

Saguache County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Tuesday, March 9, 2010 with the following present:

Sam Pace, Chairman  
Mike Spearman, Co-Vice Chairman  
Linda Joseph, Co-Vice Chair  
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 9:03 A.M.

**Additions or Deletions to the Agenda.**

1. Executive session during Administration time for Social Services
2. MOU with the Governor's Energy Office (GEO)

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

**Reading and approval of minutes of March 2, 2010.**

**Spearman moved to approve the minutes of March 2, 2010. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

**Review of Mail** and other correspondence:

1. **Gunnison Conservation District** sent an invitation for the Annual 2010 Dinner Meeting on Tuesday March 9 from 6pm-9pm at Garlic Mike's Restaurant. RSVP by March 4th. If interested in going please let me know I can probably still make reservations. (3/2/10)
2. **Waste Reduction Technologies** sent a letter to help Counties & Cities search for ways to reduce expenses and generate additional revenue without raising taxes. (3/2/10)
3. **Colorado Rural Water Assoc.** sent a brochure on an Operator Certification Review on March 11 in Rifle, Co. (3/5/10)
4. **Jackie Stephens**, Assessor, sent more information of the Story of the Museum. (3/8/10)
5. San Luis Valley Fair Board sent a letter requesting to appoint Erica Torr as a Representative of Saguache County to serve on the SLV Fair Board. Erica was removed off the board on January 13, 2010 due to her inability to come to monthly meetings. (3/8/10)
6. **Colorado River Water Conservation District** sent a Notice for the Executive Meeting for the Board of Directors on March 11 at 10am in Glenwood Springs. (3/8/10)
7. **State of Colorado** sent a Notice of Meeting & Agenda for Air Quality Control Commission on March 18, 2010 in Greeley, Co at 9am. (3/8/10)
8. **Baca Grande POA** sent the Volume 17, No 1 Spring 2010 Newsletter. (3/8/10)

**Introduction of Guests:** Matie Belle Lakish – Crestone Eagle; Floyd Jaramillo; Jackie Stephens – Saguache Rec Board; Christopher Hardt - SCTC and Jon Wagner – CTSI.

**Commissioners Reports:**

**Mike Spearman** reported:

- March 6 - Attended the Solar Symposium in Alamosa.
- There will be a meeting for School Districts to lobby on the SRS funding in the future in Denver. Road & Bridge Supervisor Arredondo will attend.
- David Graham is on the Rio Grande Conservation District Board, and does not want to serve any longer. Administration has advertised advertise for a replacement.
- March 8 - Attended to water rules meeting and turned in 4 pages of comments to the committee.

**Sam Pace** reported:

- March 5 - Attended the State Board of Human Services meeting in Denver.

**Linda Joseph:**

- March 3-4 - Attended the quarterly RETAC Forum, hosted in Montrose, by the Western Regional Emergency & Trauma Advisory Council.
- March 6 - Met with OEM grant writer, Cindy Cleary, who will also be contracting to do grant planning and funder reporting.

**Wendi Maez & Lyn Zimmer** – Co-administrator report:

**Joseph moved to enter into Executive Session at 9:33 A.M. for personnel purposes under CRS 24-6-402(4)(f)(i) and 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 10:00 A. M. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

**Pace moved to approve up to \$40,000 for security improvements to the Social Services Building. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

**Spearman moved to cover the cost of insurance up to \$350 for Saguache Museum to hold their Memorial Day barbeque and opening day celebration. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

- Notice was received from CTSI that they will not cover vendors at the Museum opening. Virginia Sutherland called Administration with two quotes on event insurance. The Board will provide the funding and the Museum will select the policy.
- Electrical work for the main lobby needs to be updated. Maintenance does not have enough funds to do the upgrades, therefore there is a request for the Board to approve the wiring upgrade. (Approximate cost will be between \$3000 - \$5000). Garcia will come to the next meeting to advise the Board on the situation.
- The Centennial Committee would like to serve lunch on the day of the Centennial Celebration. Therefore, the committee would like to know if the board will approve

funding for a catered luncheon that day. The Board will donate approximately \$2,000 towards the event and is leaving it up to the Committee to plan it.

**Pace moved to approve the Title III Funding Contract Agreement with Kundalini Fire Management. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

- Contract agreement between Saguache County and Kundalini Fire Management for Title III funding was signed.
- Veterans Service report for February 2010 was signed.
- Discussed the MOU with the GEO for energy efficiency projects in County buildings.
- Discussed the legal standing on the County functioning as the Board of Health, and how this relates to LBOHs of the Towns.

Break

**Wendi Maez - Land Use report:**

- The Russell Engineering Scope of Work needs to be updated. Gibbons has received a new proposed scope of service from Nancy Lauro and has forwarded it to the Board. Russell Engineering has sent a bill for work done in the preliminary stage, which needs to be sent to Tessera as they had agreed to pay those costs.

**Spearman moved to approve the 1041 Application Escrow Agreement with Tessera Solar. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

- Discuss funds received from Tessera Solar application in an Escrow Agreement.
- The Beese Modified Variance Resolution to give one more year to complete project was signed.

**Ben Gibbons - County Attorney**

- Will review the MOU with the GEO for energy efficiency projects in County buildings.
- Nancy Hood has sent a letter to Attorney Gibbons regarding Crestone Annexation and the Tabor election for the Moffat School District. The Board has no jurisdiction in the Crestone annexation and as far as the School District election, the Board feels the election was conducted correctly and any issues resolved in a timely manner. Gibbons will send a letter to Ms. Hood to inform her County's position on all her issues and Administration will cancel her appearance before the Board.
- Gibbons has received an inquiry from a group that would like to form a Special District, (Fire District) and they might need to bring their service plan to the Planning Commission for review. He will research the statutes and report back to the Board.
- The Town of Crestone/Road and & Bridge IGA is still being reviewed by the Crestone Attorney.

**Chris Hardt** - Saguache County Tourism Council Chairman quarterly report

- Susan Soltysik resignation as Chair was accepted with regret by the council, she is moving to Denver. Soltysik has expressed interest in still supporting and helping the Tourism Council with the website and current projects.
- Chris Hardt was elected as the new Chair by the Council.
- Susan Soltysik is working on optimizing Saguache on the Colorado Tourism Office and the SLVTA websites.
- Council has discussed reviving the Saguache County Blanket, with the map of county. This would be a fund raising project for the Council.
- There was discussion about helping with the promotion of the courthouse building centennial-which will be held July 16<sup>th</sup>. It was suggested doing just a few commemorative blankets with the date that would only be available in 2010.
- Ads are being placed in the Pueblo Chieftain Summer insert and the San Luis Valley Official Visitor's Guide.
- Discussion of sprucing up the tourism website - making it simpler, more dynamic and more user friendly with better links. There was also discussion of sending a link out to all businesses to link to Tourism Website.

**Pace moved to approve \$1000 from the Tourism Fund balance to disburse to the Crestone Music Festival and the Crestone 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

- Spring Grant cycle had more requests for funding than is available, (as usual). Council awarded Saguache Recreation Board -\$300. Saguache Museum - \$600; Crestone Music Festival-\$300; and Crestone July 4<sup>th</sup> - \$300. For a total of \$1500, leaving only \$1,000 to be dispersed in the Fall cycle. Currently the fund balance has \$5,380 unbudgeted monies.

Adjourned for Lunch at 12:00 P. M.

Resumed meeting at 1:00 P. M.

**Joseph moved to adjourn at 1:00 P.M. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

Work Session – discussion of follow-up items.

**Jon Wagner** – CTSI:

- Insurance pool update and loss analysis for County Pool for 2004- 2009.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melinda Myers Secretary to the Board of County Commissioners

Minutes Approved March 16, 2010

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Chairman of the Board

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