

Saguache County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Tuesday, August 4, 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 9:01 A.M.

Additions or Deletions to the Agenda.

- Michael Horan request to speak on roads to be bladed during Road and Bridge.
- Executive session during Administration time for personnel.
- Native Ways Institute during Land Use.
- Library District during Attorney report.
- Hollenbeck - road issues during Road & Bridge.

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

Reading and approval of minutes of July 21, 2009.

Pace moved to approve the minutes of July 21, 2009. Spearman seconded motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Review of Mail and other correspondence:

1. NACO- National Association of Counties sent their 2008-2009 Annual Report. (7/27/09)
2. Kimberly Bryant- OEM sent a letter of resignation as Saguache County Emergency Manager effective September 30, 2009. (7/31/09)
3. Kimberly Bryant- OEM sent a letter requesting Title 3 funding to hire an assistant to help with the SLV Multi- Hazard Mitigation Plan. (8/4/09)
4. Cynthia Barnes with CTSI sent the 2009 CTSI Salary Survey to help each department with preparing their 2010 Budgets. (7/31/09)
5. Veterans Services of Alamosa County sent a report for their fiscal year on updates and spreadsheets of all the monthly activities and transportation. (7/30/09)
6. State of Colorado Department of Local Affairs sent a Memorandum on the 2009 Final Notice of Valuation for State Assessed Properties plus August 2009 Protest Narrative for County Assessors. (8/3/09)

Introduction of Guests: Sandia Belgrade – Crestone Eagle; Linda Fairing; Randy & Cindy Mayer; Don Geddes; Chella Ward; Michael Horan; John Stephens- Mt. Valley School; Mary Nelson and Brian St George – BLM/USFS.

Commissioners Reports:

Linda Joseph reported:

- July 23 - Attended the joint SC Planning Commission/BOCC meeting. The PC would like to receive any other comments from the Board that there was not time to discuss.
- July 24 Attended Moffatstock.
- July 28 - Attended Villa Grove Area Merchant's Assoc. potluck.
- Worked with Donna Newsom to complete and submit the State Substitution form for the Public Health Director.
- Worked with Kenny Bertin to solve email problems.
- Worked with Sandia Belgrade on potential State EMTS grant apps, for OEM and local agencies.

Sam Pace reported:

- July 23 - Attended the joint SC Planning Commission/BOCC meeting in Saguache.

Mike Spearman reported:

- July 27 - DRG meeting in Alamosa.
- Research and meeting with various individuals regarding water issues, rules committee and sub-district.
- August 3 – Traveled to Gunnison with Mark Smith (newly appointed member of the State Wildlife Commission) to meet with State Representative Kathleen Curry regarding wildlife and water issues

Jackie Stephens - County Assessor:

Pace moved to approve the IGA with Pueblo County on the Assessor computer system. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

- IGA with Pueblo County has been approved by Attorney Gibbons. The new systems will be installed soon.
- Abatements -

Pace moved to approve the 2007 tax abatement for Sanctuary House in the amount of \$679.45 and 2008 abatement of \$1082.38. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

1. Sanctuary House 2007 abatement for religious status.

Pace moved to approve the 2008 tax abatement for Rolf and Judy Dercum in the amount of \$121,134.70. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

2. Rolf and Judy Dercum – correction of error on paperwork – tax refunded.

Lyn Zimmer and Wendi Maez – Co-administrator report:

Pace moved to enter into Executive Session at 9:30 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 9:55 A. M. Pace seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

- Resolution to transfer GF revenue to Nursing in the amount of \$35,000 dated July 28, 2009 needs to be disregarded as funding of \$42,000 came in from the state on July 31, 2009.
- OEM contract for Sue Bishop and Sandra Belgrade - needs be reviewed by the board.
- Request from Maintenance (Pete Garcia) to purchase a pickup for work. He has \$18,000 in capital outlay this year that could be used. Cost would be about \$20,000 for pickup and bed. Board decided to wait to see how the overall budget would work out at the end of the year.
- Mark Diamond architect has sent contract for grant researching work. Administration will review and send it to the Board.

Break

Wendi Maez – Land Use Administrator report:

Pace moved to approve the Variance Request for Linda Fairing to move a 1974 SIE Mobile Home onto Ewing Ranch, Lot 400, with the restrictions recommended by the Planning Commission – upgrades finished, six month review and old trailer completely removed in one year. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was two Ayes and on Nay.

- Fairing Variance Request – Lot 400 Ewing Ranch – request is to place a 1974 SIE Mobile Home. Fairing would like to have one year to place the new mobile home at the same location as the existing MH. Fairing would like to tear down the existing mobile home. There is one electrical for the dryer to be totally disconnected, outside light needs to be replaced and the fan wiring in the home needs to be corrected. Time frame to remove existing MH in which she resides would be for one year. SCPC recommended unanimous approval of this request with time line as proposed by applicant. Motion was amended to have the LU administrator do an inspection at the end of 6 months, to make sure progress is being made on the removal and setting of the new mobile home. Vote was all ayes. Tim Lovato abstained from the vote as he will be helping Fairing with the work required.
- Scrap yard north of Hooper needs to put up a fence and reapply for the conditional use permit – they have not removed the mobile home.
- The blighted property in Villa Grove may be being cleaned up by the owner; trash was burned at the location over the weekend.

- Native Ways Institute does not need a Conditional Use Permit; Mary Coleman needs to attest that the property is only being used as a residence. Pace asked for clarification on what criteria the State uses to determine the tax exempt status.

Spearman moved to approve a resolution to correct an erroneous consolidation on Baca Grande Chalet One, Lots 2160 & 2252. Pace seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

- Saguache County consolidated Baca Grande Chalet Unit One Lots 2160 and 2252 in 1999 but one of the lots had an existing Tax Lien on the property,

Ben Gibbons – Attorney report:

- Library District proponents have been getting differing legal advice from other counties on the formation of Special Districts and Library Districts. Joseph will follow-up to get contacts for County business Depts. to direct inquiries for information they are receiving.
- Gibbons has sent an official notice to Jamie Ireland on the dead trees along County Road T, to have him remove the trees or the County will go in and remove them. Pace will get Ireland’s phone number to see if we can get verbal permission to clean up the area.

Pace moved to convene as the Housing Board at 11:33 A.M. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Chella Coleman - Housing Director

Pace moved to adjourn the Housing Board and return to regular meeting at 11:35 A.M. Joseph seconded. The vote was three Ayes.

Adjourned for Lunch at 12:00 P. M

Resumed meeting at 1:00 P. M.

Randal Arredondo - Supervisor Road & Bridge and Land fill:

Pace moved to approve the County donating in kind work by Road & Bridge Dept. on the playground project at Mountain Valley School. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

- Mountain Valley School is applying for a GOCO grant for a new playground and property upgrades. Would like some in kind work from Road and Bridge to qualify as in kind to show for matching funds.
- Michael Horan request for more frequent blading and perhaps some fill on CR AA to CR 64 and CR 65.
- Hollenbeck has complained that people have been leaving the gates open and the cattle have been getting out. Sheriff’s office thinks a cattle guard might fix. The Board feels the interested parties could apply for a RS2477 hearing to clarify use of the road.

- Paving will be finished by the middle of August – just Cemetery Road and some Saguache Town roads left to pave.
- The electric bills at the Sargents shop building have doubled. The meter is shared with the Gunnison Fire Protection District and they do not pay. Arredondo will ask the power company to put in separate meters.
- CR 42, Homer Williams has issues about a road that maybe encroaching on his land. Arredondo will have it surveyed.

Pace moved to convene as the Department of Human Services at 1:35 P.M. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Jeannie Norris - Social Services Director:

- There were ten active TANF cases during the month of May, with four cases pending and eight child-only cases. Food assistance cases rose by seven cases to a total of 407 during May. There were 27 aid-to-the-needy-disabled cases and 108 old age pension recipients. The CHEERS training center continues to have six TANF clients, and two adult basic education students.
- The Child Protection Unit reported four new referrals during May, all of whom were accepted for investigation. There are currently twelve children in placement; nine dependency and neglect court cases in progress, and 152 children in open cases.
- Collections for the Child Support Unit are up by one percent during May for a total of \$46,437.39. Year-to-date collections have increased three percent from \$207,368.62 in 2008 to the 2009 total of \$212,643.63. MaryAnn and Pam will be attending an Interstate Case training next Tuesday in Denver.
- Commodities were issued on July 8, 9 and 10 in Center, Saguache and Crestone for the first time. DSS will be broadening service to the Crestone area rather than having clients in that community drive to the Saguache office. Our target is in addition to commodity distribution, to maintain a weekly presence for at least one day effective in August.
- Public transportation service is still not in operation. The Interim Transit Authority is scheduled to meet on Monday, July 13.
- We are submitting an application to the Department of Local Affairs for funding to repair the Social Services roof, as well as necessary repairs to the floor in the north entrance area.

Pace moved to adjourn the Department of Human Services and return to regular meeting at 1:55 P.M. Joseph seconded. The vote was three Ayes.

Mary Nelson – USFS/BLM month discussion:

- Sold the blow down timber on Look Out Mountain to a local buyer. Firewood permits have been moving well.
- BLM Travel Management Analysis is finished.
- 100 wilderness volunteer workers will be coming in Sept. and camping in Saguache Park.
- The old Guard Station cabins have been renovated as rentals and have become a good source of income.

- Introduction of Brian St George, new Gunnison BLM Field Manager. Has worked at the National and State levels of the BLM in many aspects of land and wildlife management. Will strive to keep Saguache County in mind even though he is stationed over in Gunnison. Will have regular opportunities to connect with Joseph and/or Elinor Laurie, as all serve of the Gunnison Sage Grouse Strategic Committee.

Break

Melinda Myers – County Clerk:

Pace moved to approve the liquor license renewal for Gunbarrel Station. Spearman seconded. The vote was three Ayes.

- Gunbarrel Liquor License Renewal

BOCC Follow up items:

Pace moved to enter into Executive Session at 2:52 P. 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 3:28 P. M. Pace seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

- Road & Bridge is working out the 2010 budget and what portion of the Secure Rural School Funds to include.
- Department of Emergency Management 2009 budget was reviewed to see if any of the contract services had been spent yet and where it has been allocated.

Bill Paying

Pace moved to adjourn at 4:18 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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