

**San Juan County Commission
Regular Meeting
October 20, 2020**

Chairman Fortner called the San Juan County Commission meeting to order on October 20, 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 Chairman Pro-Tem Crowley 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- VIA PHONE
COUNTY MANAGER	Mike Stark
DEPUTY COUNTY MANAGER	Jim Cox
ATTORNEY	Doug Echols
DEPUTY ATTORNEY	Joe Sawyer
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	Kim Martin
DEPUTY FINANCE OFFICER	Travis Sisco
ADULT DETENTION CENTER DEPUTY WARDEN	Brenna Cook
PUBLIC RELATIONS MANAGER	Devin Neeley

The following attended via phone or via WebX:

CLERK	Tanya Shelby
CHIEF DEPUTY TREASURER	Carol Taulbee
PARKS & FACILITIES ADMINISTRATOR	Daniel Hill
PUBLIC WORKS DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR	Brenna Cook
ADULT DETENTION ADMINISTRATOR	Daniel Webb
JUVENILE SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR	Traci Neff
FIRE CHIEF	John Mohler
HEALTH CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM COORDINATOR	Liza Lier
PRESS: Farmington Daily Times	Hannah Grover
VISITORS:	7

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.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of September 2020 Treasurer Check Register
2. Approval of September 2020 Finance Check Registers
3. Consideration of FY21 Budget Adjustment #4 – Resolution No. 20-21-24
4. Consideration for Award of Proposal No. 20-21-02, Correctional Food Management, Inmate Commissary & Banking Services to Trinity Services Group, Inc. of Oldsmar, FL
5. Consideration of Grant Agreement #20-E2684 with New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration
6. Consideration of Contracts with Juvenile Services for Housing of Juvenile Detainees

A motion was made by Chairman Pro-Tem Crowley, seconded by Commissioner Todacheene to approve the Consent Agenda. Upon voice vote this motion passed unanimously.

New Business

1. **Consideration of Proclamation Declaring November 8th-14th as National Nurse Practitioners Week 2020**

Chairman Fortner requested that San Juan County issue a proclamation declaring the week of November 8th-14th as National Nurse Practitioners Week, 2020 and read the proclamation aloud:

**SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO
PROCLAIMING NOVEMBER 8TH - 14TH AS
NATIONAL NURSE PRACTITIONER WEEK, 2020**

WHEREAS, nurse practitioners (NPs) serve as trusted health care providers for patients in our nation, our state, and our County; and

WHEREAS, in this year, 2020, we celebrate the International Year of the Nurse and the Midwife; and

WHEREAS, NPs are working tirelessly to diagnose and treat patients with COVID-19 and to combat community spread nationwide while grieving NP colleagues who have lost their lives during the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, NPs work to expand access to care in underserved communities, end health disparities, and combat systemic racism in health care; and

WHEREAS, NPs provide high-quality primary, acute, and specialty health care services while focusing on health promotion, disease prevention, health education, and counseling, guiding patients to make smarter health and lifestyle choices every day; and

WHEREAS, NPs are highly skilled practitioners with advanced education and clinical training, building upon their initial registered nurse preparation; and

WHEREAS, the confidence that patients have in NP-delivered health care is evidenced by the more than one billion visits made annually to NPs across the country; and

WHEREAS, more than five decades of research demonstrates the high quality of care provided by NPs; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 290,000 licensed NPs in the United States and 800 in the State of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, better utilization of NPs through modernized state laws and improved policies creates better health through a more accessible, efficient, cost-effective, and higher quality health care system; and

WHEREAS, 22 states, the District of Columbia, Guam, and the Northern Mariana Islands have implemented Full Practice Authority for NPs, granting patients full and direct access to the outstanding care offered by these health care professionals; and

WHEREAS, leading governmental and policy entities including the National Academy of Medicine, National Council of State Boards of Nursing, National Governors Association, and Federal Trade Commission have taken notice of the benefits of NP Full Practice Authority and have endorsed such a regulatory model; and

WHEREAS, San Juan County is proud to recognize and honor the service of NPs to our state and to our County.

NOW, THEREFORE, the San Juan County Board of County Commissioners does hereby proclaim the week of November 8 - 14, 2020 as

NATIONAL NURSE PRACTITIONER WEEK

in recognition of the countless contributions NPs have made over the past half century and will continue to make to the health and well-being of citizens in our state.

A motion was made by Commissioner Beckstead, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan to Approve the Proclamation Declaring November 8th-14th as National Nurse Practitioners Week 2020. Upon voice vote this motion passed unanimously.

2. Consideration of Resolution No. 20-21-25, Recognizing the Objections of the San Juan County Board of County Commissioners to Certain Proposals Before the New Mexico Civil Rights Commission

Doug Echols, County Attorney, indicated that the 2020 Special Session of the New Mexico Legislature established the New Mexico Civil Rights Commission to review existing methods of individuals bringing claims for violations of civil rights and to make recommendations to the Legislature as to changes which may make such claims more effective. Several of the suggested changes could have negative effects on San Juan County, its elected officials, and employees. New Mexico Counties has been educating the Commission on issues it deems important. Senator Neville is a member of the New Mexico Civil Rights Commission and has suggested the San Juan County Commission submit a resolution expressing its concerns. The

Commission made various comments. A motion was made by Commissioner Todacheene, seconded by Commissioner Beckstead to approve Resolution No. 20-21-25, Recognizing the Objections of the San Juan County Board of County Commissioners to Certain Proposals Before the New Mexico Civil Rights Commission. Upon voice vote this motion passed unanimously.

3. Consideration of Resolution No. 20-21-23 and Agreement to Transfer Harvest Gold Water System to Apple Orchard Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association

Joe Sawyer, Deputy County Attorney, stated Harvest Gold Water System was created in the 1970s to provide Harvest Gold Subdivision with drinking water but the system failed and was placed under a boil advisory by the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) in 2016. In 2017, residents of Harvest Gold Subdivision created Apple Orchard Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association to provide water to the subdivision. San Juan County acted on behalf of Apple Orchard to obtain a \$2.35 million grant from NMED to decommission the old system and replace it with a new water distribution system and water tank and was completed in May 2020. Staff requested Commission approval and execution of the following documentation to complete transfer of ownership from San Juan County to Apple Orchard:

1. Resolution 20-21-23 Transferring Ownership of Harvest Gold Water System to Apple Orchard Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association
2. Agreement to Transfer Ownership of Water System and to Assign Construction Warranties
3. Bill of Sale
4. Quitclaim Deed

Ammon Burton introduced board members of the Apple Orchard Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association. The Commission made various comments. A motion was made by Chairman Pro-Tem Crowley, seconded by Commissioner Beckstead to approve Resolution No. 20-21-23 and Agreement to Transfer Harvest Gold Water System to Apple Orchard Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association. Upon voice vote this motion passed unanimously.

4. Consideration of Access and Utility Easement on Jenkins Ranch Property

Joe Sawyer, Deputy County Attorney, explained that in 2008 the County purchased the 6.68 acre "Jenkins Ranch" parcel located west of the County administrative complex. This undeveloped parcel is south of NM 516 and east of Jenkins Ranch Drive and is maintained by County staff. At the time of purchase, two existing residential properties to the south of the parcel were accessed by an existing driveway on the south boundary of the parcel. No permanent access rights were granted to the residential properties at that time and the driveway has continued to provide access to those properties since the Jenkins Ranch parcel was purchased by the County. The County was approached by a realtor who requested a formal access easement across the Jenkins Ranch parcel to the two properties. The easement area is in the process of being surveyed by County Staff and the County will retain access rights across the proposed easement as it currently provides beneficial access to the County owned property. Staff recommended approval of the proposed access and utility easement. The Commission asked various questions. A motion was made by Chairman Pro-Tem Crowley, seconded by

Commissioner Beckstead to approve the Access and Utility Easement on Jenkins Ranch Property. Upon voice vote this motion passed unanimously.

5. Consideration of the Twelfth Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement for Detention Center Services

Daniel Webb, Adult Detention Administrator, stated that the Intergovernmental Agreement for the Detention Center Services provides that the County will notify the Cities of the per diem rate for the Adult Detention Center on or before October 15th of each year. The rate would be effective July 1 of the succeeding calendar year. Per Diem rate is formula driven and calculated by taking the previous full fiscal year's actual operating cost of the facility to include supporting department cost, debt service, and any anticipated cost increases for next fiscal year. Based on the total number of bed days for the same period of 177,477, the per diem rate for FY22 would be \$107.72, or an increase of \$22.10 per night (25.8% increase) from the previous year's rate of \$85.62. The total cost for the operation of the Adult Detention Center in FY20 decreased by \$58,336 as compared to FY19. The contributing factor to the significant increase in per diem rate was due to a reduction of 46,498 bed days as compared to FY19 and is largely due to less detainees held because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Staff requested that the Commission establish the per diem rate for the Detention Center for FY22 at \$107.72 and further requests approval of the Twelfth Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement for Detention Center Services. A motion was made by Chairman Pro-Tem Crowley, seconded by Commissioner Todacheene to approve the Twelfth Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement for Detention Center Services. Upon voice vote this motion passed unanimously.

6. Report on Inspection of Detention Center, Consideration of Approval of Resolution No. 20-21-22

Doug Echols requested approval of Resolution No. 20-21-22 which reports the findings of the annual Detention Center inspection and the conditions at the center. A motion was made by Commissioner Todacheene, seconded by Commissioner Beckstead to approve the Report on Inspection of Detention Center and Resolution No. 20-21-22. Upon voice vote this motion passed unanimously.

Report from County Manager

Mike Stark updated the Commission regarding the following:

- Energy Transition Act request for information meeting
- Information regarding applications for the New Mexico Small Business Continuity Grant and urged businesses to apply
- Governor Lujan Grisham's press conference October 20, 2020 and new restrictions effective October 30, 2020 to reduce the spread of COVID-19

Reports From Elected Officials And Department Heads

Kim Martin, Chief Financial Officer, updated the Commission on the Gross Receipt Tax and the CARES Act Grant funding received for COVID related expenditures.

Tanya Shelby, County Clerk, commended the San Juan County voters and election workers. Ms. Shelby reported that 25% of registered voters have already voted and presented the following numbers:

- There have been 13,374 early voters-
 - Farmington Museum @ Gateway Park 2,551 voters
 - Farmington Public Library 1,651 voters
 - Bloomfield Cultural Center 1,126 voters
 - CCSD Business Office 893 voters
 - Newcomb Fire Station 296 voters
 - San Juan County Clerk's Office 6,857 voters
- 11,339 absentee ballots were mailed out and to date there have been 5,677 returned

Devin Neeley, Public Relations Manager, updated the Commission on the outcome of the 2020 Census.

Comments / Input From The General Public

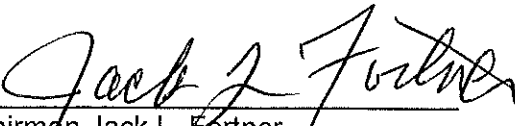
None


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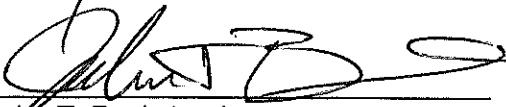
Being no further business, a motion was made by Commissioner Todacheene, seconded by Commissioner Beckstead to adjourn the meeting. Upon voice vote this motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m.


APPROVED THIS 10TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2020


BY THE SAN JUAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

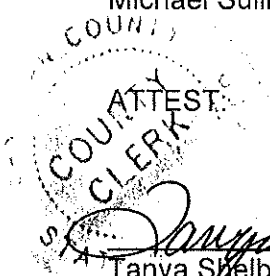

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