

Saguache County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Tuesday, December 4, 2012 with the following present:

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

Meeting called to order by Chair Spearman at 9:09 A.M.

Employee Appreciation:

Juanita Segura- 10 years

Evan Samora- 5 years

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

Additions or Deletions to the Agenda:

1. Bill McClure will be in during Attorney Gibbons time with a question on the reappraisals.

Pace moved to approve the minutes of November 20, 2012 as amended. Joseph seconded motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Reading and approval of minutes of November 20, 2012:

Review of Mail and other correspondence:

1. **The Denver Post** sent a questionnaire concerning the Dept. of Social Services. (Was emailed to BOCC) 11/26/12. Colorado Counties Inc. responded on behalf of counties-letter attached.
2. **US Fish & Wildlife Service** sent a permit for Native Endangered SP. Habitat Conservation Plan-E Wildlife: Migratory Birds. (11/26/12)
3. **Colorado Parks & Wildlife** sent a letter in regards to Shooting Range, Fishing and Motorboat Project Grants. (11/26/12)
4. **Kerber Creek Restoration Project** sent the Fall 2012 Newsletter. (11/29/12)
5. **Daniel Johnson** sent the November 2012 report for the Saguache County Fire Mitigation Program. (11/30/12)
6. **Saguache County District Court** sent a Certificate of filing updated Financial Report for the Crestone Fire Protection Case # 11CV39. (11/30/12)
7. **Colorado Office of Economic Development & International Trade** sent the Memorandum updates for the list of Counties eligible for Enhanced Rural Enterprise Zones tax credits for 2013-2014. (11/30/12)
8. **Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District** sent the Monday, December 10, 2012 Board of Directors Agenda. (12/3/12)

9. **Saguache County District Court** sent a Certificate of Mailing Order of Recusal & Notice of Telephone Status Conference for the Crestone Fire Protection Case # 11CV39. (12/3/12)
10. **Karen Hill** sent a complaint letter to BOCC concerning Mike Norris. (12/3/12)

Introduction of Guests:

Matie Belle Lakish- Crestone Eagle
Bill McClure- taxpayer
Marvin E Ogden- Baca
Wooddora Eisenhower- Baca
Kyle S Grote- Chokurei Ranch

Ken Anderson- self
Jason Anderson- self
Eric Karlstrom- Baca
Teresa Benns- Center Post
Claud Masseling- Baca

Public Comment:

None at this time

Commissioners Report:

Mike Spearman reported:

No report at this time.

Linda Joseph reported:

1. November 21 - Worked with Emergency Manager Jim Felmlee to update the 2012 estimated year end and the requested 2013 OEM budget.
2. November 23 - Submitted two grant requests to the State Information Portal Agency's Micro-grant program for local government website development.
3. November 26-28 - Attended the Colorado Counties Winter Conference in CO Springs.
4. November 29 - Attended that State Grant Workshop for Emergency Medical & Trauma Services, in Monte Vista, followed by the regular RETAC meeting.
5. December 3 - Attended the Strategy Committee meeting of the Northern SLV Conservation Roundtable.
6. Working with Jenny Nehring, Poncha Pass Gunnison Sage-grouse Working Group and Land Use Director Maez to complete a Gunnison Sage-grouse Local Government Survey by Colorado Parks and Wildlife.
7. Karina Danforth, Mayor of Crestone, is interested in being on the SLV Council of Governments as municipal representative for Saguache County. Following up with Mike Wisdom and Susan Banning our current rep. from Center, toward a selection process.

Sam Pace reported:

1. November 26-28- Attended the Colorado Counties Winter Conference in Colorado Springs.

Wendi Maez & Lyn Lambert – Co-administrator report:

Pace moved to approve Resolution II of the Board of County Commissioners County of Saguache, State of Colorado Resolution No. 2012-G-8 for the 2013 Fiscal Budget Mill Levy. Joseph seconded motion. The vote was three Ayes.

1. Certification of Saguache County Mill Levy.

2. Lyn Lambert met with DSS State Auditors, Jeannie Norris and Linda Warsh. State Auditors were in the San Luis Valley doing training and then going to each Social Service agency for a review. Questions regarding the administration billing and 401 K fees were asked. Lambert explained how the admin billing had been done and how it is now done. Auditors have stated that we must begin billing for actual costs that we cannot bill a flat 5% administration fee. Lambert stated that we would do that if necessary. This will not be a problem, but it will take more of admin time to track and note the time we do work for Social Services. This process will begin in January 2013. We will also have to track the maintenance time and supplies used for Social Services.
3. Veteran's Officer Applications are coming in – application dead line is Monday, December 10, 2012. Interviews will be held before the BoCC meeting on December 11th. Bids for tire cleanup will be looked at before the budget session as well.
4. Review and Sign Department Head Payroll.

Joseph moved to approve the appointment of Kate Vasha to be a Northern Saguache County Library District Trustee for another term. Pace seconded motion. The vote was three Ayes.

5. Kim Smoyer sent an email about Kate Vasha's application to be a Northern Saguache County Library District Trustee for another term. After posting the announcement as required, this was the only application. Maez presented the appointments section per the Library District By-Laws for the Board's information.

Discussion on raises verse bonuses. Three percent verses a straight \$50.00 a month raise. Discussion on Road & Bridge employees getting bonuses and other County employees a 3% or \$50.00 a month raise, or all employees the same. The budget does not reflect the money the County will need to repay the State because of overpayment to the School districts due to property not being appraised, if that should happen.

Break

Wendi Maez - Land Use Administrator:

1. Eric Karlstrom in to discuss the "Tranquil Way Bypass" road. Read a statement that he and others wrote, stating their feelings and concerns. Feels it is a public road and no one has the authority to close it. Asked the BoCC to revisit this issue.
2. Review and discussion concerning Colorado Floodplain Damage Prevention Ordinance. On agenda for December 18th.
3. Discussion concerning "Adopting and Implementing Agreement for the San Luis Valley Regional Habitat Conservation Plan" for the willow fly catcher and the yellow billed cuckoo and other wildlife species that depend on riparian habitat.
4. Signed approved resolution for "Guidelines and Regulations for Areas and Activities of State Interest of the County of Saguache, State of Colorado" – 1041 Regulations.

Ben Gibbons- County Attorney:

1. Bill McClure contacted Attorney Gibbons and Commissioner Joseph with a tabor concern with the reappraisals. Attorney Gibbons is looking into it, has a call into the State Land Tax Administrator.

2. Will have the hiring policy for review at the December 18th meeting.
3. Sent application to the Hollenbeck's' Attorney on the road. Will need to set a hearing when the RS2477 Road application is received.
4. Will review the statements and evidence brought in by Eric Karlstrom on the "Tranquil Way Bypass". Attorney Gibbons feels that a prescriptive easement would be ultimately a court decision. A prescriptive easement is ultimately based on evidence.
5. Sent draft contract to BoCC on the Leach Airfield purchase.

Lunch

Randy Arredondo- Road and Bridge Supervisor report:

1. Will be reviewing the IGA with the Town of Moffat.
2. Landfill water monitoring wells started today and should be done by the end of the week.
3. New Landfill minimum fees are posted in the Saguache Crescent and on County website.
4. Discussion on different options for the new liner, clay, geo-synthetic, or geo-synthetic with another liner. Soil testing will be done while drilling is going on.
5. Discussion on the Landfill going to a transfer station or a mill levy or sales tax to help.

Pace moved to convene as Saguache County Board of Health at 1:26 P.M. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Della Vieira- Public Health Director:

Public Health Admin.

- a. Office Manager position has been filled and began part-time training 11/26/12.
- b. Michael Pacheco will be leaving at the end of December; not in attendance today.
1. Immunization: Vaccines for Children (VFC) Discussion –see handout.
 - a. VFC vaccine has always covered: uninsured children, those on Medicaid, Native American/Alaskan children, LPHAs could administer to "underinsured" children.
 - b. 317 funds have been used in the past to cover the cost of VFC vaccine administered during outbreak control/prevention, or when given to either a child or adult who did not fit criteria for VFC vaccine.
 - c. At the national level, 317 funding has been reducing rapidly over the last few years. As of January 1, LPHAs may not administer vaccine purchased with 317 funds to insured children or adults, except in limited circumstances described below.
 1. Newborn Hep B dose (insured or uninsured)
 2. Close Hep B contacts (insured or uninsured)
 3. Uninsured or underinsured children and adults (must meet specific criteria)
 4. PH response activities: outbreaks, PEP, disaster relief, PH preparedness exercises, those in prison/jail
 - d. Why now? With passage of ACA, the expectation is that beginning in 2014, everyone will have to have some sort of healthcare coverage, and one of the stipulations of the ACA is that vaccination has "first dollar" status, meaning that the patient would not have to meet a deductible before coverage of vaccination kicks in. This means that vaccinator will have to have eligibility and billing structure in place. Private purchase vaccine will have to be bought, and costs covered through billing.
 - e. Possible responses:
2. Referral to already established site: PCP or other vaccination partner

- Rio Grande/Saguache/Mineral and Rio Grande Hospital and Clinics
 - Alamosa County
3. Regional LPHA purchasing and billing:
 - Costilla creating a local structure for their county with “seed stock” grant opportunity
 4. Deputization of LPHA by FQHCs (I.e. VWHS)
 - CDPHE working on this with the 10 FWHCs in Colo on behalf of LPHAs—this would allow us vaccinate “underinsured children” under the new guidelines
 5. Some mix of the above
 - SCPH is already billing Medicaid for VFC vaccine to children, and will continue to do so.
 - Because our largest childhood insurer, next to Medicaid, in Saguache County is probably CHP+, we are pursuing a small grant to establish billing for their patients; it is expected that by mid-2013, CHP+ will be added to the VFC list like Medicaid, and that we would be able to use VFC rather than purchased vaccine for those patients. This scenario would give us 6 months to learn the billing and establish the contract with CHP+.
 - We can refer privately insured children to PCP, VWHS, or RGH Clinics, but this may result in “Lost opportunities.”
 - f. This means that as of January 1, we will be able to vaccinate children with Medicaid, those with no insurance, and would be working toward those with CHP+. We will refer those with private insurance to a PCP, and in the absence of a PCP, to RGH Clinics or VWHS.
 - g. What about flu vaccine?
We have been told that we may get a small amount of 317 vaccine like we have for the past few years; we will likely continue to use this for EMS, but could also make it available to jailed population. We purchase most of our adult doses, and bill for those, and will likely continue to do so at a similar rate. Most of the private purchase flu is administered to Medicare holders, County employees, and some other government employees. This should not change with the new rules.
 6. Environmental Health.
 - a. Overview of RWJF grant project: objectives, activities and deliverables—see handout.
 7. Emergency Preparedness.
 - a. The role of hospitals and other healthcare providers in emergency preparedness has been evolving over the last several years; hospitals now have requirements that they work on community preparedness activities, as they exist within communities impacted by an emergency, and LPHAs have been increasing instructed to work with hospitals to collaborate on preparedness activities. Director to sign MOU.
 8. Communicable Disease.
 - a. Consideration to include the “Policy on Release of Disease Surveillance Data” in PH Policies & Procedures.
 9. PCP Program.
 - a. Schedule review and approval of Policies & Procedures Manual.
 - b. Licensing application submitted for 2013 on 12/3/12; license expires 2/23/13.
 10. Financial reports.
 - a. P & L through end November for PH and PCP Programs--pending.

Joseph moved to adjourn as Saguache County Board of Health at 2:10 P.M. Pace seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Break

Public Lands:

No new report at this time

Public Hearing:

Joseph moved to approve the Chokurei Farm Store, Yak N Cracker Café Liquor License submitted by Kyle S Grote. Pace seconded motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Kyle S Grote- Chokurei Farm Store, Yak N Cracker Café Liquor License:

2013 Budget Discussion:

The board designated the meeting on December 11, 2012 as a regular meeting instead of a work session so decisions could be made.

Bill Paying

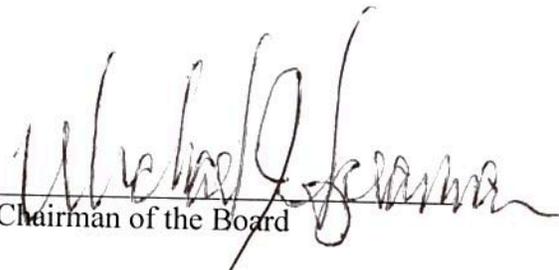
Pace moved to adjourn at 3:50 P.M. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

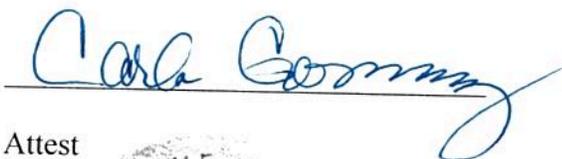
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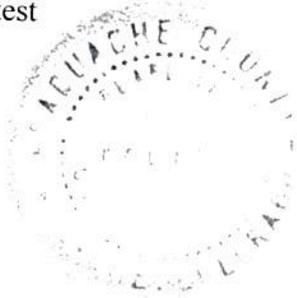
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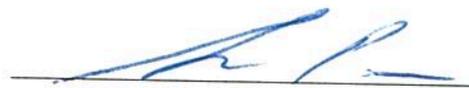
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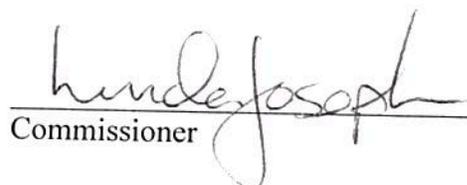
Minutes Approved December 18, 2012


Chairman of the Board


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