

**San Juan County Commission  
Regular Meeting  
December 1, 2020**

Chairman Fortner called the San Juan County Commission meeting to order on December 1, 2020 at 4:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers located in the County Administration Building, 100 S. Oliver Drive, Aztec, New Mexico. Chairman Pro-Tem Crowley gave the invocation and Mike Mestas 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
UNDERSHERIFF	Cory Tanner
COUNTY MANAGER	Mike Stark
ATTORNEY	Doug Echols
EMERGENCY MANAGER	Mike Mestas
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR	Ali Rye
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	Kim Martin
DEPUTY FINANCE OFFICER	Travis Sisco
PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATOR	Nick Porell
JUVENILE SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR	Bowen Belt
FIRE CHIEF	John Mohler
PUBLIC RELATIONS MANAGER	Devin Neeley

The following attended via phone or via WebX:

CLERK	Tanya Shelby
DEPUTY COUNTY MANAGER	Jim Cox
CHIEF IS OFFICER	Keith Lund
HOUSING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	Faye Anderson
PRESS: Farmington Daily Times	Hannah Grover
VISITORS:	5

**Presentation**

**1. 2020 Floodplain Manager of the Year Presentation**

Mike Mestas, Emergency Manager, announced that Michele Truby-Tillen received the 2020 New Mexico Floodplain Manager of the Year award by the New Mexico Floodplain Managers Association (NMFMA). The award is for setting an example of excellence in the application of local programs and National Floodplain Insurance Program (NFIP) compliance. The SJC Floodplain Management program currently holds a Level 8 status in the NFIP- Community

Rating System (CRS) providing flood insurance policyholders with a 10% discount and is one of the top-rated CRS participating counties in New Mexico. Ms. Truby-Tillen stated that she received the award in 2007-2008 as well, described her duties, accomplishments, and the purpose of the Floodplain program.

## **Regular Meeting**

### **Approval of Agenda**

Mike Stark, County Manager, stated that there were no changes to the agenda. A motion was made by Commissioner Todacheene, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan to approve the agenda as presented. Upon voice vote this motion passed unanimously.

### **Consent Agenda**

1. Approval of FY21 Budget Adjustment #6 – Resolution No. 20-21-30
2. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes from November 15, 2020

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

### **Old Business**

#### **1. Consideration of 2021 State and Federal Legislative Requests**

Mike Stark, County Manager, stated that this item was tabled at the last meeting for discussion. Mr. Stark explained that the 2021 State Legislative Session (60-day session) begins January 19th of each year. San Juan County submits various capital outlay requests to the Legislative delegation for consideration. After discussion, the Commission compiled the following projects as listed:

1. Jackson Lake improvements: rehabilitating parking areas, access trails, possible floating fishing pier, and lake access for those with limited mobility
2. Resurfacing Road 5500- chip and crack seal 7.5 miles of road
3. Five-mile Bridge Alternative Study
4. ADA improvements for County Facilities

A motion was made by Commissioner Sullivan, seconded by Commissioner Beckstead to approve the 2021 State and Federal Legislative Requests. Upon voice vote this motion passed unanimously.

## **New Business**

### **1. Consideration of Ratification for State EMS Vehicle Grant Project**

John Mohler, Fire Chief, stated that Staff has applied for a State EMS Fund Act Vehicle Purchase grant funds to replace a rescue vehicle in District 1. The vehicle will be used to support the overall EMS system in San Juan County as a transport capable unit for large/mass casualty incidents but will primarily be utilized as an initial response rescue and will replace a refurbished ambulance that is obsolete. The department requested \$101,722.00; the EMS Fund Act will provide \$76,291.50 and the department match is \$24,430.50. A motion was made by Commissioner Beckstead, seconded by Commissioner Todacheene to approve the Ratification for State EMS Vehicle Grant Project. Upon voice vote this motion passed unanimously.

### **2. Consideration to Implement the Exclusive Mail Prescription Program for San Juan County Employee Plan Members**

Melissa Wood, Benefits Compensation Manager, explained that 54% of the FY20/21 budgeted dollars for prescription drugs have been used. In an effort to reduce prescription costs for the County, copays for employees, and provide a COVID safe mail delivery option, staff proposed implementing Serve You Rx's Exclusive Mail Program for maintenance medications only. This program is estimated to save our plan between \$103,000 and \$119,000 annually. Not only will it save the County costs, but prescription plan members can see savings as well due to the decrease in copays for their maintenance medications. The prescription is shipped directly to the member which helps with unexpected purchases and spreading illness. Prescriptions can be sent to work locations for individuals that worry about home isolation or mailbox tampering. To assist with implementation, the requirements of Exclusive Mail would go into effect on 02/01/2021 to give benefits and Serve You Rx enough time to send correspondence to employees. Serve You estimates that about 380 members would need to make adjustments for the mail order provision. The Commission asked various questions. Chairman Pro-Tem Fortner requested that this item be tabled to gather more data. A motion was made by Commissioner Beckstead, seconded by Chairman Pro-Tem Crowley to table Consideration to Implement the Exclusive Mail Prescription Program for San Juan County Employee Plan Members. Upon voice vote this motion passed unanimously.

### **3. Consideration of Acceptance of New Logo and Rebranding for San Juan County Fire Department**

Devin Neeley, Public Relations Manager, stated that the San Juan County Fire Department requested input, by survey, from members and staff regarding the name, vision statement, motto, and logo. With the input by staff, San Juan County Fire Department will become San Juan County Fire & Rescue and adopt a new logo. Additionally, a brand and logo policy will be created to create a complete image for the department. Most costs are budgeted, and the remaining start-up cost is estimated at \$4,000.00. The Commission asked various questions. A motion was made by Commissioner Sullivan, seconded by Commissioner Beckstead to approve the New Logo and Rebranding for San Juan County Fire Department. Upon voice vote this motion passed unanimously.

### **Report from County Manager**

Mike Stark updated the Commission regarding the following:

- December 1, 2020 is the last day to apply for the Business Continuity Grant
- New Mexico Finance Authority begins taking applications for a grant beginning December 4 to assist local small businesses
- ECHO still has funding available for the community in need of assistance through December 30, 2020 and suggested that applications be submitted by December 15
- Since March, 161 San Juan County employees have been tested for Covid; 35 have tested positive
- The Governor's Public Health order remains through December 30
- Bowen Belt was promoted as the new Juvenile Services Administrator
- Applications for the Probate Judge position will be accepted until December 11

### **Reports From Elected Officials And Department Heads**

Mike Mestas, Emergency Manager, updates the Commission regarding COVID vaccine planning tiers, storage of the vaccine, new testing site in Kirtland at Judy Nelson Elementary and the curative Covid test being used. The Commission asked various questions and made comments.

John Mohler, Fire Chief, introduced Joshua Baca as the new Division Chief of Fire Training.

Nick Porell, Public Works Administrator, updated the Commission on the bridge project on County Road 5500.

Commissioner Todacheene announced that the construction in Bloomfield on HWY 64 has been completed.

### **Comments / Input From The General Public**

None


### **Adjourn**


Being no further business, a motion was made by Commissioner Todacheene, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan to adjourn the meeting. Upon voice vote this motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

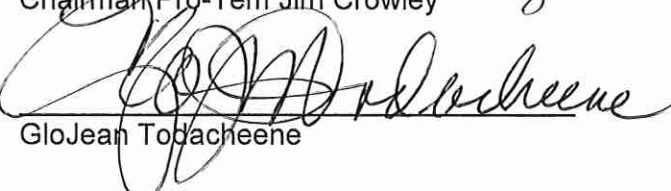
APPROVED THIS 15TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2020

BY THE SAN JUAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

  
Chairman Jack L. Fortner

  
Chairman Pro-Tem Jim Crowley

  
John T. Beckstead

  
GloJean Todacheene

  
Michael Sullivan



  
Tanya Skelby, County Clerk