

Saguache County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Tuesday, April 21, 2009 with the following present:

Linda Joseph, Chair
Mike Spearman, Co-Vice Chairman
Sam Pace, Co-Vice Chairman
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 Chair Joseph at 9:03 A.M.

Under Additions or Deletions to the Agenda:

1. Add Executive Session for Attorney.
2. Add Audit equipment discussion.

Pace moved to approve the agenda. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Reading and approval of minutes

Pace moved to approve the minutes of April 14, 2009. Spearman seconded motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Pace moved to enter into Executive Session at 9:08 A. M. for personnel purposes under CRS 24-6-402(4)(f)(i). Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Spearman moved to return to regular session at 9:15 A. M. Pace seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Review of Mail and other correspondence:

1. **Rio Grande Water Conservation District** sent the April 2009 Ground Water Table Measurements. (4/20/09)
2. **Alamosa Department of Human Services** sent a card inviting the BOCC to the Open House in Alamosa on 4/29/2009 from 2:00-4:30pm 8900-C Independence Way, Alamosa. (4/20/09)
3. **Sandra Akers of Crestone** sent a letter on HIU Conditional Use Permit Application, and concerns. (4/20/09)
4. **Colorado Department of Public Health** sent the 2008 Compliance Inspection for the Saguache County Landfill. (4/20/09)

5. **Upper Arkansas River Conservancy District** sent their Agenda for the Board of Directors Meeting on April 27, 2009 starting at 6:30pm in Gunnison, Co. (4/20/09)
6. **Mesa County Solid Waste Management** sent a Brochure on Large Scale Composting in Colorado the Basics on Wednesday June 10, 2009 in Grande Junction, Colo. For more information you can email at www.cafe.org. (4/20/09)

Introduction of Guests: Matie Belle Lakish – Crestone Eagle; Attorney Jeffrey Robbins – Council for Humanity In Unity; David Nicholas, Michael Firsow, Donna Peizer, Karen Austen, Ambika Brahmacharini, Michele Chauveur, Sayananda, Jai Shroe Deir, Kim Kershler, Trent Trujillo, Jonathan Mitchell, Bob Demko, Lela Henderson, Maleda Gebremedhin, Darlene Yarbrough – Humanity In Unity; Will Porter; Martin McCaulay; Thomas Zoellne; Josh Anthony; Floyd Dwayne Jett; Sandy Akers; Ardis Thomas; Cal Cali - CAVA; Jerry Burton - CBPC; Woodora Rose Eisenhauer; Vinette Terres; Lisa Cyriacks -CBPC; Ron Brink – Colorado Farm Bureau; Russell Schreiber; Bonnie Dellegar; Barbara Howell – Sanctuary House; Attorney Julia Richards – council for local Baca residents;

Commissioners Reports

Linda Joseph reported:

- April 16 – Sat in on meeting with Dessert First Kitchen, ScSEED and Donna Wehe, Small Business consultant. The consultations Ms. Wehe offers are very informative, and help clients identify numerous options and next steps.
- April 16 - Met separately with Penny Bruce and Lyn Zimmer as we work on Library finances.
- April 17 – Had a phone call with Mary McClure who had questions about eligibility of 2 applications for pre-school (Saguache and Center). She had the question of whether to apply under economic development (it will allow them to retain 1.5 FTEs through summer when they normally have to lay off staff, and would add one FTE).

Sam Pace reported:

- April 16 – Attended the Governor Energy Office meeting with Angie Fife and Hew Hallock on renewable energy programs and grants.
- April 16 – Attended South central Senior Board meeting – not much action until the State decides how much money they will get this year.
- April 17 – Attended CCI Steering Committee meeting. HB 1050 on SRS funding was discussed at length.
- Received several calls from residents concerning HIU.
- Sent out RAC invitations to citizens who might be interested in serving.

Mike Spearman:

- April 14- Attended the SLVREC meeting about a hostile takeover of TriState by the Public Utilities Commission.
- April 16 – Attended Center Conservation Annual Dinner –Alan Green was the speaker.
- April 18 – Attended meeting for U.S. Senator Mike Bennett, renewable energy, road to the Forest thru the Park, health care, and economic development was topics discussed.
- Sent an email to Senator Gail Schwartz against HB -1250.

- Contacted by Tom Goodwin, former District Ranger for Saguache Area Forest Service for a letter of support for a seat on the Upper Arkansas Water Conservation District. Board agreed to send the letter.

Pace moved to convene as the Housing Board at 9:58 A.M. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Pace moved to adjourn the Housing Board and return to regular meeting at 10:02 A.M. Spearman seconded. The vote was three Ayes.

Lynn Zimmer and Wendi Maez – Co-administrator report:

- Housing power bills need to be paid for PDN, and there are no funds available. Bills will be paid from the reserve.
- Administration has received several letters from residents in the Sargents area asking that some upgrade to roads be done in that area. Requests will be referred to Road & Bridge Department.
- Roof at the clinic leaked with this last storm and ruined the ceiling in several places. A call has been made to CTSI to send an adjuster.

Wendi Maez – Land Use Administrator report:

- Baca Property Owners Assn. CBPC board appointment was tabled until a letter of support from the BGPOA is received.
- Sign letters of appoint and non appointment to the CBPC board.

Pace moved to grant Frederick L. and Frederick C. Paulson the extension of one year until September 2, 2009 for completion of the conditions given in the previous subdivision exemption approval given in September 2008. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

- Frederick L. and Frederick C. Paulson were granted a subdivision exemption in September of 2008 with the condition that the tract be created within 60 days of the approval. The property was not deeded within the 60 days therefore I am requesting an extension for them to deed the property.

Break

Pace moved to table the Humanity In Unity Conditional Use request decision until May 5; extending the public comment period to end on April 27, 2009. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

- Human In Unity Conditional Use request – Lots 4458C, 4460C, 4472 and 4511C. The Crestone/Baca Planning Commission recommended approval of this request with conditions, by a vote of 3 to 1. The Attorney for HIU presented a recap of issues and timeline. Public comment was received.

Ben Gibbons – County Attorney report:

No report

Mike Norris- Sheriff

- Commented on the proposed bill for the State to reclassify some crimes to misdemeanors which might cause more inmates to be sent to County jails instead of State prison. The Saguache County jail would not be able to handle a large increase.

Adjourned for Lunch at 12:02 P. M

Resumed meeting at 1:01 P. M.

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

- Sent an estimate of the Center parking lot overlay to the Board.
- Had questions on the smoking policy for County Vehicles.
- Debbie Maldonado would like to have tires to build an earth ship in Conejos County
- Reviewed the report from the State Health Inspection and actions in progress to fix the issues brought out in the report.
- The Town of Sargents has been asking for paved roads. Arredondo will inspect the roads.

Pace moved to enter into Executive Session at 1:32 P. M. for personnel purposes under CRS 24-6-402(4)(f)(i). Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Spearman moved to return to regular session at 1:37 A. M. Pace seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Donna Newsom – Nursing Director report:

- Saguache County Public Health was not awarded the Chronic Disease Grant. We were very disappointed in the fact that most of the funding went to the University of Colorado and hospitals in the Denver area. There were two large PH agencies on the Front Range that received funding. The grant writer that assisted with this grant has agreed to help us “pro bono” to write a telehealth grant. We will continue with our plans for chronic disease focus in the county.
- Saguache County Prevention Partners is co sponsoring a campaign during prom and end of school functions called “Parents that Host, Lose the Most”. This is a valley wide campaign. Ileen and her staff have done a wonderful job getting this in place. The liquor stores in our county have agreed to participate with information handouts and bag stickers.
- The exercise classes have been underway since April 8. We are pleased with the turn out thus far and anticipate more participation when the fitness area is completed. The carpet is being laid this week. Violet, Lindy and Brenda have been working diligently to get this up and moving!

- The PCP staff is still awaiting the arrival of the Medicaid audit personnel. Everything is in order for the audit.
- The emergency food bank served 27 individuals in March. Nine of these were children. The food amount was \$540.00. Persons that received tax refunds during March did not come in for emergency food.
- Public Health contributed to the Saguache Community Garden as a show of support and commitment to health and wellness.
- Public Health has partnered with CDPHE in a program called “Smart Meals”. This is an effort to create healthy eating environments within the county by empowering local partners to offer various dining locations and technical assistance to identify and promote healthy menu items. PH will be paid \$1,000. for each restaurant that agrees to participate.
- The Health Fair in Center was a success. We had fewer participants this year as the Alamosa Fair was on the same day. We had 118 attend. We had many volunteers that helped us including several parents from Center Head Start. We were able to include osteoporosis screenings and Dental screenings this year.
- The Senior Nursing Student from Colorado Mountain College, Mark Opincaru, is working with us in PH to complete his “capstone” preceptor ship. He has been very involved in different aspects of PH and has been assisting the staff with several projects. We have enjoyed and appreciated having him these past few weeks.
- Epidemiology Report: Saguache County has been involved in the investigation of a typhoid case that apparently was infected on a trip outside of the US. This has been well contained and poses no threat to others in the community. We are in the anticipation of the “growing season” and working together to prevent TB in the community. We are working closely with Mitch Garcia with the immigrants outreach and hopefully we will be better prepared this year should any TB cases present.
- Newsom will attend the Valley Commissioner meeting on April 27, 2009 to give input on the regionalization of public health services. A Regional meeting will be on April 30, 2009. Newsom and Commissioner Joseph will attend.

Jackie Stephens - County Assessor:

- Update on new construction and vacant land reflecting the increase in assessed values.

Energy Audit Equipment:

Pace moved to approve a proposal to partner with the State to purchase the Energy Audit Equipment. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

- There is specific expensive equipment needed to complete a State Energy Audit. The County needs to acquire this equipment before Jason Alexander can start doing audits. The GEO may have some money left in its residential program to partner with Saguache County on the purchase of energy auditing equipment, according to Hew Hallock. The proposal should include:

- List of equipment and cost: Blower doors- \$2,625.00 + 50.00 shipping, Duct blower tester-\$1,950.00 Infrared camera-\$5,000.00
 - What is the purpose of the equipment.
 - Who will have access to the equipment
 - How the county will monitor/manage the equipment.
- Pace will work on a sales tax grant application for this purchase.

Quarterly revenue and expense review

- The overall budget is within the parameters.

Pace moved to adjourn at 3:30 P.M. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melinda Myers Secretary to the Board of County Commissioners

Minutes Approved May 5, 2009

Chairman of the Board

Attest

Commissioner

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