

Saguache County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Tuesday, July 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 9:00 A.M.

Additions or Deletions to the Agenda.

None

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

Reading and approval of minutes of July 14, 2009.

Spearman moved to approve the minutes of July 14, 2009. Joseph seconded motion. The vote was two Ayes. Pace abstained.

Review of Mail and other correspondence:

1. Rio Grande Water Conservation District sent the July 2009 Ground Water Table Measurements. 7/20/09)
2. Marge Hoglin sent an update on the Libraries Activities on the July 18, 09. (7/21/09)
3. Upper Gunnison River Conservancy District sent the Board of Directors Agenda for Monday July 27, 09 in Gunnison at 5:30 to 9:10pm. (7/21/09)

Introduction of Guests: Sandia – Crestone Eagle; Don Geddes, Jeff Shook, Annie Nielson & Tim Lovato - Planning Commission.

Commissioners Reports:

Linda Joseph reported:

Joseph moved to donate \$200 to the Veterans Memorial Monument Fund. Pace seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

- The Veterans Services Officer has been coordinating a multi-year effort to establish a Veteran's memorial monument, in each of the cemeteries in Saguache County, with support by the American Legion and other organizations and individuals, and is looking for any other donations.
- July 16 - Attended the SLV RETAC meeting (Regional Emergency Medical & Trauma Advisory Council). The results and recommendations for the Statewide Needs

Assessment were presented. And the special 2nd State grant cycle in support of EMTS was announced, and grants application ideas for the Region were discussed.

- July 17 - Attended at meeting of the Saguache County Credit Union and ScSEED, organizing next steps on a Local Currency effort.
- July 20 - Attended the Hazard Mitigation Project meeting in Moffat. Met with Emergency Manager Kimberley Bryant.

Sam Pace reported:

- July 16 - Attended South Central Seniors meeting in Alamosa
- July 17 - Attended CCI steering committee hearings in Denver
- July 20 - Attended Hazardous Mitigation county planning meeting in Moffat
- July 20 - Received a call from the Governor's office appointing me to the State Board of Human Services

Mike Spearman reported:

- Attended La Garita Days on July 18, 2009

Lyn Zimmer and Wendi Maez – Co-administrator report:

Pace moved to approve the Liquor License Renewal for the Desert Sage Restaurant. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

- Desert Sage liquor license renewal.

Pace moves to approve \$32500.00 as originally approved out of Conservation Trust Fund for the Saguache Vista Grade Park, when funds are available. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

- Conservation Trust funds discussion concerning the request from the Town of Saguache for matching funds to the GOCO grant approved for the Vista Grande Park.
- Public Trustee report submitted.

Pace moved to write a letter of support for the GOCO grant request to Mountain Valley Schools. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

- We have received a request for a GOCO grant support letter from Mountain Valley Schools, Saguache, CO.

Pace moved to enter into Executive Session at 9:52 A. M. for personnel purposes under CRS 24-6-402(4)(f)(i). Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

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

- Update on CSBG meeting held July 16, 2009 - a consultant has been hired to oversee the CSBG grant requirements and administration.
- An update on the SLV Transportation Agency meeting held on July 16, 2009.
- Received bill from Steffens Plumbing for the AC units in the Assessor and Treasurer's offices. Board approved paying it out of the capital improvement account.

Break

Wendi Maez – Land Use Administrator report:

Pace moved to enter into Executive Session at 10:30 A. M. for personnel purposes under CRS 24-6-402(4)(f)(i). Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

- Saguache County Planning Commission executive session.

Pace moved to return to regular session at 11:05 A. M. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Mary Coleman/Native Ways – Tax Exemption discussion. Ms. Coleman will not be attending the meeting. Joseph does not believe Coleman understands the conditional use permit process, which has come up as a result of her application to the State for tax exempt status on the Native Ways property. A letter of explanation will be sent.

Ben Gibbons – Attorney report:

- Issues on the clean up of the Drenan property in Villa Grove have moved forward. The owners in Texas have been served and the court case is coming up on Aug 12.

Pace moved to enter into Executive Session at 11:27 A. M. for legal purposes under CRS 24-6-402(4)(f)(i). Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Pace moved to return to regular session at 11:37 A. M. Pace seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Mike Norris - Sheriff

- A party has approached the County on opening a Medical Marijuana Dispensary in the Crestone area. They want to go through all the proper channels, which they are familiar with as they already have a facility in Denver.
- Norris has exhausted his overtime budget – due to ongoing cases, but will hopefully not go over the overall budget.
- Request from the deputies to have the county buy an extra firearm to use on patrol, then a monthly payroll deduction would be taken out of the deputies' salary for the

period of one year; at the end of one year the deputy will own the firearm. The Sheriff budget can only afford to provide one gun per officer and having a second weapon is useful, and this is a way to make sure these are available without adding to the budget.

Jail Tour

- Finished the generator project with money to spare.
- The camera system is in, but will need some audio also; will use the left over money from the generator project to cover the extra costs of the audio installation.

Adjourned for Lunch at 12:00 P. M

Resumed meeting at 1:00 P. M.

Randal Arredondo - Supervisor Road & Bridge and Land fill:

- Finishing up paving in Baca – moving on to Moffat soon. Will fix the potholes on County Road T.
- Arredondo still has issues on the IGA with the Town of Crestone. The Town wants the work done by certain dates, which the County cannot commit to, as they have an ongoing County-wide schedule. Arredondo will rewrite the IGA stating the county's position.
- Spoke with attorney for Dyson about the Hollenbeck road. The attorney did not agree and Arredondo told him to contact County Attorney Gibbons directly to state his opinion in the matter.
- Virginia Sutherland complained that Rd.38EE has been damaged during road maintenance. Arredondo reports flash floods have moved materials off the road. Sutherland has requested the Board and Arredondo come drive it with her to review the options to correct the damage, which will be scheduled.

Pace moved to convene as the Saguache County Board of Health. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Donna Newsom - Nursing Director:

- The Nursing contracts from CDPHE have been received and all correctly reflect the name change that was passed by resolution last month. The other pending deadlines related to PH ACT 194 will be met on time. Dr. William Brinton MD signed the contract naming him as Saguache County Public Health Medical Officer. Dr. Brinton also signed the VFC program's medical advisor consent to allow the agency to give immunizations and purchase vaccine.
- The PCP Agency has received acknowledgement of the plan of correction put in place following the recent audit. As stated by the auditor, the corrections were minor in nature and involved designing of 2 forms. These have been revised with input from the auditor and have been accepted by Medicaid. We are still waiting for the reimbursement for the \$900.00 payment that we did not have to submit. The agency continues to serve 100-110 clients monthly. The auditor made several home visits and commended the supervisory job being done.

- SCPH is currently preparing again for a possible N1H1 outbreak in early fall. We will be receiving notification of additional funding for H1N1 sometime in July. Our scheduled BIO/EPR funding will resume in August.
- SCPH is beginning to see some TB entering the county again as migrant workers return. The task force has helped with early tracking, screening and treatment. The recent funding received from CDPHE will greatly assist our investigation efforts as well as treatment efforts. Although we do not have to incur the cost of medication, we do pay for x-rays, transport, sputum cultures and personnel time for direct observed therapy (RN) investigations (RN) to include mileage and time.
- The ACF (Alternate Care Facility) Plan has been completed and posted on COHAN. This plan was/is a requirement for Pandemic influenza and has been a collaborative effort with the Saguache County Health Care Coalition, SLVEPR and CDPHE. This is a changing document however, the basics of what we will do and how we will respond is completed. Following a meeting with Charles Warren in Moffat, it was decided that the most likely location for the ACF in the Eastern part of the county should be the Moffat School Gym. The plans and MOU will be modified to reflect this change.
- The Director attended a Regional Nurses Meeting in LaVeta hosted by CDPHE office of Planning and Partnership. The day was spent assisting the state with writing the “core functions” and definitions for the newly enacted Public Health Act. We were told that the “Critical Infrastructure Workshops” will complete the remaining questions and answers related to PH 194.
- Epidemiology Report: Cedrs reported 1 animal bite, a campylobacter case, a TB case, to date only one has completed all follow up. The other’s continued to be monitored. Violet Vigil has been added to the CEDRS secure site as an additional staff person capable of monitoring and reporting to RN.

Joseph moved to enter into Executive Session at 2:00 P. M. for personnel purposes under CRS 24-6-402(4)(f)(i). Pace seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Pace moved to return to Saguache County Board of Health session at 2:25 P. M. Pace seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Pace moved to move to return to regular Board session. Joseph seconded the motion. Vote was three Ayes

Elinor Laurie - Gunnison Sage Grouse report:

- Joseph requested Laurie to attend the meeting on Prairie Dog issues, in Alamosa on August 18. County will pay for gas and meals.
- Attended the Gunnison Sage Grouse meeting and learned that the Gunnison folks would like to meet with the Board to work on current partnership topics across our counties. Administration will schedule them in August.

Break

Joseph moved to convene as the Housing Board at 2:40P.M. Pace seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Chella Coleman - Housing Director – Monthly report
The report was delivered by Evan Samora.

Pace moved to adjourn the Housing Board and return to regular meeting at 3:00 P.M. Joseph seconded. The vote was three Ayes.

Quarterly revenue and expense review –with Heads of County business depts.

- Land Use permit revenue is up.
- Land fill is over in expenses and under in revenue.
- Library has gotten grants which make the part time salary appear to be over budget.

Joseph moved to approve a \$.50/hour increase for the Election Clerk. Pace seconded the motion. The vote was two Ayes.

- Clerk’s office will be over in payroll due to a calculation error in 2009 budget, however probably will not go over the overall budget at the end of the year.
- Board needs to schedule a meeting with the school districts and Road and Bridge to negotiate the Secure Rural School Fund.

Bill Paying

Pace moved to adjourn at 4:27 P.M. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melinda Myers Secretary to the Board of County Commissioners

Minutes Approved August 4, 2009

Chairman of the Board

Attest

Commissioner

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