

Saguache County Board of Commissioners met in regular session  
Tuesday, April 15, 2008 with the following present:

Sam Pace, Chairman  
Linda Joseph, Vice Chairman  
Mike Spearman, Commissioner  
Ben Gibbons, County Attorney  
Wendi Maez, Co-Administrator  
Lyn Zimmer, Co-Administrator  
Melinda Myers, Secretary and Clerk to the Board

Meeting called to order by Chairman Pace at 9:07 A.M.

Under Additions or Deletions to the Agenda:

1. Executive session during Attorney report for legal matters.

**Joseph moved to approve the agenda as amended. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

Reading and approval of minutes:

**Spearman moved to approve the minutes of April 8, 2008 as amended. Joseph seconded motion. The vote was three ayes.**

**Spearman moved to set the dates from the June BOCC meetings to June 10, 17 and 24, 2008. Joseph seconded motion. The vote was three ayes.**

Review of Mail:

1. **Eric Karlstrom**, Professor of Geography Water Watch Alliance, sent a booklet of information that he has compiled for their Water Watch Alliance website concerning Lexam Explorations, Inc.'s proposed drilling of three oil/gas test wells in the San Luis Valley. (04/08/08)
2. **The Colorado River Water Conservation District** sent a Notice for the second Regular Quarterly Meeting that will be held April 15-16, 2008 in Glenwood Springs. The meeting will start at 9:00 a.m. (4/08/08)
3. **James O. Cochran**, Gunnison County Sage-grouse Conservation Coordinator sent a brief report of the Gunnison Sage-grouse Conservation Program Quarterly Report. (4/10/08)
4. **The Gunnison Conservation District** sent the Spring Issue 2008 of the Range Rider. (4/10/08)
5. **The Department of the Army Albuquerque District, Corps of Engineers Southern Colorado Regulatory Office**, sent a News Release of Notification of Public Notices. As a cost saving measure they will be sending out only electronic mail notices. An email or written request for continued mailings must be received by April 30, 2008. (4/11/08)

6. **Connie Trujillo**, Saguache County Public Trustee, submitted the March 2008 Public Trustee Report. (4/14/08)
7. **La Puente** sent the “Spring 2008 The Voice of La Puente”. (4/14/08)
8. Sky Fuel Inc. sent a flyer for a meet and greet and cookout during Sky Fuel’s Executive Retreat in Colorado’s San Luis Valley to be held Sunday April 27, 2008 at The Natures Conservancy’s Zapata Ranch, Mosca CO. (4/14/08)
9. The South Central Workforce Center sent the South Central Workforce Board Meeting Agenda for April 16, 2008. (4/14/08)
10. Western State College of Colorado sent information about the 33<sup>rd</sup> Colorado Water Workshop to be held May 14-16, 2008 in Gunnison Colorado. (4/14/08)
11. Oil and Gas letters have been received from David Olf, Robert and Emma Bressman. (4/14/2008)

**Introduction of Guests:** Doug Larsen – Crestone Eagle; Tamar Ellentuck – Town of Crestone; Ted Linvidt – CTSI; Teresa Bennis – Valley Courier; Vickie Olson – Homelake; Frank Muniz – Alamosa VSO; Tom Blunt, Saguache County Veteran’s Officer; Dan Davis – SLV Fair Board.

**Spearman moved to enter into Executive Session at 9:17 A. M. for legal purposes under CRS 24-6-402 (4)(b). Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

**Spearman moved to return to regular session at 9:25 A. M. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

**Commissioners’ Reports-Updates of Meetings:**

**Sam Pace** reported:

- April 10 - Attended a meeting to set up a task force to study the possible annexation of the Baca Grande Subdivision by the Town of Crestone. Representatives from Crestone, Baca Grande Subdivision, Baca Grande Property Owners Assn., Baca Grande Water and Sanitation District, and Saguache County will be invited to the next meeting on April 18, 2008 at 10 am at the Crestone Community Center.
- April 12 - Attended the Channel 9 Health Fair in Saguache. It was well attended and a definite benefit to the county citizens. Also spoke with Dr. Arnett.
- April 14 - Met with R&B Supervisor Arredondo, National Park and US Forest Service representatives to discuss road to the Sand Dunes north entrance and got to for a hike in the sand. Talked briefly with BGPOA Board Chairman John Loll about getting an easement across the greenbelt to save some trees and some distance. The County needs to send a letter to them to formally request this easement.

**Linda Joseph** reported:

- April 9 - Attended the State Emergency Medical & Trauma Advisory Council (SEMTAC) Committee meetings in Denver for RETACs, and for Systems Evaluation, and was elected Vice Chair of the RETAC Committee. We worked on identifying strategic priorities for each committee.
- April 10 - Attended the SEMTAC meeting, with key agenda topics being:

- certification reviews for hospitals for hospitals not able to meet deficiencies revolving around boarded emergency physician, due to recruitment issues.
- hearing reports from the Chair and the eleven SEMTAC Committees
- assignments for the May 13-14 review of applications and decisions on State Emergency Grant awards. Joseph will be able to participate remotely by phone conference for her assigned time on the 14th from 9 am to 12 noon.
- Review of results of a study on the status of preparedness and delivery of pediatric emergency services.
- Results of the strategic priorities of the committees will be compiled into a draft plan and be circulated.

Joseph's SEMTAC term, which was to finish out a term vacated by a previously appointed representative, expires in July. She will be submitting an application to be re-appointed by the Governor, for a three year term.

- April 11 - Attended the Colorado Counties, Inc (CCI) Legislative Committee meetings in Denver. Highlights of various bills previously reported by Commissioner Pace/Departments or for which support positions were determined on the 11th are highlighted in a separate report, attached to these minutes. There is a separate attachment detailing amendments to the Senate Public Health Bill 194.
- Spoke with Gunnison Commissioner Hap Channell about confusion on resolving the Highway 114 Hazmat compliance conflict.
- Continuing to work with Kenny Bertin (WSB) on implementation of the new website and IT features. He has obtained the old site from the previous host. Attached is a report outlining the work in progress.

**Mike Spearman** reported:

- DRG is still working on the location of the Sun station in Saguache County. The site selection for the eventual production site will need lots of research.
- April 17, Thursday at 1:00 is the Baca Public Lands Trail meeting coordinated by Spearman.
- Spoke to Senator Allard office about funds for the road in the Sand Dunes National Park to the parking area.

**Lynn Zimmer and Wendi Maez** - CO-Administrators:

- Library staff has stated that they do not need the big copier that Administration donated to them. County OEM Kimberly Bryant is interested in the copier for the emergency operation center in the Sheriff's office for use there.
- Administration attended the Ethic Training put on by the State Department of Human Service. It was a good training with an excellent presenter, a professor of Arizona State University. The presenter addressed several issues that Saguache County has had recently.
- Charity Martinez has accepted a position with the nursing department so both Land Use and Administration will be hiring for their respective positions.

**Ted Linvidt** – CTSI:

Annual Report on County Workman's Comp and Casualty Property pool for 2007. Saguache County had low loss in both areas. There has been some personnel changes at CTSI and their building had some renovations.

Break

**Wendi Maez** - Land Use Administrator:

**Spearman moved to approve the sale of 1/6 interest in the Vulcan Mining Claim to the Paradox Associates, LTD for \$500.00. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

- Fullmer's/Paradox Associates, LTD have accepted the counter offer for the 1/6 interest in the Vulcan Mining Claim that Saguache County owns. A deed was presented for signature. A check for \$500 has been received.
- The Crestone/Baca Planning Commission appointment letters were signed.
- A letter has been requested from the Baca Grande POA and the Baca Grande Water and Sanitation District concerning the POA dues and Tap fees for the donation of Mobile Home Estates Lots 228 and 229.
- An email has been sent to Dave Michaelson and Steve Mullen regarding the concerns we have with the Master Plan process.
- The park located in the Baca Grande Subdivision was zoned incorrectly in 1996. The zoning should have been Recreation instead of Residential. Maez will prepare a resolution to correct the zoning on this property for the next meeting.

**Ben Gibbons** - County Attorney:

- Working on the Quiet Titles for County held lots – will be getting an amended order with the correct legal description and then refile. The sale for County held lots will go ahead this July.
- A protest letter to the BLM on the Oil & Gas leases has been received from the Town of Crestone. Tamar Ellentuck was present as a representative from the town to answer questions.
- Attorney Gibbons continues to refine the protest letter to BLM concerning the oil and gas leases in the County. Joseph commented that the County might include mention of opening of the leases to renewable energy development also.

**Spearman moved to enter into Executive Session at 11:15 A. M. for personnel purposes under CRS 24-6-402(4)(f)(i) and for legal purposes under CRS 24-6-402 (4)(b). Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

**Joseph moved to return to regular session at 11:56 A. M. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

- Courthouse elected officials

**Mike Norris** - Sheriff

Jail Tour

Adjourned for lunch at 12:00 P.M.

Meeting reconvened at 1:05 P.M.

**Spearman moved to approve the donation of \$300 from the Commissioner's contribution fund to the Valley Veteran's transportation network. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

**Frank Muniz** - Alamosa County Veterans Officer

Veteran's Transportation network in the San Luis Valley has continued to grow. This service helps veterans get to health care appointments inside and outside the Valley. Also transport dialysis patients to SLVRMC. Wrote a grant last year to buy a van, has been working with private industry to coordinate trips to Denver, Colorado Springs and Pueblo. Saguache County has had 183 trips. Muniz has received \$200,000, mostly from grants.

**Vickie Olsen** – Homelake Veteran's Home – Complimented Tom Blunt and Frank Muniz on the work they do with veterans in the San Luis Valley. Homelake are currently remodeling their assisted living quarters. They are helping with the KIA/MIA celebration that will be held in June.

**Tom Blunt** – County Veteran's officer:

- Still working on the KIA/MIA celebration.
- Looking into putting up several Veterans' memorial monuments in the County like the one located in Rito Alto.

**Donna Newsom** - Nursing Director

- SCPH sponsored and participated in two Health Fairs in Center and Saguache. Both were well attended and we had good participation from sponsors. We had a combined attendance of 300.
- SCPH assisted in the salmonella outbreak in Alamosa by working in the EOC and handing out water with the Red Cross. We learned a lot from the experience and hope that if we ever need assistance in our county, we will have a lot of help. One of the obvious weaknesses of note was SCPH need for additional PIO training. Newsom requested and received a scholarship to attend the Emergency Services Public Information Officer's of Colorado's (ESPIOC) training in May. Newsom chose Jeannie Norris to be trained as the Public Health PIO with Newsom herself as back up. SCPH will be able to pay for the remainder of the training with the BIO grant.
- SCPH will be out "on the streets" on April 16th in honor of National Start Walking Day. Please bring your sneakers to work and get moving! This announcement is posted on the web page as well.
- We need to make an offer on the office at 505 Third Street. The owner's will be placing it on the market in June. If the county considers making the purchase it will be necessary to take into consideration, the plumbing, heating system and electrical. The sidewalk around the front and north side of the building is in need of repair. The Board requested she have the property appraised and have the questionable systems inspected.

- We are continuing our search for a part time nurse for the Center office. We have hired an RN from Rio Grande County that will be working part time to care for our HCP client's.
- The Saguache County Prevention Coalition has been involved in trainings related to "Communities that Care". These have been well attended by community members. The Brain Development trainings will be held in Saguache on April 16th and in Center on April 17th. As we enter the implementation part of our grant, we will look to the county to assist us in funding to sustain the important work already accomplished. Hopefully we can utilize sales tax funds for sustainability after 2009 when the grant cycle ends.

**Spearman moved to enter into Executive Session at 1:30 P. M. for personnel purposes under CRS 24-6-402(4)(f)(i). Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

**Joseph moved to return to regular session at 1:43 P. M. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

**Teresa Benns – Center Post Dispatch:**

- Colorado Open Records Act - Reporter Benns has been getting reports that the Commissioners have been having unannounced meetings. She had not witnessed any of these alleged occurrences herself and admitted that it is hearsay. The Board members and staff verified that there have been no meetings in violation of statute.
- Reported that there has been a suit filed to contest the Center Municipal Election.

**Dan Davis - Fair Board:**

- Short history of the financials of the SLV Fair Board, change in personnel has left gap in reporting. The new Fair Board member Karen Hoffner has been playing catch up. They will send a request letter for Conservation Trust funds for capital improvements to get more livestock panels for the show ring.

**Sales Tax Grant discussion:**

**Pace moved to fund the Sales Tax Grant proposals at the levels agreed upon at the April 15, 2008 meeting. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

Pace commented that the application needs to request the Applicants describe the benefits to the project if the request is only partially funded.

**Bill Paying**

**Joseph moved to adjourn at 4:37 P.M. Spearman seconded. The vote was three Ayes.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Melinda Myers Secretary to the Board of County Commissioners

Minutes Approved April 22, 2008

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Chairman of the Board

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Attest

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Commissioner

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