

Saguache County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Tuesday, February 16, 2010 with the following present:

Sam Pace, Chairman  
Mike Spearman, Co-Vice Chairman  
Linda Joseph, Co-Vice Chair  
Ben Gibbons, County Attorney  
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.**

1. Executive session during Attorney report.

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

**Reading and approval of minutes of February 9, 2010.**

**Joseph moved to approve the minutes of February 9, 2010 as amended. Spearman seconded motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

**Review of Mail** and other correspondence:

1. **Mindy Watrous, President of the Special Olympics** sent a card asking for Donations to help make a difference for people with Disabilities. (2/11/10)

**Introduction of Guests:** Matie Belle Lakish – Crestone Eagle; Tia & Steve Smilack; Joe Lujan; Leigh Mills; Adeline Sanchez & Bill McClure – Town of Center; Stella Sanchez; Jeannie & Larry Ewing; June Savage; May Engquist – SLVWPC; V.W. Ellithorpe – Saguache Ranches; Scott Olsen – L+7 Ranch; Jeff Washburn – SLV Cattlemen; Richard Knox & Lisa Szot – Tessera Solar; Mike Fitzgerald – Ecosphere Environmental Services; Virginia Sutherland; Don Geddes; Chuck Tidd; George Whitten; J.W.Burton; Allen Geigle; Ceal Smith – SLV Renewable Communities Alliance; Burt Wadman – Crestone/Baca Planning Commission.

**Commissioners Reports:**

**Mike Spearman** reported:

- February 11 – Attended the Potato Grain Seminar in Monte Vista
- February 12 - Attended the Chamiso Chamisa meeting with Randy Arredondo, Park and Forest Service personnel. New engineer predicts six month till plans are done. Won't know if there is enough money until the engineer study is done.
- February 13 – Visited Old Cow Town and enjoyed the experience.

**Sam Pace** reported:

- February 11 - Met with Reginaldo Garcia and Mark Swart and others from Saguache County to discuss plans for an adult health survey in the Valley.
- February 12 - Attended some of the CCI steering committee meetings by phone.
- Spoke with Karen Lausa of the Rocky Mtn Children's Law Center.

- Talked with Vince Palermo who offered me the use of his sound meter to test noise levels at the Tessera Plant.

**Linda Joseph:**

- Completed the 2010-2011 SEMTAC grant for OEM and associated plans for EMPG and other matching funds, with Co-Administrator Zimmer, grant writer Cindy Cleary and OEM staff.

**Lyn Zimmer** – Co-administrator report:

- The county website has been updated with 2010 Sales Tax Grant Cycle 1 information.
- The draft about Tessera Solar application comments was sent to you for consideration. Joseph will draft up an information update about key points on the Tessera process.
- Discussion on the County seal/logo contest. The prize money has been raised to \$1,000 through the Clerk’s office late fee account. The renovations and expenses for the July 16 event will come from this account also. Thanks to the Clerk’s office for their generosity.
- Pace questioned Assessor Stephens on the increase in the assessment on the commercial building on the corner of Alder and Galena in Crestone. Stephens explained that it is the correct assessment as the new owner is advertising a business to open soon after the renovations.

Break

**Sue Gallegoes** - Land Use report:

**Joseph moved to approve the Vacation/Re-configuration of Baca Grande Grant lots 904C and 894C. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was two Ayes and one Nay.**

- Steve Smilak – Vacation/Re-configuration of Baca Grande Grants lots 904C and 894C.
  - a. Mr. Smilak would like to remove Lot 905 previously consolidated with Lot 904 and consolidate it with his large lot 894C. This will increase the acreage size of Lot 894C to contain 35.036 acres to be able to irrigate and have a green house on the property.
  - b. There is an existing residence on Lot 894C.
  - c. The CBPC recommended approval as presented contingent upon the letter from the BGPOA being revised to strike “not allowed to irrigate” from their approval letter. Unanimous vote.
  - d. The BGPOA revised their letter to read “irrigate up to one acre” as stated in the State Statutes for a Domestic Water Well. Of which a long discussion was held to explain that it is neither up to the BGPOA nor the County whether or not they are allowed to irrigate their property.

**Ben Gibbons** - County Attorney

**Spearman moved to enter into Executive Session at 10:44 A. M. for legal purposes under CRS 24-6-402(4)(f)(i). Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

**Joseph moved to return to regular session at 11:38 A. M. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

**Mike Norris** – Sheriff Office report:

- Presented the Agreement for Courthouse Security Grant for signature.

Jail Tour

Adjourned for Lunch at 12:00 P. M.

Resumed meeting at 1:00 P. M.

**Randal Arredondo** – Supervisor Road & Bridge and Landfill Report:

**Joseph moved to enter into Executive Session at 12:58 P. 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 1:24 P. M. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

- Arredondo suggested putting up signs identifying the creeks and canals. Commissioners agreed.
- Pace mentioned that some signs on CRT going to Crestone are down. Arredondo will get them replaced.

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

**Jeannie Norris** - Director

- There were 21 TANF cases during January. Food assistance cases increased by 3 cases to 472 cases. This is an increase of 103 cases from the 369 case level in January, 2009. There were 27 aid-to-the-needy-disabled cases in January, and 98 old-age pension cases. Funding was restored for AND cases for this year, with the directive that they be transitioned as quickly as possible to Social Security Disability. A State task group is currently exploring ways of speeding up that process, as currently it is lengthy and a gap exists in criteria between State and Federal.
- The Child and Adult Protection Unit had nine referrals during the month of January, eight of whom were accepted for investigation. There were ten dependency and neglect cases in court, and twelve children in placement. The Unit has four open adult protection cases, and two new referrals.
- The Administrative Review Division from the State office has once again issued a commendation to Julian Stollmeyer and Heather Yowell for their compliance with state and federal regulation during the case review process.

- LEAP has now distributed \$187,005.79 to 491 households, with 70 cases in the process of evaluation.
- The IV-D Unit has received the performance goals for 2010. The State has once again examined the process, and reduced the number of performance measures from 10 to 5. Goals involving interstate enforcement were eliminated due to the uncertainty of cooperation in other states. Enforcement measures are paternity establishment percentage, percentage of cases with orders and payments, and statewide average of performance.
- PAC members were informed that County Tax Base Relief is still on the table for 2010 for Tier 1 counties only. Still to be determined is how, and for how long, funding will continue. Colorado was informed that the state qualified for another works participation incentive payment, which will be issued during the year.

**Joseph moved to adjourn the Board of Human Services and return to regular meeting at 1:54. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

**Bob Real – Costilla County**

**Pace moved to approve the amended IGA for the San Luis Valley Transit Authority. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

- Presented the IGA for the Transit Authority. Only three counties are signing on: Saguache, Alamosa and Costilla, which are using their TANF funds. Real feels it will be more a manageable size to get it off the ground. The funding is in place to start 2010 and when it's in place it can grow and be sustained in 2011.
- Real thanked Commissioner Spearman for getting an office for the SLV Transit Authority in Alamosa at the DRG offices.

**Tessera Solar - Agent: Ecosphere Environmental Services**

- Discussion and clarification of preliminary review report and of submission requirements for final application

**Joseph moved to adjourn at 4:15 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 March 2, 2010

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Chairman of the Board

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