

Saguache County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Tuesday, May 11, 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 9:03 A.M.

**Additions or Deletions to the Agenda.**

1. Add Executive session during Attorney time

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

**Reading and approval of minutes of May 4, 2010.**

**Spearman moved to approve the minutes of May 4, 2010 as amended. Joseph seconded motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

**Review of Mail** and other correspondence:

1. The **Saguache County BOCC** will be holding a Public Hearing at 1pm on Tuesday, June 8, on the adoption of a resolution creating the Northern Saguache County Library. (5/6/10)
2. **Colorado Water Work Shop** sent a letter asking for support for the 2010 Water Workshop at Western State College. (5/6/10)
3. **Rio Grande Water Conservation District** sent the April 2010 Ground Water Table Measurements. (5/6/10)
4. **Daniel Johnson** brought in the April 2010 report for the Fire Mitigation Program. (5/10/10)

**Introduction of Guests:** Matie Belle Lakish – Crestone Eagle; Teresa Bennis – Center Post Dispatch; and Steve Carlson.

**Commissioners Reports:**

**Mike Spearman** reported:

- Reviewed all the Sales Tax grant applications.

**Sam Pace** reported:

- May 7 - Attended Co. State Board of Human Services meeting at Arapahoe House in Littleton.

**Joseph moved to approve the IGA with the Town of Crestone and Road and Bridge to maintain some town roads. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

- May 10 – Attended the Crestone Town Board meeting. Pace was given signed copy of IGA with the county on road maintenance.

**Linda Joseph:**

- May 25 - Corresponded with Hew Hallock regarding the meeting he would like to set with representatives from the County, Schools and Town on May 25, Joseph will attend.
- Worked on scoring 41 SEMTAC grants to be reviewed by teleconference this week. And reviewed Sales Tax grant applications again.

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

- Update on meeting with Deb Downs, DOLA representative concerning the suggested Authority Board of the SLV Animal Shelter. Downs had advised the Conour Animal Shelter Board that they could form an Authority, but they would have to do all the work and pay the election fees. Attorney Gibbons will research how it would be created and how the vote would affect the formation.
- Veteran’s report was signed.
- Devon Pollack would be willing to write a grant to purchase energy audit software which would be beneficial to energy audits by Jason Anderson, County Energy Auditor, Board was agreeable to have Devon move ahead with the grant.
- Zimmer will be attending the Blue Peaks meeting in Alamosa on Wednesday, May 12th.
- Community Services Block Grant person from the State will be coming to Alamosa to help counties and DRG get organized and Zimmer will attend meeting on Thursday, May 13th. Attorney Gibbons will draw up a MOU contract between DRG and SLV Community Action Agency.
- Xcel and Tri–State have postponed negotiations with PUC. A wealthy individual has protested the transmission lines across his land on La Veta Pass and has proposed the new transmission lines come over Poncha Pass where the existing lines are now. This would not solve creating a redundancy of energy service coming into the valley and exportation of renewable energy out of the Valley.

**Connie Trujillo – County Treasurer:**

Researched investing county funds in Bonds instead of saving accounts which are earning hardly any interest. These bonds are guaranteed and insured for government funds.

**Wendi Maez - Land Use report:**

- Met with Andrew Archuleta and Tina Gorman on setting the first RAC meeting sometime in June.
- Received from Tessera Solar, the escrow agreement, which the Board approved and signed. They are organizing a tour of their Arizona facility in the near future.
- Maez has received an inquiry from a solar company as to weather they would need to apply for a conditional use permit in addition to a 1041. The Board noted that the 1041 regulations and

Solar Guidelines serve this purpose and the applicants will not need to apply for a CUP in addition.

- HIU has agreed to stay within their guidelines and don't need to come before the Board prior to beginning programs in June.

Break

**Ben Gibbons - County Attorney**

**Joseph moved to enter into Executive Session at 10:15 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 10:45 A. M. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

**Spearman moved to revoke the appointment of Ken Williams as alternate to the Planning Commission. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

**Joseph moved to enter into Executive Session at 11:25 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 11:42 A. M. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

**Joseph moved to approved updated Planning Commission policies. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

- Discussion concerning PC policies presented by Land Use Administrator Maez.
- Attorney Gibbon and Maez have written and spoken to landowner Robert Butler concerning the culled potato blight issue near Center. Potatoes must be cleaned and removed by June 1 to comply with State regulations. Maez has instructed him that he will be cited by the County if the potatoes are not cleaned and removed by June 1, 2010.

**Spearman moved to adjourn at 11:44 A.M. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

Work Session:

- **Sales Tax Grants** reviewed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melinda Myers Secretary to the Board of County Commissioners

Minutes Approved May 18, 2010

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Chairman of the Board

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