

Saguache County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Tuesday, February 9, 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 9:05 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 February 2, 2010.

Spearman moved to approve the minutes of February 2, 2010 as amended. Joseph seconded motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Review of Mail and other correspondence:

1. **Sam Pace** BOCC, sent an email for the BOCC to review in reference to Counties Encouraged to Pass Railroad Resolutions.(2/3/10)
2. **Akia Tanara** with Town of Crestone Manager board of Trustees wishes to express their gratitude for the waiver of the annexation impact report with regard to the potential annexation of 40- acres owned by Robert Philleo. (2/4/10)
3. **Colorado Rural Water Association** sent Compliance Calendaring & Math, Ammonia, of Safety Program Conference in Pueblo West on February 25, 10 @ 8am. To Register email craw@comcast.net. (2/5/10)
4. **US Dept. of Agriculture** sent a letter that the Forest Service is preparing an Environmental Assessment for the Sargents Mesa Timber sale located along the Continental Divide. (2/5/10)
5. **Akia Tanara**, Town of Crestone Manager sent an email from Diana Laughlin with CSU Extension in regards to Community Technical Assistance Program cutting costs for community projects. (2/8/10)
6. **Colorado Dept. of Public Health** sent a Notice of Upcoming Public Rule-Making Hearings. For meeting time and schedule visit www.cdphe.state.co.us/op/bh/index.html or call on March 5 (303)692-3464. (2/8/10)Colorado Counties, Inc. sent information on the CCI Bylaws. (2/8/10)
7. **Baca Grande Water & Sanitation District** sent a Public Notice regarding Call for Nominations. (2/8/10)
8. **Taryn Edwards**, Executive Director of Jobs Cabinet sent an invitation to the BOCC for an informal meeting on how our region can collaborate more effective for business. (2/8/10)

9. **American Red Cross SLV Chapter** sent a letter inviting the BOCC to serve as a sponsor for their 3rd Annual Breakfast on Friday March 19, 10 from 7am-9am at the Inn of the Rio Grande in Alamosa. (2/8/10) Will be discussed later today in work session on 2010 Commissioner Contributions.

Introduction of Guests: Matie Belle Lakish – Crestone Eagle; Nancy & Don Robin Hood; Laura Taylor, Cindy Arredondo, Kaye Maez & Jackie Stephens – Assessor’s office; Matthew Crowley – Shumei International/ KFM; Fredrick Dunets, & Peter May – Kundalini Fire Management; Ben Brack – Highland Triumph, LLC; Shauna Ianson – BGPOA.

Commissioners Reports:

Mike Spearman reported:

- No report

Sam Pace reported:

- February 5 - Attended State Board of Human Services meeting in Northglenn and toured their community reach center
- February 8 – Attended Crestone annexation hearing
- Took some calls on land use issues

Linda Joseph:

- February 3 - Correspondence with Della Vieira and County Attorney on Board of Health issues.
- Worked several days with OEM staff, Admin and grant writer to complete the upcoming SEMTAC grant, which will be submitted this Thursday.
- Corresponded with John Canfield and Hew Hallock to find a date for the energy Performance Evaluation program, tentatively March 2, which we can confirm today.

Wendi Maez & Lyn Zimmer – Co-administrator report:

- Administration has spoken with Rebie Hazard concerning the Saguache County Clinic. She has sent a letter to Dr. Arnett asking for the plans he has for the future of the building. We think it would be a good idea to have a discussion with both Arnett and Hazard in the future. Possibly the March 9th work session time.
- We are still working on finding someone that can do the inspection of the Public Health Building in Center.
- Advertising for the Saguache County 4-H representative has been done.
- Sales Tax Grant dates and procedures to be discussed during work session.
- Pete Garcia from Maintenance wants to repaint the lobby. The Board agreed to let him do it.

Break

Wendi Maez - Land Use report:

- Nancy Hood, Town of Crestone annexation. Documents for discussion scanned and forwarded.

- Maez received a request from Gerald Lain, representative with Razor Creek Investors concerning the wording on the resolution for the “farm road” access. He has asked if in the resolution we could state “in the event that any property owner were to fence that portion of their property that they would be required to install a gate of no less than 12 feet wide”. Due to this request and this not how we approved the subdivision exemption I have not completed the resolution for the landowners to sign. Fencing is not addressed in such resolutions and the Board retained the previously approved wording.
- Peter Hoopes with Verizon Wireless (that is located east of Saguache) has sent an email asking if they need to go through a conditional use modification or a variance process to construct a cement pad for parking and concrete stairs from the parking area to the equipment shelter. Neither the original CUP nor the modification issued discussed any of these items, neither one will be of any impact to the property or adjoining property owners except during construction. Attorney Gibbons and the Board agreed there would be no need for further permits.
- Maez clarified that the Special Event Permit should stay in Article IV (CUP) section of the LDC.

Ben Gibbons - County Attorney

- House Bill 101292 – seeking clarification on property rights – Gibbons would like the Board to support. Prohibits counties from requiring a developer from having to dedicate land for specific uses, (schools / parks), except under certain circumstances.

Kundalini Fire Title III Funding request

- The current balance in Title III \$57, 926.

Pace called the Title III Public Hearing to order at 11:16 A. M. for the Kundalini Fire Mitigation Proposal.

- Discussion on the scope and detail of the proposal. Spearman inquired about what taxes the Spiritual Centers paid. Matthew Crowley from Shumei International Institute, and President of the Spiritual Alliance, replied that many of the centers themselves do not pay taxes, but any property they own in the Baca Subdivision is taxed. And they are a primary source for local economy. These centers are not in a fire protection district, but own critical terrain between the Baca and the Forest Service land. Mitigation of these properties and training of owners as “first responders” are the purposes of this year long project, employing local fire fighters.

Joseph moved to come out of the Public Hearing at 11:50 A.M.

Joseph moved to approve the request for Title III funds for the Kundalini Mitigation Project as funds become available. Pace seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Adjourned for Lunch at 12:00 P. M.

Resumed meeting at 1:00 P. M.

Joseph moved to enter into Executive Session at 1:01 A. M. for legal purposes under CRS 24-6-402(4)(f)(i). Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Joseph moved to return to regular session at 1:20 A. M. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Penny Bruce - Library Administrator

Programs:

- The Library continues to provide weekly story hour programs for the children in Headstart and Little Learners daycare. We recently heard that new stimulus funds may allow the Headstart program to continue locally. The school was facing closure because of insufficient enrollment, but may now be allowed to continue offering education to their reduced number of students. We hope to hear further details when the Director of the Center Headstart program returns from Washington, where she's been actively seeking this local funding. Next week, our stories about love for one another will be a featured part of the school's Valentine's Day party!
- Our collaboration with the Saguache Community Garden has continued to enrich our services. Director Leigh Mills, in addition to helping with the planning for next summer's children's programming, has initiated planning for a Seed Giveaway event, to be held in the Library on Feb. 26.
- Leigh's event will precede our Fourth Friday celebration, which will be held on the evening of the same day, and will feature a presentation on the global warming issue by local expert, Vic Korona. Last month, these Open House type events resumed with a Poetry Night on Jan. 29, which drew a nice crowd of about 25 people, including a dozen poets who shared their works with us all.

- Free computer training is now offered at the Library at four class sessions each month. Beginning in January, ten libraries in the Valley began using our LSTA funds to provide not only the instructor, but the laptops for students to use in regularly scheduled classes. So far, attendance has been good at every class, with all of the students expressing their appreciation.
- The RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program), which we are pleased to host at the Library with help from a grant provided by the Daniels Foundation, continues to provide services to seniors and opportunities to volunteer. The County Department of Social Services has recently referred several clients to the program for assistance in traveling to doctor's appointments and running errands, which we were happy to be able to provide. The Library staff will be submitting reports on this program and the previously mentioned computer classes to their respective funders this spring; the librarians participating in the LSTA program will be meeting at Southern Peaks Library in Alamosa on Feb. 17 to share feedback and begin assembling our data for this report.
- Every year, the Library has provided federal and state income tax forms to the community, but this year the forms still had not arrived by mid-January. After some research at the IRS website and a few phone calls, the problem was resolved and the forms should be arriving next week.

Fund raising:

- Bruce is pursuing the e-rate discount, which is a program administered by the Colorado State Library and provides up to 80% of the cost of a library's phone and internet service. The initial application is a lengthy process and involved creating a 3-year technology plan and submitting it for approval, which we have done. Now, we're in the middle of a 28 day period, during which we must take bids from other providers, to see if there is a cheaper rate we could be getting. When that is completed, we will submit one more form and be informed of the amount of the discount for which we qualify. At present, these services cost the Library a little more than \$3,000 annually.
- Bruce is also planning to reapply for the Staples Foundation grant, which accepts proposals on-line and funds specific programs at public libraries. Our application we submitted in 2008 was not accepted, but we will revise and send one again.
- Twice Told Tales, the non-profit used book store run by the Friends of the Library, continues to increase sales and is open 6 days a week, staffed by volunteers. Their most profitable event at the store was the Christmas Bazaar, when Santa spent the afternoon talking to local children and having their picture taken. The photos were printed out on the spot and were purchased by many happy parents and grandparents. Friends also launched a membership drive and sent out 200 letters last week, encouraging the public to start or renew their membership.

Library District:

- Members of the Friends and staff from the Saguache and Baca libraries met several times in December and January to finalize the format of the petitions to place the formation of the Northern Saguache County Library District on the November ballot. Kathy Geddes, Secretary of the Friends, presented the finished petition to the Board of Commissioners on Jan.9 for their review, at which time some minor amendments were suggested and consequently made. Circulation of the petitions then began on Jan.14, with volunteers from Friends and library supporters from Crestone, Villa Grove and the Baca collecting signatures in their respective communities. By Jan. 29, 285 signatures had been collected

(almost 3 times the required 100) and the forms notarized and submitted to the County Clerk's office for the verification process. Gathering the signatures and interfacing with the community proved to be, as predicted, very informative and gave volunteers their first opportunity to advocate for the district formation and to gauge the public's reaction.

Joseph moved to adjourn at 1:36 P.M. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Work Session:

Sales Tax Grant discussion
Commissioners' discretionary funds discussion.

Bill paying

Respectfully Submitted,

Melinda Myers Secretary to the Board of County Commissioners

Minutes Approved February 16, 2010

Chairman of the Board

Attest

Commissioner

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