

Saguache County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Tuesday, Oct 19, 2010 with the following present:

Sam Pace, Chairman  
Mike Spearman, Co-Vice Chair  
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 9:00 A.M.

**Additions or Deletions to the Agenda.**

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

**Reading and approval of minutes of October 12, 2010.**

**Spearman moved to approve the minutes of October 12, 2010. Joseph seconded motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

**Review of Mail** and other correspondence:

1. **Thomas McCracken** sent an email concerning Road & Bridge cutting off ditch flow during culvert repairs. (10/18/10)
2. **Shilva Shadden** sent a letter thanking Daniel Johnson for the Fire Mitigation Program. (10/8/10)
3. **Colorado River Water Conservation District** sent the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Meeting Agenda for the Board of Directors on October 19, 8:30am in Glenwood Springs. (10/12/10)
4. **State of Colorado Public Health** sent the Agenda for the Board of Health on Wednesday, October 20, in Denver. (10/15/10)
5. **Scott McCurdy** sent a letter regarding missing Property Taxes. (10/18/10)
6. **Ceal Smith** emailed a letter asking for an Extension on the Tessera Solar Public Hearing. (10/18/10)
7. **Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District** sent the Monday, October 25, 2010, Agenda for the Board of Directors. (10/18/10)
8. **State of Colorado** Division of Property Taxation sent the Final Determination for Haidakhandi Universal Ashram is Tax Exempt. (10/18/10)

**Introduction of Guests:** Steve Carlson; Matie Bell Lakish – Crestone Eagle; June Savage; Phil Duran; Joyce Smith; Sherry Raleigh; John & Erika Keyes; Bill Butts; Lisa Cyriacks & Jerry Burton – CBPC; Sebastian de Atucha – Soltura Energy Capital; Curtis Scheib & Michael Brown-ECO Depot USA; Akia Tanara & Ralph Abrams – Town of Crestone; and Sandra Hammond –

Baca Crestone Fire Dist. Committee; Ben Brack & Kimberly Bryant – Baca Grande Fire Department; and Shauna Ianson – BGPOA.

### **Commissioners Reports:**

**Sam Pace** reported:

- Spoke to Tom McCracken on the disruption of ditch flow due to road work on culvert.
- Received calls on building permits in Mineral Hot Springs Estates.
- Received calls on the parking problem at Liberty gate in the Baca.

**Linda Joseph** reported:

- Prepared draft comment letter on South Colony Basin Fee proposal. Board approved.
- Followed up with Steve Steadman, Court Security Specialist, Sheriff Norris and Co-Administrator Zimmer on the Saguache Court Security grant application. Prepared a draft letter for approval today, during Sheriff's agenda time.
- Followed up with Adam Jon Hayworth, Section 8 Compliance Officer, Colorado Housing and Finance Authority regarding Blue Water Hacienda Apartments reporting requirements to maintain HAP compliance and funding. There were apparently problems with transmission of the report in September. Zimmer and Moores resent the report and he is hopefully reviewing, to get back to us today on whether it is complete, or additional information is required.
- Spoke with Tom McCracken concerning ditch cutoff during culvert work.
- Corresponded with Jennifer Runyon, research staff for the U.S. Geological Survey, Geographic Names Office, regarding submission of our response on mountain naming. They are fine to receive our comments on letterhead as an email attachment. Their Board will likely review this matter at the meeting on Dec. 9. She noted that if the proponents or the County needs more time, it could be deferred to January. Rough draft letter is started, for completion pending our decision.
- Received notice of USFWS scoping period - The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will hold a public open house on October 26, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. at the Colorado College Baca Conference Center. Comments will be accepted until Wednesday, November 10, 2010.
- Worked with Verizon technical support to address degradation of cell services in the north eastern portions of the County. Currently assessing outcomes.
- Considered needs and bids submitted for noise study review on the Tessera application.
- Received a call from Woodora Rose regarding excessive parking at the Liberty gate, impacting residents.

**Mike Spearman** reported

- Oct 14 – Attended the Regional Energy meeting in Alamosa, the subject of the transmission lines came up and it was decided that this was not an issue for this task force.
- Spoke with Tom McCracken concerning ditch cutoff during culvert work.

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

- Administration sent a bill to Andrew Archuleta at the Forest Service for the Resource Advisory Council (RAC) expenses.
- Codes have been built for RAC expenses.

- Zimmer attended Blue Peaks business meeting on Wednesday, October 13. Cuts from the state are continually being passed down. Blue Peaks is sound now, but with Medicaid dollars being hit hard, they are looking for grants to help out in any way they can.
- The Veteran monthly report from Tom Blunt was signed.
- CCI Conference reservations have been made. Details will be available by the next board meeting date.
- Presented a leave policy: “Saguache County appointed department heads who receive full time benefits shall report all time off to the HR representative in the administration office and HR shall complete a payroll authorization that the Board of Commissioners can approve and sign for payroll each month. Time off shall be all time absent from work, including vacation, sick, funeral, jury duty, military leave, administrative leave, domestic leave and Family Medical Leave. HR representative shall enter and track all leave.”

**Joseph moved to recommend that the US Geological Survey change the name of Kit Carson Peak to Mt. Crestone and the unnamed peak to Tranquility Peak. Pace seconded the motion. The vote was two Ayes and one Nay.**

- Name change for Sangre de Cristo Mountain Peaks - Board positions will be will be stated in a letter will to U S Geological Survey.
- Support letter was sent to State Trails for a grant to improve access to San Luis Peak in the San Juan Mountains in western Saguache County.
- Jim Felmlee handed out Flood Exercise Plan for the tabletop planning for County Officials on Oct 22, 2010 at the Community Building in Saguache.

Break

**Wendi Maez** - Land Use Administrator:

- Discussion concerning Home Occupation permits vs. Conditional Use permits for Medical Marijuana care givers. Attorney Gibbons will research the issue and report back at the next board meeting.
- Solar Reserve has sent a letter stating that they will be filing for a Final 1041 Permit and would like to schedule a work session with the board to discuss the Board concerns from the Preliminary 1041 Permit. The work session is scheduled for Nov. 15, 2010 at 3:00.
- Tessera Solar Public Hearing needs an agenda, so the public comment time and the reports for the sound study and agencies are set. The Public Hearing is set for 2:00pm on December 6, 2010. The agenda will be posted on the County website.
- Tessera Solar Sound Study bid review. Continued to the afternoon session.

**Mike Norris**

- Court Security Grant draft has been reviewed and was signed by Sheriff Norris and the Board.
- Norris will look into the parking issue at the Liberty Gate in the Baca.

Adjourned for Lunch and at 12:00 P. M.

Resumed meeting at 1:01 P. M.

**Randal Arredondo - Road & Bridge and Landfill Supervisor report:**

- Finished hauling gravel on 6YY, Gold Basin Property Owners association will reimburse the County.
- The County Jail roof will be done today.
- The County might have a bridge that will qualify for a grant for bridge replacement.
- Arredondo had questions on the Department Head leave policy. Discussion of balancing hours for department heads who are obligated to work weekends and late. Attorney Gibbons will research the issue and report.
- The culvert work on County Road 46 disrupted the flow of an irrigation ditch going into the Green Earth Farm. Owner was disturbed that he was not notified and only had a few weeks left on water flow. Arredondo will notify ditch owners in the future of any need for ditch flow disturbance.
- Arredondo put up “No Camping” signs at Liberty Gate. No Overnight Parking signs will have to be ordered.

**Joseph moved to convene as Saguache County Board of Social Services at 1:30 P.M. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

**Jeannie Norris, Board of Social Services Director:**

- There were 25 TANF cases during the month of September. Food assistance cases increased to 509. There were 26 aid-to-the-needy-disabled cases, and continue to be 96 old age pension cases.
- The Child and Adult Protection Unit had 9 referrals during September, 7 of which were accepted for investigation. There were 11 children in placement, and 12 open dependency and neglect cases. There were 6 adult protection cases open during September, with 4 new referrals.
- CHEERS/Blue Horizon served two TANF clients with adult basic education during the month of August.
- Colorado Human Services contracted with BKD to complete the TANF program and contract audit. Auditors were here for two days and examined our TANF contracts and all substantiating documentation. They then examined provider information, in this case SLV Mental Health, to determine the foundation for TANF eligibility for clients served. The auditors recommended inclusion of clauses in contracts addressing HIPPA issues as well as contractor insurance issues. They also recommended that in cases where contracts over \$25,000 are not put out for competitive bid due to there being only one provider, such as Mental Health Services, that a “sole source” document be included with the contract. The only questioned costs for the audit were for the first quarter’s payment for the CasaStart contract in Center school.
- Colorado Works has scheduled financial training for TANF programs. Seven sessions are scheduled, with one being November 10 for SLV directors.

- Commodities were distributed October 13 in Crestone serving 41 clients. October 14 in Center served 91 clients, and October 15 served 80 people. Our first distribution to seniors through the USDA program served 26 in Saguache, 64 in Center and 18 in the Moffat/Crestone area. We have ordered turkeys for the November distribution prior to Thanksgiving.

**Joseph moved to return to regular session at 1:57 P. M. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

**Pace moved to accept the bid from Mestre Greve, Division of Landrum & Brown to do the peer review of the Tessera Solar Sound Study in tasks 1 & 2 of the bid in the amount of up to \$7020. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

Board makes a decision on the choice of engineers to review the Tessera Solar sound study. Commissioners will submit their specific questions to Nancy Lauro,

#### **Tourism Council update:**

- Fall grant cycle is finished; awards were given to Saguache Recreation Board for Fall Festival, WinterFest and Crestone Studio Artist Tour.
- The fall has been very busy for many folks and the October meeting was cancelled.
- There was an organizational meeting for the Saguache Traditional Powwow on Sept 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011.
- Half of the Saguache County commemorative throw blankets have been sold. Not much effort has been exerted for the sales. A big push for the holidays is in the works.
- Still looking for a Crestone member after the resignation of Bill Folk. Several ads have been placed for new members.
- Saguache County holds half the positions on the San Luis Valley Tourism Association Executive Board; we are well represented in the Valley wide tourism efforts.
- We will feature Native American Awareness month on the tourism website.

**Wendi Maez - Land Use Administrator:**

**Joseph moved to approve the Lot Consolidation for Peter H. and Grace K. Anderson on Baca Grande Chalets Unit I, Lots 1, 2 and 3. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

- Peter and Grace Anderson AKA Peter H. and Grace K. Anderson, Lot Consolidation request, Baca Grande, Chalets Unit One, Lots 1, 2, and 3. Crestone/Baca Planning Commission recommended unanimous approval of this request during their October 13, 2010 regular meeting.

**Joseph moved to approve the Lot Consolidation for Dale H. Case on Baca Grande Chalets Unit I, Lots 1407 and 1408C. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

- Dale H. Case, Lot Consolidation request, Baca Grande, Chalet Unit One, Lots 1407 and 1408C. Crestone/Baca Planning Commission recommended unanimous approval of this request during their October 13, 2010 regular meeting.

**Joseph moved to convene as the Housing Board at 2:00 P.M. Pace seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

Chella Moores - Housing Director – Monthly report

**Joseph moved to adjourn as the Housing Board and return to regular meeting at 3:29 P.M. Pace seconded. The vote was three Ayes.**

**Akia Tanara & Ralph Abrams - Town of Crestone:**

**Pace moved to approve \$60,000 of Title III funding to the Town of Crestone for fire mitigation around the Town. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

- Town of Crestone Title III Funding request Public Hearing.

**Spearman moved to approve \$15,000 of Title III funding to the Special Fire District Formation Committee for a feasibility study on the formation of a new Fire District. Pace seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

- Special Fire District Formation Committee Title III funding request Public Hearing.

**Road and Bridge:**

- Funds in the amount of \$144,850 were moved from Road and Bridge to the General Funds to balance accounts that rolled over when the County moved to their present software. Auditors have directed to have these funds transferred.
- CSTI recommendations reviewed.

Bill paying

**Joseph moved to adjourn at 5:00 P.M. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Melinda Myers Secretary to the Board of County Commissioners

Minutes Approved November 2, 2010

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Chairman of the Board

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