

Saguache County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Tuesday, April 13, 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
Ben Gibbons, County Attorney
Melinda Myers, Secretary and Clerk to the Board

Meeting called to order by Chair Pace at 9:02 A.M.

Additions or Deletions to the Agenda.

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

Reading and approval of minutes of April 6, 2010.

Spearman moved to approve the minutes of April 6, 2010 as amended with the inclusion of legal property descriptions in the Land Use report. Joseph seconded motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Review of Mail and other correspondence:

1. **Baca Grande POA** sent a letter asking to meet with the BOCC to see if there are any county funds available to help with the Emergency Access Easement from County Rd T to the Colorado College through Spanish Creek Trail in the Grant. (4/6/10) Admin will schedule with them, perhaps during the Maywork session.
2. **Colorado Open Landscapes** sent the Volume 11, Number 1 Spring 2010 Newsletter. (4/8/10)
3. **State of Colorado Health Dept.** sent a letter canceling the meeting of Air Quality Control in April and has been moved to June 2010. (4/8/10)
4. **Gunnison County Electric Assoc.** sent a letter that they are applying for a grant with the USDA Rural Development in regards to GCEA Building Energy Efficiency Project / Intergovernmental Review. (4/8/10)
5. **Gunnison County Electric Assoc.** sent a letter that they are applying for a grant with the USDA Rural Development in regards to Doyleville Wind Project / Intergovernmental Review. (4/8/10)
6. **Town of Saguache**, Mayor Sent a letter thanking the BOCC for helping the Saguache County Museum receive liability insurance for their Memorial Day fundraiser on May 30. (4/9/10)
7. **State of Colorado Public Health** sent the Colorado Board of Health Agenda for April 21, 2010 in Denver at 10:00am. (4/12/10)
8. **Colorado River Water Conservation District** sent a Notice of the Second quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors on April 20-21 at 9:00 am in Glenwood Springs, CO. (4/12/10)

9. **Center Conservation District** sent an invitation to the 66th Annual Meeting for the 2009 Accomplishments April 16 at 6:30 pm at the High Valley Mennonite School, 45651 County Rd E. Center, CO. (4/12/10)
10. **Orient Land Trust** sent the 2009 Annual Report Newsletter. (4/12/10)
11. **Baca Grande Water & Sanitation District** will conduct an Election on May 4, 2010 if you are an elector you will receive your ballot after April 12, 2010. (4/12/10)
12. **Daniel Johnson** brought in a letter about Road Maintenance on County Rd 47V. (4/12/10) Administration will forward to Road & Bridge Dept.
13. **The Colorado Historical Society** sent an invitation to the Board to attend the review of placement of the Sargents Water Tank on the National Register of Historical Places in Denver on May 7, 2010.

Introduction of Guests: Matie Belle Lakish – Crestone Eagle; Steve Carlson; Allen Jones; Tim Lovato; Leigh Mills; Richard Jensen – Costilla County; Robert Quist & Mitch Gyles – Vibrant Solar; Andrew Archuleta & Matt Figgs – USFS/BLM

Commissioners Reports:

Mike Spearman reported:

- Spring runoff clogged the culvert on Canero Creek and Road & Bridge had to come up and clear it.
- Spoke with Andrew Archuleta of the USFS/BLM regarding the Camino Chamisa funds held by the USFS.

Sam Pace reported:

- April 9 - State Board of Human Services meeting in Denver
- April 11 - Talked with Gayle Schwartz about PILT/ SRS funding
- April 12 - Town of Crestone Board meeting

Linda Joseph:

- April 6-8 - Attended the quarterly meetings of the State Emergency Medical & Trauma Advisory Council (SEMTAC), Public Policy & Finance and Bylaws Committees, and was appointed to the Nominations Committee for the SEMTAC Chair position, which is being vacated in July.
- April 9 - Attended the Land Conservation Roundtable, hosted at the Visitor Center at the Dunes. The San Luis Creek and Northern Valley have been identified as the area of focus. Kathy Faz, a Community Planner for the National Park Service, out of New Mexico, is now facilitating the Roundtable.
- April 12 - Received a working draft of the Baca Crestone Fire & Ambulance District Service Plan, which is slated to be completed and sent to the BOCC in May.
- Have received and passed along email from Gloria Gutierrez about County Veterans Services Officers attending a training workshop in Denver, in May. Administration will contact Tom Blunt and let him know the expenses would be covered by the County.

Wendi Maez & Lyn Zimmer – Co-administrator report:

- An email was sent to Virginia Sutherland informing the Museum of the funding for the fence at the museum through Conservation Trust.
- Sign letter to Kent Palmgren to serve on the Rio Grande Water Conservation District Board.

Spearman moved to award David Graham a plaque for his years of service on the Rio Grande Water Conservation District Board. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

- Sign letter to David Graham in appreciation of years served on the Rio Grande Water Conservation District Board.
- Chairman Pace signed the airport grant for Leach Field near Center.
- The Board of the CSBG is trying to find a Director or possibly contract with DRG to run the program. The funding will be going down next year. The BOCC would support DRG taking over if they are willing.
- The Museum brought in the insurance coverage and Attorney Gibbons will write a waiver for the Memorial Day Opening Event. They would also like to spend the left over Conservation Trust funds awarded to them. Zimmer has different amounts in her books, so she will sit down with the Museum and work out the discrepancies.
- Veteran's Report was signed.

Break

Wendi Maez - Land Use report:

- Received a letter from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment on Specialty Investors LTD. The property was inspected by the Hazardous Materials and Waste Management Division and was found to still be in violation of the State solid waste disposal regulations. They are evaluating next steps.
- Questions on the Master Plan and Planning Commission policies were discussed.

Joseph moved to send a letter to the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission to uphold Rule 905 on the disposal of the pit liners at drilling sites. Pace seconded the motion. The vote was two Ayes and one Nay.

- Received a letter from The San Luis Valley Citizens Alliance addressed to the Director of the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission regarding the request by the energy companies to alter the rule that require removal of used synthetic pit liners and allow them to be buried on the drilling site.

Ben Gibbons - County Attorney

- Gibbons feels the dumping of culled potatoes is in violation of the County nuisance ordinance. Gibbon will send a notice to the property owner to properly dispose of the culled potatoes.
- IGA with the Town of Crestone is still being worked on. Gibbons has contacted Gene Fairish and details are being worked out. The funding transfer formula has not been agreed on.
- Been in contact with Matt Hobbs from the Town of Moffat on the County upholding health code violations for septic systems in Moffat. An IGA would have to be entered into to define roles of

both parties. Gibbons feels that the County has an obligation to enforce the public health regulations, but the costs should be borne by the property owner.

- Received the proposed resolution for the Library District and presented it to the Board. The resolution is requesting the Board to create a bi -ordinance so only one question would be on the ballot. Gibbons will develop the language of the ordinance for the meeting next week, including language that if the mil levy does not pass, the District will not be created.

Joseph moved to sign the MOU with the GEO for Energy Performance Contracting. Pace seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Adjourned for Lunch and at 11:50 P. M.

Resumed meeting at 1:00 P. M.

Robert Quist – Vibrant Solar, Inc. – Xcel Energy’s Solar Rewards program

- Gave a presentation on installing solar on the county buildings to help reduce electric costs.

Andrew Archuleta-USFS/BLM month discussion:

- The RAC has been confirmed by the Secretary of Agriculture. The position of coordinator will be revived and the funding channels established.
- Camino Chamisa road - Federal Highways funds need to be obligated by the USFS/BLM, by the end of the year. A cooperative agreement with the County will obligate the funds to the Camino Chamisa for five years.
- The land trade between the USFA, BLM & USPS is in the final stages and will be completed soon.
- Fuel removal projects are being planned for the season. The Hydro Ax project north of the Town of Crestone may start this year.
- The roads are starting to dry out in the back country, but many remain closed. There has been a lot of road damage.
- Spearman asked about signage on closed roads, if it is possible to designate if the closure is seasonal or permanent. Archuleta assured the Board the signage usually gives the dates of the closure.
- The Board asked about the deed to the section of land that BLM owns that is located in the middle of the Saguache Airport. Archuleta will check on the deed.

Matt Biggs USFS Civil Engineer –

- Project Engineer for Camino Chamisa road - they have contracted with AE COM Landscape & Engineering firm that specializes in building roads on sandy soil. They expect to have the plans complete in November. Archuleta sent out comments on the MOU and has received some back from the Board.

Work Session:

Discussed grants for Public Health Building in Center. The work on the roof will begin next week.

Pace moved to adjourn at 2:57 P.M. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melinda Myers Secretary to the Board of County Commissioners

Minutes Approved April 20, 2010

Chairman of the Board

Attest

Commissioner

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