

**San Juan County Commission
Regular Meeting
April 19, 2022**

Chairman Fortner called the San Juan County Commission meeting to order on April 19, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers located in the County Administration Building, 100 S. Oliver Drive, Aztec, New Mexico. Chairman Pro-Tem Lanier gave the invocation and Commissioner Beckstead led the Pledge of Allegiance. Those present were:

CHAIRMAN	Terri D. Fortner
CHAIRMAN PRO-TEM	Steve Lanier
MEMBER	John T. Beckstead
MEMBER	GloJean Todacheene- ABSENT
MEMBER	Michael Sullivan- VIA PHONE
CHIEF DEPUTY ASSESSOR	John Kuhn
CLERK	Tanya Shelby
UNDERSHERIFF	Cory Tanner
COUNTY MANAGER	Mike Stark
DEPUTY COUNTY MANAGER	Jim Cox
ATTORNEY	Joe Sawyer
DEPUTY ATTORNEY	Ellen Wayne
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	Kim Martin
PARKS & FACILITIES ADMINISTRATOR	Daniel Hill
PARKS & FACILITIES DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR	Steven Dansie
PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATOR	Nick Porell
ADULT DETENTION ADMINISTRATOR	Daniel Webb
FIRE CHIEF	John Mohler
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES DIRECTOR	Su Hodgman

VISITORS:

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Chairman Fortner recognized Mayor Mike Padilla and Mayor Pro-Tem Ken George of the City of Aztec.

Regular Meeting

Approval of Agenda

Mike Stark, County Manager, stated that there is one change to the agenda. New Business Item #1 will be presented by Chairman Fortner. A motion was made by Chairman Pro-Tem Lanier, seconded by Commissioner Beckstead to approve the agenda as amended. Upon voice vote this motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval for Regular Meeting Minutes of April 5, 2022
2. Approval for Finance Check Registers for March 2022
3. Approval for Treasurer Check Register for March 2022
4. Approval of Resolution No. 21-22-57, Setting Annual Cannabis Establishment Permit Fees
5. Renewal of Proposal No. 20-21-12, Pharmaceutical Care with Contract Pharmacy Services of Warrington, PA
6. Renewal of Bid No. 20-21-14, Price Agreement for the Production of Type II Base Course to C & J Gravel Products, Inc. of Durango, CO
7. Renewal of Proposal No. 19-20-21, Employee Benefits Program Administration-Major Medical to Tall Tree Administrators
8. Approval to Proclaim the Month of May 2022 as Motorcycle Awareness Month

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

New Business

1. **Consideration of Approval to Proclaim the Month of April 2022 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month**

Chairman Fortner stated that Commissioner Todacheene requested a Proclamation recognizing April 2022 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. This year's theme is "Building Safe Online Spaces Together." Chairman Fortner read the proclamation aloud:

PROCLAMATION

**PROCLAIMING APRIL 2022 AS
"SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH"**

WHEREAS, nationally nearly 44 percent of women and 25 percent of men will experience some form of sexual violence in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, Sexual Assault Awareness Month draws attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and has implications for every community member; and

WHEREAS, there is compelling evidence that we can be successful in reducing sexual violence through prevention education, increased awareness, and holding perpetrators who commit acts of violence responsible for their actions; and

WHEREAS, we must work together to educate our community about what can be done to prevent sexual assault and how to support survivors; and

WHEREAS, anyone can be a leader in preventing and ending sexual violence. As employers, educators, parents, and friends, we all have an obligation to uphold the basic principle that every individual should be free from violence and fear; and

WHEREAS, harassment, cyberbullying, sexual abuse, and exploitation have come to be expected as typical and unavoidable behaviors online; and

WHEREAS, the theme for Sexual Assault Awareness Month this year is "Building Safe Online Spaces Together," we encourage every person to help build online communities centered on respect, inclusion, and safety -- where harassment, assault, and abuse are taken seriously. Not only do we believe that together we can build a safer online world, but we also believe that these values, skills, and actions will create communities that thrive online and offline.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of San Juan County, New Mexico, does hereby proclaim the month of April 2022 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in San Juan County, to keep our community members safe from this crime, to stand with victims and survivors, and to acknowledge that assaults cause severe physical, psychological, and emotional trauma.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sullivan, seconded by Commissioner Beckstead to approve to Proclaim the Month of April 2022 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Upon voice vote this motion passed unanimously.

2. Consideration of Approval to Proclaim the Month of May 2022 as Mental Health Awareness Month

Gretchen Potter, Chair of the San Juan Safe Communities Mental Health Task Force, requested that San Juan County issue a proclamation declaring May 2022 Mental Health Awareness Month. Ms. Potter read the proclamation aloud:

PROCLAMATION

**Proclaiming May 2022 as
"Make it OK-Mental Health Awareness Month"**

WHEREAS mental health is essential to everyone's overall health and well-being; and

WHEREAS there is a proven connection between good mental health and overall personal health; and

WHEREAS mental illnesses are real and prevalent in our county regardless of socioeconomic boundaries; and

WHEREAS stigma and fear of discrimination keep many who would benefit from mental health services from seeking help; and

WHEREAS education is an effective way to reduce the stigma of mental health illnesses; and

WHEREAS, about 2 million people with mental illness are booked into jails every year. Many because they did not get the treatment they needed: and

WHEREAS we encourage our citizens to get help for mental illnesses and to understand it is as important to treat as any other illnesses, such as diabetes or heart disease; and

WHEREAS people with mental illnesses recover if given the necessary services and supports in their communities; and

WHEREAS people with mental illnesses make important contributions to our families, our workplaces, our schools, and our communities; and

WHEREAS good mental health is critical to the well-being and economic viability of our families, communities, schools, and businesses; and

WHEREAS greater public awareness about mental illnesses can change negative attitudes and behaviors toward people with mental illnesses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of San Juan County, New Mexico, does hereby proclaim the month of May 2022 as Make It OK Month-Mental Health Awareness Month. I also call upon all San Juan County citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, and schools to recommit our community to increasing awareness and understanding of mental health, reducing stigma and discrimination, and promoting appropriate and accessible services for all people with mental illnesses.

Ms. Potter invited the Commission to two upcoming events:

April 29th- Annual Pro-Social Event- Hay Bales and Cow Bells at the Farmington Civic Center from 6 pm to 9 pm

June 11th- NAMI Walks New Mexico to raise monies for mental health advocacy. San Juan County will be joining a virtual event.

A motion was made by Commissioner Beckstead, seconded by Chairman Pro-Tem Lanier to approve to Proclaim the Month of May 2022 as Mental Health Awareness Month. Upon voice vote this motion passed unanimously.

3. **Consideration of Approval of Resolution No. 21-22-58, in Support of a NM Economic Development Department, Outdoor Recreation Division Trails+ Grant Application for the Lower Animas Valley Recreation Trail**

Nick Porell, Public Works Director, indicated that the New Mexico Economic Development Department Outdoor Recreation Division (ORD) is now accepting applications for the 2022 Outdoor Recreation Trails+ Grant program. The ORD grant has a \$100,000 maximum award value for local projects and a \$500,000 maximum award value for regional projects with a required 1:1 local match. In-kind match contributions are acceptable. Staff representing the City of Farmington, City of Aztec, and San Juan County began to collectively discuss the potential of converting the former Denver & Rio Grande Western Railroad right of way between Farmington and Aztec to a recreation trail in November 2019, which has now been dubbed the Lower Animas Valley Recreation Trail. The project is included in the current San Juan County ICIP as a 2026 priority and in the San Juan County Strategic Plan also as a 2026 priority. Staff from San

Juan County, the City of Aztec and the City of Farmington have collectively prepared a grant application for participation in the program. The application as prepared is for planning and design funds to complete the requisite engineering, surveying, environmental, cultural, and public outreach as required for the design phase of the project. The grant application is for \$250,000 as a regional project with a required \$250,000 local match. Local match is to be split equitably between the participating entities of San Juan County, City of Aztec, and the City of Farmington. Grant applications for the program are being accepted on a rolling cycle with review of applications beginning in May and quarterly thereafter. A motion was made by Commissioner Beckstead, seconded by Chairman Pro-Tem Lanier to approve Resolution No. 21-22-58, in Support of a NM Economic Development Department, Outdoor Recreation Division Trails+ Grant Application for the Lower Animas Valley Recreation Trail. Upon voice vote this motion passed unanimously.

4. Consideration of Approval to Increase Staff, Equipment and Supplies to Provide Senior Meals Previously Provided by the Aztec Senior Center

Mike Stark, County Manager, explained that the County has an agreement with the City of Aztec to provide seniors that reside within the County boundary 7 meals for week (approximately 24,752 meals per year). The City agreed to provide these meals, on behalf of the County, as it was operationally more feasible to do so from the Aztec Senior Center. Recently, the City Manager, Paul Eckert, expressed to Mr. Stark that the City desired to no longer provide the services agreed upon. Mr. Stark introduced Mike Padilla, Mayor, City of Aztec. Mayor Padilla, on behalf of the City Commission, indicated that the City of Aztec would like to continue with the agreement to provide meals through FY2023 with the County budget adjustment from \$4,000 to \$10,000 to assist in fuel costs of delivery and requested that this line item is retracted. The Commission asked various questions and made various comments. A motion was made by Chairman Pro-Tem Lanier, seconded by Commissioner Beckstead to rescind the request to Increase Staff, Equipment and Supplies to Provide Senior Meals Previously Provided by the Aztec Senior Center. Upon voice vote this motion passed unanimously.

Report from County Manager

Mike Stark provided the agenda to New Mexico Summer Conference to the Commission. Mr. Stark also announced the following events at the Magee Park Convention Center:

- Employer Roundtable Discussion will be held May 3rd from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- San Juan County Employment Event, May the Workforce Be With You, will be held May 4th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Reports From Elected Officials And Department Heads

None

Comments / Input From The General Public

None

Closed Executive Session

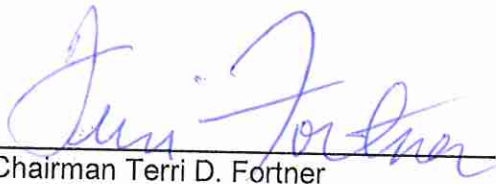
A motion was made by Commissioner Beckstead, seconded by Chairman Pro-Tem Lanier to go into closed executive session to discuss the County Manager Evaluation. Upon voice vote this motion passed unanimously. Upon return a motion was made by Commissioner Beckstead, seconded by Chairman Pro-Tem Lanier to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

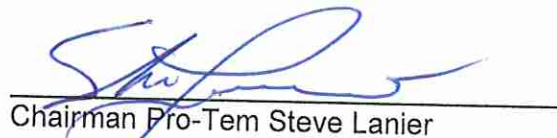
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Being no further business, Chairman Fortner adjourned the meeting at 4:52 p.m.

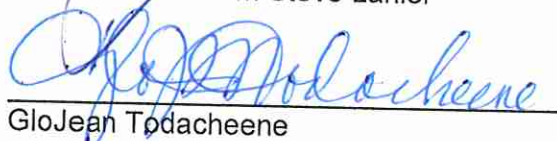
APPROVED THIS 3RD DAY OF MAY 2022

BY THE SAN JUAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

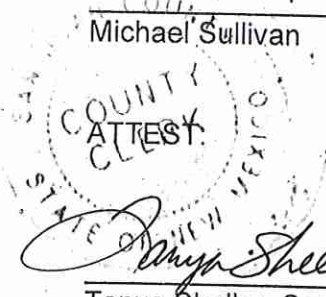

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