

Saguache County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Tuesday, July 17, 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 9:02 A.M.

Employee Appreciation:

Jose Chavez – retirement after 34 years of service

Reba Mathis – leaving after 15 years of service

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

Additions or Deletions to the Agenda:

1. Steve Carlson requested to be removed for the agenda.
2. Attorney Gibbons requested an executive session during his time.

Joseph moved to approve the minutes of July 3, 2012 as amended. Pace seconded motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Reading and approval of minutes of July 3, 2012:

Review of Mail and other correspondence:

1. **State of Colorado Dept of Human Services** sent a letter to inform the BOCC the intention to extend the CDHS-County Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Colorado Works Program & the Child Care Assistance Program covering period 7/1/12 – 6/30/13. (7/2/12)
2. **La Puente** sent the Summer 2012 Newsletter. (7/2/12)
3. **State of Colorado Dept of Local Affairs** sent the 2012 Notice of Valuation consisting of State assessed companies with values for the county. (7/2/12)
4. **George Welsh Center Consolidated School** inviting the BOCC for the ribbon cutting and tour of the new school on July 28, 2012 @1:00pm. (7/6/12)
5. **La Vereda Del Norte Chapter** sent the Vol. 2 No. 3 July 2012 Newsletter. (7/9/12)
6. **Daniel Johnson** sent in the June 2012 Saguache County Fire Mitigation Report. (7/11/12)
7. **Rio Grande Water Conservation District** sent the Board of Directors Meeting Agenda on July 17, 2012 at 10:00am. (7/12/12)

8. **Friends of the SLV National Wildlife Refugees** sent the Volume 20 No. 2 July 2012 newsletter. (7/12/12)
9. **Rio Grande Water Conservation District** sent the July 2012 Ground Water Table Measurements. (7/13/12)
10. **Upper Gunnison Water Conservancy District** sent the Board of Directors Agenda for Monday, July 23, 2012 at 5:30 pm in Gunnison. (7/16/12)
11. **State of Colorado Public Health** sent the Notice of Meeting & Agenda for the Air Quality Control Commission on July 19, 2012 in Denver. (7/16/12)
12. **Sam Pace** emailed a letter from Jarrod Biggs in regards to the SRSA being reauthorized. (7/16/12). As of this meeting the BoCC has no official knowledge of dates or monetary amounts from the Legislation. BoCC discussed this matter and will revisit under Arredondos' time.
13. **Steve Carlson, of the Republican Party**, sent Maez an email. "The republican party has decided to request cancelling our spot on the agenda on the 17th. We have all viewed the Commissioners page on the County web site and agree that Carla is doing a very good job of posting minutes of the meetings. The bottom line is that we have no immediate request for transparency regarding the minutes. Sorry for the inconvenience but we just had our party meeting on Wednesday night. I might come to the meeting anyway (as a citizen) and compliment the BoCC and Carla for their efforts relative to meeting postings".

Introduction of Guests:

Matie Belle Lakish – Crestone Eagle
 George Welsh – Center Schools
 Linda Warsh - DSS

Jason Anderson - self
 Reba Mathias – DSS

Public Comment:

None at this time

Commissioners Report:

Mike Spearman reported:

1. July 9 - Attended the Commissioners work session on Department Head evaluations.
2. July 10 – Maez and Spearman gave a presentation on Solar Reserve to the Upper Rio Grande Economic Development Council.
3. July 12 – Visited with Attorney Gibbons on some updates.
4. July 16 - Attended the SLV County Commissioners Assoc. work session on Veterans issues; followed by the SLV County Commissioners Assoc. meeting; SLV Council of Governments (COG) meeting; and the DRG meeting. Valley Commissioners are doing a great job with getting a State response to the Veterans issues.

Linda Joseph reported:

1. July 6 - Connected with Andrew Archuleta, BLM regarding follow-up on the Cochetopa Scenic Byway proposal, and drafted a post-tour letter to the Byway Commission. Also discussed the transitions in Weed Management, with the departure of Dario Archuleta. And, the status of the Gunnison Sage Grouse Candidate Conservation Agreement and implications in Saguache County. Andrew will attend a future Sage Grouse Conservation Committee meeting in Gunnison, with us.
2. July 9 - Attended the Commissioners work session on Dept. Head evaluations, and followed up with April Quintana on those with 2012 Job Description review. The Board needs to advise Quintana of timing for scheduling Dept. Heads on August 14.
3. July 10 - Worked with Co-Administrator Maez on updating the Sales Tax Grant application form for posting of the 2012 2nd grant cycle.
4. July 11-12 - Attended the quarterly meeting of the State Emergency Medical & Trauma Advisory Council (SEMTAC), and committees, in Denver.
5. July 16 - Attended the SLV County Commissioners Assoc. work session on Veterans issues; followed by the SLV County Commissioners Assoc. meeting; and SLV Council of Governments meeting (COG).

Sam Pace reported:

1. July 6 - Attended CCI steering committee meetings in Denver.
2. July 9 - Attended BOCC executive session for department head evaluations.
3. July 9 - Attended WIB (Workforce Investment Board) board meeting in Monte Vista.
4. July 13 - Attended State Board of Human Services meeting in Denver.
5. July 16 - Attended SLVCCA (SLV County Commissioners Assoc.) in Alamosa.

Pace moved to approve a letter in support of HR 6089 for Senator Tipton. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Wendi Maez & Lyn Lambert – Co-administrator report:

1. Update on 2011 audit. The Board will need to approve a thirty day extension for the audit before it can be presented to the Board.

Pace moved to request an Extension of Time to File Audit. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

2. Wall, Smith, & Batemen (WSB) would like the Housing Authority minutes included in the BoCC minutes. Attorney Gibbons will speak with WSB about that issue.
3. Lambert attended Blue Peaks meeting last week.
4. July 16 - Maez and Lambert attended the Valley Commissioners meeting.
5. Maez attended the SLVGIS/GPS Authority meeting on July 9, 2012 and things are progressing well. There is about \$5700.00 in the bank that will be aside for the SLVGIS Board if the public/private partnership does not work out.

Break

Randy Arredondo- Road and Bridge Supervisor report:

1. Some flood damage in the Cochetopa and La Garita areas, maintenance will fix.
2. Hot plant is going again and started paving on July 16th.

3. Arredondo got email notification that SRS funding is 95% of last allocation, Title I funding is 85%, Title II funding is 10%, Title III funding is 5%. Attorney Gibbons was instructed to write a letter to the schools.
4. Proposal on the redesign of the Landfill, with monitoring wells tested quarterly, was approved.
5. Survey of the County right-of-way near Cottonwood Creek was done last week.

Pace moved to convene as Saguache County Social Services Board at 11:15 A.M. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Jeannie Norris- Social Services Director:

1. There were 34 TANF cases for the month of June, 2012. Food assistance cases increased by 14 cases, for a total of 668. There were 25 aid-to-the-needy-disabled cases, and 82 old age pension cases.
2. The Child and Adult Protection Unit had 6 referrals during June, 3 of which were accepted for investigation. The Unit has 9 children in placement, and currently has 48 open child protection cases. There is 1 open adult protection case, with 2 cases having been closed. We will have a new caseworker, Doris Morgan, to fill the position vacated by Julian Stollmeyer. She has had a number of years experience in Denver, and will be able to work independently after attending the Child Welfare Training Academy for four weeks. The annual foster care case audit is in progress this week in Alamosa County.
3. Collections for the Child Support Unit are quite a bit behind the prior year; however the paternity establishment percentage and cases with orders are on target. The difference seems to be in tax refund intercepts, which were 59 percent less than last year.
4. June was not a busy month at the food bank, with only 10 persons having been served in Saguache. No report was available for Center and Crestone for the month. There will be a distribution of Senior commodities toward the end of July, and a TEFAP commodity distribution in August.
5. Contracts are nearing completion for family preservation and nurturing parenting programs which formerly were provided by SLV Mental Health. Rio Grande, Conejos and Saguache Counties are jointly contracting with providers in order to make available these services without interruption to our clients.
6. Reba Mathias is leaving to take a position in Montrose County, and Linda Warsh will serve as Deputy Director for the Department of Social Services.

Pace moved to approve the purchase of an air conditioner for the Center facility. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

7. Pete Garcia with Maintenance received a bid from Steffens Quality Plumbing & Heating, Inc. for an air conditioner unit in the Center facility for \$14,750.00

Pace moved to reapprove the Family Preservation/Core Services contract. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Pace moved to reapprove the Contract with Dorothy Ackerman. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Pace moved to adjourn as Saguache County Social Services Board at 11:30 A.M. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Mike Norris- Sheriff report:

1. The fire ban has now been lifted as we have received a good amount of rainfall.
2. Computer system for finger printing is down and is non- repairable. Submitted a grant to replace this system and will be rewarded the grant money. Board signed grant paperwork.

Jail Tour

Lunch

Wendi Maez - Land Use Administrator:

Pace moved to approve the Lot Consolidation for Donna M Peizer Trust, Lots 3481C and 3482 Baca Grande Chalet Unit Two. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

1. Lot Consolidation request for Donna M. Peizer Trust, for Lots 3481C and 3482 Baca Grande Chalet Unit Two. The CBPC recommended unanimous approval of this request.

Joseph moved to approve the bid from Patrick Halloran for Lots 10-18 Block 8 Area B Mineral Hot Springs Estates and Track A10 Block 10 Area A Mineral Hot Springs Estates. Pace seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

2. Maez received the amended bid request for Patrick Halloran; he has amended his bid to include Lots 10-18 Block 8 Area B Mineral Hot Springs Estates.
3. Mr. Halloran has also bid on Track A10 Block 10 Area A Mineral Hot Springs Estates.

Ben Gibbons- County Attorney:

1. After reviewing letters and emails between the County and the Baca Grande Water and Sanitation Districts it appears that the commitment to the Baca Grande Water and Sanitation District to reassess undervalued properties was for the tax years of 2010 and 2011. Omitted properties were also for the tax years of 2010 and 2011.

Pace moved to enter into Executive Session at 1:55 P. M. 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 2:27 P.M. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Break

Joseph moved to convene as the Housing Authority Board at 2:33 P.M. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Evan Samora-Housing Director:

Joseph moved to return to regular session at 2:42 P.M. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Jim Felmler- OEM report:

1. APRIL – The EM met with Della Viera and discussed Public Health Emergency Plans. The EM participated in an evacuation exercise in Conejos County as an evaluator. Also participated in The La Plata/Durango Airport Mass Casualty Incident Exercise as a moulage (makes up victims for exercise with wounds and blood etc...), along with this exercise was a training on how to do moulage. The EM attended the Citizens CORP monthly meeting. The EM was also sworn as The All Hazards Chair Person. The EM attended training with Patricia Gavelda about upcoming Emergency Manager’s responsibilities for the year.
2. May – The EM met with Pam Gripp and discussed the county wide scheduling program for EMS. EM attended the monthly Citizen’s CORP meeting. The EM went to San Luis and helped teach a CERT (Citizen’s Emergency Response Team). While doing the training we discussed trying to schedule CERT training somewhere in Saguache County. Attended an EM Systems training, which is training on State wide computer software in case of a Mass Casualty Incident on where there is availability of hospital beds. The EM submitted the Emergency Providers grant, asking for funding for a HAZMAT Mass Casualty exercise, and funding for County wide EMT safety jackets, also asked for funding to establish a LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee).
3. June – The EM attended the monthly Citizen’s CORP meeting. The EM spent most of this month preparing for the Active Shooter Mass Casualty Exercise to be held July 14. Saguache County received funding from the Emergency Provider Grant for the HAZMAT Mass Casualty Exercise and for the safety jackets for the EMTs in Saguache County, but did not receive the funding to establish a LEPC. Kimberly Bryant has been working on the Emergency Operations Plan and is just about to finish it up.

Bill Paying

Pace moved to adjourn at 3:09 P.M. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

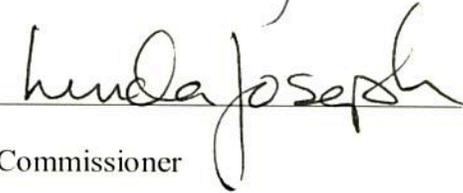
Adjourn

Respectfully Submitted,

Staci Morfitt Acting Secretary to the Board of County Commissioners

Minutes Approved August 7, 2012


Chairman of the Board


Commissioner


Commissioner


Attest

