

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

Chairman Pro-Tem Fortner called the San Juan County Commission meeting to order on October 19, 2021 at 4:05 p.m. in the Commission Chambers located in the County Administration Building, 100 S. Oliver Drive, Aztec, New Mexico. Commission Lanier gave the invocation and Commission Todacheene led the Pledge of Allegiance. Those present were:

CHAIRMAN	John T. Beckstead- ABSENT
CHAIRMAN PRO-TEM	Terri D. Fortner
MEMBER	Steve Lanier
MEMBER	GloJean Todacheene
MEMBER	Michael Sullivan- VIA PHONE
CHIEF DEPUTY ASSESSOR	John Kuhn
TREASURER	Carol Taulbee
UNDERSHERIFF	Cory Tanner
COUNTY MANAGER	Mike Stark
DEPUTY COUNTY MANAGER	Jim Cox
ATTORNEY	Joe Sawyer
DEPUTY ATTORNEY	Ellen Wayne
EMERGENCY MANAGER	Mike Mestas
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	Kim Martin
FIRE CHIEF	John Mohler
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR	Michele Truby-Tillen
PUBLIC RELATIONS & FILM MANAGER	Devin Neeley
PRESS: NM Political Report	Hannah Grover
VISITORS:	9

Presentation

Presentation of Certificate of Recognition for the Yard of the Month

Bob Carman, Code Compliance Officer explained that the program "Yard of the Month" mission is to recognize citizens of San Juan County for their voluntary efforts in "Building a Stronger Community" by taking pride in the appearance and maintenance of their yard and home. Clint and Marie Dollar have inspired county residents to strive for a clean and beautiful community where natural resources are protected and the environment is enhanced. Their attractively groomed property is located at 16141 US 550 Aztec, NM. The judging criteria reviewed by the Code Compliance Officer and the Community Development Administrator were as follows:

- House numbers attractively displayed.

- The yard is free of litter, junk, and debris.
- The yard is free of junked or inoperable vehicles.
- Trash receptacles are hidden from view.
- The yard is free of appliances and indoor furniture on front porches or patios.
- The yard is attractively groomed and well maintained. In other words, pleasing to the eye or to the passerby.
- The residence, out buildings, fences, porches, decks, and patios on the premises are in good repair.

Mr. Carman presented the award to Clint and Marie Dollar.

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 Lanier to approve the agenda as presented. Upon voice vote this motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval for Regular Meeting Minutes of October 5, 2021
2. Approval of Treasurer Check Register for September 2021
3. Approval of Finance Check Registers for September 2021
4. Approval of Resolution No. 21-22-30, Adoption Required Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Annual Certifications and Commitments

A motion was made by Commissioner Lanier, seconded by Commissioner Todacheene to approve the Consent Agenda. Upon voice vote this motion passed unanimously.

New Business

1. Presentation on Invenergy Transmission LLC Project

James Williams, Invenergy Renewable Development Team Senior Vice President, introduced Erik Aaboe, New Mexico Renewable Energy Transmission Authority (RETA), Ron Maldonado of Westland Resources, and Cindy Smith of Power Engineers. Mr. Williams stated that Invenergy Transmission LLC has been established to develop transmission infrastructure to deliver renewable energy generated by its affiliates to customers and markets where there is demand and need for clean, renewable energy. Its affiliate, Invenergy LLC, established in 2001 and headquartered in the U.S. is one of the largest privately held developers and operators of sustainable energy solutions (wind, solar, & battery storage facilities). Currently, there are 175 projects globally that are developed or under construction currently. Mr. Aaboe explained that RETA was established by the New Mexico Legislature in 2007 to plan, finance, develop, permit, and acquire high voltage transmission lines that transmit at least 30% renewable energy. New Mexico RETA has entered a Memorandum of Understanding with Invenergy to build

transmission infrastructure to promote economic development in New Mexico. Mr. Williams presented the following information:

- San Juan County has been identified as the delivery area for the project and Union County as the generation area
- Energy and environmental benefits: 4000 megawatts of renewable energy across the state which is the equivalent of removing one million vehicles off the road or powering two million homes, reduction in carbon dioxide emissions
- Economic benefits: annual tax payments and monies to landowners who participate in project, 2-year construction cycle with 3,500 jobs and 100 or more long-term jobs to operate and maintain the transmission infrastructure facilities
- Brief overview of the project and goals

The Commission asked various questions.

2. Consideration of Approval of Resolution No. 21-22-31, Sheriff's Patrol Division to Return to a 10-hour Work Schedule

Cordell Tanner, Undersheriff, stated that in April of 2020 the Sheriff's Office requested Commission approval to go to a 12-hour work shift for the patrol division with the intent of alleviating coverage shortages. Eighteen months after approval, the 12-hour shifts were unsuccessful in alleviating the shortages and have inadvertently led to deputy work fatigue, as the 12-hour scheduled days frequently turn into thirteen (13) and fourteen (14) hour workdays. After consultation with the County Manager, Legal, Human Resources, and Finance Departments, Undersheriff Tanner requested the patrol division return to 10-hour work shifts beginning October 31, 2021. Along with the schedule change, the two (2) deputy positions which were frozen to account for the increased annual salary cost of \$192,000 that the 12-hour shifts required, will be unfrozen. A motion was made by Commissioner Todacheene, seconded by Commissioner Lanier to approve Resolution No. 21-22-31, Sheriff's Patrol Division to Return to a 10-hour Work Schedule. Upon voice vote this motion passed unanimously.

3. Consideration of Approval of Resolution No. 21-22-29, to Authorize the Sale of a Tract of Real Property in the Old Road 300 Right-of-Way Situated Between 7 Road 3500 and 350 Road 3500 in Flora Vista, NM

Joe Sawyer, County Attorney, indicated that in 2020, Mark Hawkinson approached the County seeking to purchase the old Road 3500 right-of-way (ROW) between two properties that Mr. Hawkinson currently owns on 7 Road 3500 and 350 Road 3500. The Commission appointed a Freeholders Committee on October 6, 2020 to consider the abandonment of the ROW and a recommendation to abandon was submitted to the Commission; the ROW was ordered abandoned at the November 10, 2020 Commission Meeting. The surveyed tract was appraised at \$3,100 in value. New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration approval is not required since the land is worth less than \$5,000. Upon approval by the Commission, the County Legal Department will arrange a closing to complete the property transaction. A motion was made by Commissioner Lanier, seconded by Commissioner Todacheene to approve Resolution No. 21-22-29, to Authorize the Sale of a Tract of Real Property in the Old Road 300

Right-of-Way Situated Between 7 Road 3500 and 350 Road 3500 in Flora Vista, NM. Upon voice vote this motion passed unanimously.

4. **Consideration of Notice of Intent to Adopt Ordinance No. 121, An Ordinance Requiring Remediation of Coal-Fired Electricity Generating Facilities Upon Retirement**

Joe Sawyer, County Attorney, explained that Ordinance No. 121 would require owners of coal-fired electricity generating facilities to submit remediation plans to the County that describe how the facilities will be remediated and how the remediation will be funded. Upon approval of the remediation plan by the County, with the assistance of a qualified engineer, the facility will be demolished upon retirement according to the plan in accordance with federal, state, local, and tribal laws. Once approved by the Commission, a Notice of Intent to Adopt will be published and the adoption of the Ordinance will be placed on the agenda for the November 9th Commission meeting for consideration. The Commission asked various questions. A motion was made by Commissioner Todacheene, seconded by Commissioner Lanier to approve the Notice of Intent to Adopt Ordinance No. 121, An Ordinance Requiring Remediation of Coal-Fired Electricity Generating Facilities Upon Retirement. Upon voice vote this motion passed unanimously.

Report from County Manager

Mike Stark reported the following:

- There will be a ribbon cutting at the Mountain Bike Skills Park on October 27, 2021 at 3:30 p.m.
- Road 5500 project is set for completion on or before May 2022
- Update on Road 7950 (road to Chaco Canyon)

Reports From Elected Officials And Department Heads

Mike Mestas, Emergency Manager, updated the Commission on the current Covid cases.

Devin Neeley, Public Relations Manager, explained how and what type of information is being relayed to the citizens by the joint information center.

Comments / Input From The General Public

Jillian Aragon, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), introduced Chuck Schmidt, BLM Roswell Field Manager who is currently assisting the Farmington Field Office.

Adjourn

Being no further business Chairman Pro-Tem Fortner adjourned the meeting at 5:26 p.m.

APPROVED THIS 9TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2021


BY THE SAN JUAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

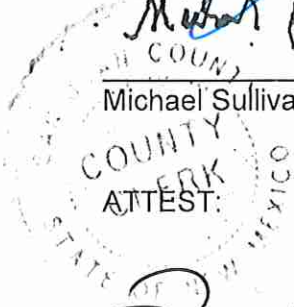

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