

San Juan County Commission
Regular Meeting
May 21, 2024

Chairman Beckstead called the San Juan County Commission meeting to order on May 21, 2024, at 4:02 p.m. in the Commission Chambers located in the County Administration Building, 100 S. Oliver Drive, Aztec, New Mexico. Commissioner Lanier gave the invocation and Mike Stark led the Pledge of Allegiance. Those present were:

CHAIRMAN	John T. Beckstead
CHAIRMAN PRO-TEM	Terri D. Fortner
MEMBER	Steve Lanier
MEMBER	GloJean Todacheene
MEMBER	Gary McDaniel
CHIEF DEPUTY ASSESSOR	John Kuhn
TREASURER	Carol Taulbee
SHERIFF	Shane Ferrari
UNDERSHERIFF	Cory Tanner
COUNTY MANAGER	Mike Stark
DEPUTY COUNTY MANAGER	Steven Saavedra
ATTORNEY	Joe Sawyer
DEPUTY ATTORNEY	Ellen Wayne
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR	Dawn Knuppel
DEPUTY CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	Travis Sisco
PARKS & FACILITIES DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR	Michelle Murray
ADULT DETENTION ADMINISTRATOR	Daniel Webb
ADULT DETENTION CENTER DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR	Thomas Paul
FIRE CHIEF	David Vega
DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF	John Gilbert
DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF	Donovan Mack
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR	Michele Truby-Tillen
HOUSING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	Charlotte Stanley
PUBLIC RELATIONS & FILM MANAGER	Devin Neeley
PROJECT MANAGER	Porter Smith
PRESS: Tri-City Record	David Albright
VISITORS:	16

Regular Meeting

Approval of Agenda

Mike Stark, County Manager, stated that there were no changes to the agenda. A motion was made by Chairman Pro-Tem Fortner, seconded by Commissioner Lanier to approve the agenda as presented. Upon voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for April 16, 2024
2. Approval of Regular Meeting/Budget Workshop Minutes for May 7, 2024
3. Approval of Treasurer Check Register for April 2024
4. Approval of Finance Check Registers for April 2024
5. Approval of FY2024 Budget Adjustment #14-Resolution No. 23-24-64
6. Approval of Award of Bid No. 23-24-25, CR3 350 Metal Bridge Rail Surface Preparation and Coating to TMI Coatings, Inc. of St. Paul, MN
7. Renewal of Proposal No. 20-21-12, Comprehensive Inmate Medical, Mental Health and Pharmaceutical Care with Well Path of Nashville, TN and Pharmaceutical Care and Contract Pharmacy Services of Warrington, PA
8. Renewal of Proposal No. 22-23-31, Medical Direction for Fire & Rescue Services to EMSDOCS, LLC and Disaster and Emergency Medicine, LLC of Farmington, NM
9. Renewal of Bid No. 21-22-25, Price Agreement for the Purchase of Asphalt Emulsions and Associated Products to HollyFrontier Refining & Marketing, LLC of Albuquerque, NM
10. Renewal of Bid No. 21-22-22, Price Agreement for Automotive and Heavy Equipment Repairs and Repair Parts to 5 Vendors: Inland Group, Largo Tank, O'Reilly Auto Parts, Webb Auto and Ziems Ford
11. Renewal of Bid No. 22-23-27, Price Agreement for the Purchase of Traffic Marking Paint to Allstates Coatings Company of Gladewater, TX and Diamond Vogel, Inc. of Orange City, IA
12. Approval of the Ratification of the Annual 2024 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP)
13. Approval of the Submission of the Annual 2024 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG)
14. Approval of the Proclamation Declaring May 2024 as Motorcycle Awareness Month

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

New Business

1. Presentation on 100% San Juan County

Barb Tedrow, Early Childhood Sector Leader, and Kathy Price, 100% San Juan County Coordinator presented the following information to the Commission:

- The 100% San Juan County initiative, based on the New Mexico State University program- Anna, Age Eight Institute, is to provide San Juan County with a collaborative process for transforming under-resourced communities into fully-resourced environments, creating local access to services described in the book 100% Community.
- Mission- Strengthening public health, public safety, and public education by aligning with various entities, advocating on behalf of families, and amplifying outreach to notify the community of the resources available
- Received a donation of \$100,000 supporting the development of the One Stop Family Resource Center which will be located at Presbyterian Medical Services in Farmington

- San Juan County Family Services Directory connects citizens with 300+ vital services
- Aztec Mural Project- public awareness projects and education involving arts

The Commission asked various questions.

2. Presentation on City of Bloomfield Proposed Annexation

George Duncan, Bloomfield City Manager, requested input from the County Commission on the City of Bloomfield proposed annexation of private land, owned by Danny Beyhan, Managing Member of MM 150, LLC. The property is located on South Bloomfield Blvd and Industrial Parkway in Bloomfield; 1.78 acres of that parcel is within the County and .66 acres is within the city limits of Bloomfield. The Bloomfield City Council approved the annexation unanimously on May 13, 2024. Staff anticipates a loss of Gross Receipts tax but is unable to obtain an exact dollar amount due to State Taxation and Revenue privacy constraint; also impacting the Fire Excise tax and Solid Waste Fund. The Commission asked various questions.

3. Consideration of Application for Variance from San Juan County Cannabis Regulation Ordinance No. 120 for High River Cannabis, LLC

Michele Truby-Tillen, Community Development Director, indicated that High River Cannabis LLC submitted a Variance Petition Application to the Community Development Department on March 21, 2024, seeking a variance from the minimum separation distance from a residence requirement in Section 3(A) of Ordinance No. 120 for the life of the business. High River Cannabis desires to start a two-acre outdoor cannabis grow operation within a fenced area located at 22 Road 2237 in Aztec, NM. The proposed grow operation is within 300 feet of one (1) residence measuring 147 feet from the proposed fence. A public hearing was held before hearing officer Douglas A. Echols on April 22, 2024, and was not opposed at the hearing by the resident within 300 feet of the proposed grow operation. A second neighbor, who's residence was originally within 300 feet until Petitioner revised his plan by moving the proposed fence more than 300 feet away from this second residence, no longer requiring a variance from this residence, appeared at the hearing expressing concern about the potential smell. No negative comments were received by the Community Development Department. Hearing Officer Echols submitted written findings and conclusions and recommends the request for variance be granted. Joe Sawyer, County Attorney, announced that the Commission will only be relying on evidence gathered at the original variance hearing so as not to violate the due process rights of parties involved. Commissioner Todacheene asked if the issue of potential smell was addressed. Ms. Truby-Tillen indicated that upon discussion between the parties involved that the petitioner agreed to address the issue if it occurs. A motion was made by Commissioner Lanier, seconded by Commissioner Todacheene to approve the Application for Variance from San Juan County Cannabis Regulation Ordinance No. 120 for High River Cannabis, LLC. Upon voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

4. Consideration of Proposed FY2025 Interim Budget

Travis Sisco, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, explained that upon approval by the Commission, the FY2025 interim budget will be submitted electronically to the Department of Finance and

Administration (DFA) by June 1, 2024, for approval. DFA will approve the interim budget by July 1, 2024, and will become a legal binding document until the final budget is approved. The final budget is due to DFA by July 31, 2024. After approval of the interim budget, additional County Commission changes can be addressed in the final budget which will be presented for approval in July. The final approval from DFA will be received by September 6, 2024. Budget adjustments can subsequently be made as operations demand changes throughout the fiscal year. Mr. Sisco highlighted the following:

- Upon reevaluation of the GRT Revenues there was an increase of 1.28% to the 3.9% that was presented during the workshop: increase of \$615,220
- San Juan County Museum funding was increased by \$5,000 to meet the funding request
- Market study findings, 1% COLA, and certified employees of the Sheriff's Office will receive a 3% wage adjustment; impact to the budget is \$1,524,787

The Commission made various comments. A motion was made by Commissioner Lanier, seconded by Chairman Pro-Tem Fortner to approve the Proposed FY2025 Interim Budget. Upon voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

Report from County Manager

Mike Stark reported the following:

- Totah Subdivision Water and Wastewater System groundbreaking ceremony will be held on June 3 at 3:00 p.m.
- Update on the application for the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Grant
- June 11th at 4:00 p.m. is the only Commission Meeting for the month of June

Reports From Elected Officials And Department Heads

Daniel Webb, Adult Detention Administrator, thanked the Commission for the approval of the market survey increase.

David Vega, Fire Chief, announced that the San Juan County Fire Station was awarded funding for the purchase of a fire truck to serve the Southeast part of the County.

Nick Porell, Public Works Administrator, updated the Commission on the recent Lower Animas Valley Recreation Trail public information meeting. Mr. Porell stated the community can email concerns/comments to lavrt@sjcounty.net through June 1st.

Commissioner Todacheene announced the following:

- Larry Baker, San Juan County Museum Executive Director received a Lifetime Achievement Award on May 17th in Santa Fe. Mr. Baker will be retiring after 31 years of service; his retirement celebration will be held on June 8th from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Salmon Ruins.
- Human Trafficking Awareness Conference will be held on May 29th at the Farmington Civic Center

Chairman Pro-Tem Fortner announced that the San Juan Rotary Club Healing Field flags will be displayed May 24th-27th at the Boys and Girls Club in Farmington in honor of fallen or injured Veterans.

Comments / Input From The General Public

Joseph Pope, on behalf of the Riverfest Foundation Board and River Reach Foundation, invited the community to the annual Riverfest which is May 24th-26th and thanked Mike Stark, County Manager, and the Commission for their support. Mr. Pope also stated that he is in support of the Lower Animas Valley Recreation Trail.

Bob and Gloria Lehmer, Board Members of the River Reach Foundation, stated that the River Reach Foundation is in support of the Lower Animas Valley Recreation Trail.

Linda Corwin, citizen, communicated that the MIT Election Data and Science Lab Elections Performance Index, ranked New Mexico's 2022 Election the most well-run in the country. The metrics measured voter wait times/turnout, voter registration rates, and election audits, etc. Ms. Corwin, commended Tanya Shelby, County Clerk, for her commitment.

Adjourn

Being no further business, Chairman Beckstead adjourned the meeting at 5:09 p.m.

APPROVED THIS 11TH DAY OF JUNE 2024

BY THE SAN JUAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:



Chairman John T. Beckstead



Chairman Pro-Tem Terri D. Fortner



Steve Lanier



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Tanya Shelby, County Clerk