

**San Juan County Commission
Regular Meeting
December 20, 2022**

Chairman Fortner called the San Juan County Commission meeting to order on December 20, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers located in the County Administration Building, 100 S. Oliver Drive, Aztec, New Mexico. Commissioner Beckstead gave the invocation and Commissioner Todacheene led the Pledge of Allegiance. Those present were:

CHAIRMAN	Terri D. Fortner
CHAIRMAN PRO-TEM	Steve Lanier
MEMBER	John T. Beckstead
MEMBER	GloJean Todacheene
MEMBER	Michael Sullivan
CHIEF DEPUTY ASSESSOR	John Kuhn
CLERK	Tanya Shelby
COUNTY MANAGER	Mike Stark
DEPUTY COUNTY MANAGER	Jim Cox
ATTORNEY	Joe Sawyer
DEPUTY ATTORNEY	Ellen Wayne
RISK MANAGER	Cynthia Singleton
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	Kim Martin
FIRE CHIEF	John Mohler
DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF	David Vega
DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF	Donovan Mack
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR	Michele Truby-Tillen
CHIEF IS OFFICER	Keith Lund
HOUSING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	Charlotte Stanley
PUBLIC RELATIONS & FILM MANAGER	Devin Neeley
VISITORS:	21

Chairman Fortner recognized Commissioner Elect, Gary McDaniel and Commissioner Sullivan's family.

Presentation

1. FEMA Managing Officer Program Recognition

John Mohler, Fire Chief, recognized Division Chief Tony Herrera for his achievements and as the recipient of the FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) Managing Officer Certificate. The National Fire Academy's (NFA's) Managing Officer Program is a multiyear curriculum that introduces emerging emergency services leaders to personal and professional skills in change management, risk reduction and adaptive leadership. Division Chief Herrera thanked the Commission, Mike Stark, and Chief Mohler for their continued support.

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Approval of Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of December 6, 2022
2. Approval of Treasurer Check Register for November 2022
3. Approval of Finance Check Registers for November 2022
4. Approval of FY23 Budget Adjustment #7 – Resolution No. 22-23-33

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

New Business

1. **Consideration of Preliminary Plat for Little Creek Subdivision, Phase VIII Replat "A"**

Michele Truby-Tillen, Community Development Director, indicated that the proposed subdivision consists of 10.98 acres being divided into 48 lots and is located at the extensions of Soaring Eagle Dr. and Sparrowhawk Dr., adjacent to the city limits of Farmington. The developer's engineer has responded to the concerns of San Juan County Public Works, San Juan County Fire & Rescue, New Mexico Environment Department, San Juan Soil and Water Conservation District, the Office of the State Engineer, and the New Mexico Department of Transportation. The streets and other public infrastructure are to be constructed to the City of Farmington's standards and will be maintained by the Farmington Community Works Department. Farmington Planning & Zoning Commission approved the preliminary plat, and a public hearing was conducted by the County on December 12, 2022. A motion was made by Commissioner Sullivan, seconded by Commissioner Beckstead to approve the Preliminary Plat for Little Creek Subdivision, Phase VIII Replat "A. Upon voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

2. **City of Farmington's All Ability Park Update**

Shana Reeves, City of Farmington Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Director, announced that a schematic design of the All-Ability Park was adopted and approved in October; the City Council has allocated funds to advance with the construction documents for Phase 1 and Phase 2. Rachele Crosby, Park Planner, presented an overview of the schematic design of the park which will be located on the old Tibbetts Middle School property. The purpose of the project is to

create a space to allow people of all ages and abilities to gather. The design includes the following:

- Traditional elements such as courts, open fields, and play structures
- Therapeutic play equipment
- Wheelchair accessible swings
- Large play areas, stages, dog areas, music sound area
- Hammocks
- Restroom facilities
- .5-mile track loop

Commissioner Beckstead asked what the existing building would be used for. Ms. Crosby stated that the building will be retrofitted for physicians to facilitate therapeutic services and allow the public to rent or reserve space for gatherings. Marilyn Montoya, Tibbetts All Abilities Park (TAAP) Foundation, gave a brief overview of the costs of wheelchair accessible equipment and the various entities that have donated toward the equipment for the park. Ms. Montoya requested funding in support of the park. Chairman Pro-Tem Lanier asked if applications for grants have been submitted. Ms. Montoya and Ms. Reeves indicated that they have submitted applications for grants in addition to the Resilient Park access grant \$500,000 received and Capital Outlay funding.

Report from County Manager

Mike Stark reported the following:

- Judge Dalley will be swearing in newly elected officials on December 29th at 4:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers.
- San Juan County will be receiving the Audit and Accountability Award
- The Gold King Mine Grant awarded the County \$848,840.57.

Reports From Elected Officials And Department Heads

Bonnie Hopkins Byers, Program Director of the New Mexico State University Extension Office, announced that the extension office received a grant of \$934,402 which will be used for the Growing Forward Farm, Training Program Coordinator, equipment, and a Greenhouse Program Coordinator.

The Commission thanked Commissioner Sullivan for his many years of service to San Juan County. Commissioner Sullivan thanked everyone for their support.

Comments / Input From The General Public

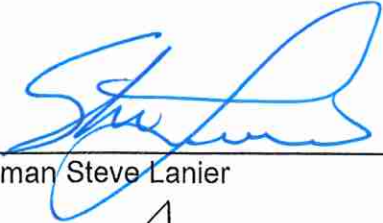
None

Adjourn

Being no further business, Chairman Fortner adjourned the meeting at 4:47 p.m.

APPROVED THIS 31ST DAY OF JANUARY 2023

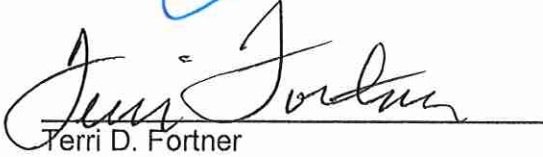
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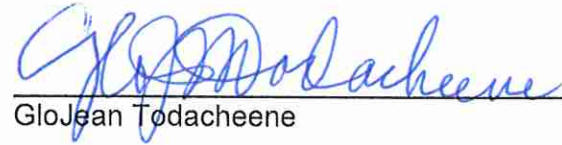
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