

SAN JUAN COUNTY, COLORADO
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING AGENDA

November 24, 2021

Due to the continuing COVID-19 emergency, San Juan County meetings will be conducted in a hybrid virtual/in-person format. All persons including Board Members, Staff and those with appointments scheduled on the agenda may meet in person or via zoom. Both the vaccinated and unvaccinated are strongly encouraged to wear a mask. We encourage community members to participate via zoom. The information necessary to connect to the public meeting is listed below.

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 P.M.

BOCC Meeting Minutes for November 12, 2021

APPOINTMENT

6:40 P.M. Public Hearing 2022 Proposed Budget

7:30 P.M. Louis Girodo, County Road Supervisor

8:00 P.M. Possible Executive Session to Receive Advice from the Attorney

CORRESPONDENCE

BPMD Update

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Ouray Ice Park-Request for Letter of Support

Request For Letter in Opposition to BLM Sheep Allotments

2020 Audit

Public Comment

Commissioner and Staff Reports

Next Regular Meeting – December 15, 2021 8:30 A.M.

Join Zoom Meeting

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SAN JUAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2021
AT 8:30 A.M.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pro Tem Austin Lashley. Chairman Scott Fetchenhier and Commissioners Ernie Kuhlman were present via Zoom. Administrator William Tookey was also present.

Payment of Bills: Commissioner Kuhlman moved to authorize payment of the warrants as presented. Commissioner Fetchenhier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimous.

Minutes: Commissioner Fetchenhier moved to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Kuhlman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimous.

Public Health Director Becky Joyce, Emergency Manager Jim Donovan and PIO DeAnne Gallegos were present to provide the Commissioners with a COVID 19 update.

Resolution 2021-08 To Reauthorize the County Emergency Operations Plan was presented to the Commissioners for the consideration. Commissioner Fetchenhier moved to approve Resolution 2021-08 as presented. Commissioner Kuhlman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimous.

Social Services Director Martha Johnson was present to provide the Commissioners with an update from Social Services. Commissioner Fetchenhier moved to approve Transmittal #8 in the amount of 7339.32 and Transmittal #9 in the amount of 7070.50. Commissioner Kuhlman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimous.

Jeremy Fox representing San Miguel Power Association was present to provide the Commissioners with an update on the extended power outage, to explain how SMPA and Tri-State responded to the power outage and to explain what redundancies were built into the system to minimize extended outages.

The Treasurer's monthly report was presented to the Commissioners for their review.

Administrator Tookey provided the Commissioners with a sales tax update.

It was the consensus of the Commissioners to schedule a work session on the afternoon of December 15th to discuss OHVs

Planning Director Lisa Adair presented the Commissioners with her staff report.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 A.M.

The 2022 Preliminary Budget work session began at 11:40 A.M. and was completed at 2:05 P.M.

Scott Fetchenhier, Chairman

Ladonna L. Jaramillo, County Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a proposed budget has been submitted to the Board of County Commissioners for the ensuing year of 2022; that a copy of such proposed budget has been filed in the office of the San Juan County Clerk, where same is open for public inspection; and that a public hearing on such proposed budget will be held at a meeting of the Board of County Commissioners at the San Juan County Courthouse on Wednesday November 24, 2021 at 6:40 PM.

Any interested elector of San Juan County may inspect the proposed budget and file or register any objection thereto at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget scheduled to occur on December 15, 2021.

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Bonita Peak Mining District Update

Fall 2021



COLORADO
Department of Public
Health & Environment



<http://www.epa.gov/superfund/bonita-peak>

Site Announcements

- EPA has published a StoryMap experience website for the Bonita Peak Mining District Superfund site. This website will navigate through pages to give you a complete look at the site. Webpages include background and site information, 2019 IROD sites with planned and completed project information, priority reach information and ecological data, and an in-depth look at the Gladstone water treatment plant. See [New on the Web](#).

Site Updates

Anglo Saxon Mine

- EPA and its contractors have concluded work at the Anglo Saxon Mine in early October. This work included re-routing the adit discharge around and away from waste rock piles and removing sediment from the existing upper pond. The sediments were successfully removed from the upper pond and stabilized on top of the waste rock pile and flow was restored to the pond. Next year, the culvert to the pond must be adjusted to ensure efficient redirection of mine influenced water into the pond.

Mammoth Tunnel

- EPA and its contractors concluded 2021 planned work at the Mammoth Tunnel in early October. Work included reconstructing the adit drainage channel with concrete cloth. Additionally, sediments from the lower pond were stabilized and staged in an interim sludge storage. Future work includes collaborating with the BLM to move toward a single-pond solution and improve the lower portion of the MIW drainage path.



Before and after of Mammoth adit discharge. The discharge has been redirected to a culvert under county road and around waste rock.

Bandora Mine

- EPA has collected geophysical data to evaluate stability and the presence of water behind the collapsed adit. A number of attempts to drill into the workings failed due to lack of accurate and recent mine maps. Work completed this season includes improvements to mining influenced water (MIW) diversion (liner, re-route), culvert installation under CR 7, and installation of lined settling ponds which currently add over 11 hours of retention time to the MIW. In a separate effort, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Restoration of Abandoned Mine Sites (RAMS) program conducted additional geophysical and drone work at this location. This work was delayed from 2020. Next year, EPA plans to attempt to install a well into the mine once again using updated information about the location of the workings.

Terry Tunnel

- In September EPA finished the de-watering of the Terry Tunnel and re-opened County Road 25. In October EPA finished lining the new channel and stabilizing the portal structure through to the bulkhead. Next year, EPA will regrade and re-vegetate disturbed areas.

Goals 2/3 Evaluation

- In 2019 EPA established three main sitewide goals to support the overarching purpose for our work to minimize the human and ecological risks at the BPMD site. The three goals are:
 - Water quality improvements in four priority reaches
 - Stabilize source areas, with a focus on solid media
 - Minimize unplanned releases
- For Goals 2 and 3 EPA has partnered with the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (DRMS) to complete a survey of adits in the mining district to identify those that might pose a risk of an unplanned release. In September DRMS completed that survey and assessment and will provide a report to EPA in winter 2021/2022.



Site team completing Goals 2/3 inspection at Paradise Mine

Frisco Bagley Mine Notifications

- EPA posted the data collected from the Frisco Bagley Mine burp on the website. The data indicated that there was no sedimentation seen at or below the town of Silverton, Colorado. Please visit our website to view the data package and additional summary information.

New on the Web

- [Frisco Bagley Mine Data Package \(PDF\)](https://semspub.epa.gov/src/document/08/100011020) (19 pp, 3.8 MB)
<https://semspub.epa.gov/src/document/08/100011020>
- [Experience the Bonita Peak StoryMap »](https://storymaps.arcgis.com/collections/e34d136ea58242f68ec12bd2a04acf8c)
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November 24, 2021

To Whom It May Concern:

San Juan County would like to express our full support for the Ouray Ice Park's climbing event series.

San Juan County is connected to Ouray County by our tourist related economy and via Red Mountain Pass. A 23 mile stretch of the scenic Million Dollar Highway and portion of the San Juan Scenic Byway provides an economic pipeline between the Towns of Silverton and Ouray. It also provides endless access to year-round motorized and non-motorized backcountry recreation. We are confident that the Ice Climbing Park's event series will help to increase traffic and provide much needed additional customers to our restaurants and gift shops during the slow winter season. Such an event will also showcase the region and the incredible opportunities for all the winter recreation that is available.

There has always been a general sense of caution when considering a new winter event and the pandemic has increased that caution. The region is difficult to travel to and the weather is unpredictable between November and May. However, the opportunity for our region to host a new event of this magnitude is rare and we strongly encourage the Office of economic Development and International Trade to fully support the Ouray Ice Park's grant proposal.

Sincerely,

Scott Fetchenhier, Chairman
San Juan County Board of Commissioners



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Re: Support for closing high-risk domestic sheep allotments managed by the BLM Gunnison Field Office to protect highly valued bighorn sheep.

Jon Kaminsky, Field Manager
BLM Gunnison Field Office
210 West Spencer Ave. Suite A.,
Gunnison, Colorado, 81230

Dear Field Manager Kaminsky,

The San Juan County Commissioners would like to state our opposition to the Bureau of Land Management's proposed decision to continue grazing high-risk domestic sheep allotments in the project area – which includes some of the highest quality and contiguous bighorn habitat in the lower 48 states – located in San Juan, San Miguel, Ouray, Gunnison, and Hinsdale counties, for the following reasons:

- The BLM's decision to continue to allow grazing these high-risk allotments is not based on best available science as presented in detail by Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) in the decision process.
- The BLM's decision does not adhere to the agency's MS-1730 policy which requires effective separation of the species, but rather relies on unproven and untested best management practices (BMPs) to prevent a spillover disease event.
- The BLM's decision appears to reflect the agency's determination to maintain the status quo for domestic sheep grazing, which jeopardizes the future of highly valued bighorn sheep on public lands.
- Time is of the essence. The risk of a catastrophic disease spillover event from lack of effective separation of the species in the project area is very high, as demonstrated by data collected by CPW and historical disease events.

We ask that the BLM re-evaluate the current decision and recommend closure of all high-risk allotments under review by the Gunnison Field Office. Choosing to not issue any final decision on this analysis is not an option, as the BLM's own analysis recognizes the very high risk posed to bighorn sheep under current management.

Sincerely,

Scott Fetchenhier, Chairman
San Juan County Board of Commissioners



Willy Tenkey <admin@sanjuancolorado.us>

Next Vaccine Bus will be Tuesday Dec 7th 1-6pm

2 messages

SJC CO Office of Emergency Management <pio@sanjuancolorado.us>
Reply-To: pio@sanjuancolorado.us
To: administrator@sanjuancolorado.us

Tue, Nov 23, 2021 at 12:55 PM



November 23, 2021

**COLORADO VACCINE MOBILE BUS WILL BE IN SILVERTON AGAIN ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7TH, 1-6PM LOCATED AT MINER'S HOSPITAL.
STAY HOME IF SICK AND AVOID LARGE INDOOR GATHERINGS**

Silverton, CO: As many of us are planning to gather with loved ones this Thanksgiving, it is still important to do everything possible to keep each other safe from COVID-19, even if you are fully vaccinated. Anyone can be exposed to COVID-19. The 7-day average of people dying from this virus in the U.S is 1,418 a day.

Get your COVID-19 vaccine or booster (next clinic in Silverton is Dec 7th) and follow basic public health protocols to protect yourself. Wear a mask, wash your hands, keep your distance, and open doors and windows for better ventilation if weather allows. Ask your guests to get tested for COVID-19 a day or two before your gathering, especially if unvaccinated.

For more tips on celebrating safely this year visit, covid19.colorado.gov/winter-holiday-guidance.

NEXT COVID-19 VACCINE CLINIC:
THE COLORADO VACCINATION BUS WILL BE IN SILVERTON TUESDAY, DEC 7th which is available to ANYONE 6 months after your last MRNA vaccine or 2 months after J&J vaccine

CDPHE is partnering with SJCPH and Silverton Public School to bring the Colorado Vaccination Bus to Silverton on Tuesday, December 7th from 1-6pm in front of Miner's Hospital. Available vaccines: Pfizer (ages 5 and



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Date: November 19, 2021.

For: November 24 Board of County Commissioners Meeting.

From: Town County Planning Director.

Regarding: Some of the Planning Department Work During the Past Four Weeks.

Update on Recent Town and County Meetings and Projects

- Planning Director has just completed a Land Use Permit for proposed grading/utilities at Cole Ranch Subdivision, for proposed improvements that conform with what was approved in 2001.
- Planning Director is working with the applicant for proposed re-use of the existing P&G mining dry house structure on the Blanche Placer on Highway 550.
- Planning Director is working with the applicant on proposed regrading of existing roads and proposed chain gates at the Old 100 Mine and the Gary Owen Mine.
- Planning Director is working with new Town Planning Department Assistant Clark Thornhill, the applicant, and the Town Public Works Director, on the review of Proposed Town Subdivision, at 5th/Reese, for creating four Townhome mini-Lots.
- Planning Director is working with the new Town Planning Assistant, on a Town Avalanche Hazard Development Permit Use Subject to Review Application, Proposed Generator and Fuel Tank, for backup telecommunications power, at the Town-owned Cell Phone Tower site.
- Planning Director had a site visit and meeting with Town/County/State officials, regarding proposed affordable/attainable housing, to be constructed by the Town, on some of the vacant parcels within the County's Anvil Mountain Subdivision.
- Planning Director is working with other Town/County staff on beginning the upcoming Proposed Annexation of the County's Anvil Mountain Subdivision, which could also potentially involve adjacent parcels being annexed.
- Planning Director is meeting next week with the Town Public Works Director regarding potential infrastructure improvements along 5th Street.
- Planning Director is working with several realtors and future applicants regarding: Town rezoning proposals, in-Town proposed townhomes, several Town and County Proposed RV Parks, several in-Town proposed infrastructure projects on the steeper slopes along the fringes of Town, inquiries regarding several mining claims for sale.
- Planning Director is working with consultants for a proposed single family residence County Improvement Permit Application, on a large Highway 550 parcel, at the southern County line.
- Work is ongoing on many other Town and County projects, in conjunction with Clark Thornhill, Bill MacDougall, John Sites, Willy Tookey, Gloria Kaasch-Buerger, applicants and landowners.
- Please contact me with any questions at: work cell 946-9408 or work email ladair@silverton.co.us

SAN JUAN COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT

Monthly road Maintenance Report

October and November 2021

County road #110 Gladstone, grading, spot repair, patch pothole and rock removal. Haul some gravel on the road and for culvert work. Dig out mud and debris from culvert at the Mayday wall from this summer's mudslide. Removal old rotted and plugged up culvert and installed a new 24" x 50' plastic culvert. Installed new posts and culvert markers along the road for snow removal. Pulled material and ditches from to fill the shoulders along the pavement. Had the contractor at the B&B construction clean up their mess before winter on the outside of the road! Move gravel and dirt on Beaver Hill to a stock pile.

1-772G grader, 29 hours.

2-772G grader, 10 hours.

936 loader, 9 hours.

Int. dump truck, 4 hours.

Pickups, 18 hours.

Labor on culvert and road markers, 6 hours.

Town's Backhoe, 4 hours on culvert.

County road #2 to Eureka, grading, spot repair. Work on road section at the Mill area to widen and ditch repair have been waiting for phone line locates to install new culverts. Move mud slide debris.

772G graders, 17 hours.

936 loader, 17 hours.

Int. dump truck, 3 hours.

Pickups, 10 hours.

70 tons gravel.

County road #14 Brooklyn Mine/ Browns Gulch, Culvert removal and replacement for the Forest Service. Clean some ditches and some switchback work.

D6N tractor, 8 hours.

936 loader, 6 hours.

Int. Dump truck, 4 hours.

Peterbilt truck, 2 hours, haul tractor.

Labor on culvert installation, 2 hours.

County road #15 Mill Creek/ Silver Cloud Mine, clean slough, rocks and fill holes on switchbacks etc.

D6N tractor, 6 hours.

Peterbilt truck, 1 hour.

County road #3B Buffalo Boy Mine, road work, rock removal, fill ruts and cut and fill and clean switchbacks and clean and widen CR-3 and 3B intersection.

D6T tractor, 16 hours.

Pickup, 3 hours.

County road #3 Stony Pass, work on road through the cliffs and down to CR-4 will blade next summer.

D6T tractor, 23 hours.

Pickups, 5 hours.

County road #22 River road remove rocks closure for the winter. Talked to Rusty Melcher about augering out some post holes and install 14' gates!

936 loader, 1 hour.

Pickup, 1 hour.

County road #7 South Mineral, spot repair, beaver dam management. Talked to Pete Merkel ant the Forest Service about the creek and beaver dam that needs to be channeled and removed to save the road. They need to get an Army Corps permit or just permission! Did some minor work to get water of the road without breaching the dam.

2-772G grader, 3 hours.

Pickup, 2 hours.

County road #1 Lime Creek, blade southern end for 1.2 miles. Sent new Contract to Rod Sweet/ Blown Away Snow removal he wants a little more due to fuel and equipment costs. We could got to \$1,400 a month for 5 months or \$7,000 for \$1,350 a month for the last three years we not get done cheaper from anyone!

2-772G grader, 8 hours.

Pickup, 2 hours.

Equipment Maintenance and Repairs, Repair D6T tractor, install snow blades on both graders. New cutting edges, get ready for winter. Shop repairs etc. 78 hours.

County Road #20 Lacawanna Mill. Had to work on road section above the mill to repair and improve road after the BLM dug several ditches or water bars that destroyed that section of road. That was the stupidest thing I have seen in years. We sloped the road to the ditch side and filled the ditches. All of these government dogooders need to stay off of the County roads.

D6T tractor, 15 hours.
