

Saguache County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Tuesday, November 4, 2008 with the following present:

Sam Pace, Chairman
Mike Spearman, Vice Chairman
Linda Joseph, Commissioner
Ben Gibbons, County Attorney
Chella Coleman-Ward, Acting Secretary to the Board
Wendi Maez, Co-Administrator
Lyn Zimmer, Co-Administrator

Meeting called to order by Chairman Pace at 9:00 A.M.

Under Additions or Deletions to the Agenda:

1. SRS and PILT Funding discussion was added under Attorney and Road and Bridge.

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

Reading and approval of minutes:

Joseph moved to approve the minutes of October 21, 2008 as amended. Spearman seconded motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Review of Mail:

1. Richard Reynolds from the Department of Transportation sent a letter and brochures thanking the Board for participation in the 2008 Saguache County meeting with CDOT on Oct.7, 08. They also sent the information regarding the two issues that were discussed that require follow-up by CDOT. (10/23/08)
2. Robert Leaverton from the Department of Agriculture enclosed a draft of the Pike and San Isabel National Forests social & economic existing conditions and trends report. (10/27/08)
3. Rio Grande Headwaters Land Trust sent their October 2008 newsletter on the Rio Grande Initiative. (10/28/08)
4. Colorado Open Landscapes sent their Fall 2008 Newsletter of Colorado Open Lands. (10/28/08)
5. The Headwater Tribe has sent their Fall 2008 Newsletter. (10/29/08)
6. Pinon Canyon Expansion Opposition Coalition (PCEOC) sent the response to the Army report of July 2008. (10/29/08)
7. CTSI Board of Directors is seeking anyone interested in running for the Compensation Pool or Casualty & Property Pool. If any Board member is

- interested please send a letter of interest by November 14, 08 to: 800 Grant St. Suite 400 Denver, Co 80203 or contact Brenda Hostetler at 303-861-0507. (10/29/08)
8. Valley Wide Health Services sent an invitation to attend their Open House for the new Community Clinic on Friday November 7, 08 from 4-6pm at 1131 Main St. Alamosa, Co. (10/30/08)
 9. USDA Forest Service Divide Ranger District is requesting comments for an environmental analysis within the Blue Park Roaring Fork area which contains these grazing allotments: Blue Park Cattle & Horse, Roaring Fork Cattle & Horse, and a portion of the Pool Table Sheep & Goat. Comments should be received by December 1, 08 or call Tristram Post 719-657-3321. (10/31/08)
 10. United States Department of Agriculture has sent a copy of the Environmental Analysis and Decision Notices for the Salida District & Leadville District Range Allotment Management Plan (RAMP). (10/31/08)

Introduction of Guests: Matie Belle Lakish – Crestone Eagle; Teresa Benns – Center Post Dispatch; Stace Fuch; Ann Bunting; Kathryn Van Note – OEM.

Commissioners' Reports-Updates of Meetings:

Sam Pace reported:

- Oct 22 - Attended the Tri-State open house in Alamosa and met with Hugh Hallock of the Governor's Energy Office.
- Oct 28 - Met with Gail Schwartz at Baca POA presentation on renewable energy.
- Oct 29 - Attended CPP meeting at Public Health Offices in Saguache.
- Spoke with Dan Dallas, Francis Reynolds, Art Hutchinson, Eric Bergman, Steve Colby, and Chip Taylor about SRS and PILT funding issues on 10/30, 10/31 and 11/3.
- The Board may want to meet with Lexam for the follow up of the emergency plan.

Mike Spearman reported:

- Attended an Xcel gas meeting in Denver regarding the potential new gas line to Center. Xcel says they do not have adequate gas at this time.
- Oct 20 - Attended a special meeting on Trails in the Baca.
- Oct 22 - Attended the Tri-State open house meeting in Alamosa meeting for transmission lines.
- Oct 22 - Attended the Targeted Industries studies meeting in Center.
- Oct 22 - Meet with Gail Schwartz at the Town Hall.
- Oct 22 - Attended the DRG meeting.
- Oct 22 - Attended the SLVREC meeting on the new Transmission Lines.
- Oct 22 - Went to Costilla County with Randy Arredondo to discuss and visit the Bio-diesel project.

- Oct 22 - Met with Senator Salazar's representative, Charlotte Bobicki and she initiated a conference call with John Plum, Executive with the Senator's Office, to discuss ramifications of the new Secure Rural Schools Act and how it effects PILT payments.

Linda Joseph reported:

- October 22 Attended the Targeted Industry Study meetings in Saguache and Center. Attendance was low, but discussion was lively and creative, and many next steps were generated.
- Prepared the Sales Tax Grant Award Summary for the web and press.
- October 24 Attended the Town Hall meeting with Senator Gail Schwartz in Saguache. There was a good turnout, and much thoughtful discussion on a wide range of topics.
- October 28 Attended the VGAMA potluck. VGAMA has signed on as a supporting partner to the Saguache Town Revitalization project.

Lynn Zimmer and Wendi Maez - CO-Administrators:

- The chairlift button has to be held down to get a person up or down the lift and is causing accessibility issues. We may want to purchase a remote that can be placed on a persons lap during transit. A bid for the remote to make the lift more accessible for the handicapped in the amount of \$1,244.29 has been received. Board approved to have it purchased from Maintenance Budget.
- Zimmer, Maez and Chella Coleman attended a CSBG meeting in Pueblo last week. There are several changes that will need to be discussed at a later date. Will also be attending a meeting with Costilla County on 11/5 to discuss the partnership and what all needs done, and report at future meeting.
- There was an insurance committee meeting last week to discuss future health insurance for county eligible employees, follow up meetings will be scheduled.
- A discussion regarding a resolution to transfer funds from the County General Fund into the Library Fund. The resolution will not be granted at this time. The Sales Tax money will be used first instead. Transfer of funds can be requested later in the year.
- The letter from the Friends of the Library was discussed.

Break

Wendi Maez - Land Use Administrator:

- Crestone Peak Housing/Ralph Abrams has the opportunity to receive a 1985 doublewide mobile home from a party in Salida. There is a condition that the mobile home needs to be moved from Salida within the next 3 weeks. A variance is required, due to the age (20 year age limit) of mobile home. At this time they are requesting a waiver of the time limit, which is 45 days in order to notify the adjoining landowners and to give the Planning Commission time to review any comments received prior to the PC meeting. The waiver to allow the Crestone Peak Housing to bring the 1985 doublewide mobile home into the County within three weeks was temporarily granted pending approval of the County. They will be allowed to park it on the property but not set the mobile home until the variance is granted. If not approved the mobile home is to be removed from the County.

Pace moved to approve the Midnight Rose Farms, LLC. Subdivision Exemption request to subdivide a tract of land containing 2.733 acres from the original tract. Spearman seconded motion. The vote was three Ayes.

- Midnight Rose Farms, LLC. Subdivision Exemption request to subdivide a tract of land containing 2.733 acres from the original tract containing 240 acres. The SCPC has recommended by unanimous vote, approval of this request during their regular meeting on October 30, 2008.

Joseph moved to approve the James E. Thompson Trust and the Vera C. Thompson Trust Subdivision Exemption request to subdivide a tract of land containing 2.50 acres from the original tract containing 52 acres. Spearman seconded motion. The vote was three Ayes.

- The James E. Thompson Trust and The Vera C. Thompson Trust Subdivision Exemption request to subdivide a tract of land containing 2.50 acres from the original tract containing 52 acres. The SCPC has recommended by unanimous vote, approval of this request during their regular meeting on October 30, 2008.
- Received the 2007 Colorado Air Quality Control report. Saguache County's air quality is listed as very good. There is a section in the report concerning Oil and Gas industry ozone plan. In which the Air Quality Control Commission has taken action since 2004 to address the impact of emissions from the oil and gas industry. A copy of the O&G ozone plan has been scanned and email to each of member.
- Anne Bunting came before the Board to discuss the possibility of removing the deed restriction for her property. This will need to be discussed again after we have the opportunity to discuss it with the PC and the BGPOA.

Pace moved to appoint Jerry Burton as an alternate to the Crestone/Baca Planning Commission. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

- Jerry Burton submitted a request to be appointed to the vacant seat on the Crestone/Baca Planning Commission.

Pace moved to approve paying \$250 of the fees for the zoning change for the Crestone/Baca Land Trust. The Land Trust will need to pay the remaining fees. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three ayes.

- The Crestone/Baca Land Trust had requested fees be waived for a zoning change which was previously denied. They have offered to pay the postage if the County would agree to waive the application fees.

Joseph moved to enter into Executive Session at 10:55 A. M. for legal purposes under CRS 24-6-402 (4)(b). Pace seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

- An executive session was request regarding legal issues.

Pace moved to reconvene to regular session at 11:06 A.M. Joseph seconded. The vote was three ayes.

Ben Gibbons – Attorney report:

- The Secure Rural Schools funding will be looked at in-depth and Gibbons will report back to the board as soon as possible regarding the spending of funds, etc.

Meeting was adjourned for lunch at 11:57 A.M.

Meeting reconvened at 1:09 P.M.

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

- Millum and Dikes complaint regarding Hollenbeck locking gates on possible county roads was discussed. A letter is to be sent to BLM regarding these roads
- SRS and PILT funding was discussed.

Jeannie Norris - Social Services Director:

- Included in the packet are copies of the normal monthly reports.
- The TANF caseload remained at eight active cases, with three pending applications, three closed cases and one denial. There were nine child-only cases, 394 food stamp cases, 25 aid-to-the-needy-disabled cases, and 109 old-age-pension cases. The food stamp program received another perfect review from the State Division of Food Stamp Quality Assurance.
- The CHEERS training center reported five TANF participants for the month of August, and three during the month of September. There were four adult basic

education students in both months.

- The Child Protection Unit saw a large increase in referrals to thirteen, nine of which were accepted for investigation. There are currently eleven children in placement, and seven dependency and neglect court cases in progress, and 148 children in open cases. The adult protection caseload is currently ten open cases, with six new referrals, with sixteen cases having been assessed. The Judicial Team meeting on October 31 dealt with the possibility of having a standardized list of criteria when a case opens so that departments, GALs, and attorneys will be better prepared.
- The IV-D Unit reports increased collections over the corresponding period in 2007. This is particularly pleasing in light of the current economic situation. The Unit has established medical support orders in 182 of its cases, which is a 17 percent increase over the prior year. This continues to be a focus of the State of Colorado, as well as this Unit. The difficulty lies in having so few local employers who provide family insurance coverage at a reasonable cost. Equally problematic are those interstate cases with medical coverage from plans which are not honored in Colorado.
- Saguache Department of Social Services was able to purchase a 2007 Jeep Liberty with 23,500 miles, and is very happy with its fuel efficiency and convenience.
- The Department of Social Services is required by statute to have a Citizen Review Panel in the event that a review of action taken by the Department is needed as the result of a grievance. Traditionally, the Board of Commissioners serve as the panel, and this year would be joined by Steve Sanchez as the Panel.
- Parolees from the Department of Corrections are able to integrate back into their community, take responsibility for their families and avoid returning to prison if they have a system of support and meaningful employment. With this goal in mind, we have attended training on how best to assist these individuals and assure their success in as many ways as possible. Corrections officers came to Salida to present their program “Road Map to the Future”, which is producing very positive results, and gave us tools to work with in this area. One such tool is the “Holland Code”, and identifies interests of the individual which could then match with potential employment and training opportunities.
- Recent interdepartmental efforts include training by Julie Westerman for Nursing Services on adult protection issues. We received an “atta-boy” from the State Department after submitting the first annual report for the Adult Protection Team. State congratulated Julie and Susie Jordan for the number of inter-agency cooperative agreements that have been established. DSS was the host site for

cholesterol screening by Nursing Services, and a Rio Grande County nurse provided individual information and education following test results. DSS and the Sheriff both provided a break-out session at the youth retreat sponsored by the Saguache County Prevention Partners. DSS is combining with Mental Health for staff development training for our entire staff on November 21. Five members of the DSS Staff will be attending the Diversity in Parenting seminar in Alamosa on Saturday. The seminar is presented both in English and Spanish, making it a valuable resource for our clients.

- The State Dept. of Human Services is reorganizing its organizational structure. Four Policy Advisory Committees have been established, and all committees and task forces which existed prior to the reorganization have had to present what their function and mission was. The Policy Advisory Committees serve beneath Karen Beye, the State Director. Sub-committees, reporting to the Advisory Committees, replace former task forces and operations groups in each area, and a number of meetings have been eliminated. Representatives to these committees have been recruited from all areas of the State in order to have equal representation. Norris will be serving on the sub-committee dealing with financial affairs, which will meet monthly following the PAC meeting.
- The Transit Authority continues to face difficulty in getting a signed contract between the Monte Vista Economic Development Council and the Alamosa Bus Company dba “The Loop”. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be November 10 at 1:30.

Spearman moved to approve the bid for \$21,875.00 from Stephens Plumbing for the replacement of the heating and cooling system in the Annex Building. Pace seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

- The bid to redo the Social Services heating and cooling system was received from Stephens Plumbing.
- The co-sponsoring between Law Enforcement and Social Services for RETAC training in Meth Safety was discussed.
- The replacement for the sidewalks and possible funding was discussed.
- CSBG funding possibilities were discussed. Social Services has agreed to fund the administration fees for the program if needed.

Kathryn Van Note – OEM report:

Pace moved to adopt the Oil and Gas Emergency Plan as amended. Joseph seconded the vote. The vote was two Ayes and one Nay.

- The Oil and Gas Emergency Plan was discussed. The option of a public safety committee needs to be implemented. Changes to the plan were discussed.

Spearman moved to approve 5% of Title I funds to the schools. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes

Pace moved: to resolve that Saguache County select the option for Full Safety Net Payment being 100% for the Forest Reserve System, and to resolve that Saguache County select to allocate 10% of the funds to Title II and 5% of the funds to Title III, and to resolve that Saguache County hereby request that the Secretary of Agriculture establish a Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) as a single county with boundaries coterminous with county lines. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Bill Paying.

Joseph moved to adjourn at 5:02P.M. Spearman seconded. The vote was three Ayes.

Respectfully Submitted

Melinda Myers Secretary to the Board of County Commissioners

Minutes Approved November 12, 2008

Chairman of the Board

Attest

Commissioner

Commissioner