

**San Juan County Commission
Regular Meeting
January 19, 2021**

Chairman Beckstead called the San Juan County Commission meeting to order on January 19, 2021 at 4:08 P.M. in the Commission Chambers located in the County Administration Building, 100 S. Oliver Drive, Aztec, New Mexico. Commissioner Lanier gave the invocation and Chairman Beckstead led the Pledge of Allegiance. Those present were:

CHAIRMAN	John T. Beckstead
CHAIRMAN PRO-TEM	Terri D. Fortner
MEMBER	Steve Lanier
MEMBER	GloJean Todacheene-VIA PHONE
MEMBER	Michael Sullivan-VIA PHONE
COUNTY MANAGER	Mike Stark
DEPUTY COUNTY MANAGER	Jim Cox
ATTORNEY	Doug Echols
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	Kim Martin

The following attended via phone or via WebEx:

CLERK	Tanya Shelby
TREASURER	Carol Taulbee
CHIEF DEPUTY TREASURER	Bryan Myers
DEPUTY ATTORNEY	Joe Sawyer
EMERGENCY MANAGER	Mike Mestas
PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATOR	Nick Porell
ADULT DETENTION CENTER DEPUTY WARDEN	Brenna Cook
JUVENILE SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR	Bowen Belt
FIRE CHIEF	John Mohler
HEALTH CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM COORDINATOR	Liza Gomez
HOUSING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	Faye Anderson
PUBLIC RELATIONS MANAGER	Devin Neeley
PRESS: Farmington Daily Times	Hannah Grover
VISITORS:	10

Presentation

1. Presentation FY19 Audit & Accountability Award

Jim Cox, Deputy County Manager, stated that due to current COVID restrictions he has the honor of presenting the FY19 Audit & Accountability Award on behalf of the County Commission to Kim Martin, Chief Financial Officer, and the entire Finance Department ahead of

the official recognition by New Mexico State Auditor Brian Colon during the closing session of the 2021 NMC Legislative Conference on Thursday January 21, at 11:45am. Mr. Cox explained that each year, New Mexico Counties and the Office of the State Auditor select counties that prove their dedication to ethical financial practices that safeguard public assets and the criteria in selection include outstanding work on audits, submitting audits in a timely manner and having sustained excellence with high audit opinions.

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Approval of Agenda

Mike Stark, County Manager, stated that there are no changes to the agenda. A motion was made by Chairman Pro-Tem Fortner, seconded by Commissioner Lanier to approve the agenda as presented. Upon voice vote this motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of December 2020 Treasurer Check Register
2. Approval of December 2020 Finance Check Registers
3. Approval of FY21 Budget Adjustment #8 – Resolution No. 20-21-38
4. Approval for Regular Meeting Minutes from January 5, 2021

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

New Business

1. **Consideration of Notice of Intent to Adopt Resolution No. 20-21-39, Approving Three Notices of Intent to Adopt Ordinances No. 114, 115 and 116, Authorizing Industrial Revenue Bonds for San Juan Solar I, LLC Replacement Power Project Relative to the San Juan Generating Station**

David Buchholtz, San Juan County Bond Attorney, explained that the Commission previously approved the Inducement Resolution for the San Juan Solar I, LLC project in an amount not to exceed \$450,000,000. Mr. Buchholtz requested approval of Resolution No. 20-21-39 which authorizes publication of notices of intent to adopt bond ordinances. The bonds will be issued in three series which requires the adoption of three ordinances. Each series relates to a separate part of the project. One series will fund the solar portion of the project, one will fund the battery storage portion of the project, and one will fund the transmission portion of the project. Josh Case, CEO of Photosol, USA presented a brief overview of the project. The Commission asked various questions. A motion was made by Commissioner Sullivan, seconded by Chairman Pro-Tem Fortner to approve the Notice of Intent to Adopt Resolution No. 20-21-39, Approving Three Notices of Intent to Adopt Ordinances No. 114, 115 and 116, Authorizing Industrial Revenue Bonds for San Juan Solar I, LLC Replacement Power Project Relative to the San Juan Generating. Upon voice vote this motion passed unanimously.

2. Review of Boards and Committee Appointments

Mike Stark, County Manager, requested approval of the Board and Committee members appointed by the San Juan County Commission. Staff confirmed that all representatives are willing to serve if chosen by the Commission. A motion was made by Commissioner Sullivan, seconded by Chairman Pro-Tem Fortner to approve the Boards and Committee Appointments. Upon voice vote this motion passed unanimously.

3. Rockmont Solar and Storage Project

Dan Nelson, President 8 Minute Solar Energy provided the County Commission with a presentation on the proposed 130MW Rockmont Solar and Storage Project and highlighted the following:

- Their mission is to make solar energy abundant and lowering the cost of dispatchable solar PV
- 8minute Solar Energy has one of the largest development pipelines of solar PV and energy storage in the United States
- A Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) has been secured with the Public Service Company of New Mexico for the project
- Majority of the project will be sited on New Mexico State Trust Lands
- Permitting and site studies are underway
- A complete geotechnical evaluation is anticipated January 2021
- The project will be a replacement resource for the San Juan Generating Station
- The expected capital investment is \$140mm
- During the peak of construction 350 workers will be needed, with estimated average of 175 on-site during the construction, and 3 permanent employees during the operations and maintenance phase

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Report from County Manager

Mike Stark indicated that the Legislative session has begun in Santa Fe. The session will be a hybrid session with limited attendance due to the COVID restrictions. The bills introduced will be tracked and Staff will update the Commission. The New Mexico Association of Counties (NMAC) Winter Conference begins January 20, 2021.

Reports From Elected Officials And Department Heads

None

Comments / Input From The General Public

None

Adjourn

Being no further business, Chairman Beckstead adjourned the meeting at 5:17 p.m.

APPROVED THIS 2ND DAY OF FEBRUARY 2021

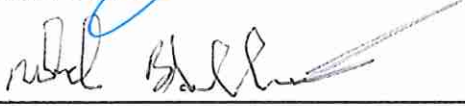
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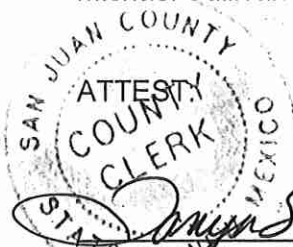

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Tanya Shelby, County Clerk