

**San Juan County Commission
Regular Meeting
January 18, 2022**

Chairman Pro-Tem Lanier called the San Juan County Commission meeting to order on January 18, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers located in the County Administration Building, 100 S. Oliver Drive, Aztec, New Mexico. Mike Stark gave the invocation and Commissioner Todacheene led the Pledge of Allegiance. Those present were:

CHAIRMAN	Terri D. Fortner- ABSENT
CHAIRMAN PRO-TEM	Steve Lanier
MEMBER	John T. Beckstead- VIA WEBEX
MEMBER	GloJean Todacheene
MEMBER	Michael Sullivan- VIA PHONE
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 RELATIONS & FILM MANAGER	Devin Neeley

The following attended via WebEx:

CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK	Alyssa Kuhn
VISITORS:	4

Regular Meeting

Approval of Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

1. Approval for Regular Meeting Minutes from January 4, 2022
2. Approval of Treasurer Check Register for December 2021
3. Approval of Finance Check Registers for December 2021
4. Award of Bid No. 21-22-11, Purchase and Installation of Three (3) Electronic Billboards to RAM Studios of Farmington, NM
5. Approval of FY22 Budget Adjustment #6-Resolution 21-22-47

Mike Stark, County Manager, stated that the date on Items #2 and #3 are amended from January 2022 to December 2021. A motion was made by Commissioner Todacheene, seconded by Commissioner Beckstead to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Upon voice vote this motion passed unanimously.

New Business

1. Update on the San Juan Historical Society

Patricia Tharp, San Juan County Historical Society (SJCHS), highlighted the following activities of the Historical Society:

- Due to the COVID restrictions, a monthly newsletter has been sent out to the members to update them on the SJCHS activities.
- The annual booklet for 2020, The Lost Communities of Navajo Dam Volume 2 was written by Patty Tharp and was published locally by Garrison Graphics Inc of Farmington.
- The 2021 booklet, I Remember Farmington, New Mexico Before the Boom written by Connie Nordstrom includes oral interviews with Jim Easley, Eileen Gerding, Marilu Wayborn, Pat Wood, and Zang Wood.
- Future booklets and projects include:
 - El Paso Natural Gas Oral History documentary and booklet
 - Rambo of the Carracas Mesa: A History of the Jicarilla Mustangs and Mustangers written by Laura Harper
 - The Sheriffs of San Juan County written by Catherine Davis
- At the October 11, 2021 meeting, My Own Pioneers: The Hoods and McCoys was written and presented by Barbara Hood Hill
- Charitable donations are now tax deductible due to the recent 501c3 status change
- SJCHS office and archives hours are Wednesday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Friday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. The office is staffed by volunteers.
- The current location is 201 N Main Street, however, a larger location is needed
- In 2015, membership was 65 members; to date, there are over 230 members.
- Steve Cormier, Cowboy singer and storyteller, will be performing at the Farmington Civic Center on February 9, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free to the public.
- A dedication that commemorates the 100th anniversary of the first commercial gas well in the county (located across from Aztec Well Service) will be held on April 16, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.
- A documentary film, Rambo of the Carracas Mesa: A History of the Jicarilla Mustangs and Mustangers, written and produced by Laura Harper, will premier on July 16, 2022, at the Farmington Civic Center.
- The President of the SJCHS is now Laura Harper. The Vice-President is July Cline.

Ms. Tharp thanked the Commission for continued funding. She also thanked Chairman Pro-Tem Lanier and Commissioner Todacheene for their contributions from their contingency funds.

2. Consideration for Award of Proposal No. 21-22-09, Consulting Services for Planning/Feasibility Freight Rail Line Study to HDR Engineering Inc. of Albuquerque, NM

Diana Chapman, Chief Procurement Officer, stated that a request for proposals for a one-time contract with a qualified firm to provide consulting services for a planning/feasibility study for the Four Corners Freight Rail project was issued October 31, 2021. Forty-four (44) invitations were mailed out; December 16, 2021, two (2) responses were received and opened. The Evaluation Committee, consisting of Mike Stark, Arvin Trujillo, Germain Chapelle, Warren Unsicker, Mike Halona, Dave Zeller, JT Willie, Henry Silentman, and Diana Chapman, evaluated the proposal responses in accordance with the evaluation criteria and recommended that an award be made to HDR Engineering Inc. of Albuquerque, NM, as the highest rated responsive Offeror. Funding for the engineering services is via the \$2,000,000 BUILD grant that San Juan County received. A motion was made by Commissioner Beckstead, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan to approve the Award of Proposal No. 21-22-09, Consulting Services for Planning/Feasibility Freight Rail Line Study to HDR Engineering Inc. of Albuquerque, NM. Upon voice vote this motion passed unanimously.

3. Review of Boards and Committee Appointments for 2022

Mike Stark, County Manager, requested approval of the Board and Committee members appointed by the San Juan County Commission. The list was developed by staff and confirmed that all representatives are willing to serve if so chosen by the Commission. The list was amended to add Paul Berry and Liz Tafoya to the Valuation Protest Board; with one open slot remaining. A motion was made by Commissioner Beckstead, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan to approve the Boards and Committee Appointments for 2022. Upon voice vote this motion passed unanimously.

Report from County Manager

Mike Stark presented a legislation tracking list to the Commission. The last day that bills can be presented to the Legislature is February 2, 2022.

Reports From Elected Officials And Department Heads

Mike Mestas, Emergency Manager, updated the Commission regarding the positive Covid cases. The County has been issued 3800 rapid test kits which will be sent to low income families, senior centers, police stations, and fire stations within the following zip codes 87401, 87413, 87416, 87417 and 87420.

Comments / Input From The General Public

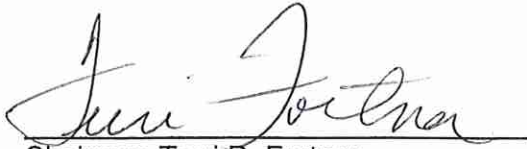
None

Adjourn

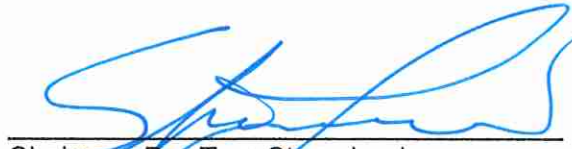
Being no further business, Chairman Pro-Tem Lanier adjourned the meeting at 4:54 p.m.

APPROVED THIS 1ST DAY OF FEBRUARY 2022


BY THE SAN JUAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:



Chairman Terri D. Fortner



Chairman Pro-Tem Steve Lanier



John T. Beckstead



Glojean Todacheene



Michael Sullivan

ATTEST:



Tanya Shelby, County Clerk

