

Saguache County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Tuesday, March 20, 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
Carla Gomez, County Clerk and Secretary
Staci Morfitt, Acting Secretary to the Board

Meeting called to order by Chair Spearman at 9:05 A.M.

Employee Appreciation Presentation:

Dustin Maez, five years of employment with Road & Bridge

Additions or Deletions to the Agenda:

Spearman asked for an executive session during Attorney Gibbons time.
Attorney Gibbons will not be present until this afternoon due to court.

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

Pace moved to approve the minutes of March 6, 2012 as amended. Joseph seconded motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Pace moved to approve the minutes of March 13, 2012 as amended. Joseph seconded motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Reading and approval of minutes of March 6, 2012:

Reading and approval of minutes of March 13, 2012:

Review of Mail and other correspondence:

1. **Conour Animal Crematory** sent a notice that they are now open, and now offer Cremation services for deceased animals. (3/19/20)
2. **White, Bear, Ankele** attorneys at Law sent a letter in regards to the Baca Grande Water & Sanitation District Request for Public Records. (3/16/12)
3. **National Heritage** sent a 2012 Newsletter. (3/19/12)

Introduction of Guests:

Matie Belle Lakish, Crestone Eagle
Terry Parker, land bid
Caroline Irwin, Sag Co Tourism

Jason Anderson, self
Trenton Lund, Anarc Farms
Faith O'Reily, Sag Co Tourism

Jim Felmlee, OEM
David Wendl, Old Cow Town
Lauren Krizansky, Valley Courier

Charlotte Bobiski, Sen. Bennet
Joanne, Wendl, Old Cow Town

Public Comment:

None at this time

Commissioners Report:

Mike Spearman reported:

1. March 7 met with Trent Lund about a manufacturing facility to produce waddles.
2. March 13 BOCC work session and meeting on Solar Reserve.
3. March 19 attended the SLV County Commissioners Association meeting. Will serve on a task force for Veterans. Pace to be Valley Commissioners representative for Valley work force. Met with Juan ? with Alamosa County Land Use on Solar discussion. Also attended DRG (Developmental Resource Group) meeting.

Linda Joseph reported:

1. March 13 – Attended the BOCC work session and meeting on Solar Reserve.
2. March 14 - Did a tour of trails and mountain tract properties adjacent to Forest Service, and, the Park North Access parking lot, with David Hosack, Forest Service. Let him know about the public lands time on the BOCC agenda, so they can follow-up.
3. March 15 - Attended the Gunnison Sage Grouse Conservation Strategic Committee meeting in Gunnison with alternate Elinor Laurie.
4. Responded to Alan Gilbert, Southwest and Rocky Mountain Regions - U.S. Department of the Interior and will meet him in Alamosa when he visits the Valley this week.
5. March 19 - Attended the SLV County Commissioners Association meeting. Will serve on a task force for Veterans and their issues in the Valley; first meeting March 29 at 2 P.M. in Alamosa.
6. The BLM is conducting 2 public meetings to present the Geothermal Leasing EA, one in Alamosa, and the other in Saguache at the R&B Dept. meeting room, today at 4 pm.

Sam Pace reported:

1. 3-13 BOCC work session and meeting on Solar Reserve
2. 3-15 and 3-16 attended CCI Steering Committee meetings
3. 3-19 attended State Senate hearing on bill affecting commissioner elections

Wendi Maez & Lyn Lambert – Co-administrator report:

1. Presented Sales Tax Grants, Cycle #1 2012

Pace moved to approve a Resolution Approving Application for Public Infrastructure Assistance Grant reception #371297 where Saguache County is authorized to apply for Community Development Block Grant Funds (CDBG) administered by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Specifically for obtaining a three-phase power service to the proposed location of the Anarc Farms project. Joseph seconded motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Pace moved to approve and authorize the Commissioner Spearman to approve and sign any documents needed for this Grant process. Joseph seconded motion. The vote was three Ayes.

2. Trenton Lund- Application for Grant with Anarc Farms, OEDIT (Office Economic Development & International Trade) CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) Project overview for acquiring Infrastructure financing.
3. Recall update with Treasurer Connie Trujillo recall cost was \$52,065.11.
4. Lambert had a conference call with DOLA and Mary McClure with the Center Child Care Facility. DOLA will be in Center Tuesday to tour the facility and all paperwork to insure compliance.
5. Maez attended the SLVGIS monthly meeting on Monday, March 12, 2012. Contract between Authority and Russell Surveying is coming along. Mr. Russell's attorney has been sick so we are on hold with our suggested changes until Mr. Russell and his attorney can review the changes the Authority would like to see in the contract.
6. Lambert attended the Blue Peaks monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 14, 2012.
7. Maez and Lambert attended the SLV CAA meeting on Thursday, March 15, 2012. Meeting was well attended and several items were discussed. We are moving forward as we should be, just waiting to hear from the State if our 2012/2013 grant request will be granted.
8. NACO Prescription Report has been published for the last 3 months, Saguache County has had the following use of the program – December 2011 – 2 people used the card for 5 prescriptions, January 2012 – 3 people used the card for 3 prescriptions and February 2012 – 2 people used the card for 3 prescriptions.
9. Jackie Stephens, County Assessors would like to sell the Ford Explorer that was purchased several years ago for appraisal purposes. A county employee would like to purchase the vehicle. BOCC approved the sale of the vehicle with advertising and open to public.

Pace moved to re-appoint George Whitten to the Rio Grande Water Conservation District Board. Spearman seconded motion. The vote was three Ayes.

10. Appointment to the Rio Grande Water Conservation District Board. George Whitten has submitted a letter to be re-appointed to this board.
11. Training on the Energy Auditing equipment was postponed until further notice.

Break

Randy Arredondo- Road and Bridge Supervisor report:

1. Presented contract for Youth Corp and what jobs would be done this year. BOCC approved the Youth Corp program.
2. Meeting last week on the Draft for Standard Operating Procedures for Preventing the Spread of Invasive Plant Species.
3. Crack feeling starts the first of April. ?
4. Meeting room is being booked.
5. Road & Bridge has paid off some equipment and vehicles.
6. Would like to look at expanding for more room for equipment and a wash system. BOCC would like more information.
7. BOCC would like data on the landfill for the Solar Reserve to judge the impact at the landfill.
8. Leach Airport update.
9. Advertising for an Operator 3 position.

Pace moved to convene as Saguache County Social Services Board at 11:25 A.M. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Jeannie Norris- Social Services Director:

1. There were 39 TANF cases during the month of February, 2012. Food assistance cases rose by 6 cases to 630 for the month. There continued to be 26 aid-to-the-needy-disabled cases, and 87 old-age pension cases.
2. The Child and Adult Protection Unit had 12 referrals during February, 10 of which were accepted for investigation. The Unit has 7 dependency and neglect court cases and 4 children in placement. There were 3 open adult protection cases during February. The department has 57 open child protection cases.
3. The LEAP program has now served 506 households, with 14 applications currently being processed. A total of \$267,012.21 has been paid to date for this season.
4. TEFAP commodities were distributed by DSS staff to 66 households in Saguache, 93 in Center and 49 homes in Crestone. The community of Moffat can participate in either Saguache or Crestone. Additionally, we received and distributed a shipment of fruit and bread. The emergency food bank served 20 persons in Saguache during the month of February.
5. The "Colorado Early Childhood Needs Assessment" has been completed under grant funding from the United States Department of Health and Human Services. Saguache County has been identified as one of 15 "high risk" counties statewide. The study finds that 43.9 percent of children under 18 years of age are in poverty. It further identifies that 556 children age 0 to 8 are eligible for Medicaid or CHP+, and 28 of those children are not enrolled. One quarter of families are found to rely on low-cost food programs, (food assistance and commodities), and approximately the same percentage of children are found to be overweight or obese. Third grade students from Saguache County score less than the state-wide average on reading proficiency tests. Saguache County DSS, together with our partners such as Public Health, the schools in Saguache County, Mental Health Services, Saguache County Sheriff's Office and the Prevention Partnership Coalition are aggressively pursuing ways to address these issues and support Saguache County children.
6. We have completed the first full month of financial data under the new CYMA system, and are pleased with the program.

Pace moved to adjourn as Saguache County Social Services Board at 11:55 A.M. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Mike Norris-Sheriff report:

Pace moved to approve the IGA for the Annual Fire Operating Plan. Joseph seconded motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Jail Tour

Lunch

Wendi Maez - Land Use Administrator:

County Owed property bids: I have received the following bids-

Pace moved to approve the bids for Tract 8A (32 lots) and Block 7A lots 1-32 and Block 3A lots 1-32 Mineral Hot Springs Estates. Joseph seconded motion. The vote was three Ayes.

- a. Tract 8A – (32 lots) – Mineral Hot Springs Estates - \$300.00 – 3.67 acres
- b. Block 7A – Lots 1-32 – Mineral Hot Springs Estates - \$300.00 – 3.67 acres
- c. Block 3A – Lots 1-32 – Mineral Hot Springs Estates - \$250.00 – 3.67 acres

Pace moved to approve the bid for \$1100.00 for Tract 11D Area D Mineral Hot Springs Estates. Joseph seconded motion. The vote was three Ayes.

- d. Tract 11D Area D– Mineral Hot Springs Estates - \$400.00 – 2.113 acres
- e. Tract 11 D Area D – Mineral Hot Springs Estates - \$1100.00 – 2.113 acres

Joseph moved to approve the bid for \$700.00 for Tract 10 D1 Block 10 Area D Mineral Hot Springs Estates. Pace seconded motion. The vote was three Ayes.

- f. Tract 10 D1 Block 10 Area D – Mineral Hot Springs Estates - \$700.00 – 1.61 acres
- g. Tract 10 D1 Block 10 Area D – Mineral Hot Spring Estates - \$650.00 – 1.61 acres

Joseph moved to approve the bid for Tract 7B1 Area B Mineral Hot Springs Estates for \$350.00, Tract 2D Area D Mineral Hot Springs Estates for \$650.00, and Lots 3-6 and 25-31 Block 11 Area B Mineral Hot Springs Estates for \$700.00. Pace seconded motion. The vote was three Ayes.

- h. Tract 7B1 Area B – Mineral Hot Springs - \$350.00 - .80 acres
- i. Tract 2D Area D – Mineral Hot Springs Estates - \$650.00 – 1.96 acres
- j. Lots 3 – 6 & 25 -31 Block 11 Area B – Mineral Hot Springs Estates - \$700.00

Pace moved to approve the bid for Tract 11B Mineral Hot Springs Estates for \$700.00. Joseph seconded motion. The vote was three Ayes.

- k. Tract 11B Mineral Hot Springs Estates-\$700.00

Ben Gibbons- County Attorney:

Joseph moved to enter into Executive Session at : P. M. for personnel purposes under CRS 24-6-402(4)(f)(I) and for legal purposes under CRS 24-6-402(4)(b). Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Jim Felmlee – OEM Director:

January

- Attended Citizens CORP Monthly Meeting
- Met with Jeff Babcock about SLV and Saguache County Communications
- Met with Kimberly several times regarding Emergency Operations Plan
- Met with Pam Gripp about training with the new county scheduling system

- Met with Pam Gripp, Scott Alexander, and Jeff Dyar (who is the consultant for the county wide EMT sharing)
- Attended All Hazards Meeting
- Went to CDPHE and met with Sean Caffrey regarding the county wide EMT sharing

February

- Attended Citizens CORP Monthly Meeting
- Met with Kimberly regarding Emergency Operations Plan
- Met with Patricia Gavelda regarding EMPG papers
- Wrote and turned in grant application for the EMS provider grant, this year asking for funding for EMT safety High Visibility jackets for all the EMT's in Saguache County, asking for funding to establish a LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Commission), and asking for funding for another MCI full scale exercise.
- Attended the San Luis Water Incident at the regional EOC, and was designated logistics officer for Saturday and Sunday of that event.
- Met with Jeff Babcock regarding being asked to chair the San Luis Valley All Hazards Committee
- First meeting of the MCI exercise was held

March

- Attended Citizens CORP Monthly Meeting
- Attended the State Emergency Manager's Conference in Loveland, where there was a long conversation with Dave Hard (Colorado State Director of Emergency Management) regarding the LEPC.
- Attended the hot wash (after action report meeting) of the San Luis water incident.
- Second meeting of the MCI exercise is being held.
- Continue meeting with Kimberly.
- Met with Della regarding Public Health Emergency Plan
- Attended San Luis Valley All Hazards meeting.

Caroline Irwin-Tourism Council:

1. **Council Members** are Caroline Wolfgramm Irwin, Twyla Walker-Collins, Faith O'Reilly, Jeannie Ewing. It is hopeful that two other Saguache County residents will place their letters of interest before the commissioners shortly: Christine Gydesen and Bill Case. Gydesen attended our Mar 7th meeting and Case plans to attend a future meeting possibly April's, once he returns to Colorado from a business trip.
2. **Tourism Council meetings** have been scheduled throughout 2012 to be held on the first Thursday of the month at 6p at the Saguache Library building, 720 Pitkin Avenue, Saguache.
3. **The Tourism Council agreed to centralize information** for public contact. Mail is to be addressed to: Saguache County Tourism Council, POB 655, Saguache and the public contact phone number is: 719.655.2231. County administration has a mail slot for tourism and staff has been gracious to greet the public via phone calls and route them to the Chair's cell phone number. This provides the public with consistent process to reach the tourism council members no matter who is serving on the board. Contact through our website is being written and linked by Kenny B of WSB.
4. **2012 Grant cycle dates** have been set. Spring grant deadline will be Friday, 30Mar2012. Winter grant deadline will be Friday, 27Jul2012. PSA releases have been sent to Saguache Crescent, Crestone Eagle on-line, and Center Post Dispatch. Spring grant decisions will be made at the April 2012 meeting with the Winter decisions being made at the August 2012 meeting. The dates will posted on our website.

5. **Wall Smith & Bateman's** computer liaison, aka Kenny B., has been working with Caroline to update and refresh the www.saguachetourism.com website with updated information. The work is ongoing with council members assisting as needed.
6. The council is throughout the San Luis Valley region to strengthen the presence of our county and our county events in showcasing our area to ourselves, our neighbors, and our guests.
7. Faith O'Reilly has created a handout on the **Heritage Park 'corridor'** concept and process. She will be available at the 20Mar2012 meeting to answer questions about what she learned in a recent visit to current Heritage Parks back East. She serves as the tourism council's point person on this topic.

Break

Pace moved to convene as the Housing Authority Board at 3:02 P.M. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Evan Samora-Housing Director:

Pace moved to convene as the Housing Authority Board at 3:21 P.M. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Joseph moved to convene as a Public Hearing at 3:25 P.M. Pace seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Joseph moved to approve the Liquor License for Old Cow Town. Pace seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Pace moved to convene as Public Hearing at 3:30 P.M. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

David Wendl-Old Cow Town Liquor License Public Hearing Review:

Pace moved to approve the renewal of the La Garita Trading Post Liquor License. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

La Garita Trading Post Liquor License Renewal:

Pace moved to approve both Liquor License renewals for Tomichi Creek Trading Post. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Tomichi Creek Trading Post Liquor License Renewal:

Conservation Trust Requests:

Pace moved to approve the requests for the Saguache County Museum, the SLV Fair Board, and the Town of Moffat. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

2012 - Requests

Center Consolidated School District
Town of Crestone

\$10,000.00- Purchase and install football/soccer light poles
\$3,250.00- Purchase and replace six failing tress in downtown park area

Moffat Consolidated School District

\$ 4,558.58- Installation of security equipment for safety and security -received safety and security grant to purchase cameras - request is for installation

Saguache County Museum
Town of Saguache

\$2,600.00- Roof/Seal 1908 Jailhouse and flat roof Main Museum
\$15,000.00- For development of "Pocket Park" – kiosk with attached restroom, picnic table, bench, concrete chess table and small tree house

SLV Fair Board
Town of Moffat

\$5,000.00- Purchase gates and panels for livestock area
\$500.00- Upgrade Town Park restrooms, installing toilet paper dispensers, motion sensor lighting and paint interior and exterior.

Town of Center

\$25,000.00- For the purchase and installation of playground equipment at the Chimiso Park

TOTAL of 2012 REQUESTS

\$ 65,908.58

Solar Reserve Discussion:

Pace moved to have a possible decision on Solar Reserve 1041 permit agenda on March 26, 2012. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Bill Paying

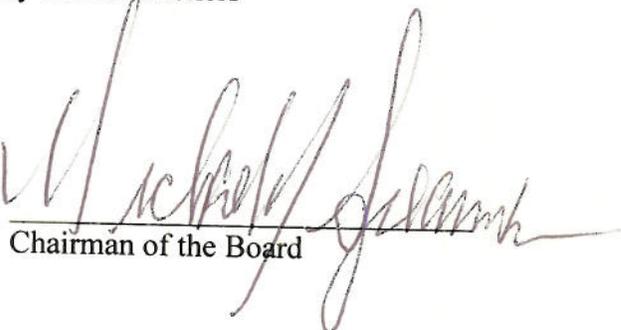
Pace moved to adjourn at 4:50 P.M. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Adjourn

Respectfully Submitted,

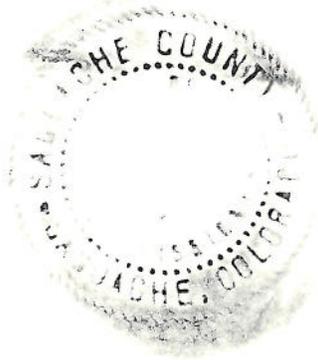
Staci Morfitt Acting Secretary to the Board of County Commissioners

Minutes Approved April 3, 2012


Chairman of the Board

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Commissioner



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