

Saguache County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Tuesday, April 3, 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 9:00 A.M.

**Employee Appreciation Presentation**

Julian Stollmeyer 10 years of service

**Additions or Deletions to the Agenda:**

Attorney Gibbons requested executive session for personnel and legal purposes.

**Pace moved to enter into Executive Session at 9:11 A. M. for personnel purposes under CRS 24-6-402(4)(f)(I) and for legal purposes under CRS 24-6-402(4)(b). Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

**Pace moved to adjourn Executive Session and return to regular meeting at 9:30 A.M. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

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

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

**Pace moved to approve the minutes of March 26, 2012 as amended. Spearman seconded motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

**Reading and approval of minutes of March 20, 2012:**

**Reading and approval of minutes of March 26, 2012:**

**Review of Mail and other correspondence:**

1. Rio Grande Water Conservation District sent a notice that the Board of Directors Meeting will be on April 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am in Alamosa. (3/22/12)

**Pace moved to appoint Christine Gydesen to Saguache County Tourism Council. Joseph seconded motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

2. **Bill Case** sent a letter of interest in becoming a member of the Saguache County Tourism Council. (3/21/12) Board would like Mr. Case to attend a TC meeting prior to being appointed.
3. **State of Colorado Public Health** sent a letter in regards to the Completeness Determination has an Incomplete Certificate of Designation Application for the SLV Minerals Custom Mill. (3/21/12)
4. **State of Colorado Public Health** sent a letter in regards to the Conditional Permit Referral concerning the SLV Minerals Custom Mill. (3/22/12)
5. **Rio Grande Water Conservation District** sent the March 2012 Ground Water Table Measurements. (3/20/12)
6. **University of Colorado** sent the Local Technical Assistance Program Spring 2012 Newsletter. (3/23/12)
7. **La Puente** sent the Spring 2012 Newsletter. (3/26/12)
8. **Baca/Crestone Regional Emergency Management** sent a Meeting Notice on Wednesday, April 25, 2012 at 8:00am located at the Baca Grande POA Hall, 68575 County Rd T, Crestone. RSVP 719-256-4781 or [bgvfd@bacapoa.org](mailto:bgvfd@bacapoa.org). (3/28/12)

**Introduction of Guests:**

**Julian Stollmeyer, Saguache DSS**  
**Pam Jones, Saguache DSS**  
**Jeannie Norris, Saguache DSS**  
**Lauren Krizansky, Valley Courier**  
**Mike May, Orient Land Trust**  
**Joe Vieira, BLM**  
**Lamar Taylor, Center Cons. Dist.**

**Diane Gonzales, Saguache DSS**  
**Julie Westerman, Saguache DSS**  
**Matie Belle Lakish, Crestone Eagle**  
**Colleen Williams, Co Rural Water Assoc.**  
**Jon Mugglestone, Gunnison Weed Dist.**  
**Dario Archuleta, BLM**  
**Christine Canaly, SLVEC**

**Public Comment:**

None at this time

**Commissioners Reports:**

**Mike Spearman reported:**

1. March 26 – Attended the special meeting on Solar Reserve 1041 application.
2. March 28 – Attended the Governors TBD task force to address the top 5 issues.
3. March 29 – Attended the meeting in Alamosa of Valley Commissioners and Local Veterans. Subcommittee was formed and meeting with State to be planned.
4. Letter of support for Udall and Trout Unlimited for bill SB#1775.
5. Work on the first cycle of Sales Tax Grants.

**Linda Joseph reported:**

1. March 20 – Attended part of the BLM Geothermal Leasing EA session at the Road & Bridge meeting room. Invited Andrew Archuleta and Joe Vieira to visit with us during Public Lands time

today, if they're available. Comment letters are due by April 10, 2012. Extracted and forwarded key sections of the EA to consider in the County's comment letter.

2. March 22 – Attended an orientation in Alamosa to the Board of Carepoint, following appointment to that Board, by SLV County Commissioner's Assoc. This HMO program was developed to provide small business owners and their employees an opportunity for basic medical coverage at a reasonable price, within the Valley. They are interested to consider expansion to Salida as they know it serves many in Saguache County. Monthly payments are \$150, split between the employer, employee and health care providers in their system, for basic coverage, with no deductible, emphasis on preventive care, up to 30,000. They are interested in expanding to include dental coverage, but need to exceed the threshold of 250 participants to consider it. Currently, they have 140, from small businesses with a handful of employees. The program is open to employees working 20 hours or greater.
3. Also met in Alamosa with Alan Gilbert – Southwest and Rocky Mountain Regions, U.S. Department of the Interior, and have a clearer understanding of the current efforts. These could be better addressed in our comment letter, which will be revised following input from the Tourism Council.
4. March 23 – Contacted Laura Weaver, Asst. Veteran's Services Officer, about our VSO's attending the Valley Veteran's task force last Thursday in Alamosa. Laura provided an update on the status of our services, relative to the issues raised by Valley Vets; National Certification; and the need for additional space for privacy of Veteran's seeking services. There is an unused room, adjoining their current space, which could be pursued with the Hazard family and Dr. Arnett.
5. Dr. Arnett and Hazards could be invited to come in and discuss this, as well as a general update on the building improvements grant. And, explore Dr.'s interest in providing services in Saguache or Salida, to Carepoint clients.
6. March 26 – Attended the special meeting on Solar Reserve 1041 application.
7. March 29 – Attended the meeting in Alamosa of Valley Commissioners and Veterans, to identify issues, goals, next steps and key participants for a future meeting.
8. Worked on first cycle Sales Tax Grant applications.

**Sam Pace reported:**

1. March 23 - Attended the State Board of Human Services emergency meeting.
2. March 26 – Attended the special meeting for the Solar Reserve 1041 application.
3. Worked on the first cycle of Sales Tax Grants.

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

**Pace moved to approve \$150,000.00 of new Title III funds to be allocated to BGPOA 40%, Town of Crestone 30%, and Kundalini Fire Management 30%. Additional funds up to \$35,000.00 were allocated to Daniel Johnson to continue the Firewise Program, and Saguache County Sheriff's fund was allocated an additional \$15,000.00. Joseph seconded motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

1. Title III request discussion concerning the requests made in October 2011.

**Pace moved to approve the IGA for SLV Housing Coalition. Joseph seconded motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

2. Review and sign IGA with all 6 Valley Counties for SLV Housing Coalition. Attorney Gibbons has been sent the IGA for his review and approval.
3. Discussion concerning Saguache Clinic and grant received for work in progress at the Clinic. Dr. Arnett and Rebie Hazard have been invited to the April 17<sup>th</sup> meeting for discussion.

**Pace moved to approve the resolution to transfer \$12,100.00 from the General fund to the Public Health fund. Joseph seconded motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

4. Review and Sign the resolution to transfer funds in the amount of \$12,100 from General Fund to Public Health.
5. Discussion concerning the possibility of installing an outdoor sprinkler system at the Public Health building in Center. The estimated cost of the installation of a sprinkler system is about \$4000. Pete Garcia was present for this discussion. Commissioners decided this needs to be in the 2013 budget, and other solutions be explored in the mean time. Discussion with Pete on chair lift at Social Services building. Attorney Gibbons will contact the repair company for a resolution to the repairs needed.

**Pace moved to approve the IGA between Saguache County and the State of Colorado Board of Governors of the Colorado State University System Colorado State Forest Service for participation in the Colorado Emergency Fire Fund. Joseph seconded motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

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7. Signed appointment letter for George Whitten to the Rio Grande Water Conservation District Board.
8. Mail and phone call from the Moffat School about an RSVP to the leaders' luncheon on April 5<sup>th</sup> was discussed, no one is available to attend. Joseph will send regrets, and request future announcements be sent to Co-Administrator Maez to distribute.

Break

**Randal Arredondo – Road & Bridge Supervisor:**

1. Call from Town of Center about a town tire clean up and taking them on free dump day on April 28th.
2. No calls back yet from Conejos County about the use of a tire shredder.
3. Discussion about Woodard Avenue between Mineral Hot Springs Estates and Lazy KV Estates. Maez and Arredondo will work on the issue and get back to the Board at a future meeting.
4. Still working on Leach Airfield paperwork.
5. Complaints about the dirt portion of County Road G.
6. Discussion on training employees and advancements.

**Ben Gibbons – County Attorney:**

1. Solar Reserve permit resolution verbiage was completed.

**Colleen Williams – Colorado Rural Water Association:**

1. Source Water Protection Plans for Town of Saguache, Valley View Hot Springs, and KV Estates HOA

2. A multi-barrier approach to providing safe drinking water.

Lunch

**Wendi Maez - Land Use Administrator:**

**Pace moved to approve the Lot Consolidation for Andrew James and Ute Jannsen Kerr for Baca Grande Chalet Unit One Lots 1376 and 1377. Joseph seconded motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

1. Lot Consolidation request for Andrew James and Ute Jannsen Kerr for Baca Grande Chalet Unit One Lots 1376 and 1377. CBPC recommended approval of this request during their regular meeting on March 5, 2012.
2. Discussion concerning the closure of the upper part of Tranquil Way in the Baca Grande Subdivision. Maez and Gibbons will review past Board minutes for prior Board discussion and compose a letter concerning the access.

**Pace moved to approve the Saguache County Resolution Granting a Permit to Conduct an Activity of State Interest in an Area of State Interest ("1041 Permit"), with Conditions, for Saguache Solar Energy LLC., No. 2012-LU-6 . Spearman seconded motion. The vote was two Ayes and one Opposing.**

**Pace moved to approve the Saguache Solar Energy LLC. Permit to Accompany the Resolution no. 2012-LU-6. Spearman seconded motion. The vote was two Ayes and one Opposing.**

**Pace moved to approve the Development Agreement to Accompany Resolution and Permit. Spearman seconded motion. The vote was two Ayes and one Opposing.**

3. Review and final signing of the Final Approval for Solar Reserve's 1041 Permit request.

**Joseph moved to convene as Saguache County Board of Health at 1:37 P.M. Pace seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

**Della Vieira- Public Health Director:**

1. Public Health Admin.
  - a. Financial risk management system (FRMS) at CDPHE will be classifying LPHAs as low, medium, and high risk, based on financial systems and practices in attempt to reduce administrative burden on LPHAs. Staff training in April on new invoicing; should Admin to attend? Annual visit sometime this year.
  - b. Director vacation proposed for 2 ½ weeks between Sept 24 and Oct 12; exact dates pending.
  - c. Proposal to hold hour-long session May 1<sup>st</sup>; Dr. Benson confirmed to attend.
  - d. Annual health reportcard: <http://www.coloradohealthreportcard.org/ReportCard/2011/default.aspx>
  - "C" for maternal-child health (early prenatal care, smoking during pregnancy, low birth weight, infant mortality, immunizations)
  - "C-" for child health (obesity, physical activity, oral care, poverty, and insurance coverage)

- "B-" for adolescent health (drinking, smoking, depression, suicide, insurance coverage, poverty, and teen fertility)
  - "B" for healthy adults (nutrition, exercise, obesity, binge drinking, mental health, diabetes, hypertension, insurance coverage)
  - "B" for healthy aging (nutrition, exercise, mental and physical health, limited activity)
2. Emergency Preparedness.
    - a. Additional funding SOW came through 3/29/12, may begin when official approval comes through.
  3. HCP.
    - a. PH Directors meeting in May to discuss changes to the regional HCP program, given a cut in funding for the regional office. I should have more updates at June session, in preparation for the 2013 contract.
  4. Communicable disease and epidemiology.
    - a. We have completed full rabies prophylaxis course on 3, with 2 more individuals pending completion this month. We have doses remaining for 2 individuals.
    - b. Three school-based immunization clinics planned for April: 2 Mountain Valley, 1 Center.
  5. PCP Program.
 

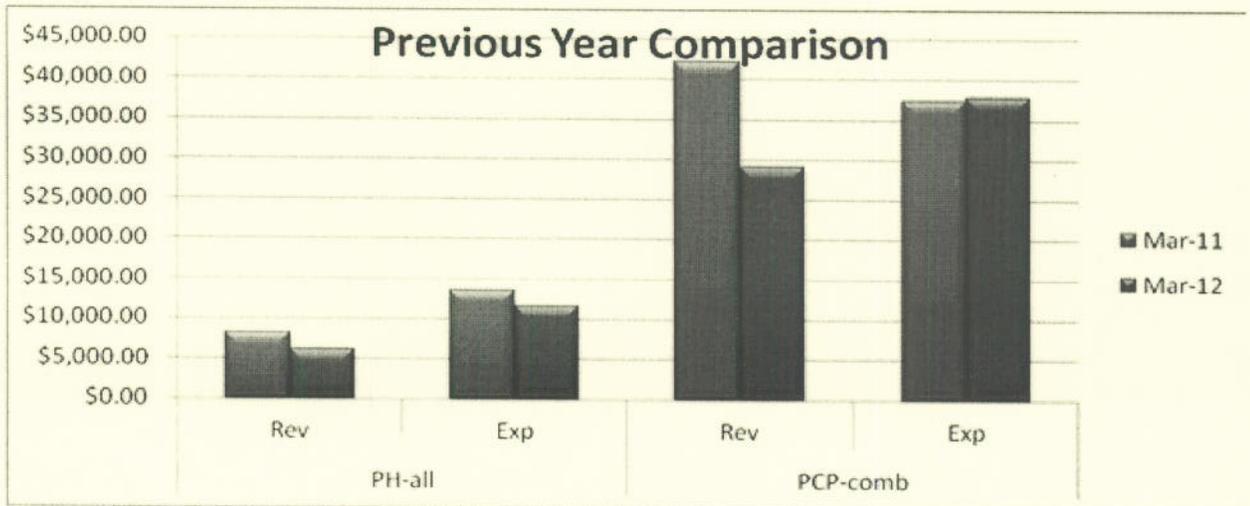
February enrollment: billed for 80 Medicaid clients, 2 Private Pay clients, 7 clients pending services. (Average last 6 months=83 Medicaid & 3 PP clients enrolled, receiving an average of 8 hrs care/week)

    - a. Need to consider how the change in postal service routing for the SLV will impact receipt of timesheets under the current schedule. I would like to propose that we spend some time on this issue next month.
    - b. Medicaid billing and reimbursement: 2010-2011

	<u>Back-billing</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>percent of total</u>
<b>total back-billed</b>	<b>\$36,346.99</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	
<b>total paid</b>	<b>\$24,175.70</b>	<b>66.51%</b>	
<b>amount unpaid</b>	<b>\$12,171.29</b>	<b>33.49%</b>	
	<u>Total</u>		
<u>billing</u>			
<b>Total paid Jan 2010 - Dec 2011</b>	<b>\$934,037.49</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	
<b>portion of total as back-billed</b>	<b>\$36,346.99</b>	<b>3.89%</b>	
<b>total billed 2010-2011</b>	<b><u>\$946,208.78</u></b>		
<b>total unpaid</b>	<b>\$12,171.29</b>	<b>1.29%</b>	

The amount of the 3.89% that got back-billed and ended up being paid, was paid mostly within the 0-30 day A/R period, with a small amount paid in the 30-60 day period. Anything over 60 days was extremely unlikely to end up as paid.

6. YTD Comparison: Mar 2012 vs. Mar 2011. Quarterly budget vs. actual.



Note: As compared to last year, PCP revenues are down, likely due to 2 factors:

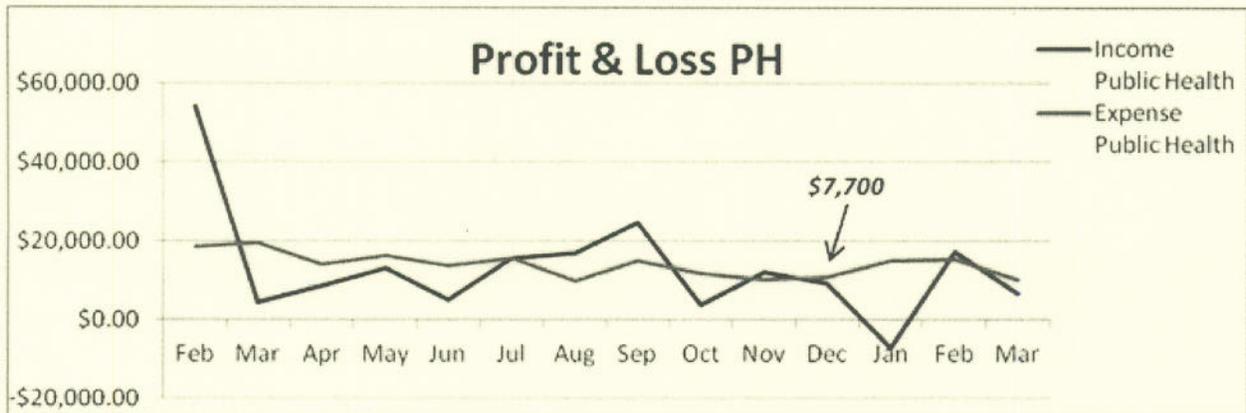
1. Lower enrollment/units billed
2. Reimbursement rates/billing catch-up in 2011.

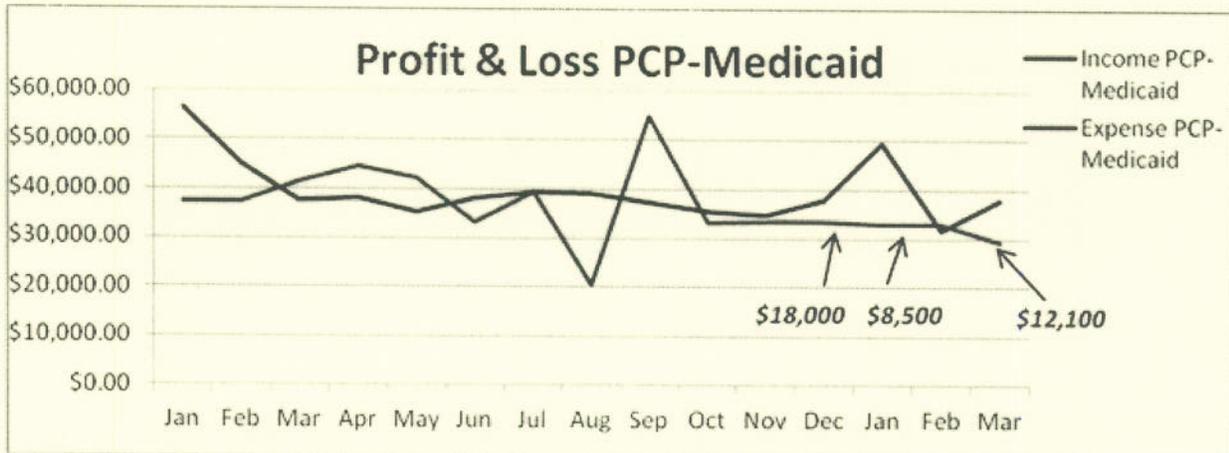
PCP expenses not down due to

1. Late Feb. timesheets carried over to Mar. payroll
2. Overhead does not decrease proportionally with reduced client services.

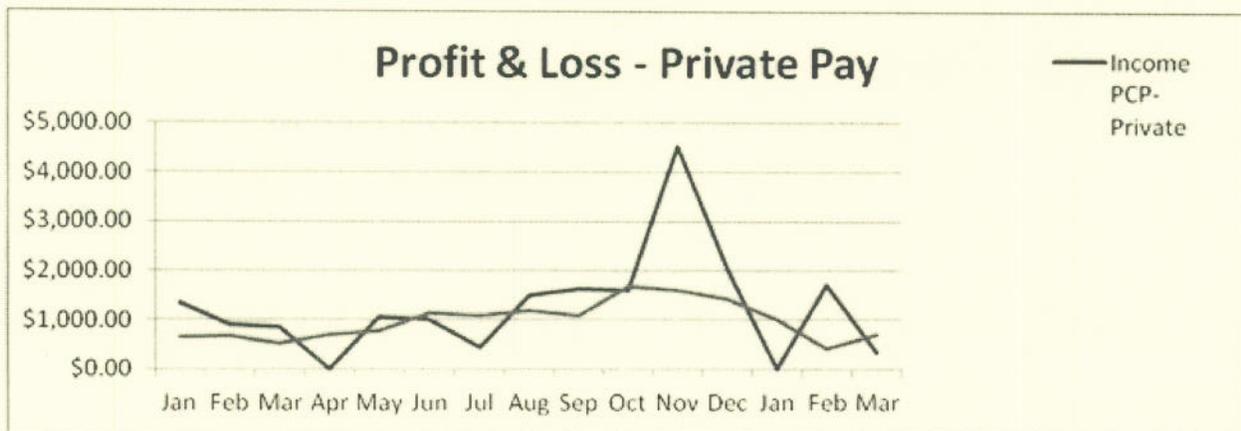
Difference in PH revenue is timing of checks received: quarterly PH Core check received 3/23/11, and 4/2/12 (\$6,000+).

7. Profit and Loss over time per program.





Note: Total transfers in year-to-date = \$20,600, whereas in 2011, amount was \$30,000.



8. Other:

2012 County Health Rankings released today: slide presentation (for more info, go to: <http://www.countyhealthrankings.org> )

**Joseph moved to adjourn as Saguache County Board of Health at 2:11 P.M. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

**Public Lands Monthly Discussion:**

1. BLM San Luis Valley Resource Area Geothermal Leasing Environmental Assessment and Resource Management Plan amendment discussion with Vieira. Joseph will compose a comment letter for Commissioners review.
2. Michael Blenden with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service gave an update on the land protection planning efforts and the San Luis Valley Conservation Area proposed boundary. Commissioners signed a letter in support of these efforts.
3. Dario Archuleta and Jon Mugglestone with the Forest Service gave an update on weed management and funding. Archuleta will return to a future meeting for further discussion.

**Christine Canaly – SLVEC – Renewable Energy Resolution:**

1. Working towards getting all counties in the Valley to pass the Renewable Energy Resolution to send to the PUC. All counties have passed as is, except Alamosa, which is working on clauses

pertinent to other solar activities in that County. The Board will take the resolution under advisement and will get back to Canaly with their decision.

Break

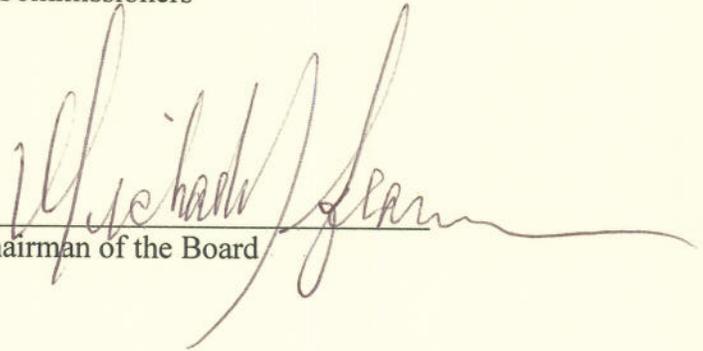
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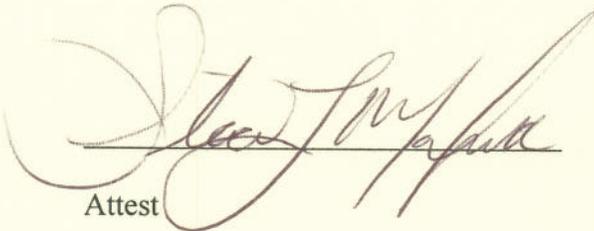
**Pace moved to adjourn at 4:15 P.M. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

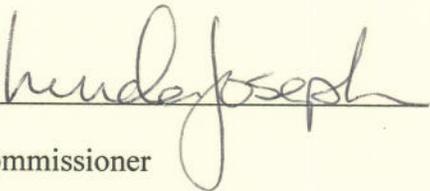
Respectfully Submitted,

Staci Morfitt Acting Secretary to the Board of County Commissioners

Minutes Approved April 17, 2012

  
Chairman of the Board

  
Attest

  
Commissioner

  
Commissioner

