

Saguache County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Tuesday, February 2, 2010 with the following present:

Sam Pace, Chair
Mike Spearman, Co-Vice Chairman
Linda Joseph, 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 Pace at 9:04 A.M.

Additions or Deletions to the Agenda.

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

Reading and approval of minutes of January 19, 2010.

Joseph moved to approve the minutes of January 19, 2010 as amended. Spearman seconded motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Review of Mail and other correspondence:

1. **Gunnison County MET/REC** sent the January 2010 Annual Report on the Gunnison County Metropolitan Recreation District. (1/19/10)
2. **David & Edith Foster** sent a letter thanking the board for the funding of the Mitigation Properties Project. They are very pleased with the work Mr. Johnson and his crew has done with all the trees clean up. (1/19/10)
3. **San Luis Valley Fair Board** sent a letter to Erica Torr and CC: the BOCC. The SLV Fair Board has made a group decision to vacate Erica Torr in the absentee of the board meetings. (1/19/10) Administration will advertise to
4. **Rio Grande Water Conservation District** sent the January 2010 Ground water table measurements. (1/21/10)
5. **Colorado State University Extension** sent the 2010 Southern Rocky Mountain Agricultural Conference and Trade Fair. Location is at the Monte Vista, Co Ski Hi Park on February 9-12, 2010. Registration mail-in Deadline is Feb. 5. (1/21/10)
6. **State of Colorado C-DOT** sent an update on the recent letter concerning the State snow plowing practices. This web link indicates the routes covered by the policy: www.coloradodot.info/travel/winter-driving/. (1/20/10)
7. **Leigh Mills** sent a letter concerning the Tessera Project generating 1,680,000 cubic feet of hydrogen on site. (1/21/10)
8. **State of Colorado Division of Property Taxation** sent the Final Determination for Native Ways Institute application for Tax Exemption. (1/27/10)
9. **Daniel Johnson** dropped off a CD for Oct. 8, 09 Saguache County Firewise Workday #2. (1/27/10)

10. **Upper Arkansas Water Conservancy District** sent a letter regarding Colorado Water Conservation Board Construction Funds. (1/27/10)
11. **Kimberly Bryant** OEM sent a letter to the BOCC in reference to Daniel Johnson doing an excellent job with the fire mitigation program. (1/27/10)
12. **Dr. David Arnett** with Salida Family Medicine sent a letter just to follow up with any long term plans in the Saguache Building. (1/29/10)
13. **Gunnison Conservancy District** sent the 2010 Winter January 19 Issue of Range Rider. (1/29/10)
14. **Pat Johnson** of Vajra Vidya Retreat Center sent a letter in full support to the proposed grant for the Kundalini Fire Management Grant- Title 3. (2/1/10)
15. **Matthew Crowley** Operations Manager of Shumei International sent a letter in Support of Kundalini Fire Management Grant- Title 3. (2/1/10)
16. **State of Colorado Department of Local Affairs** sent a letter and a form of Certificate of Compliance, Article 29 of Title 29 C.R.S. Immigration Status – Cooperation with Federal Officials. Chair Pace signed the form to indicate that the County does not have policy to limit the cooperation of local peace officers with federal officials.

Introduction of Guests: Matie Belle Lakish – Crestone Eagle; Jerry Burton; Gerald Lain; Kristi Murphy & Brian St. George – BLM/USFS; Lisa Cyriacks & Randy Arredondo – Democratic Party.

Commissioners Reports:

Mike Spearman reported:

- January 22 – Attended the State Water Rules Committee meeting. Next meeting won't happen till after the Judge rules.
- January 25 – Attended the DRG meeting on developing a COG. Feasibility study on the Valley Power Authority will be out next week.
- January 31 – Attended the Ranching Celebration at the Saguache Community Building.
- Funds for the Camino Chamisa are still short and more work needs to be done to secure the full amount needed.

Sam Pace reported:

- January 21 - Attended reception for Colorado State legislators at CCI
- January 22 - Attended Steering Committee meetings at CCI
- January 25 - Attended SLV Commissioners meeting in Alamosa. Spoke to Erin Minks about the RAC and she assured that it was moving forward. Board directed Administration to send a letter to Dan Dallas to distribute to elected officials to get it to move faster.
- January 27 - Attended Legislative hearing on the Credit Union bill at the state capitol and testified in favor. Bill lost in committee on a 6 to 5 vote
- January 28 - Dropped in on the planning commission meeting in Saguache.

Linda Joseph:

- January 20 - Attended the Gunnison Sage Grouse Conservation Strategic Committee, along with alternate Elinor Laurie
- January 21- Participated, along with Public Health Director Della Vieira, on a teleconference regarding creation of a Colorado Association of Local Boards of Health.

This effort is moving forward, with plans for future teleconferences, and a session at the CCI Summer Conference.

- Attended the SLV RETAC (Regional Emergency Medical & Trauma Advisory Council) meeting in Monte Vista
- January 23 - Corresponded with Rick Basagoitia and Jason Surface regarding the DOW comment letter on the Tessera application.
- January 25 - Attended the SLV County Commissioners Association meeting with Commissioner Pace and Co-Administrators Maez and Zimmer.
- January 26, 27, 28 - Attended the quarterly meeting of SEMTAC (State Emergency Medical & Trauma Advisory Council) in Denver, and was appointed to the Bylaws Committee. The SLV region has been asked to be the pilot for a mobile pediatric training series by Children's Hospital, Denver.
- January 29 - Attended and all day SLV Land Conservation Roundtable, which was well attended by representatives of the Public Lands Agencies and several non-profits. A focus on the northern Valley was identified as a priority.
- January 30 - Email from Amy Trainer, Orient Land Trust Program Director, inquiring about County funding support for a 2010 fireworks show for the 4th of July.
- February 1 - Working with grant writer Cindy Cleary, OEM staff Jim Felmlee and Kimberly Bryant, and Co-Administrator Zimmer on the 2010 and 2011 SEMTAC grants.

Wendi Maez & Lyn Zimmer – Co-administrator report:

- There are numerous employees that have annual leave that is above the allowance per the policy book. Letters were written to employees as well as the department head/elected official beginning Feb. 9, 2009 and throughout the year to assure that leave would be taken and not lost. Per the county employee policy manual, employees leave will be backed down to that allowed for carry over. The employees will be informed of the adjustments in the next week.
- Administration has been in contact with Chella Ward regarding the CSBG board for the Valley. Mr. Hagedorn as well as Carol Gurule have been contacted to see if we can help with the issues that were brought up by Rio Grande and Alamosa County. This is a follow-up item that came up at the SLV BOCC meeting that we attended on Jan. 25; 2010. Administration has also volunteered to sit on the financial committee for the CSBG Board (SLV Community Action Partnership). Maez has contacted several members of the board to see exactly what they are wanting so we can help get this running smoother. We believe that this can be beneficial for all of us if we can get it going.
- A voucher has been prepared for the Saguache County Museum in the amount of \$3000 for the 2009 calendar year.
- Discussion concerning July 16th Centennial Celebration.
- Sales Tax Grant 2010 dates were discussed. Dates will be discussed during the work session at next meeting.
- Equitable Sharing Agreement for the Sheriff's office was signed.

<p>Pace moved to approve \$1,000 to the Public Health Department for grant writer. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.</p>

- Public Health has requested \$500 for the grant writer stipend, with the possibility of requesting an additional \$500 in February to cover the amount that their grant writer has already requested.
- Kimberly Bryant sent a letter requesting an additional \$804.50 in Title III funding for the Ireland Tree removal Project.
- Town of Saguache will be requesting \$32,500 Conservation Trust release of funds within the next 30 - 90 days for the Vista Grande Project.

Break

Wendi Maez - Land Use report:

Spearman moved to approve the Subdivision Exemption Request for Razor Creek Investors on N1/2NW1/4,N1/2NE1/4 20-48N-3E with language on a Perpetual Easement across parcels “Farm Road” and a notice stating the County will not maintain nor upgrade the interior subdivision roads be included in the resolution. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

- Razor Creek Investors Subdivision Exemption Request - N1/2NW1/4, N1/2NE1/4 20-48N- 3E
 - a. Request is to subdivide a tract of land containing 158.44 acres into 5 tracts. Tract 1 will contain 18.08 acres. Remaining 4 tracts will contain acreages over 35 acres. We can only approve/deny Tract 1 which will contain less than 35 acres.
 - b. Co. Rd. Access will be off of Co. Rd. 18VV (44829 Co. Rd. 18VV)
 - c. Electricity: to be determined
 - d. Telephone: Qwest
 - e. Water Well : Permit #217157
 - f. Sewage: Permit #754
 - g. Present Use of Land: Residential and Agricultural
 - h. Proposed Use of Land: Residential and Agricultural
 - i. Razor Creek Investors has given Gerald R. Lain permission to represent them at any county meetings.
 - j. There is an existing Mobile Home located on Tract 1 in which ownership has been transferred to Razor Creek Investors.

All Documents required have been received and are on file in the Land Use office. The Saguache County Planning Commission reviewed this request at their regular meeting on January 28, 2010 and recommended denial of the request with the vote being 5 to deny and 2 against the motion. Reasons for denial are: not a financial reason/hardship, no physical reason for separation and keeping with the long standing of policies and procedures of Saguache County.

- Appointment of Planning Commission members for Saguache County Planning Commission - the PC voted, by unanimous vote, to recommend that Alternate PC members be appointed by geographical area if possible if not then the alternates be appointed by the commissioners “At Large”.

- The SCPC also voted by unanimous vote to seat a board of 9 members with alternates being chosen by chairman drawing names. These two items will be discussed further at a future joint BOCC/PC meeting.
- We did not discuss the appointments by “landowner” or “renter/leaser” at this time.
- A question concerning the Crestone Peak Housing mobile home variance as come up again. An adjoining landowner has now gone to the BGPOA with the concerns over the foundation the mobile home is setting on. The BGPOA has questioned the appraiser’s approval of the foundation and would like to have the foundation re-inspected. Board declined to act on the complaint.
- Present the Special Event Use Permit wording to be included in the Land Use Code.
- Sign PC appointment letters.

Ben Gibbons - County Attorney

- Sent draft on the proposed disbursement agreement on the Title One Funds. Board clarified the starting amount should be removed and just the percentages cited.

Adjourned for Lunch at 12:00 P. M.

Resumed meeting at 1:00 P. M.

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

- The land fill has too many tires right now, and 90% of tires come from free dump day. The land fill cannot remove rims. Alamosa County charges approximately \$1.00 per tire to shred the tires; there is another company that charges \$.80. The land fill needs grant writer is looking into a grant for a baler and shelter for the baler.
- The Sand Dunes road needs to be ready to go (I did not hear all of this conversation but I think there needs to be more added?)
- The Bonanza Road has been repaired and 3 traffic counters were installed last month.

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

Della Vieira - Public Health Director

- Energy audit completed on Center office - improvements recommended:
 1. Replacing windows (in grant app)
 2. Installing programmable thermostats (not in grant app)
 3. Water heater upgrade (not in grant app)
 4. Refrigerator replacements (working on this for vaccine security)
 5. Blown cellulose insulation in cavity between ceiling & roof (not in grant app)
 6. Hardboard sheeting on exterior walls (not in grant app)
- County health rankings will become available across nation on 2/17/2010; I will schedule us to review Saguache County at BOH meeting in March.
- MOU with Rio Grande County for vital records: 2 copies here for review & signature.
Main points:

1. Follows state-provided template very closely
 2. Refers to new PH legislation
 3. Birth cert, death cert, burial permits, data collection & tabulation all included
 4. Notes approval from State Registrar for Rio Grande to carry out these duties
 5. Marriage licenses not included, as these are handled by Clerk & Records Office
- In process of updating MOUs & MOAs related to emergency preparedness:
 1. MAA between all SLV LPHAs
 2. ESF8 MOU/MAA with emergency medical services
 3. Q&I, preparedness/response/recovery agreements with S.O.
 4. Statewide MAA with CDPHE
 - Food bank report for December:
 - 51 persons served (12 men, 15 women, 24 children)
 - 16 households served (3 singles, 4 single-parent, 5 two-parent, 3 two-adult)
 - \$700 in-kind donations received
 - \$1,020 food distributed over 35 volunteer hours
 - Table 1 Food Bank Utilization
 - PCP report:
 - Search for 0.5 FTE RN still on-going.
 - Wellness screenings for Fire/EMS/Law enforcement: 11 total screened in Jan. Still pending: Crestone EMS, Center PD, Center EMS.

Spearman moved to approve the MOU for Mutual Aid of Public Health Agencies. Joseph seconded. Motion was approved with 3 Ayes.

Spearman moved to authorize the spending of up to \$2000 to have an engineer/inspector evaluate the Center Public Health building for structural soundness. Pace seconded the motion. Motion passed with 3 Ayes.

- Maez will contact someone to do the inspection on the Public Health Building in Center.

Joseph moved to adjourn the Saguache County Public Health Agency Board and return to regular meeting at 2:00 P.M. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Kristy Murphy - USFS/BLM month discussion

- The RAC still needs approval from the Department of Agriculture as explained is a letter handed to the Board. The approval may be completed in May. The Board will send a letter as appointments were expected last Fall.
- Camino Chamisa has \$700,000 so far towards construction. A MOU for construction and one for maintenance and over flow of the parking facility will need to be worked out between all of the parties involved.
- Continental Divide Scenic Trail will start with the scoping of a 70 mile section for non motorized trails with construction to start in 2011

Brian St. George - Gunnison BLM Update

- 2010 will be a rebuilding year in the office due to numerous staff transitions.
- Presented Range Review Report to the Board.
- Gave an update on the Gunnison Sage Grouse recovery project.

Break

Melinda Myers - Clerk and Recorder

- Myers requested to have Renee Hazard serve on the GPS/GIS Board. Maez will contact Pete McGee to see if Saguache can add another member or have an alternate appointed to the GPS/GIS Board.

Spearman moved to hold a polling place Primary Election in 2010. Pace seconded the motion. The vote was two Ayes and one abstention due to needing more information.

- 2010 Election – Myers presented a cost comparison for mail ballot verses polling place elections.

Daniel Johnson - Fire Mitigation grant update

Joseph moved to allow Mr. Johnson to share his data with other agencies. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

- Presented his report on the mitigation that has been done so far in the County. Board has received many calls and letters complimenting the work done by Mr. Johnson.
- Administration will publish a notice of hearing for Title III funds for Johnson's work to continue for an additional year.

Joseph moved to adjourn at 3:46 P.M. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Bill Paying

Respectfully Submitted,

Melinda Myers Secretary to the Board of County Commissioners

Minutes Approved February 9, 2010

Chairman of the Board

Attest

Commissioner

Commissioner