

Saguache County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Tuesday, October 21, 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 9:03 A.M.

Under Additions or Deletions to the Agenda:

1. Housing Board postponed till next month.
2. Move Land Use report to 10:00.

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

Reading and approval of minutes:

Joseph moved to approve the minutes of October 14, 2008 as amended. Spearman seconded motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Review of Mail:

1. Colorado River Water Conservation District - Fourth Regular Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Directors on October 21-22, 08 at 9am in Glenwood Springs, CO. (10/14/08)
2. The Commissioners of Pueblo County sent an invitation to the City-County Health Department's Regional Conference for Southern Colorado. Wednesday November 5, 08 at the El Pueblo History Museum 301 N. Union Ave. from 10:30am-2:30pm. (10/21/08)
3. State of Colorado Division of Property Taxation Department of Local Affairs sent their Final Determination for the Golden Rule Org. to be denied for tax exemption. (10/20/08)
4. Colorado Department of Public Health sent their Memorandum for San Luis Valley EMTS Agencies on Executing Memorandum of Agreements. (10/20/08)

5. Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District sent the Board of Directors Agenda Meeting for Monday Oct. 27,08 at 234 N. Main St., Suite 3B Gunnison, CO. (10/20/08)
6. Southern Colorado Action 22 sent a letter concerning the annual membership fees. (10/20/08)

Introduction of Guests: Matie Belle Lakish – Crestone Eagle; Teresa Benns – Center Post Dispatch; Don and Kathy Geddes; Lindy McDaniel, David Nicholas and John Murray - HIU; Steve Sanchez, Randy Arredondo, Donna Newsom, Karen Davis, Jeannie Norris, Connie Trujillo, Lynn Hammel, Tom Perrin, Mike Norris, Pete Garcia - County Employees.

Commissioners' Reports-Updates of Meetings:

Sam Pace reported:

- Oct 15 - Attended the Governors Energy Office conference. Presentations from several other city or county sustainability managers on how they were promoting energy savings etc. Hopefully partnering up with the state to give rebates to citizens for renewable upgrades.
- Oct 18 - Responded to complaints about camping and traffic jam at Liberty Gate entrance to the Park. There were 12 trucks or jeep type vehicles and 3 large horse trailers, but no tents at that time. The USFS/BLM needs to be notified to see if they can police the area.
- Oct 20 - Attended public hearing on access to trails on Spanish and Cottonwood Creeks at the courthouse.
- Made calls to Hew Hallock, our new area rep from the GEO. Will meet with him Wed. after the Tri State transmission line meeting in Alamosa to discuss partnering with the GEO on getting a local audit person and other renewable and energy efficiency efforts.
- Oct 20 - Attended a meeting with Senator Salazar at the Oasis.
- Received complaints about people living at Mineral Hot Springs Estates without proper permits or facilities. Also someone living in a school bus in the Baca Grande Grants.

Mike Spearman reported:

- Oct 15 – Attended a meeting with Xcel and DRG on the gas pipeline. Xcel reported that there is not enough natural gas to send to the Valley so the pipeline project is uncertain.
- During trip to Denver, briefcase was stolen from vehicle.
- Visited with the seniors in Center. They are doing fine with the new personnel. They would like to see more seniors come and take advantage of the programs.
- Oct 20 - Attended the RS2477 public hearing in the courtroom.

- Oct 20 – Attended a met and greet at the Oasis for John Salazar.

Linda Joseph reported:

- October 15 Assisted Co-Administrators in researching Leadership and Communications Training DVDs.
- October 20 - Attended the public hearing at the Courthouse on Baca trails issues.
- Received and forwarded statistical reports from Kenny Bertin, WSB for the Saguache County and Tourism websites.
- Pete Magee from GIS can plot out where in the county is at less than 1 degree slope, for concentrated solar purposes, and Joseph would like to see if that information could be mapped for the County's reference.

Wendi Maez - Land Use Administrator:

- Humanity In Unity has filed for a special event for their event to be held at the Temple of Consciousness on November 3-8, 2008. A letter was sent to Jeff Robbins, legal council HIU with stipulations from the Board, explaining to them that they will need to file for a Conditional Use Permit and find another venue until the CUP is given approval. Attorney Robbins phoned in and conversed with the Board. David Nicholas, representative for HIU announced that most participants will be housed off site and shuttled in for the event. Maez will work out the details with HIU.

Pace moved to pay Kathryn Van Note by the hour for the completion of the Master Plan. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

- Met with Kathryn Van Note concerning the completion of the master plan. It needs to be decided how she should be paid - either a flat fee or an hourly fee of \$25 plus expenses. Maez prefers that she be paid by the hour as it is easier to keep track of the fees paid for reimbursement from DOLA. A time line should be set. The Planning Commission has suggested 6 months.

Break

Lynn Zimmer and Wendi Maez - CO-Administrators:

- Steve Sanchez from the Town of Saguache spoke about their Sales Tax Grant request. The Town wants to purchase land on the north end of town to create a recreational area which abuts public lands.

Spearman moved to approve the contract for the creation of an agency to oversee the distribution of Community Service Block Grants by Conejos County. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

- Maez, Zimmer and Chella Coleman attended a meeting for Community Service Block Grants counties within the Valley to consolidate the funding with a single

county as the fiscal agent. Lucia Smead from the State recommended that Conejos County be the fiscal agent. A contract to create this agency was signed by the BOCC. There needs to be 3 people from the County to apply for a position on this board, 1 from the Board of Commissioners or designee, a private sector representative and a representative of low income based family or individual. This board will then be part of the board that will be writing the by - laws and following through with the regulations set down by the CSBG grant.

Pace moved to approve the Court Security Grant in the amount of \$19,500 for a part time court security officer. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

- Received notice on Friday, October 17, 2008 that we have received funding from the Court Security Grant in the amount of \$19, 500 for a part time court security officer.
- Finance Reports for Sept. 30, 2008 have been handed out for review by the Board and all Department heads and elected officials.
- Zimmer has been researching the Board minutes to track down the distribution of the County mill levy.
- Email from DRG was received during the meeting inviting the Board to an Energy question/answer session at SLV Rural Electric Co-op n October 28, 2008.

Ben Gibbons – Attorney report:

- Still monitoring State of Colorado Oil and Gas regulations.
- Assessment of the legal aspects of the RS2477 will be summarized in a memo. One issue of public notice was fulfilled. The basis of the original resolution is still being researched, along with public easements that might have been designated in the past.

Mike Norris – Sheriff

- Received funding from the Court Security Grant in the amount of \$19, 500 for a part time court security officer. Norris is planning to use his current deputies to fill this spot. It would be paid through the reimbursement method and run through regular payroll with its own line item.
- Has been responding to calls complaining about the parking at Liberty Gate when they have an officer available.

Jail Tour

Adjourned for lunch at 12:05 P.M.

Meeting reconvened at 1:05 P.M.

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

- Town of Crestone would like to annex all county roads within a three mile radius

surrounding the town.

- New dozer was purchased and delivered.
- Received projected USDA Forest Service New Secure Rural Schools payments. According to the email from Chip Taylor, Saguache County will be receiving \$3,040,161, the Board is asking for the numbers to be doubled checked before it's rolled into the budget for next year.
- Arredondo also reported that there would be more PILT money coming for 2008, \$268,781.00.
- Caterpillar Corporation has given a complementary 40 hours extra on the scrapper, therefore the new cell has been dug and the liner has been installed.

Donna Newsom - Nursing Director

- The Colorado Development Block Grant application for the Public Health Building acquisition is completed and ready for signature. The funding should occur in December. The environmental impact study is still being conducted.
- Valley Wide Health Systems has agreed to the rental agreement for office space in the Haskins Medical Building in Center. The lease will begin November 1, 2008.
- The Saguache County Emergency Food Bank served 39 county residents during September. The number of households served equaled 13. There were 17 children served. The value of food distributed was \$819.00 donations of \$100.00 were received.
- The PCP Agency vehicle has been repaired. The car required ball bearings and undercarriage work including an alignment.
- The wellness coordinator continues to conduct heart disease screenings within the county. This will continue throughout the year until all departments have had the opportunity to participate. The Diabetes Support groups met in Center and Saguache. The Healthier Living classes continue in the county. The 2nd annual Walk/Run/Ride was a success with 32 participants and \$218.00 donated for the diabetes group. The PCP staff is now certified in CPR/ AED and First Aid. The public health staff and agency staff all renewed their CPR/AED and first aid as well.
- The flu vaccine has arrived and we are extremely busy with vaccinations within the county. We will be able to bill Medicare for pneumonia and influenza vaccinations this year. SCPH requested CSBG funding to afford individuals that can not pay, a means to receive vaccine. The PCP agency gave discounted flu shots to the field staff in exchange for a contribution to the food bank.
- The Saguache County Prevention Coalition has plans for a "Youth Retreat" in October. Thus far over 70 students have signed up to attend the all day conference to be held in Center. A logo contest was conducted in September among the students throughout the county. Jahill Bragassa, student from Moffat, won the contest and was awarded a \$50.00 certificate. The logo will be the official one utilized by "Saguache County Prevention Coalition. Congratulations to Jahill and the hard work of the prevention partners. Another important milestone has been met with all 4 schools now online to administer the Healthy Kids Colorado

Survey in November. The Charter School in Crestone is the most recent to survey their students. The coalition held “Communities That Care” training in Center during September. There were 18 participants. Thanks to Ileen, Pearl and Yoana for their hard work.

- SCPH and Citizen’s Corps held Community Emergency Response Team training in September. 14 citizens were certified. Saguache County now has two CERT teams. One in the Crestone area and the newly formed one in northern Saguache County. The newly formed Health Care Coalition for Saguache County held its first meeting. Planning continues for pandemic influenza within the county. Plans are being made to include Chaffee County in the Saguache County Public Health Emergency Operations Plan. The next scheduled meeting is November 14, at 10:00am at the public health office in Saguache.
- Epidemiology Report: CDPHE reports no influenza in the state as of 10-04-08. SCPH continues to administer flu vaccine at various sites within the county. This will continue until our vaccine supply is depleted. There has been one reported case of Varicella.

Break

Dean Johnson – presentation of 2007 Audit

- Presented a summary of the 2007 financial audit, and suggestions for improvements. Overall, the General Fund revenues exceeded expenditures by \$174,191.

Budget discussion:

- Board discussed the budget with elected officials and department heads.
- Set a budget work session for 1:00 on November 17, 2008.

Sales Tax Grant Decisions:

Discussion and awarding of the Sales Tax Grants for Fall 2008

- Youth & Seniors

Colorado State University Extension, \$1,000
Organize 4-H in Moffat & Crestone

Colorado State University Extension, \$1,500
Youth Leadership Conference

Saguache Chorus, \$880
Scholarship for Choir enrollment: 4 youth, 4 seniors

Crestone Performances, Inc, \$2,000
Youth & Community Performance Program: 2 performances each school.

Saguache County Public Library, \$6,000
Library Administration, Program Development, Fundraising

ScSeed (Saguache County Sustainable Environment & Economic Development),
\$3,000
Ranching Video Project

Crestone Youth Plaza, Inc., \$500
After School Program

Center Consolidated Schools \$1,250
After school activities

Center Conservation District, \$5,000
Educational & Outreach Programs

Crestone Co-Operative Playgroup
Family based pre-school program \$1,500

San Luis Valley Fair Board, \$5,000
Organize the annual SLV Fair 4-H & FFA youth project presentation

Tri-County Senior Citizens & Housing, Inc., \$2,000
Transportation for the elderly in Saguache County

TOTAL AWARDED – YOUTH & SENIORS \$29,630

- **Renewable Technologies/ Business Opportunities/ Job Creation**

Crestone Youth Plaza, \$5,100
“Green Theme” Youth Center: LED lighting installation project

ScSeed (Saguache County Sustainable Environment & Economic Development)

\$10,800

Saguache Downtown Revitalization Project

TOTAL AWARDED - RENEWABLE TECHNOLOGIES / BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES, \$15,900

- **Emergency/ Health & Safety**

Saguache County Sheriff's Office, \$10,000
Computer Based Incident Reporting System

Saguache County Coroner's Office, \$2,767
Radio System

Saguache County Public Health, \$6,852
Diabetes Educational Program

Saguache County Office of Emergency Management, \$5,865
Pre-positioned disaster supplies, planning wages

American National Red Cross, \$3,006
Shed for Town of Saguache supplies

Center Fire Protection District, \$4,510
Saw for ventilation & structure fires; and training classes

TOTAL AWARDED - EMERGENCY / HEALTH & SAFETY: \$33,000

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| <p>Spearman moved to adjourn at 5:22 P.M. Joseph seconded. The vote was three Ayes.</p> |
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Respectfully Submitted

Melinda Myers Secretary to the Board of County Commissioners

Minutes Approved November 4, 2008

Chairman of the Board

Attest

Commissioner

Commissioner