

Saguache County Board of Commissioners met in regular session
Tuesday, June 17, 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 9:04 A.M.

Under Additions or Deletions to the Agenda:

1. Housing Board Report deleted.
2. Nursing Service Report deleted.

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 June 10, 2008. Joseph seconded motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Review of Mail:

1. **State of Colorado Board of Health** Agenda Meeting on June 18th 2008 in Denver, CO. (6/11/08)
2. **C-DOT Memorandum** Sent their 2035 Statewide Transportation Plan Brochure which includes Moving Colorado and Vision for the Future. (6/13/08)
3. **Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District** Board of Directors sent their Annual Agenda Meeting for Monday June 23rd, 2008 in Gunnison starting at 6:30pm. (6/16/08)
4. **Crestone Youth Plaza** Sent a letter thanking the Board for awarding the Sales Tax Grant money and gave an update on how the funds will be dispersed. (6/16/08)
5. **Rio Grande Watershed** Sent invitation to attend a legislative tour of the Rio Grande in the San Luis Valley.(5/21/08)

Introduction of Guests: Randy Arredondo – R&B; Connie Trujillo – Treasurer; Leigh Mills – Mt. Valley School Community Greenhouse; Lisa Cyriacks – Crestone Baca Planning Commission; Kathryn Van Note; Jerry Burton; and Wade Propst.

Commissioners' Reports-Updates of Meetings:

Sam Pace reported:

- June 10 - Attended the SLV Rural Electric Cooperative Annual meeting, seated with Senator Schwartz for dinner and discussion of energy issues in the Valley.
- June 12 - All day weed tour with the Public Lands managers, other agencies, and the State Weed Director.
- Attended a USPS/USFS planning meeting at the Sand Dunes Park on roads and parking area for the Baca Mountain tract. Discussed access for the private in holders and water flows in streams. Land holders can apply for a no hunting zone around their property – could be useful for the spiritual centers. Sangre de Cristo Wilderness has the second largest big horn sheep herd in the State, which is also disease free. Discussed taking BOCC, and representatives from the Town of Crestone, Water and Sanitation Board, POA and spiritual centers on a tour of the proposed new access road and parking lot.
- June 16 - Attended the Saguache Town Council meeting and listened to information about the contact from the Colorado Preservation organization. Kim Smoyer/ScSEED presented on the related topic of downtown revitalization opportunities, for the Council's consideration. The Council was favorable to pursue this partnership. The Saguache Town Board would like a report on the Master Plan as it affects the area around Saguache. Asked the board to let the county know if there was anything they needed help with and informed the newly elected town board members about the sales tax grant funds.

Linda Joseph reported:

- June 10 - Attended the SLV Rural Electric Cooperative Annual meeting, seated with Senator Schwartz for dinner and discussion of energy issues in the Valley.

Joseph moved to appoint Elinor Laurie as alternate on the Gunnison Sage Grouse Conservation Strategic Committee. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

- June 11 -Attended the Gunnison Sage Grouse Conservation Strategic Committee, accompanied by Elinor Laurie. Elinor is willing to serve as Joseph's alternate.

Appointment letter drafted for BOCC signature designating Laurie in the alternate role. The Strategic Plan revisions were completed. It did not work out for the Wildlife Commission to meet with the Committee as was hoped.

Spearman moved to approve signing the Concurrence letter for the Snyder Ranch easement from DOW. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

- J Wenum of DOW submitted a Concurrence letter for the Snyder Ranch easement, requesting BOCC signature.
- June 12 - All day weed tour with the Public Lands managers, other agencies, and the State Weed Director.
- June 16 - Attended the Saguache Town Council meeting to present the information about the contact from the Colorado Preservation organization. Kim Smoyer/ScSEED presented on the related topic of downtown revitalization opportunities, for the Council's consideration. The Council was favorable to pursue this partnership. Kim Smoyer will follow-up to see if Colorado Preservation, Inc. might do a presentation.
- Prepared a letter of commendation to the SLV RETAC and applicants for State grants, on achievement of the highest scores of all State RETACs/applications.
- Spoke to Ron Garcia about the BOCC having not received a reply on the Cooperating Agency Agreement – he suggested a cooperating agency agreement for continuing ongoing issues.

Mike Spearman reported:

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Lynn Zimmer and Wendi Maez - CO-Administrators:

Joseph moved to approve the contract for Emergency Management assistance with Kathryn Van Note. Pace seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

- Contract for Emergency management with Kathryn Van Note needs signature and approval.
- Contracts for new credit cards were signed by the Board. Contracts have been approved by Attorney Gibbons.

- 2009 budget drafts are due July 14th and the Board needs to determine if Administration fees need to be taken out of Road and Bridge, Social Services and Nursing Service funds. A work session needs to be scheduled with Department heads to discuss these issues.
- Contract with Community Banks of the Rockies for the Direct Deposit was signed.

Joseph moved to approve a per month increase in the counties contribution to the employees' health insurance which would be splitting the difference of the increase according to estimates for the lesser of the two options available. Pace seconded the motion. The vote was two Ayes and one Nay.

- Health Insurance benefit portion contributed by County will have to be cut back. The PILT money the County receives will be short \$5,000, and there is not enough in the budget at this time for the County to continue to pay the full amount. The decision needs to be made for the Payroll which will start on Monday June 23rd.

Joseph moved to approve redesignating expenditure of the \$2250.00 sales tax grant award for operational use by the Mt. Valley School Community Greenhouse/Garden group. Pace seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

- Leigh Mills with the Mountain Valley School Community Greenhouse/Garden presented a mission statement for group along with goals. They have received several grants in addition to the Sales Tax grant from the County. The initial request needs to change from what the BOCC designated it for – a rototiller and seeds, which they have covered by other means. They would like to be able to spend the grant money on operations. The BOCC encouraged the group to focus on planning for non-grant dependent sources of income for ongoing operations.
- The record and retention policy was reviewed and signed.

Break

Wendi Maez - Land Use Administrator:

Spearman moved to extend the oil and gas regulation moratorium to July 14, 2008. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

- Kathryn Van Note has researched and discussed with Maez the new oil and gas permit and impact fees and presented the findings to the Board for their review.

Ben Gibbons – Attorney report:

- The COGCC hearings begin on Monday June 23, 2008.

Adjourned for lunch at 12:00 P.M.

Meeting reconvened at 1:00 P.M.

Wendi Maez – Land Use report continued:

- BOCC site visit of Duane Hollenbeck's property in Colorado Mountain Estates will be on July 17.
- Tomiche Creek Trading Post - TCTP, LLC – requested a variance for a new sign for the gas station / cabins in the Town of Sargents. Maez feels this request probably does not require a variance to be reviewed by the SCPC or the BOCC. The request is to place a gas price sign that is larger than 32 sq. ft. The sign will be 82.4 total sq. ft. and will be 20 feet high. The County doesn't have a sign regulation, except what is outlined in the Home Occupation regulations, which is for a 32sq. ft. sign. The Board feels they do not need a variance for this sign request, which is typical gas station signage.

Pace moved to approve the refund of \$1,000 of Land Use fees to Lidian King. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

- Maez has received a request for a refund of \$1490.51 for Lidian King who is a landowner in the Baca Subdivision. Ms. King has previously requested that her consolidated lots be put back together and re-configured so she could sell the property. She now has an offer on the property for the whole parcel and would like to have her money returned to her. Maez does not feel the whole amount should be refunded to her, as Land Use actually spent about 20 hours on this request and the mailings are complete and ready to be sent as soon as the subdivision exemption application has been received. Land Use office time plus office supplies, and the envelopes for 121 certified mailings have been prepared.

Randy Arredondo – Supervisor Road & Bridge and Land Fill:

- Will be working with public land managers on weed abatement and will look into getting a power washer to clean the graders to keep invasive weeds from spreading.
- Finishing the chip sealing on CR C from Hwy 285 to CR 49 and CR 49 from Hwy 112 to CR D and several streets in Center.
- New legislation on Secure Rural School may effect funding for roads.

- Budgeting for 2009 will be a challenge due to volatility in the fuel market. Working on more fuel storage so he can buy in bulk.
- The Youth Corp employees have been chopping brush to clear ditches and R&B crews are cleaning up the piles they left. They will be finishing up their four weeks and having an ice cream social in the town park. It was suggested planning begin in advance for next year to see if the schools would rent their vehicles.

Melinda Myers - County Clerk:

Joseph moved to approve the beer and wine Liquor License for Caddy Shack Pizza. Pace seconded the motion. The vote was two Ayes.

- Caddy Shack Pizza Liquor License. The Town of Crestone questioned the location, in that it was within 500 feet of a school. Clerk researched the question with the state and since there was a liquor establishment at that location before the school facility, it was grandfathered in and would be approved.

County follow up items:

- Rebecca Swanson is the contact person for our area to Governor Ritter's office. Joseph will initiate contact with her.
- Maez is continuing to follow up on the Master Plan completion.
- Administration is working on an agenda for the Department head and elected officials meeting on June 30, 11:00. Joseph will attend for the beginning to review employee evaluation forms.

Bill Paying

Joseph moved to adjourn at 3:13 P.M. Pace seconded the motion. The vote was two Ayes.

Respectfully Submitted

Melinda Myers Secretary to the Board of County Commissioners

Minutes Approved July 1, 2008

Chairman of the Board

Attest

Commissioner

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