

Saguache County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Tuesday, August 18, 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 9:02 A.M.

Additions or Deletions to the Agenda.

1. Delete Caroline Irwin on the Diabetes support issues.
2. SCTC Fall Grant cycle under County Clerk report

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

Reading and approval of minutes of August 11, 2009.

Pace moved to approve the minutes of August 11, 2009 as amended. Spearman seconded motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Review of Mail and other correspondence:

1. State of Colorado Dept of Public Health sent the Colorado Board of Health Agenda on August 19, 2009 at 10am 4300 Cherry Creek Dr., Denver. (8/12/09)
2. Colorado Conservator sent their Summer 2009 Vol. 25 No. 3 Newsletter. (8/12/09)
3. San Luis Valley County Commissioners Association sent the Agenda for the August 10, 2009 meeting in Alamosa. (8/11/09)
4. State of Colorado Dept. of Local Affairs sent an Action Required Memorandum on the Election of Forest Payment set aside for counties receiving 2009 Forests Payments. Please complete the attached form and return by Sept. 18, 2009 to jarrod.biggs@state.co.us. (8/17/09) Randal Arredondo will complete and submit the form
5. Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District sent the Board of Directors Agenda for Monday August 24, 2009 starting at 6:30pm in Gunnison. (8/17/09)

Introduction of Guests: Sandia Belgrade – Crestone Eagle; Jason Davidson – Town of Moffat; Jerry Burton - CBPC; Tom Blunt - Veteran's Services; Scott Olsen – Construction Co.; Don & Kathy Geddes, Kate Vasha, Jan Jensen, Kim Smoyer, Wilma Lewis, Elaine Woodard, Peggy Curtis, Delores Worley, Jean Wilcox, and Lorraine Stepenshe – Friends of the Library; John Collier; Yvonne & Sam Halbarian; Shauna Ianson – BGPOA; Kelsey Hauch; Randy Arredondo; Stacey & Elvie Samora; and Jackie Stephens.

Commissioners Reports:

Linda Joseph reported:

- August 7 - Attended a luncheon in Crestone hosted by the visiting Boettcher Foundation Board and Staff, with invited members of the spiritual communities, and others, such as - Crestone Youth Plaza (which they have previously funded).
- August 7, 8, 9 - Attended the Crestone Music Festival, which drew a crowd.
- August 10 - Attended the SLV County Commissioners Assoc. meeting in Alamosa.
- August 11 - Attended the CO Dept of Public Health & Environment's Critical Input meeting in Pueblo. Representatives of all SLV County's were present. The Office of Planning & Partnerships will be coming out with their recommendations to the Board of Health this fall. They have not yet addressing funding formulas for 2010.
- August 13 - Attended the Gunnison Sage Grouse Conservation Strategic Committee, with Elinor Laurie, in Gunnison.
- August 15 - Presented to a class of the Colorado Institute for Leadership Trainings class in Saguache, as part of their visit to experience the Valley and hear from SLV leaders.
- Worked with:
 1. Administration and Donna Newsom to prepare the Public Health Director want ad, and on website postings
 2. Caroline Irwin of the Diabetes Support Group, which will clarify their goals and work with the new Public Health Director, when ready, on potential collaborative endeavors;
 3. Mark Werts on State EMS grant possibilities for a resident EMS in Center;
 4. Kimberley Bryant on the want ad for a County Emergency Manager;
 5. Tresi Houpt, to organize at the CO Oil & Gas Conservation Commission's request for a visit to the Wildlife Refuge and some spiritual centers, while on tour in the area on Wednesday, August 19th.
- August 17 - Worked with Elinor Laurie and Jim Cochran, as Elinor prepared to represent the County at the Gunnison Prairie Dog Strategy meeting in Alamosa today.
- Received a call from Art Hutchinson, to let us know that this is the final opportunity for us to comment on the Forest Management Plan, and the County's position regarding the North Access Road, and also for the record as a Cooperating Agency. Letter can be directed to Art Hutchinson, NPS and Dan Dallas, BLM.

Sam Pace reported:

- August 17 – Attended the SLV Administrators meeting in Alamosa.

Mike Spearman reported:

- No report – out of town.

Lyn Zimmer and Wendi Maez – Co-administrator report:

- Zimmer attended the Blue Peaks board meeting. As in so many state funded organizations, they are preparing for some major cuts to programs that they oversee due to state budget funding. They will know more after Aug. 24 on where they will stand. We were advised that further cuts could come in Oct. and Jan.
- Maez and Zimmer attended the SLV Administrators meeting in Alamosa on Monday, August 17, 2009. Chella Ward also attended to hear the Housing Assessment presented at the meeting.

- The letter to the Town of Saguache for the Vista Grande Park project was signed. Administration will schedule Steve Sanchez from the Town of Saguache to come in and give a report.
- The Center Conservation District needed a letter of support for the noxious weed grant; letter was signed and sent by administrators.
- Broadband Incentive Program letter of support was signed.
- Outline of the job description for OEM was reviewed by Kimberly Bryant and the areas the County is lacking were noted. Ads for OEM will be placed in newspapers and on the website.
- Fall Sales Tax Grant info has been advertised and is on the website.
- Jason Anderson does not need a stipend from the County.

Break

Wendi Maez – Land Use Administrator report:

Pace moved to approve the Conditional Use Permit request for John R.M. and Jean Ann Day – Lots 1316C Baca Grande Grants Unit One with the Planning Commission recommendations. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

- . John R.M. and Jean Ann Day – Lots 1316C Baca Grande Grants Unit One. Conditional Use request for a rental residence for a retreat, vacation or work space to work with Dr. Day to counsel people on medical and lifestyle issues, teach clients about living off the grid and gardening practices. CBPC recommended unanimous approval of this request at their regular meeting on August 12, 2009, with the following conditions:
 1. All parking shall be on site only - no on street parking
 2. Should signage be installed on the property it shall be no larger than 1.5 sq. ft.
- Received a request from Sasha Lovelace, Terrell Tucker and Tom Onko - “retroactive moratorium on private property landowners building culverts across streams and creeks in wildlife areas where subdivisions and housing development exist.” What is being asked is that the county, provide a moratorium for culverts on private property in housing developments and subdivisions in wildlife habitat areas until such time as the county can create some type of guideline or regulation for private property owners who wish to traverse creeks and streams in habitat areas. Scanned copy of the letter of request was emailed to BOCC. Board asked that Maez send a reply letter informing them that SC has no jurisdiction over this issue.

Ben Gibbons – Attorney report:

- Villa Grove blight issue report – The proof of service from Texas has been received. The potential buyer has been contacted to send written verification that the property is under

contract and that the buyer intends to clean up the property. It is set to close on September 15, and the hearing in Court is set for September 2. Gibbons wants direction on what to do with the court date. The Board directed Gibbons to ask for a continuance of the hearing date until September 23, 2009, if the buyer sends a letter of intent. Otherwise, the court hearing should go forward on the 2nd.

- Library reorganization needs to be a Library District according to statute. This will not allow for taxpayers to opt out of the District. The District must be formed by an Ordinance from the Board and the County must place it on the ballot. The Board does have the option of putting the question of formation of a Library District to the voters in an off year election. The question of mil levy increase would have to be on an even year ballot.

Pace moved to approve the Contract for Sue Bishop as Assistant to the OEM. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

- Contracts for Department of Emergency Services were approved and signed.

Mike Norris – Sheriff

- Colorado Courthouse Security Team has contacted Linda Joseph to review a grant. Norris explained that he has reapplied for a grant to fund personnel for security on Court days.
- Norris was complimentary to the outgoing OEM, Kimberly Bryant, she did a good job organizing the Emergency Services in the County and put in more hours than her job description.

Pace moved to approve the IGA with the Town of Crestone to enforce the Town Offense Code and Model Traffic Code and write citations into Town of Crestone Municipal Court. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

- Presented an IGA with the Town of Crestone to allow the Sheriff Office to write tickets into Crestone Municipal Court for minor infractions.

Jail Tour

Adjourned for Lunch at 12:00 P. M

Resumed meeting at 1:00 P. M.

Randal Arredondo - Supervisor Road & Bridge and Land fill:

- Presented a spreadsheet on costs of upkeep on roads per mile comparing costs for paved and unpaved roads.
- Done paving for the year, just patching some cuts in Crestone.
- Chip seal 5 miles of roads near La Garita, CR45 west to end of pavement and CR46B.
- Arredondo will fill out the SRS Funding form and check into the guidelines for this year. Administration will schedule a time for the Superintendents to meet with the Board and Arredondo on the SRS Funding.
- August 28 will meet with Virginia Sutherland to tour CR38EE.

- To discard an old trailer house at the County Landfill, it costs \$100 and the owner must certify that there is no asbestos in it. Spearman was concerned that if it cost too much to remove the asbestos – owners will not bring them in and just dump them on a back road. Arredondo will look into researching trailer models online to identify the ones with asbestos.

Pace moved to convene as the Board of Health at 1:34 P. M. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Donna Newsom - Nursing Director

Pace moved to approve the Management Plan for outbreaks of Influenza. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

- Plans are under way to assist the schools with H1N1 Influenza as school opens for fall. H1N1 CDC school guidance has been distributed to each district superintendent with information that PH will be supplying PPE (gloves and masks) to each school. Dr. Brinton suggested that we follow the guidance outlined in the CDC document which has the BOH acting only in the event that the school districts and/or PH fail to act. Thus far the recommendation states that ‘school closures’ should be a last resort in an effort to contain the H1N1 influenza. (See attached)
- Public Health also has supplied the Sheriff Norris and Chief Torres a protocol for the jail(s) to help stop the spread of H1N1 in the county jail facilities. I also sent this to the OEM for comment. (see attached) The SLV EPR team will be assisting PH in making presentations to our county schools and teachers.
- PH has not received our seasonal influenza vaccine as of 8-16-09. Hopefully we will receive a portion of our order within the next 2 weeks. As soon as we receive the vaccine, we will be immediately vaccinating. The H1N1 vaccine is due in mid October so we will be giving that vaccine as soon as available as well. This will be a busy and interesting influenza season throughout the US and Colorado. I believe we are well prepared in Saguache County to handle this atypical season. We have received our EPR funding announcement and will be making some purchases related to flu season immediately. One large purchase will be a refrigerator to store our H1N1 vaccine that will be for the entire county. We anticipate over 4,000 doses to be delivered to PH. I will be working with the Sheriff to determine how to best secure the vaccine.
- Commissioner Linda Joseph and Ms. Newsom traveled to Pueblo for one of the Critical Input meetings being hosted by Office of Planning and Partnership. It was a valuable time listening and giving input into the implementation process regarding the Public Health Act and assist in the development of the work plan.
- The PCP Agency staff is busy determining how the new licensure law will affect the agency. When these changes are finalized we will present our plan. Thus far it appears that it will change the number of times we train PCP’s during the year. Currently we offer two three day classes and train PCP’s from three counties. The new licensure law will increase the number of times we offer classes to quarterly. We also will have to have our PCP staff trained within 45 days of hire. This will increase

the demand on the staff in order to be in compliance. I have suggested that we video tape many of our lectures in order to save time and funds. This would allow us to offer the classes whenever we had an increased need and quarterly with less manpower. The supervisor is looking into this option.

- Epidemiology report:
 - a. 1 case of West Nile in Alamosa County not lab confirmed.
 - b. 1 animal bite
 - c. 2 campylobacter cases (non related)
 - d. 1 case giardiasis

Pace moved to adjourn the Board of Health and return to regular meeting at 2:15. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Pace moved to convene as the Housing Board at 2:15 P.M. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Chella Coleman - Housing Director

Joseph moved to adjourn the Housing Board and return to regular meeting at 2:52 P.M. Joseph seconded. The vote was three Ayes.

Break

Library District Public Hearing:

- Attorney Gibbons reported that the Library reorganization needs to be a Library District according to statute. This will not allow for taxpayers to opt out of the District.
- Marge Hoglin gave a presentation on the services of the Saguache County Library and the rationale for forming a Library District.
- Marge Hoglin, as the representative for the Friends of the Library, requested the Board to pass a resolution to create a library district and place a 5 mil levy for the District on the 2010 ballot.
- Administration will schedule a work session with Board and Library District proponents.

Shelley Walchak - senior consultant Library Community Program of the Colorado State Library:
Gave an overview of how Library Districts in Colorado have formed and the many ways to accomplish this.

Pace moved to approve up to \$2,500.00 for Sandia Belgrade for Contract labor for the office of Emergency Management. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Melinda Myers – County Clerk:

Pace moved to adopt the resolution to conduct the Coordinated 2009 election by mail ballot. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

- Mail Ballot resolution

Spearman moved to approve the Inter Governmental Agreements for the 2009 Coordinated Mail Ballot Election with Moffat, Mt. Valley, Center, Gunnison Watershed and Sangre de Cristo School Districts. Spearman seconded. The vote was three Ayes.

- Coordinated Election IGAs with School Districts.

Melinda Myers -Tourism Council Report:

Spearman moved to approve the Fall Tourism Grants at the following levels: Saguache Recreation Board -\$500; SLV Energy Fair - \$1000; Winterfest - \$800; Crestone Artist Tour - \$300 for a total of \$2,600. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

- Fall Grant Cycle – Requests totaled \$4,000. Council approved grants at the following levels: Saguache Recreation Board -\$500; SLV Energy Fair - \$1000; Winterfest - \$800; Crestone Artist Tour - \$300 for a total of \$2,600.
- Council had elections in July and elected new officers including both new members.
- New member prospect, Chris Hardt from Joyful Journey Spa is planning to submit a letter of interest to join the Council.

Bill Paying

Pace moved to adjourn at 4:50 P.M. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melinda Myers Secretary to the Board of County Commissioners

Minutes Approved September 1, 2009

Chairman of the Board

Attest

Commissioner

Commissioner

