

Saguache County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Tuesday, September 15, 2009 with the following present:

Linda Joseph, Chair
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

Commissioner Spearman was out of town.

Meeting called to order by Chair Joseph at 9:01 A.M.

Additions or Deletions to the Agenda.

1. Nursing report cancelled.
2. Executive session during the Attorney time.

Pace moved to approve the agenda as amended. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was two Ayes.

Reading and approval of minutes of September 8, 2009.

Pace moved to approve the minutes of September 8, 2009. Joseph seconded motion. The vote was two Ayes.

Review of Mail and other correspondence:

1. Saguache County Veteran Tom Blunt sent a Thank You card from the Troops at Post #110 and Saguache County Veterans. They also will inform the BOCC when the Saguache Hillside Memorial Dedication will be held. (9/8/09)
2. State of Colorado Public Health sent a Notice of Meeting & Agenda on Air Quality Control Commission for their meeting to be held on 9/17/09 in Denver, Co. at 9am. (9/8/09)
3. Brooke Moran, Headwaters Project Director sent a Postcard inviting the BOCC to the Save the Dates 20th Headwaters, on Redefining Prosperity: Transitioning to the Triple Bottom Line. On October 16-18, 2009 in Gunnison, if interested contact Brooke Moran at 970-943-2118 or email at bmoran@western.edu. (9/10/09)
4. Northern Saguache County Ambulance District sent a letter to Mr. Lizer with Alltel to declare they have the support for the new proposed cell tower in Saguache County. (9/10/09)
5. Clair Brown, with Colorado State Forest Service sent a copy of a letter in regards to the estimate of 2010 cost for participation in the Emergency Fire Fund Contract Agreement for Forest & Watershed Fire Control. (9/10/09)

6. State of Colorado Public Health sent the Agenda for the Colorado Board of Health meeting on Sept. 16, 2009 at 9:30am in Denver Co. (9/10/09)
7. Colorado River Water Conservation District sent a Notice for a Special Joint Meeting for the Board of Directors Colorado River Water Conservation on Sept. 17, 2009 at 1:30pm in Grand Junction, Colo. (9/14/09)
8. Department of Defense Corps of Engineers sent the BOCC a copy of a letter that was sent to Mr. James H. Starr in the correspondence of Aug 10, 2009 regarding actions taken by Charles & Ester Grant/ Bernardo Quintana and Puanani Harvey in Crestone, Co. (9/14/09)
9. SLV Retired Senior Volunteer Program sent a request for a release of funds that have been allocated for the RSVP program for the 2009 year. (9/14/09)
10. Daniel Johnson sent the August 2009 report for the Saguache County Fire Mitigation Program. (9/11/09)
11. CCI Commissioner Southern Region sent a reminder email. At the last CCI meeting a resolution was passed to place a moratorium on conservation easement tax credits, and to have individual counties pass their own resolutions. Pace will draft a letter stating Saguache County's reservations on the issue and will not be passing a resolution.
12. Email received from Michael Horan stating his thanks for the work Road and Bridge has done on the roads near his home. He was also in favor of the Terssera Solar Project.

Introduction of Guests: Matie Belle Lakish – Crestone Eagle; Kathleen Adler, Stephanie Gaines, McGregor Gaines, Birgit Brunskee, Anna Louise Stewart – Crestone End of Life Project; J.W. Burton; Sharon Carr; Dottie Eichhorn; George Welsh – Center School; Charlie Warren – Moffat School; and Corey - Mountain Valley School.

Commissioners Reports:

Sam Pace reported:

- Sept 9 - Attended the meeting to review insurance options.

Linda Joseph reported:

- September 10 - Attended the SLV Regional Medical & Trauma Advisory Council (RETAC) meeting in Monte Vista. The RETAC is applying for State grants for bulk order of power cots and stair chairs for multiple agencies; a part time Regional Medical Director to engage and coordinate Drs. with EMTS providers. Both Center and Baca Grande are applying for personnel support. Joseph spoke with Commissioner Doug Davies of Rio Grande County, which has just hired a new Emergency Manager.
- Dave Osbourn reported that out of the few dozen target areas for improvement, the 3 identified for SLV RETAC are: planning, public warning, evacuation and shelter preparedness.
- Dave Pote reported that the Exercise Design Team, a policy group of Commissioners, Attorneys, Admin and Office of Emergency Management (OEM) personnel, is looking for Emergency Operations policies, and will be visiting all 6 SLV Counties. They are in Alamosa now, going next to Costilla. Policies will be used for a Valley wide Emergency Operations tabletop exercise. This will be on the plate of our next EM, along with working with the FEMA coordinator on completing the Disaster Mitigation plan by Spring.

- Joseph worked with Co-Administrator Zimmer to establish the budget/grant worksheet to consider options for developing OEM projects, through fundraising.
- Worked on an informational article about solar facility regulation.

Lyn Zimmer and Wendi Maez – Co-administrator report:

- Court clerk is requesting that a sink be added to the coffee break room on the court level. Pete stated that this would run approx. \$1000, including plumbing charges. The cabinet, sink, and counter top would be included in this price. BOCC visited the rooms involved, and deferred for future discussion.

Pace moved to change insurance brokers from Magneson Insurance to Benefit Health Advisor, Brent Hillier. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was two Ayes.

- Request permission to change insurance broker for health and life insurance from Magneson's Insurance to Benefit Health Advisor. Brent Hillier presented a plan to the insurance committee on Wednesday, Sept. 9. The committee would like to recommend that the county go with Benefit Health Advisor as the insurance broker. They will then seek out insurances that will best suit our county and save the employees some money on their premiums. If the board approves the change we will need to sign a letter today so that the new brokers can contact Great West. We will then remain with Great West until Jan. 1 when the insurance would change. Benefits would be better, but the total cost would be less.

Pace moved to change the administration of the 125 cafeteria plan over to Emery Ball. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was two Ayes.

- Administration spoke with Emery Ball about offering the employees optional insurances that are paid by the employee. For example, AFLAC type insurance. Ball also provides a cafeteria 125 plan (flex) that would save the county some money in that he does not charge as much for the administrative fees. They will not charge us a start up fee either. Other companies that we have talked to would charge us a start up fee and higher administrative fees. We need to know if it is okay to have Mr. Ball come in and talk to the employees about the optional insurances and the 125 plan. We would continue to have the AFLAC, but we change the 125 plan from the current plan in Jan. 2010.
- The Elected Officials and Department Heads would like to present the budget to you, the board either on Sept, 22 or Sept 29 in a work session. Zimmer will be sending the budget to you in the next day or so. The budget meeting with the commissioners will be on October 5th at 1PM.
- We have received the Title III funding request from Kimberly Bryant, OEM for the tree clean up on Co. Rd. T. The public hearing date will be in November.
- Pete Garcia has been working on the BOCC chairs and there are a few of the chairs that need repaired or replaced. Garcia can not get parts to fix the chairs. The chairs cost less than \$100 in 2000. Chairs will be replaced after the first of January, 2010.

- Financial report for August 2009 has been given to you. On target percentages should be at 65% for the year through August. General Fund is at 95% of revenue and 64% of expenditure, Road and Bridge is at 79% of revenue and 75% of expenditure with paving and capital outlay purchases that were approved by the board being the reason of the over expenditure, Library is at 91% of revenue with transfers from General Fund at \$54,500 (9900 over what was budgeted) and 82% of expenditures (many line items being over budget), Nursing is at 69% of revenue with \$10,000 being transferred from General Fund and 73% of expenditures (as stated each month, salary line items in all areas are over budget, as well as several other line items being over budget), Social Services is at 56% of revenue and 49% of expenditures. Zimmer has confirmed that there are discrepancies between how Public Health is using line items and how Admin accounts for them – to be rectified in the 2010 budgeting. Joseph questioned whether grants received by the Library are running through the County accounts, and will follow-up with Bruce to clarify.
- Action 22 sent an invoice for annual membership. This request will be discussed at a later meeting.

Break

Wendi Maez – Land Use Administrator report:

Pace moved to amend Resolution LU 2008-33 to set the number of cremations to be no more than 24 over a consecutive three year period and no more than 12 cremations per year, and the alternate location site condition be considered met and removed. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was two Ayes.

- Crestone End of Life Project yearly review. Received one email from a neighbor concerning CEOLP activities for the last year. They have had the eight burns this year and are asking for an increase in that amount to be on an as needed basis. It was clarified that the alternate location requirement involved shifting the project on the property, which was completed.

Pace moved to approve the Lot Consolidation for Sid Block on Lots 10 & 11, Baca Grande Mobile Home Estates. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was two Ayes.

- Lot Consolidation request for Sid Block to consolidate Lots 10 & 11, Mobile Home Estates. CBPC recommended approval of this request at their regular meeting on September 9, 2009.
- Christian Dillo, Crestone/Baca PC member that represents the Spiritual Alliance at large area has resigned from the CBPC. There is an alternate for this area on the board and the position will be advertised.
- John R.M. and Jean Ann Day have returned their signed CUP resolution and the Board signed it.
- Email received from Patty Latille regarding her dispute with Dwayne Jett over her property on Co. Rd. LL56. Attorney Gibbons will reply to her.

Ben Gibbons – Attorney report:

- The clean up of the Villa Grove property blight violation is almost finished.

Pace moved to enter into Executive Session at 11:40 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 11:47 A. M. Pace seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Jail Tour

Adjourned for Lunch at 12:00 P. M

Resumed meeting at 1:00 P. M.

Pace moved to accept the bid from Master's Touch Painting to paint the trim on the Courthouse, with the stipulation that Administration choose the color. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was two Ayes.

- Maintenance has received several bids on painting the outside trim on the Courthouse.

Randal Arredondo – Supervisor Road & Bridge:

- Sharon Carr from Bonanza commented on the condition of the dirt section of County Road LL56. The washboards are very bad. Arredondo has scheduled improvements for that road.
- The SRS Title II and III paperwork is due on the 18th. The split will be Title II 10% and Title III 5%.
- Has been taking trucks up to Villa Grove to help with the blight clean up. One last round will finish the job.
- Will be applying for a sales tax grant for the Youth De Valle Corps.

Mike Norris – Sheriff report:

- Sheriff's office received the estimated cost for the Emergency Fire Fund Contract Agreement for 2010.

Pace moved to enter into Executive Session at 1:38 P. 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 1:50 P. M. Pace seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Donna Newsom - Public Health Director is in Center giving flu shots today.

- Report cancelled

Joseph moved to convene as the Housing Board at 2:35 P.M. Pace seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Chella Coleman - Housing Director – Monthly report

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

George Welch, Charlie Warren and Corey Doss - Superintendents for County Schools:

- SRS discussion -Superintendents suggested that Jarrod Biggs from DOLA come in and explain the funding formulas. Warren passed out an overview of the new law put together by CASE and DOLA.
- George Welch proposed engaging a facilitator skilled in cooperative negotiations to assist the process.
- The School Districts will designate three representatives to negotiate with the Board of County Commissioners on the SRS Funding.
- Both groups will collect ideas for spending the funding.
- George Welch was complimentary of the job the County Road and Bridge crew did on the school parking lot.

Pace moved to adjourn at 3:47 P.M. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melinda Myers Secretary to the Board of County Commissioners

Minutes Approved October 7, 2009

Chairman of the Board

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Commissioner

Commissioner

