

Saguache County Board of Commissioners met in regular session
Tuesday, June 10, 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 9:02 A.M.

Under Additions or Deletions to the Agenda:

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

Reading and approval of minutes:

Spearman moved to approve the minutes of June 3, 2008 as amended. Joseph seconded motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Review of Mail:

1. **Baca Grande Property Owners Association** sent a letter regarding The Ownership Transfer Fees that was adopted by the Board of Directors as part of the 2006 budget. The Baca Grande Owners Assoc is charging us for property Transfer Fees of \$175.00. (6/5/08) Gibbons will send letter to dispute fee.
2. **State of Colorado** sent their Notice of Meeting & Agenda for Air Quality Control Commission on June 19, 2008 in Denver. (6/5/08)
3. **Division of Vocational Rehabilitation** sent their 2007 Annual Report. (6/9/08)
4. **National Association of Counties (NACO)** sent their June issue County Newsletter. (6/9/08)
5. **ESRI** sent their Spring 2008 Newsletter on Government Matters. (6/9/08)

Introduction of Guests: Myron Smith, Wade Collins, Twyla Walker, Dick Shaw, Richard Bratton Atty. - Cow Town Inc.; Andrew Archuleta –USFS/BLM; Don Geddes& Jeff Shook – SCPC; Pat McDermott – Water Resources Engineer; Jim Swanson Div. of Water Resources; Randy Arredondo – Saguache R & B; Tom Blunt; Matt Hobbs – Attorney for Tschirky & Koltes.

Commissioners' Reports-Updates of Meetings:

Sam Pace reported:

- June 3 - Attended Moffat Town Board meeting and updated them on the possible improvements to Rd T and Hwy 17 intersection. They were in favor of it but definitely want speed reduced at the same time.
- June 5 - Attended Targeted Industries study workgroup at the courthouse with study coordinator and SLVDRG and others. A good focused discussion. Also attended the afternoon valley session with Excel representative, (new transmission lines will be done within 2-3 years), Stefani Steffens, Deb Downs, Erin Minks, Charlotte Bobicki and representatives from other counties.
- June 9 - Attended the Crestone Town Board meeting to see if they will continue annexation study.
- Checked into the Water and Sanitation election and discrepancies with voter lists. Pace suggested that the Clerk's office keep a copy of lists generated so they can be verified.

Linda Joseph reported:

- June 4-5 Attended the RETAC Forum (Regional Emergency & Trauma Advisory Council) service provider coordinators from around the State. Notable items included:
 1. Review of the State EMS grant program scores. SLV RETAC scored the highest of all 88 applications that made the final cut. Propose the BOCC send a letter of commendation, written in such a way that the individual services and RETAC could use it as a letter of support for their ongoing grant seeking efforts, which Joseph will draft.
 2. Revision of the financial requirement sections of the State grant application to deal with difficulties experienced by the applicants providing and the scorers understanding the information. And, presentation by Cathryn Saylor Peterson on using non-profit Quickbooks.
 3. Review/revision of the RFP for the Statewide (regional) Needs Assessment Project (SNAP). This is different from the SLV Needs Assessment, which is being completed as an Emergency grant from the State to address recruitment and other issues here. SLV RETAC
 4. NOTE: SLV RETAC Coordinator, Jon Montaña inquired about how to bring the issues to the attention of the Valley Commissioners. Although he said that Saguache County is OK, some SLV Counties are beginning to have problems with delivery of ambulance services.
 5. Joseph invited comments from any RETACs with experience in working with the oil and gas industry, in preparation for the COGCC hearings.

Michael C. Merrill, SECRETAC Coordinator, for southeastern Colorado, (Baca, Bent, Crowley, Kiowa, Otero, and Prowers Counties) responded the next day offering to be of service, and requesting specific types of question/information they might provide. . Joseph will prepare some questions and pass to Attorney Gibbons and other Commissioners.

- Methamphetamine Laboratory Safety Training, provided by Weld County Task Force Investigator Kell Hulsey, and a Task Force chemist. It was an excellent presentation, revealing many critical safety issues for responders to Meth lab sites. A few facts of note:
 1. The common procedure (and in use here) is to decontaminate by hosing down suits of those who have handled Meth Lab materials. National Jewish Hospital's program to analyze and solve issues of Meth labs has determined (based on permanent injury to responders) that washing down pushes the hazardous chemicals through the suits.
 2. Startling facts in Weld County's experience – 80% of child cases in DSS are Meth related, despite the decrease in lab activity stats (based presumably on labs moving out to rural areas). At the height of the problem in their area, 65% of the drug activity they dealt with was Meth related associated with the oil & gas boom in the area. People are addicted at first use; rehab takes two years and is unaffordable/unavailable. Post rehab, 1/3 stay clean; 1/3 revert; and 1/3 go back and forth. Each year of use decreases a person's life span by 10 years. Joseph has a card/brochure for Sheriff Norris.
- June 5 - Targeted Industries study workgroup at the courthouse with study coordinator and DLVDRG and others. A good focused discussion. Also attended the afternoon valley session with Excel representative, (new transmission lines will be done within 2-3 years), Stefani Steffens, Deb Downs, Erin Minks, Charlotte Bobicki and representatives from other counties.
- Assisted in compiling material on the County, Museum and ScSEED for available space in the 08 Saguache County Guide.
- Received a call from Wade Collins inviting the Commissioners to visit the Cow Town site. Joseph drove in part way on her way home from Montrose, to view the site from a distance, but didn't stop to visit. A BOCC site visit would be useful, when we consider this application.
- June 6 - Received a call from Kitty Chadborn of Colorado Preservation, Inc. – a nonprofit, statewide historic preservation organization that provides assistance in historic preservation to Colorado communities through a statewide network of

information, education, training, expertise, and advocacy. (303) 893-4260. They recognized that Saguache County has been under-represented, although we have buildings that would meet their “endangered places” program/list. Kitty was referred to Joseph when she reached out to the Margaret Finnerty at the Museum. Getting listed assists in attraction of funds to support the designated buildings. They place no restrictions at all on what can be done with buildings. It is also possible for a whole town to get listed (as did Sedgewick, CO), if there is the energy to develop the substantiation in the application at town scale. The main criteria are that the building is 50 years old or older and has local historical value to the community. The process is started by a nomination, which for example, the BOCC could make. The application and more details are available on the CPI website: coloradopreservation.org

- CPI reps are available to make a presentation (1 hr) on their non-profit work and programs. We could consider scheduling them and inviting representatives of the Town of Saguache, Museum, ScSEED, SC Economic Vitality Task Force, others? Kim Smoyer and Joseph will attend a meeting of the Saguache Town Council on June 16th, and will present this information. Nominations are due August 1. Awards are made in Feb 09.
- June 7 - Attended benefit event for House Representative Candidate Cal Cali.
- June 9 - Worked on draft of memo to Dept. Heads on new personnel forms, and on improvements in interdepartmental communications and interactions – to be finalized today in work session.
- Proofread the WSB contract for Web/IT services, to be finalized today, after determination of the term of the contract, during the Attorney’s time.

Mike Spearman reported:

- June 5 - Targeted Industries study workgroup at the courthouse with study coordinator and DLVDRG and others.
- Received calls from neighbors of Cow Town about the special use permit.
- Confirmed with Dr. Penley to tour Sun Edison solar plant on June 17.

Pace move to approve sending a letter to John Stump for his excellent work and time spent working with Valley Counties., as revised by Spearman. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Spearman moved to approve sending a letter to Andrew Archuleta with the Boards

comments concerning Big Springs picnic area and Storm King campground. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Board discussed sending a letter to Andrew Archuleta with the Boards comments concerning Big Springs picnic area and Storm King campground, Spearman will draft the letter.

Lynn Zimmer and Wendi Maez - CO-Administrators:

Spearman moved to waive clinic space rent for the first 90 days as an incentive to Susan Vogel, the Dental Hygienist. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

- Zimmer showed the dental clinic to Susan Vogel, dental hygienist who is interested in the dental facility. Vogel is interested in opening the dental clinic. She would open it one – two times a month to start with to see what the community response will be. The question of rent is a concern with her needing more information from the Board. Discussion on waiving rent 90 days as an incentive to get started.
- Veteran’s Report signed by Board.

Pace moved to approve the dual option plan for the County health insurance. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

- The Insurance Company can extend the current plan for another 6 months which will get us through January.
- Awaiting the approval from Attorney Gibbons on the credit card contract. Administration has been in contact with the company and is in the process of getting card limits, etc. information to the company to move forward on the new card. All departments have turned in their information on number of cards and names of card- holders.
- County Court would like to paint their offices and are requesting approval from the Commissioners. The Board approved the color samples they provided.

Break

Wendi Maez - Land Use Administrator:

Joseph moved to table the decision on the Conditional Use permit request for Myron Smith's Old Cow Town until the Board does a site visit. Pace seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

- Myron Smith - Old Cow Town - listed below are the conditions placed on the request for this application. Forwarded the business plan and the water info to the BOCC. A motion was made by Bill McClure of the Planning Commission to recommend approval for the Conditional Use application with the following conditions;
 1. No more than 40 overnight guests plus staff
 2. Water permits required for Commercial Use
 3. Approved Septic Systems
 4. RV guests are only for functions only not to exceed 100
 5. Dust abatement must be addressed specifically
 6. Special event permit must be applied for any quests over 100
 7. Sound system must be tested for distance prior to use
 8. Additional structures would require that a Modification application be applied for
 9. Fire protection regulations must be followed
 10. Sprinkler system in each structure to be installed if need be
 11. RV park must have its own septic system

The motion was seconded by Richard Laurie. Chairman Shook asked for a show hand for the vote for the motion to recommend approval of the Conditional Use application. The vote carried with 5 ayes and 4 against. Board heard argument pros and cons for the application from persons attending the meeting. State Water Engineer explained well issues and Andrew Archuleta spoke about USFS/BLM public land issues.

Pace moved to approve the Mt. KIA/MIA Special Event permit. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

- Mount KIA/MIA Special Event Permit - Have forwarded copies of this permit for BOCC review. The adjoining landowners have not yet been notified but Jeff Shook will be at the meeting to discuss this permit request.

Violet Vigil – Public Health:

- CPR & AED training for County employees - Board approved sending County employees to training during work hours.

Adjourned for lunch at 12:08 P.M.

Meeting reconvened at 1:10 P.M.

Ben Gibbons – Attorney report:

- Discussed the COGCC meeting on the 23rd of June.

Joseph moved to approve WSB IT Contract. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

- Discussed WSB IT contract. Joseph inquired about having both contracts come up for renewal at the same time. Gibbons advised that when the existing IT contract renews in January, to combine the contracts into one, and adjust finances accordingly. WSB bills fee for service.
- Discussed Quiet Titles for lots needs more information to come up with an estimate of price.

Entered into work session at 1:23 pm

Spearman moved to adjourn at 1:23 P.M. Joseph seconded. The vote was three Ayes.

Respectfully Submitted

Melinda Myers Secretary to the Board of County Commissioners

Minutes Approved June 17, 2008

Chairman of the Board

Attest

Commissioner

Commissioner