

Saguache County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Tuesday, September 8, 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.

**Additions or Deletions to the Agenda.**

1. Remove Marc Diamont, Architecture grant discussion – postponed.

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

**Reading and approval of minutes of September 1, 2009.**

**Pace moved to approve the minutes of September 1, 2009 as amended. Spearman seconded motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

**Review of Mail** and other correspondence:

1. The San Luis Valley National Wildlife Refuges sent an invitation for a “Friends and Neighbors Appreciation Dinner” to be held September 19, 2009 at 5:30 PM. An RSVP for the dinner is being requested by September 15, 2009 at 589-4021. (9/4/09)
2. **Jim Cochran**, Gunnison Conservation District President sent a request for appropriations for the coming fiscal year. The request for the coming year is \$500.00. (9/4/09)

**Introduction of Guests:** Matie Belle Lakish – Crestone Eagle; Ron Brink – Colorado Farm Bureau; Jason Anderson – Aqua Solar; Steve Sanchez – Town of Saguache; Alisha Moore.

**Commissioners Reports:**

**Linda Joseph** reported:

- Worked with grant writer Sandia Belgrade, Zimmer, Bryant and contacted the State Emergency Medical & Trauma Services (EMTS) Grant Director on developing a grant application in support of the County's Office of Emergency Management. The application is for support of personnel and operations in order to bring County Plans up-to-date and in compliance with State and Federal requirements, and, to provide trainings and an exercise to enhance readiness and safety of local EMTS providers and the citizens they serve

**Sam Pace** reported:

- Sept 4 - Attended State Board of Human Services meeting.
- Took calls on questions on sales tax grant and property assessments.

**Mike Spearman** reported:

- August 2 - Attended Save Our Surface Water LLC meeting, group against current Plan of Management by new Sub District.
- Attended La Garita Creek Water Users Association, considering forming a LLC to prepare common augmentation plan and adding the word "Recharge" to all creek decrees. In the process of hiring an attorney. Will not be forming a sub district.
- August 3 - Attended State Water Rules Committee sub committee meeting on the Irrigation Season.
- Attended the State Water Rules Advisory Committee and continued work on new draft of rules for Well Pumping in the San Luis Valley

Break

**Lyn Zimmer and Wendi Maez** – Co-administrator report:

- Department Heads will be having another insurance meeting to hear from another Health insurance company at 1:00 in the Commissioners room.
- Thursday morning the department heads will meet for the second budget meeting.
- Maez will be meeting with Deb Downs for funding reimbursements for the nursing building and DOLA grant planning reimbursements.
- Zimmer will not be able to attend the Blue Peaks advisory council because of the insurance meeting on September 9, 2009.
- The Veteran's report was signed.
- The Treasurer's semi-annual report was reviewed.
- Format of the second meeting of the month was discussed. Maez& Zimmer will change the second meeting of the month agenda to show the changes requested.

**Wendi Maez** – Land Use Administrator report:

- Continuing to work with Crestone/Baca Planning Commission on the Crestone/Baca Master Plan Survey results.
- Land Use fees for the month of August are \$2,419 over the amount collected during the month of August 2008.

**Pace moved to enter into Executive Session at 10:18 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 11:14 A. M. Pace seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

**Ben Gibbons** – Attorney report:

- The judge granted a continuance until Sept 23, 2009 on the Villa Grove blight property. If it gets cleaned up then it can be canceled and if not the order can be changed to the new owner. 80% of the clean - up work has been done this last weekend.

**Pace moved to advertise for a Title III funds request of up to \$10,000 to clear dead trees along the T Road in the area of the entrance of the Baca Grande. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

- Tree removal on the Ireland property will be ready to start when Ireland sends a waiver of liability to the County and the County sending one to him.
- Library District formation can be done by Board resolution, and the District Boundaries would be set and the funding mechanism outlined. The language of the Resolution would make the creation of the Library District contingent on the tax increase question passing the voters approval. If formed by a petition from supporters, which would provide evidence of community support, the description of area served and specification of mil levy to be imposed or funding source would be established by the proponents.

Adjourned for Lunch at 12:00 P. M

Resumed meeting at 1:00 P. M.

**Jason Anderson** - Energy Audit findings discussion:

- Social Services building would benefit the most from new windows and door sealing.
- The Sheriff's office needs a new heater and insulation in the ceiling.
- Library building is in the best shape for County older buildings.
- Anderson has offered to do a final inspection of any energy upgrades that are done to any county buildings. This will make sure all upgrades that are done will be done correctly prior to final payment being made.

**Steve Sanchez**-Town of Saguache Go-Co Grant

- Vista Grande Go-Co grant application has been awarded. The County is providing matching fund support to purchase approx. 210 acres North of Saguache through Go-Co. Hope to close on land before December with a cost of \$217,000. Next step is to hire a professional planner to do public scoping of the project as to what activities to include.
- The County has committed \$32,500 to the project from Conservation Trust funds, but not all of the money will be available at once. The Town of Saguache will have to bridge that gap until the funds come in, estimated in the First quarter of 2010.
- Steve Sanchez also requested the County to put up some heavy equipment signs on the Bonanza road, for the semi – trucks bringing fill for the Kerber Creek Project. He has already talked to Arredondo at Road and Bridge.

Break

**Pace moved to enter into Executive Session at 2:30 A. M. for personnel purposes under CRS 24-6-402(4)(f)(i) and 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 4:06 A. M. Pace seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

**Pace moved to offer the Emergency Manager position to Jim Felmlee at the current budgeted salary. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

OEM applicant discussion and interviews were conducted.

**Spearman moved to adjourn at 4:10 P.M. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Melinda Myers Secretary to the Board of County Commissioners

Minutes Approved September 15, 2009

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Chairman of the Board

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