

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

Under Additions or Deletions to the Agenda:

1. Jim Woodard blight ordinance issue in Villa Grove.
2. Election IGA with Gunnison Watershed School District.
3. Executive session requested by Spearman.

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

Reading and approval of minutes:

Spearman moved to approve the minutes of September 2, 2008 as amended. Joseph seconded motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Review of Mail:

1. **The American Ground Water Trust** has sent a register pamphlet for the Ground Source Heating & Cooling for Residential and Commercial Properties. The meeting is on Wednesday September 24, 2008 8:00am-4:45pm at the Holiday Inn-Denver West Village - Golden, CO. If you would like to attend this Meeting please register online at www.agwt.org. (9/2/08)
2. **Joanne Wendell** sent a letter regarding a check that was to be refunded in June 2007 on her Property Taxes. She was told that she didn't have to pay her Property Taxes until she received her refund check. She is trying to get this resolved. (9/4/08)
3. **Lazy KV Estates** has sent their September 2008 Quarterly Newsletter. (9/4/08)
4. **Upper Arkansas Water Conservancy District** sent their Tentative Enterprise Committee Meeting Agenda, 339 E. Hwy 50 Salida, CO on September 11, 2003 at 1:00pm. (9/8/08)

5. **Sandy L. Johnson** with CCI sent a schedule for the HUTF Projections for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009. (9/8/08)
6. **Colorado Dept. of Public Health & Environment** has sent their Colorado Board of Health Agenda to be held on September 17, 2008 at 10:00am at 4300Cherry Creek Drive South, Denver. (9/8/08)

Jackie Stephens - County Assessor:

- Abatements

Spearman moved to approve the abatement of taxes in the amount of \$2,237.75 on Lot 2, East half of Lot 4 Block 16 less North 2'3" of Lot 2 Saguache, belonging to Cassidy/Tilden. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

1. Michael Cassidy and Paulette Tilden property on 4th street next to the clinic in Saguache. The property has never evolved into the commercial endeavor that it was intended to be, and has served as a residence. They would like to have the property re-designated as residential and taxed at the lower rate. Stephens has adjusted the values from the last two years, the limit allowed for abatement.

Spearman moved to approve the abatement of taxes in the amount of \$3,118.01 on Lots 5-6 Block 23 Center View for the San Luis Valley Comprehensive Mental Health. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

2. San Luis Valley Comprehensive Mental Health services building in Center. An error was made in the assessment database and they were charged too much tax.

Introduction of Guests: Doug Larsen – Crestone Eagle; Crestone End of Life Project – John Murray, Rainbow Adler, Mary & Vince Palermo, Stephanie Gaines, Barbara Howell, Alma Rose, Catherine Alelyunas, Anna Stewart, Steve Anderson, & Kate Steichen; J.W. Burton, Jessica Shook; Denny DuBoe and Jim Woodard.

Commissioners' Reports-Updates of Meetings:

Sam Pace reported:

- September 8 - Attended the Valley Commissioner's meeting in Alamosa.
- September 6 - Attended the 25th annual UVAPAPA event in Villa Grove.

Mike Spearman reported:

- September 8 - Attended the Valley Commissioner's meeting in Alamosa. Funding for regional projects will be tight this next year.

- Will be attending the Center Fire District meeting and continue to work on the La Garita Fire District.
- Visited with some folks with a proposal to have the fuel that is usually trucked into the Valley, be shipped in by rail instead. This would be a great savings for local businesses. A fuel distribution center would need to be established, which would require permits and some study.

Linda Joseph reported:

- September 7 & 8 - Attended the Statewide Regional Medical & Trauma Advisory Council (RETAC) Forum in Pueblo. Ex Officio RETAC appointments were made to the 4 reorganized SEMTAC committees; Mona Lovato was appointed to the Public Health and Safety Committee. The scoring matrix for interviews of the 2 applicants to complete the Statewide Needs Assessment Project (SNAP) - a 3 year project was revised. Legislative topics are in discussion for possible presentation to CCI.
- September 5 & 7 - Attended the 25th Annual, and last UVAPAPA (Upper Valley Artists Party & Picnic Association) event.
- September 8 - Attended the SLV County Commissioners Association budget meeting, to hear presentations of Valley non-profit organizations, and by the Army/National Guard about an SLV Armory.

Lynn Zimmer and Wendi Maez - CO-Administrators:

- The Veteran's report from Tom Blunt was signed.
- A special Nursing payroll had to be run because nursing did not report all of the hours for a few of their employees. Several of the employees were unhappy with being paid these hours in the next pay cycle. This will affect the transfer of funds that was handled on Sept 2.
- The 2007 audit is in from Johnson, Holscher & Company. The audit needs to be reviewed by the Board and an appointment can be made to discuss any issues.
- Received a request from the Center School District and Nick Chambers to see if the Board will accept late sales tax grant applications after the deadline. The Board declined and encouraged them to apply in the spring.

Spearman moved to enter into Executive Session at 10:09 A. M. for legal purposes under CRS 24-6-402 (4)(b). Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Pace moved to return to regular session at 10:22 A. M. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

- Have received several complaints on possible HIPPA violations and would like to have CTSI come down and give the class again. The Board approved making attendance mandatory for all employees.

Break

Wendi Maez - Land Use Administrator:

Pace moved to approve the Conditional Use permit Crestone End of Life Project for 8 cremations per year and to allow up to 8 vehicles to be parked on the side of the road and the remainder of the vehicles must be off the road in a designated area and all other previously approved conditions to be in compliance. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

- Crestone End of Life yearly review. Received an email from Heather Showers from the State of Colorado giving approval to have 8 cremations per year. An email from William Howell concerning the way they would like to handle the cremations for the next year has been forwarded to the Board. The Board reviewed letters from surrounding.

Penny Bruce - Library Administrator:

- **Programs**
 - ~ The Summer Reading program for kids ended in August and was a big success, in terms of increased attendance and enthusiasm from the kids. They read a total of 1675 books, setting a new program record.
 - ~ Headstart School will begin this week and we expect the first class to attend story hour at the Library this Thursday, and every Thursday throughout the coming school year.
 - ~ TeenReads, our teen-age book club still meets once a week, but the time has moved to Sundays, to accommodate the kids that are on various sports teams.
 - ~ We are working with Mountain Valley school to launch an after school program for all the school children. The last step toward putting this in motion is installing our new computers.
 - ~ When said computers arrive, we also plan to begin holding computer training classes, with a focus on basics for the seniors who want to catch up with the technology.
 - ~ The Library will be hosting a one-time training session for using Windows Office, presented by the Colo. Small Business alliance, on Wednesday, Sept. 24.
- **Fund-raising**
 - ~ The last phase of implementing our Gates Foundation grant will happen this month. Kenny Bertin has met with staff and discussed the grant guidelines, our computer needs and the budget, and has ordered five new computers, plus some

peripherals. We will also be filling out two required surveys by October 1, to provide some feedback to the Gates people.

~ The Friends of the Library will be having a booth at the Fall Festival and are also creating another letter requesting donations, which they hope to mail out by the end of the month.

~ We have submitted our application for the Sales Tax Revenue grant on time.

~ We'll be meeting with grant advisor Kim Smoyer tomorrow to decide which grant applications we'll be working on next.

- **Administrative News**

~ Both Library staff members attended the first county budget meeting and created something of a disruption over salary questions, for which Bruce apologizes. Both forgot the second meeting, but managed to turn in a revised budget to Lyn just in time, while not actually attending. We think that all the details of our 2009 budget are now worked out and we plan to attend the meeting in October.

~ After making several revisions to our Job Descriptions, we hope that they have been given final approval.

~ At the suggestion of the Friends, we have re-arranged our shelving so that all the books in large print are in one place and easier to find. We have also recently asked the public for donations of videos and CDs that we can lend out. These are materials that the Library has traditionally avoided, but more and more of our patrons have asked for them and we realize that there are no other outlets for movies in town now. One week after our request for used videos appeared in the paper, we have received over thirty movies! Mondragon has set up a cataloging system and we are already lending them out for one week per video.

Adjourned for lunch at 12:00 P.M.

Meeting reconvened at 1:00 P.M.

Chella Coleman – Housing Director – Housing report

Joseph moved to convene as the Housing Board at 1:01 P.M. Spearman seconded. The vote was three Ayes.

Joseph moved to adjourn the Housing Board and return to regular meeting at 1:20 P.M. Spearman seconded. The vote was three Ayes.

Melinda Myers – County Clerk:

Joseph moved to approve the IGA with Gunnison Watershed School District for the General Election. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

- IGA with Gunnison Watershed School District for the general election. The GWSD forgot to notify the Clerk's office that they wanted to participate in the general election with a Tabor question and missed the deadline for entering into an IGA with Saguache County. The Secretary of State's office approved them participating if we could accommodate them. We have already received their ballot content so we have no problem including them on the ballot.

Wendi Maez - Land Use report continued:

- The previously approved Pundarika Foundation Conditional Use Modification resolution was signed.
- Received a request to purchase 3 lots in Cool Valley Estates from R. Venkata. The bid amount is for \$160 each lot. Attorney Gibbons commented that the lots need to be advertised. The Board asked Maez to research advertising the county held lots in Moffat, Mineral Hot Springs, and Cool Valley.
- Reviewed some of what was received from Rock Creek Studios (Dave Michaelson) which consisted mostly of the results from the public forums which were held. The issue will be discussed at the PC on September 25th and will report to the Board in October.
- **Jim Woodard, Jessica Shook and Denny DuBoe**, neighboring property owners, brought in photos and testimonials about a derelict property in Villa Grove. They are requesting help in getting the property owners to clean it up. Maez will research it and send the Sheriff to cite the property owners.

Ben Gibbons – County Attorney report:

- Received letter from William Folk requesting a change in the minutes from August 12, 2008 to reflect discussion at the meeting. Gibbons will send a reply to indicate that Saguache keeps action minutes, which do not reflect all the discussion. The Board will not be altering the August 12, 2008 minutes.
- Update on Oil and Gas regulations:
 1. The CCOGC has rejected the 90 days moratorium for wildlife activity.
 2. Staff rejected the rule on MOA for local governments.
 3. La Plata County proposed alternate language to protect local jurisdictions; Saguache County has signed on to this proposal.
 4. Staff recommended removing the Gunnison Prairie Dog from the threatened species list.

<p>Joseph moved to enter into Executive Session at 1:56 P. M. for legal purposes under CRS 24-6-402 (4)(b). Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.</p>

Joseph moved to return to regular session at 2:20 P. M. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Work Session – Department Head Goals discussion

Joseph moved to adjourn at 2:25 P.M. Spearman seconded. The vote was three Ayes.

Respectfully Submitted

Melinda Myers Secretary to the Board of County Commissioners

Minutes Approved September 16, 2008

Chairman of the Board

Attest

Commissioner

Commissioner