

**San Juan County Commission
Regular Meeting
February 1, 2022**

Chairman Fortner called the San Juan County Commission meeting to order on February 1, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers located in the County Administration Building, 100 S. Oliver Drive, Aztec, New Mexico. Ms. Fortner recognized Jim Dumont, a representative from Senator Heinrich’s Office and Leadership San Juan attendees. Commissioner Beckstead gave the invocation and Commissioner Todacheene led the Pledge of Allegiance. Those present were:

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| CHAIRMAN | Terri D. Fortner |
| CHAIRMAN PRO-TEM | Steve Lanier |
| MEMBER | John T. Beckstead |
| MEMBER | GloJean Todacheene |
| MEMBER | Michael Sullivan- VIA PHONE |
| 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 |
| PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATOR | Nick Porell |
| FIRE CHIEF | John Mohler |
| PUBLIC RELATIONS & FILM MANAGER | Devin Neeley |

The following attended via WebEx:

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| COUNTY CLERK | Tanya Shelby |
| CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK | Alyssa Kuhn |

VISITORS: 6

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 for Regular Meeting Minutes from January 18, 2022
2. Approval of Resolution No. 21-22-44, Authorizing the City of Farmington Submittal of the FY2023 LDWI Detox Grant Application

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

New Business

1. Update on State/Local Government Infrastructure Opportunities

Martin Chavez, State Infrastructure Advisor, as well as former City of Albuquerque Mayor briefed the Commission on the recent Local Government Infrastructure Summit conducted by New Mexico Counties with State officials. The webinar was to discuss both local government infrastructure funding opportunities via the American Rescue Plan Act and Federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. The 2021 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act) includes the following:

- Roads/Transportation- highway apportioned programs, bridge replacement/repairs, improvements in public transportation options
- Broad Band/Cyber- broadband coverage across the state, Affordability Connectivity Benefit to assist low-income families afford internet access, protection against cyberattacks
- Fire/Water/EV/Airports- improvements to water infrastructure across the state, protection against wildfires, expansion of an EV charging network, and infrastructure development for airports
- Clean hydrogen hubs around the United States

Mr. Chavez indicated that there are many funding opportunities and encouraged the Commission to contact State delegation to define the County's capital needs. The Commission asked various questions. Geneva Griego, Citizen, inquired as to what funding is available to the community to obtain quality childcare outside the traditional hours and improving education in New Mexico.

2. Update on Four Corners Economic Development (4CED)

Arvin Trujillo, CEO, provided an annual update on the initiatives of Four Corners Economic Development. Mr. Trujillo highlighted the following:

- 4CED mission is to focus on county wide initiatives and projects that support the local municipalities and community development efforts by establishing effective partnerships in the Four Corners Region
- Goals include partnerships/relationships, organizational development/effectiveness, targeted industries, workforce capacity, data analysis/marketing

- Member services include:
 - Bi-weekly newsletter that includes economic development stories, data, and links
 - News reporting including U.S. Census and New Mexico development data
 - CEO meetings with community members and stake holder
 - Quarterly breakfast briefings
 - Property search added to the 4CED website- Commercial and industrial properties by community are listed
- Community involvement projects:
 - Business Training Calendar on website
 - Collaboration and partnerships- Information regarding 4CED is now on the New Mexico Economic Development Department (EDD) website and quarterly work sessions are conducted with an EDD representative
 - Four Corners Film Group- promoting San Juan County locations for productions, discussions with stakeholders involved in the film industry, and identify opportunities
 - Agriculture- fiscal agent for Grower's Market Alliance, marketing support for Harvest Hug, pursuing development of commercial kitchen to support food entrepreneurs, strong relations with NAPI
 - Desks to Career Initiative with the objective to reduce export of educated workforce and building high-wage employment base.
 - Navajo initiatives include the pump storage hydroelectric project, railroad, Middle-Mile broadband, expansion of the Raytheon Dine Manufacturing Facility, and Navajo Dam Escrow Account
 - Collaboration with coal-affected communities
 - Coordinating community resources that are in support of attracting hydrogen hub status for San Juan County
 - Community Presentations- Leadership San Juan, Rotary, Farmington Chamber of Commerce, San Juan County Commission and local municipalities, various Navajo Nation groups, KSJE radio programs/presentations, New Mexico State University Economic Development Summit with NAPI
 - Website- www.4cornersed.com has been named a top-ten economic development website of 2021 and is an effective communication/outreach tool
 - Social Media- enhanced Facebook page, 4CED YouTube channel, and 4CED LinkedIn page

3. Update on First Tee Program

Chairman Fortner congratulated Tom Yost, Program Director of First Tee Four Corners, for being the recipient of the 2021 PGA Player Development Award. Mr. Yost presented the following update:

- First Tee has expanded to Durango, Colorado
- OP 36 program has allowed for success in teaching golf which assists in retaining youth involvement in First Tee
- Secured new funding sources outside the community through various grants
- Outreach has expanded to New Beginnings to provide high risk youth with the opportunity to be involved with the program
- Mr. Yost will be coaching the National Special Olympics Team from the state of New Mexico, Golf Program for the United States this summer in Orlando, FL

- Goals for 2022 include the following: Caddy Program at San Juan Country Club, expansion into the Navajo Nation, and PGA HOPE (Helping Our Patriots Everywhere), a golf program for veterans

The Commission made various comments.

4. Consideration of Approval of Resolution No. 21-22-49, Supporting New Mexico DOT 2022/2023 Local Government Road Fund Application

Nick Porell, Public Works Director, requested the approval of Resolution 21-22-49 to participate in the 2022/2023 New Mexico Department of Transportation Local Government Road Program. Public Works is seeking funding for materials for rubberized crack seal, asphalt patching and chip seal resurfacing. The Local Government Road Program is an annual program with submissions due to NMDOT by March 15, 2022, for participation in the 2022/2023 FY funding program. A motion was made by Chairman Pro-Tem Lanier, seconded by Commissioner Beckstead to approve Resolution No. 21-22-49, Supporting New Mexico DOT 2022/2023 Local Government Road Fund Application. Upon voice vote this motion passed unanimously.

5. Consideration of Approval of Resolution No. 21-22-48, To Certify Annual San Juan County Maintained Road Mileage to NMDOT

Nick Porell, Public Works Director, stated that the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) requires an annual certification of county-maintained roads. The associated mileage, location, and surface is submitted electronically to NMDOT. The total miles of maintained and lesser maintained roads in 2022 is 740.9 miles; the same figure in 2021 was 740.1 miles. Minor changes were made to County maintained road mileage as the result of continued refinement of GIS data versus available aerial photography and City limits and the acceptance of Roads 6861 and 6863 (Cal-Stock Subdivision). A motion was made by Commissioner Beckstead, seconded by Chairman Pro-Tem Lanier to approve Resolution No. 21-22-48, To Certify Annual San Juan County Maintained Road Mileage to NMDOT. Upon voice vote this motion passed unanimously.

Report from County Manager

Mike Stark updated the Commission on the following:

- Staff is tracking 139 legislative bills out of 490 bills that have been introduced. The Legislative session concludes February 17th.
- Results to Employee Satisfaction Survey- 211 responses were received which is 1/3 of the employee base. Results were similar to the 2019 survey with pay being a number one concern from County employees.
- Road 7900/Chaco Canyon Road- Staff attended a meeting with the Navajo Nation President, Jonathan Nez, to discuss improvements to the road.
- 5 mile-bridge alternative study will be conducted within the next 45 days

Reports From Elected Officials And Department Heads

Kim Martin, Chief Financial Officer, indicated that there is an increase in gross receipt tax (GRT) and oil & gas revenues. Internet sales have contributed to the increase. Expenditures are currently under budget.

Mike Mestas, Emergency Manager, informed the Commission that Covid cases have declined. Mr. Mestas stated the vaccine bus will be at various locations in San Juan County on February 15th through February 20th. Covid test kits have been distributed throughout the county.

Nick Porell, Public Works Director, explained that the New Mexico Office of Natural Resources Trustee has released a draft plan for the Gold King Mine settlement funds which includes funds for San Juan County.

Comments / Input From The General Public

None

Adjourn

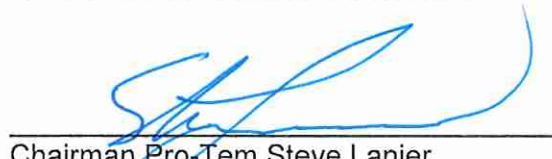
Being no further business, Chairman Fortner adjourned the meeting at 5:32 p.m.

APPROVED THIS 1ST DAY OF MARCH 2022

BY THE SAN JUAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:



Chairman Terri D. Fortner



Chairman Pro-Tem Steve Lanier



John T. Beckstead



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Michael Sullivan

ATTEST:



Tanya Shelby, County Clerk

