

Saguache County Board of Commissioners met in regular session
Tuesday, August 5, 2008 with the following present:

Sam Pace, Chairman
Mike Spearman, Vice Chairman
Linda Joseph, 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 9:00 A.M.

Under Additions or Deletions to the Agenda:

Additions:

1. Chella Coleman – housing hours
2. Humanity in Unity issues – Attorney Report
3. Culvert issue – Attorney Report
4. Mike Wisdom, CDBG Grant and COG Resolution
5. Vista Grande Saguache Outdoor Recreation Site

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

Mike Wisdom – DRG:

- CDBG Grant signature, COG Resolution

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

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

Reading and approval of minutes:

Spearman moved to approve the minutes of July 15, 2008. Joseph seconded motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Review of Mail:

1. **Marilyn Gally**, State Hazard Mitigation Officer sent notice of the 2009 Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program, Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant Program and Repetitive Flood Claims Grant Program. In addition, limited funds will become available this year through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program following the Presidential Declaration for Severe Storms and Tornadoes in Northern Colorado. Gally requested this information be distributed to relevant local governmental entities, private non-profits, and relevant departments within Saguache County as they may be eligible applicants. For complete guidance and additional information regarding these programs, go to http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/fs_mit_grant_prog.shtm. Any interest in pursuing any of these federal funds must have the Notice of Interest completed and returned to the Division of Emergency Management no later than August 15, 2008. Questions concerning the program details or project eligibility e-mail Colorado Mitigation Specialist Rich Hansen at rich.hansen@state.co.us or call 1-303-273-1713. (7/17/08)
2. **The Rio Grande Water Conservation District** sent the July 2008 Ground Water Table Measurements. (7/15/08)
3. **William A. Schuckert**, District Ranger for the Salida Ranger District sent information in regards to preparing an Environmental Assessment for the Salida-Leadville Range Allotment Management Plan, covering 13 range allotments. Proposed action description and other information were enclosed. Additional information regarding the action can be obtained from Mike Picard, 325 W. Rainbow Blvd. Salida CO 81201, 719-530-3959 or via email mpicard@fs.fed.us. Written, facsimile, hand-delivered, oral, and electronic comments concerning this action will be accepted 30 calendar days following the publication of notice in the Mountain Mail Newspaper. Comments should be submitted to Bill Schuckert, District Ranger, Salida Ranger District, 325 W Rainbow Blvd, Salida CO 81201, and fax 719-539-3593 or via email mpicard@fs.fed.us. Oral comments must be provided at the Responsible Official's Office during normal business hours via telephone to Mike Picard, 719-530-3959 or in person. (7/17/08)
4. **Frank Muniz**, VSO Alamosa County sent an update for the Veteran Transportation Network accomplishments for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008. (7/17/08)
5. **Dennis E. Everhart**, Washington County Commissioner sent information in regards to the Washington County Justice Center. Everhart stated that if the Saguache County Jail ever experienced over crowding, inmates could be sent to the Washington County Justice Center for housing purposes. Tours of the jail are available if interested. For additional information contact the Washington County Commissioners Bruce Johnson, David Foy or Dennis Everhart, or Sheriff Larry Kuntz at 970-345-6865 ext 2002. (7/21/08)
6. **The Norris Family** sent a Thank you card thanking the Board of County Commissioners & Staff for the flowers in their time of sorrow. (7/23/08)

7. **The Baca Grande POA** sent the June-July 2008 Newsletter with new info on Annexation. BGPOA Board of Directors Election info they are now accepting Applications and are due by August 15th, 2008 their election will be held on Nov. 14, 2008. (7/24/08)
8. **Center 4H Club** would like to thank you for your support and have included tickets inviting the Saguache County Council & SLV Fair Board for their BBQ at Ski High Park on August 8, 2008 from 4:30-7pm. (7/30/08)
9. **Dan S. Dallas**, Forest Supervisor/ Center Manager sent a update on the notice that the exchange proposal for (Parcels A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I&J) totaling 2,693 acres and will be exchanged for parcels (A,B,D,F,G,J,K,L,M,&N) totaling in 2,574 acres. The deleted parcels are out of Rio Grande County are replaced by four Federal parcels located in Saguache County. (7/30/08)
10. **Valley Wide Health Services** sent a letter inviting The Board of County Commissioners to their Community Open House for New Providers. Refreshments will be served. This event will be held on August 13th from 3-6pm. Please RSVP Jackie Scheidegger- scheideggerj@vwhs.org or 719-587-1010. (8/1/08)
11. **Joann Groff Property Tax Administrator** sent a letter about the 2008 Final County Notice of Valuation for State Assessed Properties Plus August 2008 Protest Narrative for County Assessors. (8/4/08)
12. **Colorado Department of Public Health** has sent their Meeting & Agenda on Colorado Air Quality Control Commission on August 21 & 22, 2008 at 10:30am at the Rocky Mountain Steel Mill Tour in Pueblo, Co and at 1:30pm at the Pueblo Convention Center in Pueblo, Co. (8/4/08)

Introduction of Guests: Matie Belle Lakish – Crestone Eagle; Mike and Ronnie Wisdom - SLVDRG; Mary Jane and Marshall Milam; Tony Ross; Deborah Easley and Gary Simonson – Pundarika Foundation; Karen and Gene Hollenbeck; Roderick Landwehr - Attorney for John Dykes and Marshall Milan; Matt Hildner – Pueblo Chieftain; Andrew Archuleta and Dan Dallas – SLV Public Lands.

Commissioners' Reports-Updates of Meetings:

Sam Pace reported:

- July 16 – Center Post Dispatch interviewed at the Courthouse.
- July 17 - Field trip to Gunnison to view Hollenbeck property.
- July 19- Attended the La Garita Days.
- July 22 – Attended Lazy KV Land auction.
- July 25 - Attended the CCI Steering Committee in Denver.
- July 28 – Attended Valley Commissioner's meeting.
- July 28 - Attended the ScSEED Downtown Revitalization meeting.
- August 1,2, 3 – Attended the Crestone Music Festival
- August 4 – In response to a request for assistance from the BGPOA, went to the Baca with Road & Bridge Supervisor to inspect a culvert on Cottonwood Creek.

- Spoke to Steffens Plumbing on adding solar panels to the new hot water heating system.
- Received complaint about the recycling area at the Landfill.
- Sign at the entrance of the County for visitor information – something which can be worked on by the Tourism Council.

Mike Spearman reported:

- July 17 – Commissioner Trip to tour western Saguache County, District 3 area of Colorado Cattlemen’s Agriculture Land Trust Site and the Hollenbeck vacation request site. Met with neighbors and Gene Hollenbeck, had a great discussion on sale of the Town of Iris. Neighbors interested in potential pool to purchase but want some kind of environmental immunity. Toured Gold Basin and the County snow fence.
- July 24 – Met with representatives of the CCALT and GOCO to talk about progress on protecting the Cochetopa Corridor with Conservation Easements.
- July 24 – Met with the Baca Trails Group in Crestone. Spiritual Centers and Manitou have elected not to participate any further at this time. The day before meeting received notice that they were not coming. KTTG is not interested in participating in alternative access. Spiritual Centers are interested in October meeting. Those concerned about access are studying the alternatives.
- July 28 – Attended Valley Commissioners meeting discussed COG, Transit Authority.
- July 28 - Attended the DRG meeting, including the open house for John Stumps retirement. Discussed formation of COG and financial issues.
- July 28 - Attended the All Hazards meeting in Alamosa- Discussed Valley Disaster mitigation Plan to qualify for FEMA Disaster – FEMA pays 75% counties 25%. Must do this to qualify for FEMA funds. We are sending notice of interest to Rio Grande County. Group is unhappy with District Attorney.
- July 30 – Attended meeting in Denver to discuss possible expansion of Excels Gas line within Saguache County. Met with Excel, State and Federal Economic Development Councils, Idaho Pacific & Town of Center. Chance of moving gas line to County Road B seems feasible and am actively promoting this alternative.
- Met with the La Garita Fire Protection District to proceed with planning.
- Visited with Donna Newsom on DOLA grant for Nursing building.
- July 22 – Met with representatives of NRCS and went a grazing tour.
- July 19 – Attended La Garita Days

Linda Joseph reported:

- July 9 - Attended the State Emergency Medical & Trauma Advisory Council

(SEMTAC) quarterly meeting. This was the last meeting of the initial one year term to fill a vacancy. July 29th, was re-appointed, to serve a full 3 year term.

- July 15 - Testified before the CO Oil & Gas Conservation Commission, presenting issues of emergency planning, preparedness and response in rural areas, related to oil and gas operations.
- July 16 - Attended the Gunnison Sage Grouse Conservation Strategic Committee. The committee is divided on the how to address the problems that arose in implementing the Shed Antler season this year. Some felt that an application to amend the rule should be made, adjusting the timing of the season. Many agency reps felt that it was premature, and should be given another year as is. They don't usually enforce with citations the 1st yr of any new season, unless it's a major breach. They issue warnings, and then move to citations the 2nd year. A slightly larger sub- committee was re-tasked to address the issue.
- State Rep. Kathleen Curry presented the opportunity of State grants from severance tax monies for Conservation grants. She suggested applying for a multi-year program to complete research, with emphasis on Grazing Management Research. Joseph and or Elinor Laurie will serve on the sub- committee created to outline the proposal for Sept. finalization, and will represent Saguache interests to be included in that grant request.
- Visited with Kathleen Curry and discussed various State/County topics.
- July 17 - Attended a site visit to the Hollenbeck property with BOCC, Maez - Land Use and Arredondo - Road and Bridge.
- Attended the Regional Emergency & Trauma Advisory Council (RETAC), in Monte Vista. The study of SLV needs is moving forward, and the State Medical Director and Study Leader reported. Mineral County will not be participating.
- July 22 - Briefly attended the Grazing Management forum in Saguache, which Commissioner Spearman also attended.
- July 22 - Met with Kenny Bertin to prioritize next steps for the transition of the web pages to his management. Bertin and Joseph will meet with the Dept. Heads at lunch during the budget meeting on August 6. Tourism pages went live in July. <http://www.saguachetourism.com>.
- July 26 - Initiated a group email with Jon Montaño, SLV RETAC Coordinator, EMS; Mona Lovato, RN, RETAC Treasurer, SLV RMC Trauma Nurse Coordinator, EMS; Donna Newsom, Saguache County Public Health/Nursing; Sheriff Norris, Law Enforcement; Jeannie Norris - Saguache County Social Services; Linda Joseph, SEMTAC, Commissioner. This group is supporting a one day Meth Lab Safety workshop for the Valley, and exploring offering it in

Saguache County.

- July 28 - Attended the SLV County Commissioners meeting, with BOCC and Lynn Zimmer.
- Attended the Saguache Revitalization public meeting to get input and feedback from citizens, with Kim Smoyer, ScSEED facilitating, and Town representatives and a good turn out of interested folks from Saguache.
- July 31 - Spoke with Akia Tanara, Town Manager and Clerk, and identified a need for role clarification. Pace and Joseph are listed as Ex Officio members on the Crestone/Baca Annexation tax force. Apparently, they are considering the Commissioners to be voting members. Legal advice is needed regarding our Ex Officio participation, clarifying whether we can be voting members on that Task Force.

Pace moved to approve sending a letter of support for the Vista Grande Saguache Outdoor Recreation Site GOCO grant. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

- August 1 - Received a call from Steve Sanchez requesting a Letter of Support, for the proposed Vista Grande Saguache Outdoor Recreation Site north of the Town of Saguache. He has provided the BOCC with information for this request.
- August 2 - Attended the Crestone Music Fest, and spoke briefly there with Senator Schwartz about Excel's solar plans for Colorado and the Valley.
- August 4 - Friends of the Library Meeting was very lively, with several activities in the works in fundraising and programs

Lynn Zimmer and Wendi Maez - CO-Administrators:

- Dario Archuleta is interested in the Gunnison Water Shed Weed Committee. He will check with Andrew Archuleta and see if it is ok for him to be appointed to this committee. He will let us know as soon as he has an answer from Andrew Archuleta.

Joseph moved to appoint Pace as the CCI Legislative Committee Member for Saguache County. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

- We have received a request from CCI requesting Legislative Committee Member Appointments. They would like to have the appointments back to them by August 12, 2008.
- If there are any funds from the DOLA courthouse renovation grant Pete Garcia would like to have new carpeting installed in the two upper floors. There should be enough funds left for this request.

Spearman moved to change the policy to allow 18 year old county employees to contribute to the Principal Finance retirement fund. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

- Principal Finance employee enrollment currently states you have to be 21 years of age to contribute, we have employees that would like to enroll that are 18, therefore they would like to request the county amend the enrollment to allow 18 years of age or older to participate. Principal Finance will charge \$350 to change the current policy.
- Zimmer has been in contact with Susan Vogel, dental hygienist, regarding the implementation of the dental clinic here in Saguache. She is still working on her insurance status and we are awaiting the contract from Ben Gibbons for everyone to sign.
- Budget meetings are set for August 6 & 7.
- 2008 Logo (Highway 17 sign for Crestone business) Contract needs reviewed and signed. Bill is also due, and will be forwarded to the Tourism Council for payment.
- OEM Grant Agreement needs approval and signed.
- 2008 CDBG Application/Contract needs reviewed & signed.

Pace moved to extend the timeline for the Sales Tax Grant for Sri Aurobindo Learning Center Solar Project. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

- Sri Aurobindo Learning Center, which received a Sales Tax Grant for the first 2008 cycle, would like to know if they could have until next summer to complete their Crestone Solar Corps project. They have encountered some snags with the old house they bought and the project is going to take longer than planned to complete.

Break

Wendi Maez - Land Use Administrator:

Pace moved to approve the lot line adjustment for Mike and Caren Spearman. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was two Ayes with Spearman abstaining.

- Michael J. and Caren J. Spearman – Lot Line Adjustment request. Spearman's have requested that a lot line used to create two tracts of land within a 40 acre tract be re-drawn to reconfigure the lot lines. The acreage amount will remain the same - the size of each tract will change in size from 19.99 acres to 14.17 acres and 20.01 acres to 25.83 acres.

Spearman moved to approve a six month extension on Russell and Tangie Granzella - Lazy KV Estates Lot 7C Block L. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes

- Russell and Tangie Granzella – Lazy KV Estates Lot 7C Block L – Variance extension request. Granzella's were issued a variance for a 1910 Farm House to be moved to Lazy KV Estates. One of the conditions for approval was that they get us copies of the approved State Plumbing & Gas and Electrical Permits. At this time Granzella's have not had the money to complete the inside of the house which includes upgrading the plumbing and electrical and they are requesting an extension on their variance approval.
- Lazy KV Estates County Owned Lot auction resulted in none of the lots sold. Presented two bids from two different people to purchase two lots. Attorney Gibbons suggested that it be advertised that the BOCC would consider bids below the minimum for a certain period of time. Maez will place the ad.
- County owned Moffat lots will be worked on for putting up for sale next year.

Spearman moved to approve the Hollenbeck Lot Consolidation request of Lots 36, 38-50; Colorado Mountain Ranches and road vacation request with the notation that that the Six Mile Lane referred to on the plat map is actually County Road 10XX. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

- Duane E. Hollenbeck – Lots 36, 38-50 Colorado Mountain Ranches – Lot Consolidation request decision. Maez inquired about the Gold Basin escape route.

Spearman moved to approve with conditions recommended by the Crestone/Baca Planning Commission, the Conditional Use permit for Anthony Ross – Baca Grande Chalet Unit One, Lot 150. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes

- Anthony G. Ross – Baca Grande Chalet Unit One Lot 150 Conditional Use request for an additional residence - duplex - The Crestone/Baca Planning Commission reviewed this request on June 11, 2008 and has recommended approval with the following conditions - bushes and trees to be added to the west side of the property to block neighbor view, building material must be removed from property by October 1, 2008, removal of dirt pile, terracing to be in place by October 1, 2008, retaining wall, terracing on the west wall of the building must be constructed, units to be limited to occupancy by an individual or couple only. The POA Board provided a letter of support with references to the survey results. Further clarification is needed and will take place at upcoming Planning Commission meetings (8/13 and 8/28), for master planning purposes.

Joseph moved to approve with conditions recommended by the Crestone/Baca Planning Commission, the Conditional Use Modification permit for Pundarika Foundation – Baca Grande Chalet Unit One, Lot 1035RC. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes

- Pundarika Foundation – Baca Grande Chalet Unit One Lot 1035RC – Conditional Use Modification request. This request is to modify the request previously approved October 2005. The CBPC recommended approval of this request at

their regular meeting on July 8, 2008. Listed below are the conditions the CBPC has recommended:

- a. each phase must go before the Crestone/Baca Planning Commission and the Board of County Commissioners for approval prior to building,
 - b. a written agreement must be supplied for Fire & EMS Services,
 - c. there shall be no more than 7 retreat cabins and can be no larger than 450 square feet in size and 3 retreat cabins no larger than 670 square feet,
 - d. there shall be no more than 34 people in residence at any time,
 - e. parking shall be on site only,
 - f. there shall be one large 3 year retreat facility to facilitate 15 people,
 - g. Shrine Hall shall be no larger than 3500 square feet to hold no more than 100 participants,
 - h. access must be from paved road,
 - i. parking for the Shrine Hall shall be no more than 50 vehicles on bottom of site and no more than 10 vehicles on top of site,
 - j. Shrine Hall may be constructed 12' X 15',
 - k. support building may be constructed and can be no more than 500 square feet in size,
 - l. residence with attached annex shall be no more than 3000 square feet and will house no more than 6 people,
 - m. parking for residence shall have 2 parking spaces
 - n. retreat parking lot shall have no more than 10 spaces off Chaparral Way
 - o. whereas drainage on the Pundarika Foundation property could be a problem, the impacts on neighbors should be considered on a on going and site by site basis,
 - p. there shall be an annual review of this request for compliance of the approval,
 - q. This Conditional Use Modification is not-transferable and does not go with any land transfers.
- Crestone End of Life Project would like to increase their quota before the end of the year.

Joseph moved to approve expanding the quota by one emergency cremation for the Crestone End of Life Project. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes

- Crestone End of Life Project would like to increase their quota before the end of the year. The group founder is close to passing away and they would like to make sure they can hold the ceremony if needed before the October review date. The State has sent a letter of approval. A change to the quota can be reviewed and will be advertised on the agenda for September 9th, rather than waiting till October.

Ben Gibbons – Attorney report:

- Town Site of Iris – Environmental Indemnity discussion. Attorney Gibbons stated that the County can not legally indemnify any land.

Joseph moved to convene as the Housing Board at 11:37 A.M. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Joseph moved to adjourn the Housing Board and return to regular meeting at 11:43 P.M. Joseph seconded. The vote was two Ayes.

- Culvert on Cottonwood Creek – Jurisdiction may apply if there is a safety or health issue. It should be up to the BGPOA and the Army Corps of Engineers. The BGPOA sent a letter requesting assistance, BOCC will send a letter stating the County has no jurisdiction.
- A complaint received on the Humanity in Unity group, HIU has resulted in revocation of their Conditional Use Permit, but they are still holding group activities. Research indicates that the County or concerned Baca Residents can call the County Sheriff to halt the gatherings due to the complaints.

Pace moved to approve the IGA between Baca Grande Water & Sanitation District, Saguache County Clerk and BOCC for the November 4, 2008 General Election. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

- County Clerk - Election IGA

Adjourned for lunch at 12:00 P.M.

Meeting reconvened at 1:00 P.M.

Randal Arredondo – Supervisor Road & Bridge and Land fill:

- The contract of asphalt has been terminated due to the oil company filing for Chapter 11. The contract with a new company will cost more. Arredondo will figure out the difference to see if damages can be filed for from the original company.
- Highway sign for the Library in Center has been ordered from the state.
- The recycling area at the landfill will be rebuilt and reorganized after asphalt season is over. In the meantime, more effort needs to be made to keep it clean and the materials baled, closing a half day a week might work.
- Dump fees are mostly OK – the tire fee is low.

Joseph moved to convene as the Saguache County Department of Social Services Board at 1:39 P.M. Spearman seconded. The vote was three Ayes.

Jeannie Norris - Social Services Director:

- The month of June had eight active TANF cases, nine child-only cases and forty-five med-only and parent plus cases. There were six additional applicants at the

time this report was filed from the department. Food stamp cases increased dramatically from 338 to 375, which is normal for this time of the year. There were 103 old-age-pension cases and 25 aid-to-the-needy-disabled cases. Saguache County received a clean bill of health from the Dept. of Health Care Policy and Financing. Having found a zero error rate in cases sampled from the Medicaid and Children's Basic Health Plan programs, the Department will not have to submit a quality improvement plan.

- The Cheers Training Center had two active TANF clients and four adult basic education clients.
- The Child Protection Unit had 10 new referrals, 8 of which were accepted for investigation. The Unit has 12 open dependency and neglect cases, with 14 children currently in placement. There continues to be 53 open child protection cases, and five open adult protection cases with five new adult protection referrals.
- There were 443 open Child Support cases for the IV-D Unit. The Legal Technicians will be attending comprehensive financial training during August for one week.
- Our Department expressed concern during the July report regarding a lack of commodities provided by TEFAP to distribute to Saguache County residents. We had contacted surrounding counties, and discovered that they did not seem to have this problem. Vivian Jones and Reba Mathias devoted a good deal of time and effort with "Care and Share", the TEFAP commodity distributor, and suddenly we received a very large shipment of food. The Department is distributing today in Saguache at the Community Building, and tomorrow at the Center Public School.
- Public transportation began again on Monday, August 4, with service being provided by Alamosa Bus Company. Red Willow will continue to service Medicaid transportation clients, and ABC, operating as The Loop, will serve private as well as TANF and TANF-eligible clients. Although many meetings during the month have produced the resumption of service, there are still unresolved issues involving brokerage and call center division of duty.
- H.B.177, passed during the Legislative session just concluded, mandated that TANF reserves be drastically reduced during the coming year, and Departments of Social Services across the state are scrambling to find appropriate ways to use TANF reserve funds. DSS has opportunities at this time to provide services to our residents which have not been available due to funding constraints in the past. Also some of the funds could be used to buy or build a building in Center with these funds. It would enable Social Services to have more personnel to provide

TANF services in Center.

- We are working together with Mental Health and the judicial system, on a proposal for Saguache County schools to jointly address truancy issues, mentoring, and identification of programs contributing to the good health and preservation of families. We continue to cooperate and work with the Prevention Partnership Team to identify and provide solutions to adolescent substance abuse.
- The State provided training at the July Southeast Director's Association meeting, in addition to a number of sessions at the Keystone Conference. The program presenters would be willing to make a presentation to County Commissioners if there is interest. Such an agenda could include the history of TANF, the emphasis on reserves, TANF contracts, and funding as it pertains to renovations and building new office space. If there is interest, a September date would be targeted.
- The first of scheduled quarterly meetings of the Judicial Team after its organization at the Keystone Conference was held last Friday. Representatives from each SLV County DSS agency, Probation, Mental Health, the Saguache County Judge and our three District Court Judges attended a ground-breaking "think" session regarding use of TANF funds as well as the further potential for joint cooperation. A schedule of resources available to each agency will be available at the fall meeting.

Joseph moved to adjourn the Saguache County Department of Social Services Board and return to regular meeting at 2:08 P.M. Spearman seconded. The vote was two Ayes.

Andrew Archuleta and Dan Dallas – U. S. Forest Service/Bureau of Land Management

- Anderson Ditch water for land trade proposal has been changed to include some parcels in Saguache County. The purpose of the proposed exchange is to acquire a permanent source of augmentation water for the Blanca Wetlands. More land has been set aside than is needed for the trade and the final choice of parcels will be decided through public comment. Written comments should be mailed before September 12, 2008 to Sue Swift-Miller. Archuleta does not think the mineral rights go with the land.
- Big Springs is slated to be closed after a NEPA process and Storm King Campgrounds will be reviewed with the possibility of splitting upgrade costs with the County.
- Renewable energy policy on public lands has been put into a handout. The Board would like to find out what is the best way to get in the loop on these issues. Cooperating Agency status is specific to NEPA activities; ongoing local cooperation can be defined in an MOA for general planning, communication and cooperation. Discussion on the trade offs of solar and wind as a land use option.

- No more Public land parcels will be put up for Oil and Gas lease until next February.
- Dario Archuleta was approved as the Saguache County representative for the Gunnison Water Shed Weed Committee.

Break

Penny Bruce- Library:

- 2008 Budget Item - The line item in the Library's 2008 budget for part-time employees is spent entirely on payroll for Bruce and the amount recorded is \$14,277.12. However, her hourly wage is \$11/hr and she is scheduled to work 30hrs/week. At that rate, the total for her yearly payroll will come to \$17,160. Unless adjustments are made, her budgeted funds will be gone by November. Options are to increase the line-item amount or begin cutting back on hours now to avoid running out of pay before year's end. The increase will amount to \$2,882.88. Board decided to not increase the budget.

Joseph moved to convene as the Housing Board at 3:25 P.M. Pace seconded. The vote was three Ayes.

Pace moved to adjourn the Housing Board and return to regular meeting at 3:30 P.M. Joseph seconded. The vote was three Ayes.

Melinda Myers – Tourism Council update:

- Saguache County Guide has been distributed and has been well received.
- Fall event grants will be awarded during the August 6th meeting
- By-laws have been finished and sent to Attorney Gibbons for review.
- New web page is excellent – Kenny did a great job. A few things need updating and revised, but mostly it is an expanded, searchable version of the Guide.
- Continuing to update the business listings for the County.
- Partnering with ScSeed and Saguache County Business Association on economic development projects.
- Working with the San Luis Valley Tourism Council on regional and statewide promotion of Saguache County and the SLV.
- Will look into putting a sign with a phone number with visitor information on the road at the entrances to the Saguache.
- Have not had a scheduled election of officers due to lack of quorum.

Melinda Myers – County Clerk and Recorder:

Joseph moved to approve the liquor license request for Villa Grove Trade. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes

- Villa Grove Trade Liquor License
- The Clerk office has been experiencing extreme environmental distress as the hot weather and the new airtight new windows have caused the temperature to reach unbearable levels. Pete Garcia suggested a vent be put in the ceiling which would connect to a pipe which would run through the office above and then connect to the venting system in the attic. Board agreed to have the work done after Garcia researches it and finds no problem or objections.

Bill Paying

Spearman moved to adjourn at: 4:20P.M. Joseph seconded. The vote was three Ayes.

Respectfully Submitted

Melinda Myers Secretary to the Board of County Commissioners

Minutes Approved August 12, 2008

Chairman of the Board

Attest

Commissioner

Commissioner