

San Juan County Commission Regular Meeting April 6, 2021

Chairman Beckstead called the San Juan County Commission meeting to order on April 6, 2021 at 4:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers located in the County Administration Building, 100 S. Oliver Drive, Aztec, New Mexico. Commissioner Todacheene gave the invocation and Commissioner Lanier led the Pledge of Allegiance. Those present were:

CHAIRMAN	John T. Beckstead
CHAIRMAN PRO-TEM	Terri D. Fortner
MEMBER	Steve Lanier
MEMBER	GloJean Todacheene
MEMBER	Michael Sullivan- VIA PHONE
CLERK	Tanya Shelby
SHERIFF	Shane Ferrari
UNDERSHERIFF	Cory Tanner
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
PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATOR	Nick Porell
FIRE CHIEF	John Mohler
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR	Michele Truby-Tillen
CHIEF IS OFFICER	Keith Lund
HOUSING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	Faye Anderson
PUBLIC RELATIONS & FILM MANAGER	Devin Neeley
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES DIRECTOR	Su Hodgman

VISITORS:

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Recognition

Sheriff Shane Ferrari recognized Sherice Snell, GIS Manager, as a valuable asset during the dismantling of an illegal marijuana operation on the Navajo Nation by assisting in locating illegal marijuana farms on maps, pinpointing resources, and the planning of the operation that lead to the destruction of over 60 tons of illegal marijuana (260,000 plants). Ms. Snell was also recognized as an important part of the operation by Federal, State, Tribal, County, and Municipality law enforcement. Sheriff Ferrari presented Ms. Snell with an Exemplary Performance Award on behalf of the Sheriff's Office and she also received the Federal Bureau of Investigation Director's Award.

Presentation- FY19 Popular Annual Financial Report Award

Jim Cox, Deputy County Manager, presented the County's first ever Government Finance Officers Association's (GFOA) Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting (PAFR). GFOA established this program in 1991 to encourage and assist state and local governments to extract information from their annual comprehensive financial reports that is easily understandable to the public and other interested parties without a background in public finance. The County worked on the new project for the 2019 fiscal year and received this distinguished award which is the third and final prestigious award that can be issued by GFOA to the County. Mr. Cox congratulated and presented the GFOA award to the County's Finance Department for their dedication and hard work they put in daily. Mr. Cox also thanked and acknowledged Devin Neeley, Public Relations and Film Manager, for designing and distributing the PAFR.

Regular Meeting

Approval of Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for March 16, 2021.
2. Approval of Resolution No. 20-21-56, 20-21-57 and 20-21-58 for Negotiated Sale of County Surplus Property, Disposition of Surplus Property and Appoint New Surplus Committee Members
3. Approval of Budget Adjustment #11- Resolution No. 20-21-53

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 Resolution No. 20-21-60, Approving Bond Documents for San Juan Solar 1, LLC, San Juan Solar Project, LLC and SJS 1 Storage, LLC Industrial Revenue Bonds**

Luis Carrasco of Rodey Law Firm, San Juan County Bond Counsel, explained that on March 2, 2021, the San Juan County Commission approved Ordinances No. 114, 115, and 116 authorizing the issuance of industrial revenue bonds to San Juan Solar 1, LLC, San Juan Solar Project, LLC, and SJS 1 Storage, LLC (the "Project Companies"). The Ordinances provided that the Commission would approve the revised lease agreements, indentures, the bond purchase agreements, and the sublease agreements by resolution. The agreements are now drafted and revised to the satisfaction of the Project Companies and San Juan County Bond Counsel. Mr.

Carrasco requested Commission approval through this resolution. The resolution provides that these documents may be executed by the Chairman of the County Commission, Chairman Pro-Tem, or County Manager. The resolution further provides that these same individuals are authorized to approve technical changes to the various documents. The Commission asked various questions. A motion was made by Commissioner Sullivan, seconded by Commissioner Todacheene to approve Resolution No. 20-21-60, Approving Bond Documents for San Juan Solar 1, LLC, San Juan Solar Project, LLC and SJS 1 Storage, LLC Industrial Revenue Bonds. Upon voice vote this motion passed unanimously.

2. Update on the Sobering Center and Joint Intervention Program

Laura Ann Crawford, Region Director of Presbyterian Medical Services(PMS) presented overview of statistics and functions to the Commission on the Sobering Center, Joint Intervention Program, and the Intervention Demonstration Grant Program. Ms. Crawford highlighted the following:

- Hundreds of people with chronic addiction and health conditions cycle through the jail, emergency rooms, and other crisis systems of care and homelessness which is a public expense and has limited positive outcomes
- The Joint Intervention Project (JIP) goal is to end the cycle of homelessness and incarceration through collaboration, data, and programming
- The goal is to identify people who cycle between arrests, incarceration, the Sobering Center, and emergency room by placing the individuals in intense programming to include supportive housing more efficiently utilizing public resources and reduce system costs.
- Paul's Place, a 45-bed facility, opened on October 24, 2016, collaborates with all partners, and has received community referrals of 177 total JIP clients from 2014-2020
- Full year pilot in 2013 of JIP shows arrests decreased by 53%, days in jail decreased by 66%, days in detox decreased by 63%, and emergency room visits decreased by 57% for the pilot year study of 10 individuals show a savings \$233,516
- In the year 2020, arrests have decreased by 63%, days in jail decreased by 90%, Sobering Center days decreased by 72%, Alternate Response Unit decreased by 28%, and emergency room visits decreased by 65% with a total system savings of \$1,041,713 in a study of 47 individuals
- Key to success of JIP is a collaborative effort between city partners, county partners, non-profit partners, and funding partners
- The Sobering Center opened March 21, 2016 and provides the following: short-term care, 24/7 services which include triage(medical screen), mental health assistance, crisis intervention, shelter, food, shower, and clean clothes
- Journey in Progress- JIP 2.0, increased community relationships with local court programs, easier referral process, therapy dogs, Running Club

Ms. Crawford thanked the Commission for their continued support of the JIP and Sobering Center. The Commission asked various questions.

3. Update San Juan Basin Roads Committee

Edicia Rodriguez, Road Coordinator for the San Juan Basin Road Committee presented the following to the Commission:

- Road committee was originated in the early 1990's and the objectives are to provide repair/maintenance to Bureau of Land Management (BLM) collector roads
- Area encompasses of all the Farmington BLM office jurisdiction which is divided into 14 road units which includes over 600 miles of collector roads throughout San Juan and Rio Arriba Counties. Only 8 of the designated road units are actively participating in the allocation cost share set up by the BLM
- Membership allocations for each road unit are determined by the number of wells held by each member and associated pipelines. San Juan Soil and Water is the financial custodian for the BLM portion which is 10%.
- Current challenges include the following: By-laws are outdated, committee has no enforcement abilities, BLM grant money amounts continue to decline

The Commission asked various questions.

4. 2020 San Juan County Key Informant Survey of Health, BH, and Community Resource Priorities & Needs

Anna Krutsky, LCSW, Executive Director San Juan County Partnership introduced Noah Salvatore, Ph.D., Contractor for Data Collection and Analysis. Mr. Salvatore stated that SJC Partnership conducted a comprehensive county-wide Key Informant Survey. There were 175 invites sent to coalition members and various providers in the community to participate in the survey and 54 responses were received. The survey focused on priorities, immediate concerns, resources, and referrals within the County. From the returned surveys the top prioritized concerns were teens and youth, schools, students, mental health, substance abuse, integration of resource referrals, and economic/financial recovery. Ms. Krutsky introduced the sanjuancountydata.org website which highlights community statistics. Mr. Salvatore stated the purpose of the website is designed for the community to assist people in finding resources. The Needs Assessment is utilized by many organizations, including school districts for strategic planning, grant writing, and prioritizing funding for services. The Commission asked various questions.

5. Consideration of Approval of Resolution No. 20-21-59, Support for a Grant Application to US House of Representatives Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure Funding for Pinon Hills Extension Project

Nick Porell, Public Works Director, indicated that the Pinon Hills Extension Project is a transportation project between the intersection of Pinon Hills Boulevard and NM 519 extending to Road 390 on Crouch Mesa. The City of Farmington has designed the project between NM 519 and Road 3000 which includes a new bridge crossing the Animas River. The County's portion of the project extends from Road 3000 along both the Non-County Maintained portion of Road 3900, which is currently a rudimentary trail, and the County Maintained portion of Road 3900 terminating at the intersection of Road 390 and 3900. The total length of improvements on

Road 3900 is approximately 2.1 miles. Improvements include new paved travel ways, paved shoulders, and pedestrian sidewalks. The current construction estimate for the County portion of the project is \$12.4M. The County received a \$588,000 Federal grant through New Mexico Department of Transportation in 2009 for design of the project. Those grant funds have advanced the design of the project to 60%. The next step in the design process is acquisition of the right-of-way. Right-of-way acquisition costs are estimated at \$1,250,000 inclusive of appraisals, right-of-way negotiation services, and real property purchase price. The project is currently listed in the New Mexico Department of Transportation Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) as "informational" in that it has no fiscal constraint or funds identified to complete the construction of the project. Staff received notice that the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure will advance surface transportation authorization legislation later this spring, building on H.R. 2, the "Moving Forward Act," from the 116th Congress in which members of Congress may submit requests for highway and transit projects in their district; as such, Congresswoman Leger Fernandez will accept project requests from district stakeholders to consider submitting to the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. It is understood that the Congresswoman is likely to fund ten (10) projects within the district and awards are to be in the general range of \$1,000,000. The deadline for applications is April 7, 2021. Staff plans to submit a request to fund \$1,000,000 of the Pinon Hills Extension project right-of-way acquisition which is typically a long undertaking lasting two years or longer. Advancing the Pinon Hills Extension project through the right-of-way would represent a significant milestone toward the project's overall completion using Federal funds. Mr. Porell stated that the request for funding to Congresswoman Leger Fernandez requires a letter of support from the local government submitting the request. Staff requested approval of Resolution 20-21-59 to include in the application. A motion was made by Chairman Pro-Tem Fortner, seconded by Commissioner Todacheene to approve Resolution No. 20-21-59, Support for a Grant Application to US House of Representatives Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure Funding for Pinon Hills Extension Project. Upon voice vote this motion passed unanimously.

6. Consideration of Adoption of Amendment to Ordinance No. 58, the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance

Doug Echols, County Attorney, stated that Michele Truby-Tillen was recently promoted to Community Development Director from Floodplain Manager in the Emergency Management Department, continuing as the Certified Floodplain Manager, Community Rating System Coordinator, and San Juan County's Floodplain Program Administrator. Ms. Truby-Tillen explained the change in Article IV Section A of the Ordinance names the Community Development Director as the Floodplain Administrator, completing the transfer of the Floodplain Management Program from the Office of Emergency Management to Community Development. A Notice of Intent to Amend Ordinance No. 58 was approved by the Commission at their March 16th meeting and was published in the Daily Times on March 19th. Chairman Beckstead called to order a public hearing. There were no comments from the public. The public hearing was closed. A motion was made by Chairman Pro-Tem Fortner, seconded by Commissioner Lanier to approve the Adoption of Amendment to Ordinance No. 58, the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance. Upon voice vote this motion passed unanimously.

7. Consideration to Utilize Property for Fire Station

John Mohler, Fire Chief stated that the Fire Department was awarded the State Fire Grant totaling \$200,000. Mr. Mohler requested that the funds be used to construct a new fire station on County owned property located at 30 Road 350. A motion was made by Chairman Pro-Tem Fortner, seconded by Commissioner Todacheene to approve to Utilize Property for Fire Station. Upon voice vote this motion passed unanimously.

8. Consideration of Resolution No. 20-21-55, Opting Not to Extend the County's Participation in Emergency Paid Sick Leave and Emergency Paid Family and Medical Leave as Provided by the American Rescue Act Plan

Mike Stark, County Manager, explained that at the January 5th Commission meeting, the County Commission choose to voluntarily extend the Federal Government's Families First Response Act (FFCRA) Emergency Paid Leave to County Employees through the expiration date of March 31, 2021. With passage of the recent American Rescue Act, employers are eligible to voluntarily extend FFCRA leave from April 1, 2021 until Sept. 30, 2021; if employers choose to do so, unlike the previous extension which did not require a new bucket of COVID related sick leave hours be extended if already previously used, acceptance of the leave from the federal government requires extension of 80 hours to all employees regardless of previous use. In addition, local government employers may be eligible for a payroll tax credit for any FFCRA leave used upon approval from the IRS. In reviewing extension of the FFCRA leave beyond April 1, 2021, After reviewing the contents of the new leave provisions, trend data of local vaccination rates, positive COVID cases, canvassing other local employers, county government employers statewide, and the remaining leave in our own County COVID leave pool it has been determined there is currently not a need countywide to extend the FFCRA leave. Employees are able to utilize existing accrued sick leave and have the backup of the County COVID leave pool if they are out of sick hours or are a new employee to the County. Mr. Stark made a recommendation to the Commission that if such a need arises such as another COVID surge between now and Sept. 30, 2021, that Staff would approach the Commission to review extension of FFCRA leave. A motion was made by Chairman Pro-Tem Fortner, seconded by Commissioner Todacheene to approve Resolution No. 20-21-55, Opting Not to Extend the County's Participation in Emergency Paid Sick Leave and Emergency Paid Family and Medical Leave as Provided by the American Rescue Act Plan. Upon voice vote this motion passed unanimously.

9. Consideration of Proclamation Declaring May 2021 as "Motorcycle Awareness Month"

Mike Stark, County Manager, requested to proclaim the month of May 2021 as "Motorcycle Awareness Month" to raise awareness of the growing number of motorcyclists on San Juan County roadways in order to help prevent accidents, save lives, and encourage citizens to be observant, courteous, and knowledgeable about motorcycle use in San Juan County. A motion was made by Chairman Pro-Tem Fortner, seconded by Commissioner Lanier to approve the Proclamation Declaring May 2021 as "Motorcycle Awareness Month." Upon voice vote this motion passed unanimously.

Report from County Manager

None

Reports From Elected Officials And Department Heads

None

Comments / Input From The General Public

None

Closed Executive Session

A motion was made by Commissioner Todacheene, seconded by Chairman Pro-Tem Fortner to go into closed executive session to discuss the Sunray Lease. Upon voice vote this motion passed unanimously. Upon return a motion was made by Commissioner Todacheene, seconded by Commissioner Lanier to go back into open meeting. Upon voice vote this motion passed unanimously. Chairman Beckstead stated that nothing other than what was stated in the motion to go into closed executive session was discussed.

Adjourn

Being no further business, Chairman Beckstead adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

APPROVED THIS 20TH DAY OF APRIL 2021

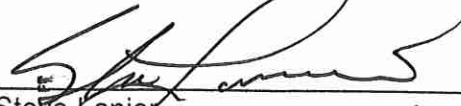
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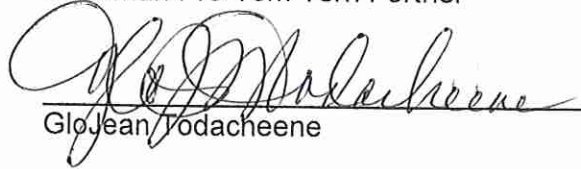
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