

Saguache County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Tuesday, March 1, 2011 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, Clerk and Secretary to the Board

Meeting called to order by Chair Pace at 9:08 A.M.

Additions or Deletions to the Agenda.

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

Reading and approval of minutes of February 15, 2011.

Joseph moved to approve the minutes of February 15, 2011 as amended. Spearman seconded motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Review of Mail and other correspondence:

1. **State of Colorado Public Health** sent their Revised Agenda for February 16, 2011 meeting in Denver, Co at 10:00a.m. (2/16/11)
2. **US Board of Geographic Names** sent a letter regarding the proposal received to make Log Chute Park official name change request. The Board decided to take a no comment suggestion. (2/17/11)
3. **Virginia Sutherland** sent a thank you card to the BOCC for their generous contributions for operating expenses. (2/17/11)
4. **Rebecca Thomas, Crestone Resident** sent a letter in regards to a local publication she read concerning the Flyovers & Oil & Gas Industries. (2/17/11)
5. **Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District** sent the Board of Directors meeting Agenda for Monday, February 28, 2011 in Gunnison at 6:30p.m. (2/21/11)
6. **Akia Tanara, Crestone Town Clerk** sent a letter concerning the discussion the Board of Trustees held regarding the Commnet Cellular Phone Tower application to construct a cell tower. (2/22/11)
7. **Richard Albair** sent Linda Joseph an email in regards to Bottom Up County-Regional Economic Development Plan Initiative. (2/22/11)
8. **Shannon Garcia** sent a letter in regards to Bottom Up County-Regional Economic Development Plan Initiative. (2/22/11)
9. **Akia Tanara, Crestone Town Clerk** sent a letter requesting that the Commissioners consider the extension of the bike lane from Camino Baca Grande into the Town of Crestone and the new school for a safer route for the children. (2/23/11)

10. **Wooddora Eisenhauer** sent a letter in regards to the Northern Gate Sand Dunes National Park traffic issues during hunting season. (2/28/11)
11. **Saguache County Community Garden** sent a letter thanking the BOCC for the awarded Conservation Trust Funds. (2/28/11)

Introduction of Guests: Matie Bell Lakish – Crestone Eagle; June Savage; George Welch & Rebecca Reed – Center Schools; Mike Callihan; Tom Blunt – Veterans Services Officer; Wooddora Eisenhauer; Bob & Judy Arnold; Erin Minks – Senator Udall representative; Dario Archuleta – Gunnison Basin Weed Commission; Shauna Ianson & Russell Schreiber – BGPOA; Dan Dallas – USFS; and Art Hutchinson – USPS.

Commissioners Reports:

Sam Pace reported:

- Received a call from Scott McCurdy about a Mineral Hot Springs lot.
- Feb 23 - Attended the joint meeting of the Planning Commission and County Commissioners
- Received a call from Peter Lynch of Tessera Solar's overseas partners, he will send his contact information. Would like to meet with the Board or do a conference call into one of our meetings. He is fine with postponing the continuance of the public hearing until April.

Linda Joseph reported:

- Feb15 - Attended the Villa Grove Area Merchants Association potluck and meeting, hosted by the Seitz's at Orient Land Trust.
- Feb 23 - Attended the joint meeting of the Planning Commission and County Commissioners to discuss land use topics, issues and solutions. There were some topics we didn't get to discuss, such as cell tower applications and solar guideline revisions.
- Received a call from Art Hutchinson, National Park Service, regarding citizen contacts on the topic of north access to the Park.
- Feb 26 - Attended the annual Community Seed Exchange organized by the Saguache Community Garden and Library. Once again, many folks came out, to this informative, fun event, which provided seeds to gardeners from all around the County.
- Feb 26 - Attended a meeting of the steering committee for the September Powwow. Plans are progressing. They are awaiting assistance from WSB to get updated information up on the website.
- Judie Rose emailed with questions that need clarification regarding Sales Tax and Tourism grant applications.
- Feb 27 - Attended a citizen meeting on election issues, and answered a couple of questions on my perceptions of the situation, as a candidate. Clerk Myers had an impromptu opportunity to present and provided a handout with details addressing questions and concerns. Some attendees signed various petitions, such as to get rid of the counting machine, and to create an "election verification committee".
- Started a draft letter to Federal legislators regarding their comments on the US Fish & Wildlife Refuge EA
- Feb 28 - Attended the SLV County Commissioners Association (SLVCCA) pre-meeting representing Saguache County on the topic of the GIS/GPS authority, followed by the regular meeting. Topics discussed:

- It was agreed that SLV Development Resource Group (DRG) will proceed to develop a draft RFP for a public/private approach.
- Joe Vieira, BLM presented the national, solar programmatic Environmental Impact Study. He mentioned that the most intensive activities are happening in California, which is placing increased emphasis on distributed solar models. He also pointed us to Volume 4, Chapter 10 for discussion of PILT. The public meeting for local comments and questions will be on March 7 at 6 pm in the SLV regional Medical Center Conference room. And, to remedy the oversight of our region in the Geothermal EIS, they will complete a separate San Luis Regional Assessment, and expect a draft to be available in May.
- CSU Extension 4H Director for the SLV, Ray ____ presented an update. His position is funded for 2011, and they are seeking input and support to continue it after that.
- Deb Downs provided a DOLA update and handout. I requested she send the power point to the SLVCCA list. CDBG is cut 50%, Heritage and Energy & Mineral impact programs are zeroed out.
- The Foster Care Alliance presented the increasing need for foster homes. Their focus this year is a faith-based approach, in partnership with local churches. It is requested that county's Depts. of Social Services attend a meeting at Grapevine Church, brown bag lunch at noon, this Thursday - March 3.
- Commissioners approved, and I signed on behalf of Saguache a letter of support for RC&D services to be continued. They are currently under threat of being zeroed out.
- Commissioner Crestina Martinez gave an update on Carepoint - the Valley health coverage program. They are now serving 86 people and 18 organizations and are reaching out to non-profits, special districts - including our newly forming Library District.
- Alamosa Commissioners asked if other counties are using the NACO prescription plan. They said it is demonstrating a savings of 20%, compared to other programs.
- Stayed on for the committee working on the veteran's cemetery road construction. They are looking at reducing the surface thickness to 2 inches, and asking each county to send a few trucks to move materials.

Mike Spearman reported:

- Feb 23 - Attended the joint meeting of the Planning Commission and County Commissioners
- Feb 27 - Attended a citizen meeting at Saguache Community Building on election issues. Clerk Myers had a short time at the end and did a good job presenting and provided a handout with details on the election.

Wendi Maez & Lyn Zimmer – Co-administrator report:

- Designation of Representative to County Health Pool needs to be signed by Chairman Pace.
- Contract for Daniel Johnson, Firewise Title III funding needs to be reviewed and signed.
- A Pre-Audit meeting was held on Thursday, February 24, 2011.

Spearman moved to enter into Executive Session at 10:15 A.M. for Veteran Services personnel purposes under CRS 24-6-402(4)(f)(i). Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Joseph moved to return to regular session at 10: 25 A. M. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Break

Wendi Maez - Land Use report:

Joseph moved to approve the Vacation/Consolidation for Razor Creek Properties, LLC on the Ranches at Razor Creek Tracts 1 thru 7. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

- Razor Creek Properties, LLC – Vacation/Consolidation request – The Ranches at Razor Creek Tracts 1 thru 7. This request is to vacate and consolidate the previously subdivided tracts of land into the original acreage containing 254.45 acres. The landowners would like to put these tracts into their original parcel in order to put a conservation easement on the property. The Saguache County Planning Commission recommended unanimous approval of this request during their regular meeting on February 24, 2011.
- Discussion concerning the appointment of Joy Hill as an alternate to the Crestone/Baca Planning Commission instead of a regular member.

Ben Gibbons - County Attorney Report:

- Filing a response in the Marks CORA case.
- Next Hollenbeck hearing is April.
- Continuing work on the County CORA policy and updating the personnel policy manual, with administration and department heads.

Adjourned for Lunch at 12:00 P. M.

Resumed meeting at 1:00 P. M.

Joseph moved to convene as the Saguache County Public Health Agency Board at 1:00 P.M. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Della Vieira – Saguache Public Health Director:

- Financial reporting: Budget vs. actual reports through Feb 28th presented for review. Preliminary summary for 2010 presented.

- Communicable disease: The SLV is experiencing widespread influenza-like illness over the last month. Valley Courier published interview with Dr Brinton 2/23/11. Data summary:
 - a. 9 hospitalized cases across SLV (1 Saguache County)
 - b. 2 Nursing Home outbreaks
 - c. 1 school closure (Rio Grande County)
 - d. High numbers of absenteeism across valley schools (all 3 Saguache districts)
 - e. All 3 strains circulating at same time this year.
- Food Bank: Monthly manager's report and financial report submitted for consideration.
- Emergency Preparedness: Final application going into NACCHO 3/9/11; review of final hyperlinked documents tomorrow.
- Healthy Communities: A total of 7 clients served with enrollment onto Medicaid or CHP+ in January; 1 also received assistance with specialist referral(s). February data pending.
- Environmental Health: No concerns brought to Public Health attention in the last month.
- Town of Saguache beginning Source Water Area Protection Plan process; Vieira will attend their meeting on 3/14/11 to meet team and offer PH participation.
- Baca Water & San encouraged considering a SWAPP; they declined at this time. Two board members offered to meet with Town of Saguache Clerk to discuss process in March.
- Center building renovations:
 - a. Town of Center has been contacted to inspect and change out meters for PH & DSS as needed.
 - b. We would like to place a request for bids in local papers, if BOCC is amenable.
- Legislative update:
 - a. Gov. Hickenlooper's proposal: \$1B cut (\$1 of every \$7 = 14%)
 1. Amend 35: cut by ½ = CCPD, Women's Wellness, colorectal screening, health disparities, tobacco prevention all reduced but not eliminated (5 FTE at CDPHE)
 2. Level funding for PH per capita; reduced by the amount corresponding to Tobacco Settlement income
 3. Tobacco settlement: TGYS, Reach to read, clinic expansion funds will all be reduced (Ryan White and nurse home visit (NFP) will remain untouched) 200 state jobs cut & 2.5% reduction in pay for state employees; no furloughs \$28M cut in Medicaid-related programs, including 0.5% reduction in reimbursements to Medicaid providers. One wing at Ft Logan (MH) to be closed & 2 pediatric behavioral health units \$4M from TANF
 - b. Legislation proposals: The following are recent bills related to public/environmental health for BOH reference:
 1. HB 11-1026 Designates storm water point person at CDPHE for pollutant discharge
 2. HB11-1172 CDPHE + State Oil & Gas to review EPA study of hydro-fracking.
 3. HB11-1246 Road fees for solid waste disposal at landfill for road maintenance
 4. HB 11-1043 Residence requirements for business owner applying for med marijuana license
 5. HB11-1250 Prohibits med marijuana ingestibles
 6. HB11-1148 Allows employers of HCWs to disclose certain info on former

Employees with immunity from civil liability

7. SB11-168 & HB11-1171 is state provisions related to federal healthcare law

- 2011 Health Fairs:
 - a. Center Headstart: April 15th, 7:00-11:00
 - b. 9Health Fair, Saguache: April 16th, 7:00-11:00 at Mountain Valley gymnasium

Joseph moved to adjourn the Saguache County Public Health Agency Board and return to regular meeting at 1:30 P.M. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Randal Arredondo - Road & Bridge and Landfill Supervisor:

- Presented a spreadsheet of the Forest Reserve Funds for 2011.
- Board approved the budget for Road and Bridge to sponsor the Youth Corps.
- The Board approved the installation of solar electricity, but not solar heat in the R&B office when the new addition of a meeting room is added, with the understanding that passive solar is seriously considered when the addition is designed.
- Earth Day will be on April 30 with May 7 as alternate if the weather is a factor.

Dario Archuleta – Saguache County Representative for the Gunnison Basin Weed Commission:

- Gunnison is currently advertising for the position of weed sprayer.
- Coordination between the GBWC and Center Conservation District to avoid overlap of coverage and establish boundaries in the Doyleville/Agency Road/ NN14/ Gold Basin/ Los Pinos areas.
- Combining funding to work together on weed control. Randy Arredondo stated that Saguache always pays over the agreed amount to help out.
- The Clean Water Act dictates permitting for application of herbicide near water.
- The Gunnison Basin Weed Committee meets quarterly.

National Park Access discussion:

- Dan Dallas, BLM and Art Hutchinson, NPS presented the situation on Camino Chamisa. \$800,000 had been available, but with rising costs, and the results of engineering studies determining much higher costs to overcome the sand sheet challenges of this route, the projected costs are now over \$2 million, making this plan unfeasible. They will have to withdraw the original plan and submit a new one. This plan will include access into the park via Liberty Road, and the parking lot a mile or so down the road - projected to be feasible with the \$800,000. Engineers will begin work immediately to determine details.
- The Board, representatives from the BGPOA and Baca residents that live near the Gate made comments to Dallas and Hutchinson. Concerns and solutions discussed include - steps to relieve the current impacts of parking inside the Baca, such as signage to direct park traffic and extending paved road; mitigation of visual impacts of the future parking lot, and, until the road is built; and the timeline. Possibilities for moving the gate and current parking south until the road can be built were proposed. Once an alternative is available, the area where people now park can be reconfigured and monitored, so that it is not used as a “parking lot” for the Park. Public Lands managers were requested to provide an informational meeting to update the broader community about the new plans.

Bill Paying

Joseph moved to adjourn at 4:04 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 8, 2011

Chairman of the Board

Attest

Commissioner

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