

Saguache County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Tuesday, October 6, 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.

1. Public Health precautions

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

Reading and approval of minutes of September 15, 2009.

Pace moved to approve the minutes of September 15, 2009 as amended. Joseph seconded motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Review of Mail and other correspondence:

- Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District sent the Board of Directors Agenda on Thursday, September 24, 09 at 234 North Main St. Suite 3C, Gunnison, CO. (9/15/09)
- Colorado Wild land Fire & Incident Mgmt Academy sent the Winter 2010 Conference Registration January 4-10 at Aims Community College Greeley, Co. Register online at www.cwfima.com by November 1, 09. (9/16/09)
- Michael & Lori Wisdom sent a thank you card to the BOCC, Administration, & Land Use. (9/17/09)
- Town of Center Planning & Zoning Commission sent a Notice of Public Hearing to Property Owners on October 6, 09 concerning the Center Head Start Building. (9/17/09)
- Rio Grande Water Conservation District sent the 2009 Ground Water Table for September 2009. (9/23/09)
- Rio Grande Water Conservation District sent the Board of Directors Agenda for October 20, 09 at 10am at the Bureau of Reclamation Conference Room located at 10900 Hwy 160 E. Alamosa, Co. (9/23/09) State of Colorado Division of Property Taxation sent notification that Pundarika Foundation was granted Tax Exemption status on September 5, 09. (9/24/09)
- Baca Grande POA sent the Annual Members Meeting Notice Friday October 23, 09 at 7pm at the Baca Grande POA Hall in Crestone. Also enclosed are voting sheets and return envelope if the BOCC wishes to vote and return. (9/25/09)

- Pavita Decorah with Sri Aurobindo Learning Center sent an updated report on the grant that was awarded by the BOCC. Also Decorah brought in a Photo Album with pictures of the work in progress; the album will be in the Admin Office for a couple weeks if anyone would like view it. (9/28/09)
- Dottie Eickhorn sent a thank you card for the opportunity to bring Bonanza Citizens concerns about the Co. Rd. LL56 Road Conditions. (9/28/09)
- Colorado Open Landscapes sent their 2009 Fall Newsletter. (9/28/09)

Pace moved to nominate the Saguache County Co-Administrators, Wendi Maez and Lyn Zimmer for 2009 Administrator of the Year at CCI. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

- Association of Colorado County Administrators (ACCA) sent a letter for the opportunity to recognize & honor our Counties Administrator, County Manager, or Assistant for the 2009 ACCA Administrator of the Year Award. (9/28/09)
- Wild Rose Appraisal Audit Division sent the Assessor's 2009 Saguache County Property Assessment Study for final audit report and also was found in compliance. (9/28/09)
- Colorado Brownsfield Foundation sent a brochure on their Revitalization in the New Economy Conference 2009 November 9-10, 2009 in Westminster, Co. Register online at www.coloradobrownsfieldsfoundation.org before November 2, 09. (9/30/09)
- La Puente sent their Fall 2009 Newsletter to show their work in progress. (9/30/09)
- CCI, Colorado Counties, Inc. sent the CCI Dues Schedule & Proposed Budget for 2010. 9/30/09)

Introduction of Guests: Matie Belle Lakish – Crestone Eagle; Amy Trainer, Neil & Terry Seitz – Orient Land Trust; Jessica DeBoe & Amber Shook – Villa Grove Trade; Leslie Gorey & Nick Constantine – Tower Engineering; Debbie Ware, Perry Lizer & Michael Sanchez – Alltel; Annie Nielsen; Rebie Hazard; Don & Kathy Geddes; Jasen Davidson – Town of Moffat; Elinor & Richard Laurie; Gene & Karen Hollenbeck; Marshall & Jane Milam; Tara de Valois & Jake Schualz – BLM Gunnison; Andrew Archuleta – USFS/BLM; Shauna Ianson – BGPOA; Russell Schreiber; Jan Jensen, Lindy McDaniels, Jeannie Krogh, Marge Hoglin & Jean Wilcox – Friends of the Library.

Commissioners Reports:

Sam Pace reported:

- Sept 17 - Attended South Central Seniors Board meeting in Alamosa.
- Sept 18 - Attended CCI Steering Committee meeting in Denver.
- Sept 21 - Attended SLV Commissioners budget meeting.
- Sept 22 - Attended VGAMA.
- Sept 24 - Attended lunch with State Senators at Desert First.
- Oct 2 - Attended CBHS Board meeting in Denver.
- Oct 5 - Attended a meeting of the Dept. Heads, for presentation of their draft 2010 budgets.
- Oct 3 – Attended a meeting in Alamosa with Senator Udall.

Linda Joseph reported:

- September 16 and October 2 - Attended a ScSEED/Credit Union Local Currency meeting. The name has been selected - Mountain Money. Designs are still coming in. Ali Rosenblatt, Local Currency Coordinator will be staying through the Spring to continue work on this project.
- September 17, 18 - Attended a meeting of the Public Policy & Finance committee of SEMTAC, to develop recommendations for EMTS grant categories and procedures for the 2011 EMTS grant cycle (July 2010-June 2011).
- September 19 - Attended Fall Fest in Saguache.
- September 21 - Attended the SLV County Commissioners Association meeting in Alamosa, for presentations of funding requests by Valley service organizations.
- September 22 - Hosted the monthly Villa Grove Area Merchants Association potluck and meeting.
- September 23 - Attended the GOCO 15 years of partnering in Saguache County celebration, with Co-Administrators Maez and Zimmer.
- September 24 - Attended a lunch with Senators Schwartz, Morse, an aide and Commissioner Pace, and discussed issues relevant to the County and Valley, and the current issues at the State level.
- September 29 - Attended a ScSEED Board meeting in Center.
- September 30 - Attended the Public Health Bridge Day conference at Copper Mountain, with Co-Administrators Maez and Zimmer.
- October 5 - Attended a meeting of the Dept. Heads, for presentation of their draft 2010 budgets.

Mike Spearman:

- Oct 2- Attended a Colorado State University State Extension Board tour of the capitol, including the tunnels under the Hill. Toured the Governor's Mansion. Also visited with Senator Schwartz in her office.
- October 5 - Attended a meeting of the Dept. Heads, for presentation of their draft 2010 budgets.

Lyn Zimmer and Wendi Maez – Co-administrator report:

Pace moved to allow the \$1500 Leadership Conference grant awarded in 2008 to be carried forward into 2010 for the same purpose. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

- Zimmer received a call from Eleanor West with the Extension Office. She will be applying for a sales tax grant in the first round of 2010. She received a \$1500 for a leadership conference last year however she was unable to put this conference together. She stated that she would be returning the funds unless you would approve the funding going into the General Budget for the 4H program costs. Board would like to see the Leadership training happen.
- The Veteran's Memorial Service for the Hillside Cemetery will be Sunday, October 18 at 2:00 PM.
- CCI Conference, dates are Nov. 30 to Dec. 2.
- Attended the CDPHE Bridge Day meeting in Cooper Mountain along with Commissioner Joseph.
- Presentation of Sales Tax Grants.

Spearman moved to create a policy outlining precautionary measures for the public or employees exhibiting symptoms of colds or flu. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

- Public Health precautions may be needed to protect workers and public. Spearman suggested requesting people who are coughing to wear a mask. Joseph mentioned that County offices could provide antiseptic hand sanitizers at service counters/desks.

Pace moved to approve continuation of rent at the same rate for the Dental Hygienist for three additional months at the Clinic. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

- Dr. Arnett and other doctors want to meet with the Board to discuss the clinic; Maez will confirm meeting date and scheduled time.
- Forest Service has announced prescribed burns in the Valley.
- County OEM reported that not many individual disaster mitigation planning surveys were received. The forms for County entities, towns and emergency services have been completed.

Break

Wendi Maez – Land Use Administrator report:

Pace moved to approve the Subdivision Exemption Request for Neil and Teresa Seitz– N1/2S1/2 36-46-10 to subdivide 2 acres. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

- Neil and Teresa Seitz – Subdivision Exemption Request – N1/2S1/2 36-46-10. This request is to subdivide a tract of land into 2 tracts containing 148 acres and 2 acres. The original tract contains 150 acres. Present use of the property is a single family home and the proposed land use will be for a home and a small business. They will need to have a home occupation permit for the small business.

Spearman moved to approve the Conditional Use Permit Request by the Frees' and Alltel Communications for a cell phone tower at E1/2, NE1/4, SW1/4, NE1/4, SE1/4 5-45-10, with the condition that no lighting be allowed on the tower and any outside lighting including porch lights conform to County lighting guidelines. Pace seconded the motion. The vote was two Ayes and one Nay.

- Delmar, Shirley, David and George Frees – Applicant, Alltel Communications – Applicant – E1/2, NE1/4, SW1/4, NE1/4, SE1/4 5-45-10 (this is the entire legal description of the property but the amount of property to be used is 0.230 acres). This request is to place a wireless cell phone tower located southeast of Villa Grove on County Road

61. Present use of the property is irrigated land and the proposed use of the property will be the location of a 100' cell phone tower and a 12' x 12' shelter on the .0230 acres..

- Received the MOU concerning Cooperating Agency for Solar Energy Development on BLM property, which can be discussed during Andrew Archuleta's time.
- Met with Gary Tuttle of Banks and Gesso, LLC a company that can consult with SC on all 1041 permits we received. Alamosa, Huerfano and Pueblo County are using this company as a consultant and report good references. The cost for their services, which include review of the application when we first receive to observe and review as project is completed. The fees for their services can be included in the fee paid by the applicant. Maez will research further. Villa Grove blight clean-up has been completed, there are two more sites in the County which might need to go to court.
- Viewed Floyd Jett property on Bonanza Road and there are no additional structures.
- Signed a Recognition of Service Certificate for Christian Dillo, CBPC member who resigned.
- Signed Crestone End of Life Project/Dragon Mountain CUP resolution.
- Signed Nicholas Easley Variance resolution.
- Signed Mark Lewis Allen/Verizon Wireless CUP resolution.

Ben Gibbons – Attorney report:

- Sent an overview on the methods of forming a Library District to the Board.
- Will follow-up to write a response to La Taille correspondence.

Adjourned for Lunch at 12:00 P. M.

Resumed meeting at 1:00 P. M.

Randal Arredondo – Supervisor Road & Bridge:

Pace moved to set RS2477 hearing on County Road 10XX to Forest Service land. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

- Mr. Hollenbeck brought in maps showing County Road 10XX and alternative access to the public lands and other private in holdings. The County maintains that it is a county road and it cannot be closed to the public. Neighbors disagree and so the Board called for a RS2477 Hearing.
- Had gravel hauled to Sargents and Doyleville last week from Gunnison County.
- Airport work – Web address provided for the weather station at the Saguache airport. Closed circle installed at Leach Field.
- Arredondo will research breakdown of Title I, II and III funding.
- Has finished work on County Road 38FF.

Pace moved to convene as the Board of Human Services Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Jeannie Norris – Human Services Director:

- There continued to be 13 active TANF cases during the month of August, with four cases pending and 7 child-only cases. Food assistance cases seem to have leveled off somewhat at 431 for the month compared to 435 in July. There were 30 aid-to-the-needy-disabled cases, and old age pension cases increased by 2 to 109. The CHEERS training center had 9 TANF clients in the facility.
- The Child and Adult Protection Unit reported six new referrals in August, all of whom were accepted for investigation. There are eleven children in placement; ten dependency and neglect court cases in progress, and there are 162 children in open cases. This is an increase of five children in open cases over the prior month.
- IV-D collections increased by six percent, with \$31,180.76 for the month of August compared to \$29,521.78 for the month of July. Year-to-date collections are down by three percent, due to decreased tax intercept collections which declined sharply.
- LEAP season will begin on November 1. Applications have already been mailed from Denver, and our technician will enter them into the computer system as they are received so that they are available for payment.
- We continue to have bi-monthly distributions of commodities in three communities, and have continued to receive large shipments of food. This month we were able to serve 181 households during the regular distribution, and approximately 200 households during a special distribution of fresh produce, eggs, and meat that exceeded our storage capacity.
- We have been informed that Head Start intends to withdraw from Saguache in March. We will be meeting with school administrators and community members in order to establish a structure to preserve the Little Learners Day Care Center when that happens.
- Norris attended a director's training during September, which provided good information about "Doing more with less" during difficult financial times. There was also a disaster planning seminar which provided valuable resources.
- Layoffs continue at the State level, however thus far no programs have been impacted other than the discontinuance. Rumors abound regarding the proposal from the State Department to take over management of county-run DSS programs. This would require legislative action followed by massive reorganization if implemented.

Pace moved to adjourn the Board of Human Services and return to regular meeting at 2:00. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Andrew Archuleta – USFS/BLM month discussion

- Passed out material on conducting a prescribed burn. One is happening over by Del Norte starting today.
- Map of parcels on the Anderson Ditch project, waiting for appraisal of property and water.
- BLM/County Cooperating Agency MOU for the Programmatic Environmental Impact Study for solar projects on BLM land will be reviewed and completed by Attorney Gibbons.
- Received some funds and will upgrade some campgrounds.
- SRS funding for the RAC has not come through yet. RAC appointments are in progress, for RACs statewide.
- Bob Dalrymple has taken a new position in Alaska. He will expedite completion of the Baca Mountain Tract plan before he leaves at the end of October.

- A team has been assembled to do environmental assessments on renewable projects.

Break

Dean Johnson- Audit Review

- Johnson presented the audit to the Board and reviewed the findings.

Penny Bruce - Library Administrator

- Work session on the proposed library district. The Baca Grande POA Board has decided to join the Library District and relinquish the Baca Library as an amenity. Board asked questions about the proponents' findings in studying the formation of a Library District, the proposed budget and the District boundaries. The interested parties will research the ramifications of expanding the district to include two libraries and the Baca.

Peace moved to adjourn at 4:25 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 13, 2009

Chairman of the Board

Attest

Commissioner



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