

Saguache County Board of Commissioners met in regular session  
Tuesday, August 19, 2008 with the following present:

Mike Spearman, Acting 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 Vice- Chairman Spearman at 9:00 A.M.

Under Additions or Deletions to the Agenda:

1. Add Assessor Stephens
2. Move Road and Bridge report to 11 A.M.
3. Add Dr. Arnett at 1 P.M.
4. Delete Donna Newsom Nursing report.

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

**Jackie Stephens** – Assessor:

- County Assessed valuation:

2007 = \$57,289,900

2008 thru August = \$61,602,390 anticipated to be higher by year's end.

The assessed valuation appears to be stable over the last few years across the Valley.

**Joseph moved to approve the issuance of a correction deed for Lot 7, 8 & 10 Block 9 Mineral Hot Springs Estates Area B Tract 1D in Block 1 Mineral Hot Springs Estates Area D Lots 1, 2, 29, 30, & 32 Block 2 Mineral Hot Springs Estates Area D Lots 6, 7 & 29 Block 2 Mineral Hot Springs Estates Area D Lots 9 thru 15 and Lots 19 thru 24 Block 4 Mineral Hot Springs Estates Area D. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was two Ayes.**

- Mineral Hot Springs correctional deed for Lot 7, 8 & 10 Block 9 Mineral Hot Springs Estates Area B Tract 1D in Block 1 Mineral Hot Springs Estates Area D Lots 1, 2, 29, 30, & 32 Block 2 Mineral Hot Springs Estates Area D Lots 6, 7 &

29 Block 2 Mineral Hot Springs Estates Area D Lots 9 thru 15 and Lots 19 thru  
24 Block 4 Mineral Hot Springs Estates Area D

Reading and approval of minutes:

**Joseph moved to approve the minutes of August 12, 2008. Spearman seconded motion. The vote was two Ayes.**

Review of Mail:

1. **The State of Colorado** sent the Colorado Board of Health Agenda for August 20, 2008. (8/14/08)
2. **The Gunnison Conservation District** sent a request for appropriations for the coming fiscal year in the amount of \$500.00. Material was attached to explain why the financial support to the CD is vital to the people of Saguache County. (8/14/08)
3. **The Rio Grande Water Conservation District** sent the August 2008 Ground Water Table Measurements. (8/14/08)

**Joseph moved to hold out from possible sale Lot 7, Block 22 in Moffat for possible sale or transfer to Northern Saguache County Fire Protection District. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was two Ayes.**

4. **Wesley Moores**, District Chief for the Northern Saguache County Fire Protection District sent a letter inquiring if the Saguache Board of County Commissioners would be interested in giving or selling Lot 7 in Moffat to the Northern Saguache County Fire Protection District as they are in the process of planning and building a new facility. (8/14/08)
5. **Wesley Moores**, District Chief for the Northern Saguache County Fire Protection District sent a brief written report on the monies awarded from the Saguache County Sales Tax Grant. A follow up report and invoices will be given when the equipment is received. (8/14/08)
6. **Kateri Jaramillo** with La Puente Outreach sent a thank you card Thanking the Board of County Commissioners for there Donation for La Puente Outreach.(8/18/08)
7. **Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District** has sent the Board of Directors Agenda Regular Meeting on August 25<sup>th</sup> 2008 starting at 5:30 pm at 234 N. Main St. Gunnison, CO and Special Meeting starting at 8:35pm.(8/18/08)
8. **Baca Mt. Tract** meeting at the Wildlife **Refuge Headquarters in Crestone**, Wednesday (20th). Joseph will attend.
9. **SLV DRG** invitation to the Targeted Industry dinner and meeting on Thursday (21st), RSVP to 719-589-6099 or e-mail Michael Wisdom at wisdom@slvdr.org by 20th, end of the day. Spearman will attend.

**Introduction of Guests:** Matie Belle Lakish – Crestone Eagle; John E. Bergman; Cathy Baxter; Rowena Quay- Wm Quay Family Trust; Dr. Vince Stack & Dr. Arnett – Salida Family Medicine

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

**Sam Pace:** Excused - No report

**Linda Joseph** reported:

- August 13 - Attended the Crestone/Baca Planning Commission meeting. There was a long discussion of issues around Multi-residence and Accessory Dwelling Units, and whether to clarify in the Master Plan, regulations in the Land Development Code, or guidelines. This topic will be further discussed at the County Planning Commission meeting on August 28.
- August 16 - Attended the grand opening of the Joyful Journey motel rooms and conference center. It is a beautiful facility and adds a quality venue for visitors and groups to Saguache County.
- August 18 - Drafted, to be finalized:
  1. An article on energy conservation for the Energy Fair pamphlet.
  2. A memo to Dept. Heads on County goals.
- Consulted with Elinor Laurie on Saguache County's participation in a Sage Grouse / Grazing Management Research grant. Elinor will represent Saguache County on the sub-committee on this topic and is reaching out to activate the local working group for their input.

**Mike Spearman** reported:

- Witnessed a sever storm in the west side of the county, which did extensive damage to the crops and vehicles.
- Received a call from Mr. Wiescamp on two possible interested parties for the Town of Iris. Spearman let him know that there maybe a group of neighbors who might be interested in forming a coop to buy the town.

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

**Joseph moved to approve the contract with Susan Vogel, Dental Hygienist to open an office in the County Clinic Building. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was two Ayes.**

- Contract between BOCC & Susan Vogel needs BOCC signature.

**Spearman moved to approve increasing the mileage per diem from \$.32 to \$.40 starting September 1, 2008. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was two Ayes.**

- At the budget meeting held with the department heads and elected officials it was requested that the board consider increasing mileage per diem from \$.32 to \$.45 a mile.
- October 6 will be the budget workshop with BOCC.
- Zimmer attended the Valley County Administrators meeting on August 18 in Alamosa.

Break

**Wendi Maez - Land Use Administrator:**

**Joseph moved to approve the consolidation for Steven Elliot and Kristen Scriber on Baca Grande Mobile Home Estates, Lots 89 and 90. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was two Ayes.**

- Steven Elliott and Kristen Schriber – Lot Consolidation request for Baca Grande Mobile Home Estates Lots 89 and 90. Crestone/Baca Planning Commission recommended approval of this request at their regular meeting on August 13, 2008.
- We have received one bid from Bese for Lazy KV Estates Block O Lot 10C in the amount of \$4000, the minimum on the lot was \$14,000 for 8 acres. The Board passed on accepting the bid at this time.

**Joseph moved to approve the variance to move an upgraded 1982 Camelot single wide mobile home from N1/2NW1/4 19-44-9 to the NW1/4N1/2 34-44-8 owned by John and Cathy Baxter. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was two Ayes.**

- John M. and Cathy A. Baxter – Variance request to move a 1982 Camelot single wide mobile home from the N1/2NW1/4 19-44-9 to the NW1/4N1/2 34-44-8. This mobile home was upgraded and moved into Saguache County in 2005. The request is to move the mobile home from one location to another. No comments received from adjoining landowners.

**Ben Gibbons – Attorney report:**

- Continues to monitor the Oil and Gas hearings at the State.
- Suggested the Board invite the District Attorney to come and present how Saguache County money paid to the DA office will be used to help in the 2009 budgeting process.

**Randal Arredondo – Supervisor Road & Bridge and Land fill:**

- Received a letter from USDA stating that Saguache County was not eligible for grants due to the amount in the Road and Bridge fund balance 2006.
- The road signs for the Center Library are in and Arredondo will set them up on Hwy 112.

- County B and C are finished and next up is paving some roads in the Baca Grande.
- Repaired washed out sections on 38A, 41G and 42. The major storm which damaged all the crops also damaged the roads.
- Deer Valley Estates near Sargents wants to contract with the County to do snow removal.
- Attorney Gibbons and Arredondo will work on a policy and form for doing work on private land.
- Posted notices on the change in hours at the landfill - now closed on Wednesday morning to do clean up and recycling.

**Mike Norris – Sheriff:**

- Wrote a grant for extra courthouse security for \$16,000 to pay salary
- Attended services for Officer Nick Tolesman’s sister –killed on auto accident on Hwy 17.
- Fuel cost will be pushing budget over and is looking for ways to save on travel without cutting back on patrols.
- Sheriff Norris stated that the District Court docket is not backing up due to the overturn in personnel and usually the DA’s office send the same DA which helps with continuity. However staff has resigned at the DA office which will led to a slow down as they reorganize.

**Melinda Myers – County Clerk:**

**Joseph moved to approve the Liquor License for Old Cow Town. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was two Ayes.**

- Old Cow Town Liquor License request – all required documents were included.

Jail Tour

Adjourned for lunch at 12:00 P.M.

Meeting reconvened at 1:03 P.M.

**Dr Arnett –**

- Introduced Dr. Vince Stack as the new doctor at the Saguache Clinic. This will enable the clinic to be open two days a week, Tuesday and Friday. Dr. Stack is fluent in Spanish which will be a great asset.
- Reported that the Health Fair this year went well and there was a significant increase in numbers.

- Nursing Director Newsom asked about installing a pharmacy in the clinic. He has been researching this issue.
- Arnett suggested that if the county was interested in upgrading the dental equipment –he could roll that into a combined grant with other renovations needed at the clinic.

**Joseph moved to convene as the Housing Board at 1:35 P.M. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was two Ayes.**

**Chella Coleman** - Housing Director

**Joseph moved to adjourn the Housing Board and return to regular meeting at 1:55 P.M. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was two Ayes.**

**Kimberly Bryant** - Emergency Manager:

- Emergency Response Plan for oil and gas operations was reviewed and revised.

Break

**Mike Blenden** - US Fish and Wildlife Service:

- Refuge Revenue Sharing Fund – distributed an information sheet on RRSF. Payments to local government for public lands taken off the tax rolls.
- A cooperative effort to manage O&G exploration in the current EA on the Baca Refuge is moot since it's almost done. For the future, USFW will bring the County in for input on environmental issues earlier.
- Spearman asked about the rumor that USFW was planning to poison La Garita Creek to kill all fish and reestablish the native cutthroat. Spearman stated that some of the local property owners are not in favor of eliminating the current fishery.
- The Baca Refuge will be open to the public after the management plan is finished and the best uses are determined for each area and season.

Bill paying

**Joseph moved to adjourn at 3:42 P.M. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was two Ayes.**

Respectfully Submitted

Melinda Myers Secretary to the Board of County Commissioners

Minutes Approved September 2, 2008

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Chairman of the Board

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