

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

Sam Pace, Chairman
Mike Spearman, Co-Vice Chairman
Linda Joseph, Co-Vice Chair
Wendi Maez, Co-Administrator
Lyn Zimmer, Co-Administrator
Melinda Myers, Secretary and Clerk to the Board

Meeting called to order by Chair Pace at 9:10 A.M.

Additions or Deletions to the Agenda.

1. Delete- Andrew Archuleta-USFS/BLM month discussion

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

Reading and approval of minutes of February 16, 2010.

Spearman moved to approve the minutes of February 16, 2010 as amended. Joseph seconded motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Review of Mail and other correspondence:

1. **Rio Grande Water Conservation District** sent a letter advising that the term for David Graham will expire April 2010. David can be reappointed for a 3 year term if he desires to continue as a member. (2/16/10)
2. **Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District** sent the Agenda for the Board of Directors Meeting on Monday, Feb 22 at 6:30 pm in Gunnison. (2/16/10)
3. **Friends of the SLV National Wildlife Refuge** sent February 2010 Volume 13 no. 1 Newsletter. (2/16/10)
4. **Colorado Wildland Fire & Incident Mgmt Academy** sent the registration for the Summer 2010 Fire Training June 7-13, 2010 in Canon City, Co. For more information go to www.cwfima.com for registration and more information. (2/16/10)
5. **Rio Grande Water Conservation District** sent the February 2010 Ground Water Table Measurements. (2/17/10)
6. **Colorado State University** sent the 31st Annual Open House for the Veterinary Teaching Hospital on Friday & Saturday April 9 & 10 from 9am -4pm at 300 West Drake Road, Fort Collins. (2/18/10)
7. **Blue Peaks Developmental Services, Inc** sent a letter to invite the BOCC to attend a Public forum on February 25 at 2pm at 703 4th street, Alamosa. (2/18/10)
8. **Saguache County Public Health** sent a letter they will be hosting the Annual Health Fair with the Head Start in Center on April 9, 2010. (2/19/10)
9. **Earl Leroy Mayor**, Town of Moffat sent a letter they are applying for an Intergovernmental Review grant with USDA Rural Development. If there is any concerns with this project please contact Earl at 719-256-4277. (2/17/10)

10. **The Rio Grande Water Users Assn.** sent a letter for the Annual Membership meeting, Tuesday March 9, 1:30pm at the Monte Vista United Methodist Church. (2/24/10)
11. **Town of Crestone** sent a Report of work done with the Title III Grant in 2009. (1/25/10)
12. **Gail Schwartz** sent a February 2010 Newsletter. (2/24/10)
13. **USDA Forest Service** sent a letter for the opportunity to comment & notification of Public Meeting on Geothermal Lease Nomination. Please fax comments to 970-874-6698. (3/1/10)
14. **Colorado Cattlemen's Association** wants to introduce their mission on promoting the interests of Colorado Beef industry and to protect Colorado's land, water, and forage resources. (3/2/10)
15. **SLV Renewable Communities Alliance** sent the Board an invitation to the 2nd Annual SLV Energy Symposium to be held March 6, 2010 from 10am to 3pm at Adams State College. Pace and Joseph will not be able to attend, Spearman will try to attend.
16. **Matie Belle Lakish** - The San Luis Valley Ecosystem Council is applying for an EPA Care Level I grant to do an assessment of environmental risks and continue the Household Well-water testing in the Valley and is requesting a letter of support from the Board.

Introduction of Guests: Matie Belle Lakish – Crestone Eagle; Bill Brinton; Erin Minks – US Congressmen Salazar's rep; Kim Smoyer & Devon Pollack – ScSEED; Jonathan Moore – CHEN; John Canfield – Trident/GEO; Steve Winn – Crestone Youth Programs; Kathy Geddes – Town of Saguache Planning Commission; Hew Hallock – GOE and John Stephens – Mtn, Valley School.

Commissioners Reports:

Mike Spearman reported:

- Feb 22- Attended the DRG meeting – solar feasibility study has selected three qualified companies to do the study and the study should be finished by July 1. Council of Government is still being worked on and some DOLA funds have hired a coordinator to get it off the ground.
- Got word that the grant for the runaway repair has gone through for Leach Field.
- Still tracking the progress on the funds for Camino Chamisa.
- Attended Water Rules Committee meeting, going through many drafts, next meeting is Monday, March 8, 2010.

Sam Pace reported:

- Feb 18 – Attended the South Central Seniors meeting, waiting for the cuts to come down from the State.
- Received a request for funds to for the redistricting of the Crestone Area Fire District issue, and suggested applying for Title III funds.
- Spoke several times with Keno Nenechino about the renaming of Kit Carson Peak.

Linda Joseph:

- February 23 - Participated by teleconference in review of SEMTAC grant waiver of match requests. The SLV grant, for a part time regional Emergency Medical Director, was one of three requests approved for a 0% match.

- February 26 - Attended the Saguache Community Garden Seed Giveaway held at the Library, with several tables of garden books and catalogs for people to peruse, and almost 60 people receiving 7 packs of free seeds each.
- February 28 - Received a call from Kevin Pesenecker regarding applying for a Sales Tax grant for the Crestone Energy Fair.
- March 1 - Worked with Kimberly Bryant and OEM grant writer, Cindy Clearly. Cindy will continue to write grants for OEM, with grant stipends, and as contract labor on grant tracking and reporting.

Wendi Maez & Lyn Zimmer – Co-administrator report:

- An ad has been placed in the papers for the 4-H Representative.
- Jennifer E Runyon corresponded with Wendi Maez regarding the renaming of Kit Carson Mountain as requested by Keno Nenechino. The board had stated no to the renaming and Keno Nenechino has requested through Jennifer Runyon an explanation of why the Board voted no. Nenechino has written a letter to Runyon for your review. Also attached is the status of the name change and who responded to the US Board on Geographic Names.
- Corey Doss from Mountain Valley School has invited the board to attend a meeting with CDOT regarding the school zones and suggested changes from CDOT on March 4 at 1:00 PM. If you plan on attending we will need to let Mr. Doss know so accommodations can be made.
- Zimmer attending the valley county administrators meeting followed by a meeting with Deb Downs. Downs has set a meeting for 3/18/10 at 1:30 PM to meet with the assessors, treasures, county commissioners and administrators to go over the grant for the change from ACS to Pueblo County system
- Zimmer attended a CSBG meeting on Feb. 18 in Alamosa. Financial reports were better than they have been in past months. We also set up a financial committee to review reports, expenses and procedures for the SLVCAA program. At the March 1 meeting, Alamosa and Rio Grande counties wanted to pull out, however, the State insist that all the counties need to stay in the group and work it out. The regular meeting will be March 18.
- Event insurance has been requested by the Saguache County Museum for the Memorial opening barbeque and craft booths. Administration will check with CCI Insurance.
- Zimmer attended the Blue Peaks board meeting on Feb. 10. Funding is being watched closely as cuts are continuing to be made by the state.
- We are in the process of advertising positions for the ARRA funds (American Recovery Relief Act) that were made available through the SLVCAA (Community Action Agency) (CSBG) for education and employment offering positions for youth. This is being offered to County departments that would like a high school student to work for them for the summer. This will be reimbursed by SLVCAA.
- Deb Downs gave Zimmer a report for ARRA funding and projects for Saguache County. Copies have been given to you with the Admin report.
- Resolution to transfer funds from General Fund to Public Health in the amount of \$32,000 was signed,
- Received a call requesting the information on the realtor for the Town of Iris.
- Received \$701.52 rebate from the County credit card for purchases in 2009.

- The formula for the distribution of the SRS funds has been worked out between the Treasurer, Road and Bridge and the School Districts.
- Pete Garcia has reported that the roof at the Human Services Annex is still leaking despite numerous attempts to repair it.

Break

Wendi Maez - Land Use report:

Joseph moved to amend the language of the Crestone End of Life Conditional Use permit to include any resident in Saguache County so long as the total number of approved cremations is not exceeded. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

- Received a request to change wording to be a Saguache County resident or Crestone/Moffat resident for the Crestone End of Life project Conditional Use permit.
- Topics for discussion at the joint meeting of the Planning Commission and Board:
 1. Policies on appointments to the Commission, terms, qualifications, etc.
 2. PC may request a moratorium on solar installations.
 3. Reviewing the 1041 process.
 4. Cooperating Agency signed agreement with the BLM for Solar Energy Development on Public Lands has been received.
 5. The scope of work for Russell Planning & Engineering has been expanded.
 6. Attorney Gibbons will be contacting Tessera Solar to work out the agreement on the scope of work and getting payment.

Pace moved to adjourned early for lunch at 11:38. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Resumed meeting at 1:00 P. M.

Randal Arredondo - Supervisor Road & Bridge and Landfill Report:

Joseph moved to enter into a Government Equipment Lease-Purchase Agreement with Caterpillar Financial Services Corporation for 1 Caterpillar 140M B9G (AWD) (RIP) serial# D9G01004. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

- Tax exempt form and lease agreement for Caterpillar 140M B9G from Caterpillar need to be completed and signed.
- Presented a breakdown of the SRS funds..
- An IGA has been sent to the Town of Crestone and both the Town's Attorney and the County Attorney will be reviewing the agreement prior to signatures.

- Michael Horan has requested asphalt overlay paving of Road AA, and the asphalt overlay scheduled for 2010. It would cost 2.4 million to pave County Road AA according to Arredondo. The Board took no action.
- Arredondo would like to find more tasks for the Youth Corps to do besides road and bridge projects and landfill clean-up. He will follow-up with other Dept. Heads.

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

Della Vieira - Saguache County Board of Health

Dr. Brinton – Saguache County Medical Officer

- Presented a draft of Core Public Health Services Improvement Plan for every county in the State of Colorado. Director Vieira and the Board discussed the changes and how to implement them.
- Reported on the County Health Ranking and where Saguache is in the rankings.
- Director Vieira presented the Vital Records management report from Rio Grande County for the years 2006-2009.
- Saguache County Health Fair is April 9 in Center from 7-11. Saguache Health Fair presented by Dr. Arnett is April 17 from 7-11.
- Presented a MOU with Saguache County Social Services was signed.

Pace moved to adjourn the Board of Health and return to regular meeting at 2:45. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Erin Minks – Congressman Salazar’s representative:

- Reported that C-DOT has the funds for Camino Chamisa and is working with the Park Service and the USFS.
- Board gave a copy of a letter to President Obama, Secretary of Agriculture, Congressman Salazar, Senators Bennett and Udall that requested the overdue appointments for the Saguache County Resource Advisory Council (RAC) be expedited..

Break

John Canfield - Performance Contracting Discussion

- Presented an overview on Energy Performance Contracting for government buildings– County, Towns and Schools). This program of the Governor’s Energy Office involves contracting with a firm to update the building for energy efficiency, which is paid for by the energy savings in future power bills. Grant funds available from ARRA and other sources, can be sought in conjunction with the performance contracting..

Devon Pollack – ScSEED

- Handed out a list of grant funds available through the GEO, available in the next few months.

Bill paying

Joseph moved to adjourn at 4:31 P.M. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melinda Myers Secretary to the Board of County Commissioners

Minutes Approved March 9, 2010

Chairman of the Board

Attest

Commissioner

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