

Saguache County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Tuesday, January 5, 2010 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
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.

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

Reading and approval of minutes of December 15, 2009.

Pace moved to approve the minutes of December 15, 2009. Spearman seconded motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Review of Mail and other correspondence:

1. Edith David Foster sent a thank you letter to Daniel Johnson for the DVD they received on the super job being done. (12/17/09)
2. Crestone Performances sent a thank you letter for the monies received for the 2009 Sales Tax Grant. (12/17/09)
3. State of Colorado Dept. of Public Health sent the 2009 Financial Assurance Review for the Saguache County Landfill. (12/21/09)
4. Daniel Johnson sent the BOCC a DVD to review. (12/21/09)
5. Gunnison County Watershed Weed Commission sent an update of Areas of Treatment of Cheat grass. (12/21/09)
6. US District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Brownsville Division sent an update on the August 2009 Bankruptcy regarding Asarco, LLC. (12/21/09)
7. Salida Family Medicine sent a follow up letter concerning the November 10, 2009 meeting with the Board on the Development of the Clinic Concept in Saguache. (12/21/09)
8. Tom Blunt, County Veterans Officer sent a Thank You note for the bonus received. (12/22/09)
9. Joe Rowan, Executive Director of Funding Partners is applying for a USDA Rural Development Grant for what used to be the "Single Point of Contact". The Partners have requested if you have any comments on the grant request to please sent them within 45 days of the date of the letter. (12/22/09) Maez is in the process of getting information for this item.
10. Baca Grande Water & Sanitation District sent the Official Notice of Chairman and Contact person for the district. Christine Canaly is the Chairman of the Board and AJ Beckman is the District Contact person. (12/23/09)

11. Rio Grande Water Conservation District sent the Ground Water Measurements for the month of November. (12/28/09)
12. Milton Jones, Mayor Town of Saguache is applying for a USDA Rural Development Grant to finance the replacement of the town's sewer collection system. Mr. Jones is requesting any comments or concerns you may have to the Town within 45 days from the date of the letter. (12/31/09)
13. Daniel Johnson sent his December report for the Saguache County Fire Mitigation Program. (12/31/09)
14. Sherry Trujillo, Upper Rio Grande Animal Society, sent a letter explaining that the Upper Rio Grande Animal Society will now be managing the Conour Animal Shelter located in Monte Vista. Ownership of the Shelter will remain in Conour Animal Shelter. (12/31/09)
15. Rio Grande Water Conservation District has sent a reminder notice of the next regular Board of Directors meeting on January 19, 2010. The meeting will be held at the Bureau of Reclamation Building in Alamosa at 10am.

Introduction of Guests: Matie Belle Lakish – Crestone Eagle; Jason Davidson – Town of Moffat; Jerry Burton; and Devon Pollack – Saguache Ad Hoc Solar Committee.

Commissioners Reports:

Mike Spearman reported:

- Dec 18 - Attended the County Holiday luncheon.
- Worked with Road & Bridge Supervisor Randy Arredondo on some road issues.
- Dec 16 – Attended the Master Plan meeting in Saguache.

Sam Pace reported:

No report.

Linda Joseph:

- Dec 10, 15, 16 & 17 – Attended the Master Plan meetings in Villa Grove, Moffat, Saguache and Center.
- December 18 - Met with Kimberly Bryant to review OEM transitions and grants in progress. Attended the County luncheon hosted by Road & Bridge.
- December 30 - Met with Jim Felmler and Lyn Zimmer to go over grant accounting and next steps.

Pace moved to enter into Executive Session at 9:45 A. 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 10:12 A. M. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Wendi Maez– Co-administrator report:

- The Town of Crestone has sent a letter requesting that the requirement for the “Annexation Impact Report by the Town” be waived for the annexation request they have received from the Robert Philleo property, due to the cost of the report. The annexation would be for the Philleo property that is located to the South of the Town.

A map, notice of Public Hearing and the resolution for request of annexation was available for review at the meeting. Commissioners requested an overview on the property, how it will be divided and used, access planned, and any issues of County interest, in lieu of the full Impact report.

Break

Wendi Maez - Land Use report:

- Signed the resolution for Bruce E. Sanborn's Variance request which was given approval at the December 15, 2009 meeting.
- Review the Preliminary Feasibility report submitted by Consultant Nancy Lauro for the Tessera Solar application. Lauro will attend the Board work session on January 12 in the afternoon to discuss the application.
- Received comments on the Tessera project from State of Colorado Water Division 3.
- Signed the Memorandum of Understanding with the BLM to be a Cooperating Agency on the National Solar Energy EIS.

Ben Gibbons - County Attorney

- Working on the disbursement of the SRS Funds with the Schools.

Adjourned for Lunch at 12:00 P. M.

Resumed meeting at 1:00 P. M.

Randal Arredondo - Supervisor Road & Bridge and Land fill report:

Pace moved to cancel the RS2477 Public Hearing due to the evidence that the road in question had previously been declared an RS2477 Road by a previous BOCC and had been determined the road in question is an open public road. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

- Residents on CR10X6 are asking about the status of the RS2477 Public Hearing scheduled in May. The new evidence that has come to light shows that a previous BOCC held a hearing and determined the road in question is an open road. Attorney Gibbons will contact all the parties to let them know.
- Board has sent a letter to C-DOT with concerns on the reduced snow plowing schedule on Highways 114 and 112.
- A Member of the Baca Grande POA Board inquired about the second access road off Road T.

Pace moved to convene as the Board of Health at 1:30 P.M. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Della Vieira - Director of Public Health

- Presented two videos from the Prevention Partners on underage drinking and drug use in the SLV and Saguache County. They were very professionally done and informative.
- Public Health report:

PCP

- A. Total of 98 clients served in December (95 Medicaid, 3 private pay).
- B. 68 PCP's currently on staff: 63 active, 4 inactive, 1 has not provided services for >1 year, and will likely be dropped
- C. Total Medicaid billing for Dec= \$39,420 (74% as PCP payroll= \$28,979)
- D. Total private pay billing Dec= \$3,078 (94% as PCP payroll \$2,888)
- E. Total billing for Dec= \$42,499 (92.8% Medicaid, 7.3% Private pay)
- F. In accordance with new rules & regulations for 2010, monthly PCP staff meetings will be held, and will include specific trainings at each session; Dave Hayden from SLV Mental Health will be speaking on depression (client, provider, care-giver) at Feb 12 session.

Wellness

- A. CPR classes will be held for all interested County employees on 1-6, 1-13, and two more classes for all of R&B; BOCC members are encouraged to schedule with Violet for one of these sessions.
- B. Wellness screenings for EMS, Fire, Law enforcement personnel scheduled for Friday 1-8-10; there are 2 remaining openings if any others are interested.
- C. Center Diabetes Support Group will hold its first meeting tonight 1-5-10 at Center Office. VWHS is collaborating with SCPH to identify & recruit potential members.
- D. Healthier Living classes will begin Thursday at 5:00 at Saguache Office; Center courses will begin in Feb.
- E. 10 regular participants in Strong Women Strong Bones 3x/week in SCPH Fitness Center.

Emergency Preparedness

- A. CERT team meeting 1-6-10 sat SCPH at 6:00.

General issues

- A. Interviews for ½ FTE RN will be done Wednesday, Jan 13th. We have 2 candidates to interview.
- B. The director will be working with staff to update program-specific information on the County website over the next month.
- C. Saguache County Prevention Partners Coordinator, Ileen Rivale, will present the DVD produced this fall, and will be available for questions from commissioners.
- D. Director proposes to schedule one report session per quarter to be dedicated to BOH meetings, to be held on the third month of each quarter (Mar, June, Sep, and Dec).

Pace moved to adjourn the Board of Health and return to regular meeting at 1:32. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Break

Kristy Murphy -USFS/BLM month discussion:

- Andrew Archuleta has been reassigned to Monte Vista for several months and Murphy is filling in until a replacement is chosen.
- Pine Beetle infestation has devastated the northern Colorado forest and most funding in the State is going there. This may cause some cut backs here in the Rio Grande Forest.
- Camino Chamisa – NPS is transferring \$100,000 to the Forest Service and C-DOT is sending \$304,000 and ARRA funds are also going to be sought.
- Resource Advisory Committee is still being reviewed by the Forest Service in Washington D.C.
- Solar First has dropped their proposed project.
- A Renewable Energy Team has been formed to work on projects on BLM land.
- American Recovery and Reinvestment Act projects have been happening in the County, rehabbing campgrounds. Fencing and inventory of archeological sites are being worked on also.
- There is a new timber sale on Brown's Creek.
- Firewood is available near Carnero Ranger Station and near Deer Creek, just check in at the Ranger Station for a firewood permit.
- There will be a Ranching Perspectives Seminar on January 22, 2010 at Old Cow Town.

Devon Pollack - Town of Saguache:

- Saguache Energy Workshop on January 16 from 1-4:30 at the Community Building in Saguache. It will be an open house style fair with mini presentations and representatives from energy companies.
- Friday, January 15 at 6:30 at the Saguache Community Building there will be a Performance Contracting workshop with Trident Energy and Performance Contracting.

Spearmen moved to adjourn at 2:57 P.M. Pace seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melinda Myers Secretary to the Board of County Commissioners

Minutes Approved January 12, 2009

Chairman of the Board

Attest

Commissioner

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