

Saguache County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Tuesday, November 15, 2011 with the following present:

Sam Pace, Chairman  
Mike Spearman, Co-Vice Chair on phone  
Linda Joseph, Co-Vice Chair  
Wendi Maez, Co-Administrator  
Lyn Lambert, Co- Administrator  
Ben Gibbons, County Attorney  
Staci Morfitt – Acting Clerk to the Board

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

**Additions or Deletions to the Agenda.**

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

**Reading and approval of minutes of November 15, 2011.**

**Joseph moved to approve the minutes of November 15 as amended. Spearman seconded motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

**Reading and approval of minutes of September 20, 2011.**

**Pace moved to approve the minutes of September 20, 2011 as amended. Joseph seconded motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

**Review of Mail** and other correspondence:

1. **Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District** is sent the Board of Directors Meeting Agenda for November 17, 2011 at 6:30p.m. (11/8/11)
2. **Noah Baen** sent a letter thanking Daniel Johnson for providing Fire Mitigation Services. (11/9/11)
3. **Richard Larson** sent a letter thanking Daniel Johnson for providing Fire Mitigation Services. (11/9/11)
4. **State of Colorado Public Health** sent a Cancellation Notice for the Air Quality Control Commission Meeting. The Meeting has been changed to December 15, 2011. (11/14/11)
5. **Crestina Martinez, Costilla County Commissioner** sent an email inviting the BOCC to the SLV Forum on Health Care on November 15 at 6:30 in Alamosa or in Del Norte on November 16, at 6:30. (11/14/11)

6. **State of Colorado Public Health** sent a letter for the upcoming Stakeholders Meeting on Friday, December 2, 2011 at 9:00a.m. (11/14/11)
7. **Conejos County Commissioners** sent an invitation to attend the Sesquicentennial 150 Celebration in Saturday, November 19, 2011 at 1:30p.m. in Conejos. (11/14/11)

**Introduction of Guests:** Matie Belle Lakish – Crestone Eagle; Kim Smoyer –ScSEED; Steve Vandiver & George Whitten – RGWCD; Jason Anderson; Wadell Pryor – CCEDC; Cheryl Rowe, Vicki Helm, Sasha Lovelace, Ralph Abrams & James Lester – Crestone Telecom.

**Commissioners Reports:**

**Sam Pace** reported:

- ◆ Nov 14 - Attended the Saguache County Prevention Partners (SCPP) meeting.

**Linda Joseph** reported:

- ◆ Nov 10 - Attended the Northern SLV Conservation Roundtable meeting.
- ◆ Nov 10 - Attended the Kerber Creek Restoration project tour.
- ◆ Exchanged emails with Sean Noonan and Kate Vasha on the scenic byway project. It looks like the designation request is on the agenda of the next Scenic Byway Commission meeting. Forwarded funding opportunity provided by Charlotte Bobicki (Sen. Bennet's office), that is coming up too soon this year, but ideal once the Byway is designated.
- ◆ Forwarded the key elements of the request for youth to use the County energy auditing equipment, provided by Sandia Belgrade.
- ◆ Corresponded with John Canfield about scheduling for utility tracking software presentation.
- ◆ Spoke with Kim Smoyer about looking for Veteran's Services Office, when she completes the funding research and let Tom Blunt and Laura Weaver know. Some interesting prospects came up when Kim completed the Dept. Head interviews for needs, and she'll be reporting on this later today.

**Mike Spearman** - no report

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

- ◆ Thanksgiving box sponsor reminder per Linda Joseph.
- ◆ Internet portal authorization for our website needs Sam Pace signature. It has been approved by Ben Gibbons.
- ◆ Contract for services for Marie Ulibarri (cleans clinic in Center) needs to be discussed with Jeannie Norris when she comes in today. No contract has been given to us to refer to Ben Gibbons for approval regarding the 1099.

**Pace moved to not join Action 22 this year. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was two ayes and one opposed.**

- ◆ Action 22 membership for discussion.

**Pace moved to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Conduct of a Recall Election for the County Clerk and Recorder; designating Polling Locations in Center, Crestone and Saguache; and utilizing Hand Counting of Ballots. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three ayes.**

**Spearman moved to approve Spanish on the ballots. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

**Connie Trujillo** - update on the Recall Process:

- ◆ Date was set for January 24th, 2012. Three polling places were set, Center, Saguache, and Crestone.

Break

**Wendi Maez** - Land Use Administrator:

**Pace moved to approve the Lot Consolidation for Pundarika Foundation on Baca Grande Chalets Unit I, Lots 1252, 1253 and 1254. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

- ◆ Pundarika Foundation Lot Consolidation request to consolidate Lots 1252, 1253, 1254 Baca Grande Grants Unit One. Request was recommended for approval by the Crestone/Baca Planning Commission during their regular meeting on Wednesday, November 9, 2011.

**Pace moved to approve the Lot Consolidation for Pundarika Foundation on Baca Grande Chalets Unit I, Lots 1255, 1256, 1257 and 1258. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

- ◆ Pundarika Foundation Lot Consolidation request to consolidate Lots 1255, 1256, 1257 and 1258 Baca Grande Grants Unit One. Request was recommended for approval by the Crestone/Baca Planning Commission during their regular meeting on Wednesday, November 9, 2011.

**Pace moved to approve the Lot Consolidation for Pundarika Foundation on Baca Grande Chalets Unit I, Lots 1261, 1262, 1263, 1264 and 1350. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

- ◆ Pundarika Foundation Lot Consolidation request to consolidate Lots 1261, 1262, 1263, 1264 and 1350 Baca Grande Grants Unit One. Request was recommended for approval by the Crestone/Baca Planning Commission during their regular meeting on Wednesday, November 9, 2011.
- ◆ Received a Bid request for Town of Moffat Lots in the amount of \$3000 for 79 lots from Earl and Angie LeRoy. Amount equals about \$37.97 per lot. The lots requested for bid surround the existing lots that LeRoys own.

**Joseph moved to give Debra Rupright until June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012 to get in compliance. Pace seconded the motion. The vote was 3 ayes.**

- ◆ Maez has received a letter from Debra Rupright asking if you would please reconsider your decision for her variance request from last week. The letter was scanned and email to you.

**Randy Arredondo –**

- ◆ Presented a chart and a proposal for new landfill fees. Board agreed and set January 1, 2012 as the start date, the new rates will be advertised now.
- ◆ Invitation for bids on fuel for Road and Bridge for 2012.

**Ben Gibbons - County Attorney**

- ◆ Depositions on the Hollenbeck case have been set for December 6<sup>th</sup> at the Social Service meeting room.
- ◆ Have heard from JAG on SRS arbitrator. A date for will be set soon, the board will discuss in an executive session on Tuesday, December 13, 2011.
- ◆ ES&S was found not to be in contempt of court.

**Mike Norris – Sheriff report:**

- ◆ IGA with Alamosa and Rio Grande Counties to house inmates has been given to Gibbons for review and possible changes if needed.
- ◆ Court Security Grant has been awarded. Sheriff Norris will use grant money to get all County Employees ID cards.

Jail Tour

Adjourned for Lunch at 12:00 P. M.

Resumed meeting at 1:00 P. M.

**Baca Grande Water & Sanitation District –Reassessment.**

- ◆ Discussion on properties that were incorrectly accessed, County will go back two years and make the adjustments.

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

**Jeannie Norris - Director Board of Social Services**

- ◆ There were 35 TANF cases during the month of October, representing a significant spike from prior months. Food assistance case load eased slightly, with 610 cases representing a drop of 9 cases. There were 28 aid-to-the-needy-disabled cases, and 95 old age pension clients.
- ◆ The Child and Adult Protection Unit had 11 referrals, 8 of which were accepted for investigation. The Unit continues to have 11 dependency and neglect court cases and 9 children in placement. There is 1 adult protection case open, with 1 new referral and 1 case closed. There are 61 open child protection cases.
- ◆ The IV-D State Office has informed our Unit that the State of Colorado has met its paternity establishment percentage (PEP) goal for the year already. This insures federal funding, as sanctions could result for not having met the percentage. Our department is at 108 percent of goal, with two months remaining.
- ◆ Saguache County, together with Rio Grande County met with the Director of Health Care Policy & Financing, the Deputy Chief of Staff from the Governor's Office, and the Director of

Colorado Public Health as well as other representatives from the Governor and Colorado Human Resources. Della Viera, Diane Romero and Norris, together with staff from Rio Grande were able to visit at length regarding new initiatives and program changes. There are exciting programs designed to provide service to clients faster and more efficiently. We also learned of joint initiatives between Departments of Social Services and Public Health, which is a focus of the current administration.

- ◆ Senior commodities and TEFAP commodities will be distributed prior to the Thanksgiving holiday.
- ◆ A presentation was made on a new computer system CYMA that would replace what Social Services uses now for Receipts, accounts, and reconciliations.

**Spearman moved to adjourn the Saguache County Human Services Agency Board and return to regular meeting at 2:18 P.M. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

**Kim Smoyer** - ScSeed Economic Development Update

- ◆ Discussion about a small business owner grant to a business owner wishing to pursue purchase of the landfill from the county.
- ◆ Grants received to move forward on the Crestone revitalization project.
- ◆ Saguache Town got grants and funds for the pocket park on Main Street.

**Jason Anderson** – Energy Audit

- ◆ Discussion on making the energy audit tools available to residents after a training on using them. Anderson has agreed to do some trainings for interested individuals before the equipment is leased for use.

Break

**Joseph moved to convene as the Housing Board at 2:50 P.M. Spearman seconded. The vote was three Ayes.**

**Evan Samora** - Saguache County Housing

**Spearman moved to adjourn the Housing Board and return to regular meeting at 3:02 P.M. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

**George Whitten** – Rio Grande Water Conservation District report:

- ◆ Having work groups for well owners to really educate on what a water sub district can and cannot do. Pending on court outcomes there should be 3 sub districts in Saguache County.
- ◆ Budget for 2012 was approved.

**Frank Ortman** – Broadband discussion:

- ◆ Discussion on internet service in Crestone and the funding for it. Owned and operated by the local people and local technology planning team, with support from the Office of information and Technology at the State.

**Pace moved to have Social Services Department change their bookkeeping to the CYMA system. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes**

**Budget discussion:**

Bill Paying

**Joseph moved to adjourn at 4:30 P.M. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Melinda Myers Secretary to the Board of County Commissioners

Minutes Approved December 6, 2011

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Chairman of the Board

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Commissioner

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