote this motion passed unanimously.

Report from County Manager

Mike Stark presented an engraved gavel to Chairman Fortner for his service as Chairman in 2019.

Reports From Elected Officials And Department Heads

Jim Cox, Chief Financial and Strategy Officer, presented the Popular Annual Financial Report for 2019 booklet to the Commission. Mr. Cox explained the objective of the booklet is to provide information to the public regarding the County, demographics, revenues/expenditures for the year and services provided to the citizens. The information is also provided on the County website and Facebook. Mike Stark, County Manager, thanked the Finance Department and Devin Neeley for their work preparing the 2019 Annual Financial Report Handbook.

Chairman Fortner announced that there are two positions open for the San Juan Animal League Board of Directors

Comments / Input From The General Public

Francisco Gomez, resident of Totah Vista Subdivision, expressed his concerns regarding quality of the water services provided to the subdivision and requested the possibility of the extension of city water services. The Commission suggested contacting the State Representatives for that district. Mike Stark, County Manager, explained that this project is currently on the County Infrastructure Improvement Plan.

Adjourn

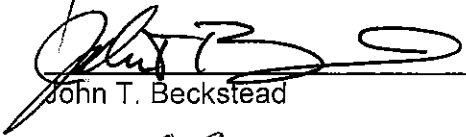
Being no further business, a motion was made by Commissioner Todacheene, seconded by Commissioner Beckstead to adjourn the meeting. Upon voice vote this motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

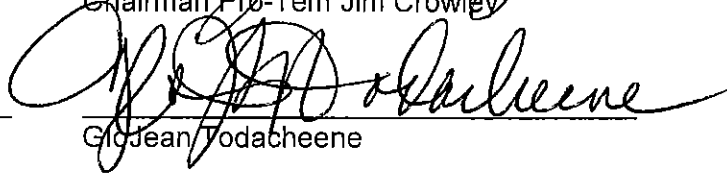
APPROVED THIS 4TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2020


BY THE SAN JUAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:


Chairman Jack L. Fortner


Chairman Pro-Tem Jim Crowley


John T. Beckstead


Giojean Todacheene


Michael Sullivan

ATTEST:


Tanya Shelby, County Clerk