

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 1, 2013
REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES AS AMENDED
SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON
VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 VOTES AGAINST: 0
MOTION CARRIED**

V. REVIEW OF MAIL AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

1. **La Puente** sent the Fall 2013 Newsletter. (10/2/13)
2. **State of Colorado Public Health** sent the Saguache County Landfill 2013 Financial Assurance Review. (10/4/13)
3. **Colorado River District** sent a letter with the summaries of the 2013 Proposed Amended Budgets, Proposed 2014 Budgets & the 2015 Projected Budgets. (10/9/13)
4. **Rio Grande Water Conservation District** sent the Draft for the October 15th, 2013 Board of Directors Meeting. (10/9/13)
5. **Robin Lewis with Southwest Conservation Corps.** would like to ask the Commissioners for a letter of support to help in applying for a grant on an agriculturally focused youth program for Summer 2014. (10/8/13) Maez has a draft letter from Southwest Conservation Corp., BoCC discussed and Commissioner Jason Anderson to follow up on and work on draft letter to present to the BoCC.
6. **Brenda Felmlee** sent an email in regards to a support letter for the proposed Water Rights Protection Act. (10/9/13) Discussion and Commissioner Ken Anderson will follow up on proposed Act and compile a draft letter to present to the BoCC. Appointed Commissioner Ken Anderson to the Round Table.
7. **Howard Semones** sent an email in regards to the 2013 Emergency Workers, CDLE Advisory. (10/9/13)
8. **CDOT** sent an invitation to the Statewide Transit Plan Public Open House Tuesday, October 22, 2013 at the Alamosa Recreation Center from 4:00-6:00pm. (10/10/13)
9. **La Vereda Del Norte Chapter of the Old Spanish Trail Association** sent the October 2013 Vol. 3 No. 4 Newsletter. (10/10/13)

VI. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Matie Belle Lakish - Crestone Eagle	Teresa Benns – Center Post	Randy Mayor – ER4
Cindy Q Mayor – ER4	Stan Murphy – ER4	Roger Entz – High Valley Church
Kendall Mastre – High Valley Church	Mal Sillca – S.P.R.	Jeff Shook – SCPC
Sam Johnson – Saguache Peak Ranch	John L Werner – Self	Tim Coleman – Self
Faith O’Reily – Tourism	Julie Mach – ScSeed	Liza Marron – ScSeed
Rachelle Macur – Diamond Way	Chason Geister – Diamond Way	Jeff Su – Diamond Way

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

None at this time

VIII. COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Commissioner Joseph:

1. October 2 - Received meeting materials for the 2013 CO Governor's Tourism Conference, attended by Faith O'Reilly for Saguache County Tourism Council.
2. October 3 - Spoke with Mike Spearman regarding follow-up on Leach Airport systems maintenance. He'll follow up with Arredondo.
3. October 4 - Was requested to be one of 4 from the SLV Public Health Partnership to complete a site visit to the San Diego site in January. Della Vieira Saguache County Public Health, Kathleen Matthews, CDPHE Office of Planning and Partnership, and Julie Geiser, Alamosa County Public Health.
- Worked with Jim Felmler County Emergency Manager on 2014 grant and budget planning for Office of Emergency Management (OEM).
4. October 7 - Discussion with Mark Talbot, XPlore regarding web revamp. Received notice of new round of SIPA funding, grant requests due mid-December.
5. October 8 - Susan Pierce reported El Pomar approved for the Baca Fire Dept. to be included in the accountability system grant request, which is complete for submission. Confirmed that she is available to work on TELECOM grant research/request preparation, follow-up from information from Crestone Telecom.
6. October 10 - Attended the Commissioners work session to review upcoming schedules, sales tax grant applications, and meet with Christy Culp, DOLA. Discussed funds available for planning, and for building through the Energy & Mineral Impact Assistance Fund.
7. October 11 - Spoke with Marv Weidner, Managing for Results to request information and associated cost of the strategic plan documentation and implementation phase, not included in the current draft proposal. Updated him on current budget status, and, County goals arising in budget discussions, which he pointed out might all fit under a DOLA planning request. Began a rough outline of the DOLA letter of funding request.
8. October 14 - Consulted with Attorney Gibbons and Jenny Nehring regarding comments on the Gunnison Sage Grouse Habitat designation Environmental Assessment, due OCT 19, unless notified sooner that the deadline is changed by government shutdown. Forwarded info to Gunnison County today, about the Excel Environmental Assessment process and County's designation as a cooperating agency with the BLM on this, for inclusion in the County Coalition "matrix" of GuSG actions.

Commissioner Ken Anderson:

1. October 3 – Attended CDOT meeting in Monte Vista. Went over the 2014 budget and discussion on possible increase on gas tax. Town of Center and BoCC to send letter to have CDOT look at Hwy 112 improvements.
2. October 3 – Attended the Veterans Center presentation of more area in the Cemetery.
3. October 10 – Attended Commissioner Work Session to review Sales Tax Grants and meeting with Christy Culp with DOLA.

Commissioner Jason Anderson:

1. October 2 - Spoke with Todd Stewart from Solar Financial concerning pending solar garden. We need to finalize the site planning and property taxes. Directed Todd Stewart to Maez and Assessor Stephens. The solar plan should be finished and presented to the Commissioners soon.
2. October 4 - Attended the CCI legislative Committee meeting. Established a list of County priorities for upcoming Legislative Session (see Attachment).
3. October 7 - Office hours at Saguache Courthouse.

4. October 9 - Met with Justin Love from Crestone Recycle to review requirements for the Saguache County Dump recycling job.
5. October 10 - Attended the Commissioners Work Session to review Sales Tax Grants and met with Christy Culp from DOLA.
6. October 10 - Attended the Baca Grande POA meeting.
7. October 12 - Attended the Yaktoberfest Festival in Crestone.
8. October 12 - Attended the Chocolate Festival in Saguache.
9. October 14 - Office hours at Saguache Courthouse.
10. October 14 - Attended the Prevention Partners meeting.

IX. CO-ADMINISTRATOR REPORT- WENDI MAEZ & LYN LAMBERT

1. Presented the 2014 Saguache County Budget to the BoCC. Can be reviewed in the Clerk & Records' Office.
2. Veteran's Report presented to BOCC, reviewed and signed.
3. Department Head Payroll Authorization was reviewed and signed.
4. April Quintana and Lyn Lambert attended a workshop presented by CTSI in Alamosa regarding the Health Care Reform Act. It was a very valuable meeting and everyone that attended was able to ask questions that are affecting all of the Counties. Alamosa, Rio Grande, Conejos, Costilla, Mineral and Las Animas Counties were all represented at the meeting as well as Saguache County.
5. Lyn Lambert attended the Blue Peaks Development business meeting on October 9, 2013.
6. April Quintana, Wendi Maez and Lyn Lambert attended the Insurance Committee meeting with the County representatives on October 8, 2013 to go over the plans that were presented by the insurance companies. The Insurance Committee is requesting that Saguache County stay with our current company for 2014. The committee would like to expand the offer of plans from 3 plans to 5 plans so that the employees can choose a plan that works best for them. Need Board approval today for the health insurance plan so that there is time to have the agent come in and sign up employees. The other insurance offers were from Colorado Choice (SLV HMO) and several from Brian Hillier (independent agent). Colorado Choice was competitive but the group would rather stay with the company we currently have. Brian Hillier was offering a self- funded plan and the committee is requesting that we do not go with self- funded programs as it ends up being more costly in the end than a regular program. It has been recommended that we have only one voluntary insurance agent instead of 3 or 4 like we have now. For example: Aflac, Colonial and Worksite benefit agency (American Public Life).

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO APPROVE CTSI AND THE 5 PLANS THEY OFFER AS THE COUNTY HEALTH INSURANCE CARRIER FOR 2014

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

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7. Baca Grande Property Owners Association has sent ballots for all County owned lots within the Baca Grande Property Owners Association service area. In the past ballots were not

voted but just returned the ballots for a quorum for the BGPOA Board. Attorney Gibbons advised mailing the ballots back with a cover letter stating the ballots were not voted but to make an affective election the ballots were returned.

8. Pete Garcia with Maintenance Department presented the BoCC with 3 bids for Courthouse sidewalk on west side, 3 bids for ADA ramp at the Haskin Medical Building in Center, and 3 bids for the north side sidewalk at the Clinic in Saguache. BoCC will review all bids.

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X. LAND USE ADMINISTRATOR- WENDI MAEZ

1. Samuel Johnson Landowner/Diamond Way Buddhist Applicant – Conditional Use request Lots 1 thru 5 Saguache Peak Ranch. This request is for a Buddhist Meditation Retreat Center. The Saguache County Planning Commission heard this request twice before making a decision on the request. A site visit was also done of the property in question. Please see packet on project for description and details. The SCPC recommended approval of the request during their regular meeting on September 26, 2013 with a vote of 4 ayes and 2 nays, with the following conditions;
 - a. The Letter of Intent shall be attached to the approved resolution (if approved) for exact uses.
 - b. Any expansion requested must go through the County for Modification
 - c. Notification sent to all neighbors when large events occur
 - d. If there is a burial ground for Native American on the property the proper jurisdiction must be notified and must be recognized by the State of Colorado
 - e. BLM Road Maintenance agreement must be approved.
 - f. Yearly review with the Saguache County Planning Commission
 - g. Applicant to follow transportation plan as described in Letter of Intent

There are three neighbors in the area that object to this project and the Planning Commission tried very hard to mitigate the road issues and basic issues about the project in general. BoCC gave Landowners and representatives of the Diamond Way Buddhism comment period.

Diamond Way Applicant – They reside in Denver area. Organization owns property in Ewing Ranch Unit Four as well. Letter of Intent has all the details of the Center. Plan on one small retreat monthly and during an annual summer event, expect 150-300 participants. Hope to have the Center at fullest potential in 5 years. Been working on Right of Way Grant to help with maintenance of road; Grant pending due to Government closures.

Cindy Mayor – stated concerns about the Easement not being transferrable, the road not being as wide as the map shows, wells being put in drying up the aquifer, Planning Commission did not tour all roads, and that Retreat Center would use own entrance road.

Randy Mayor – concern with property tax and the amount of property that is tax exempt, and the drop in value on the surrounding properties. Commissioner Joseph informed Mr. Mayor that the Diamond Way Buddhism; or any non-profit organization would have to go through a State Tax Exemption application process, if they choose.

Tim Coleman – concern about cattle range on BLM property. Stated the road conditions are terrible and increase of traffic would compromise cattle health due to dust.

John Werner – concern about cattle range. One source of water for his cattle is a spring, he is worried wells will cause spring to dry up. The traffic will be hard on cattle and

open range, and cattle guards would need to be installed. Stated would like to see archeology studies of area.

Sam Johnson – Landowner – Well is pre-existing already being used and will not get bigger. Cattle ruin ground more than the traffic of the Center will. Historical Use Road runs all the way through and claims there is no other entrance or proof of one.

Diamond Way Applicant – The intention to keep property as one piece instead of 5 individual residents. Center is Public in the sense of anyone can register.

Jeff Shook – As far as he could tell there is only one road.

BoCC scheduled a site visit on October 29th in the afternoon along with Land Use Administrator Maez. Will put request on agenda for the November 5th meeting.

2. High Valley Mennonite Church – Tract 3 of the SE1/4 11-41-7 – Conditional Use Modification. This request is to add some additional room to the original Church Building for Sunday school rooms and a Common Area. No responses were received from adjoining landowners.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO APPROVE THE CONDITIONAL USE MODIFICATION TRACT 3 OF THE SE1/4 11-41-7 FOR THE HIGH VALLEY MENNONITE CHURCH

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

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3. Conference call with Adam Green from Solar Reserve for the biannual Work Force discussion. -Engaged with Public Utilities Commission to obtain a Power Purchase Agreement, via the regulatory process with Xcel Energy. PUC set framework for Xcel to purchase power. Solar Reserve sent bid to Xcel in May for project. Xcel released analysis report and sent information to PUC; written decision is phase 2 with decision early December. If added to list of chosen projects for Xcel it is 3-6 months for contract, 6 months for financing then construction 2015. Xcel found renewable resources to be price competitive with natural gas. Mr. Green led BoCC through power point he provided, as he answered questions.
4. Sealed bid for Bonanza Lot 6 Block 14 from Steve Lunt. Bid was for \$550.00.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO APPROVE THE BID OF \$550.00 FROM STEVE LUNT FOR BONANZA LOT 6, BLOCK 14.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

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5. Sealed bid for Lots 19, 20, 27 & 28 Block 9 Area D Mineral Hot Springs Estates from Reginald D. Jensen. Bid was \$350.00 per Lot.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO ACCEPT THE BID OF \$1400.00 FOR LOTS 19, 20, 27 AND 28 BLOCK 9 AREA D MINERAL HOT SPRINGS ESTATES FROM REGINALD D. JENSEN.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

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5. Lot Consolidation request for Ruth Baranowski to Consolidate Lots 3672C & 3621C Baca Grande Chalet Unit Two. CBPC recommended approval of this request during their regular meeting on October 2, 2013 by unanimous vote.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON TO APPROVE THE LOT CONSOLIDATION REQUEST LOTS 3672C AND 3621C BACA GRANDE CHALET UNIT TWO FOR RUTH BARANOWSKI

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

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XI. COUNTY ATTORNEY- BEN GIBBONS

1. Assessor Stephens updated the BoCC on the meeting last week with the auditors and State Board of Equalization. Saguache County is current on all property valuations. State gave report on the project and expense, \$87,000.00. Property Tax Administrator told the Board of Equalization to write off expense. \$63,947.79 was written off with a remaining balance of \$22,464.26. Assessor Stephens will appear before the Board again in June to see if another County picked up remaining balance for Saguache County, or if remaining balance will be given back to County through the Bledsoe Plan, or if the County will submit payment plan for remaining balance with 6% interest through mill levies. Senator Crowder very supportive of giving expense balance back to Saguache County. Assessor Stephens will be working on the re-evaluations of Crestone Properties next week.
2. Presented the BoCC with the MOU Agreement with the Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management, and Saguache County for approval.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO APPROVE ENTERING INTO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT SAN LUIS VALLEY FIELD OFFICE AND SAGUACHE COUNTY GOVERNMENTAL AS A COOPERATING AGENCY

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON

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3. Review and discussion on the proposed changes and additions to the Solar Garden multi-year contract.
4. Jenny Nehring indicated funds for her County work are about out. BLM and Parks & Recreation looking at funding. There were 10 birds transplanted to the Poncha Pass area.
5. Discussion on the four areas of comments for the Gunnison Sage Grouse, still working on draft:
 - Critical Habitat Designation the County is in support of no-action.
 - Proposed Listing as Endangered Species, the County is in support of not-warranted for listing.
 - Environmental Assessment and Economic AnalysisGunnison County will be submitting comments on behalf of the County Coalition for the Gunnison Sage Grouse.
6. No word back from the Secretary of States' Office on the status of Bonanza

XII. SHERIFF'S REPORT – MIKE NORRIS

1. Commissioners signed titles to wrecked vehicles.
2. Attended District Court meeting on pre-sentence release. Plus for Counties who pay other jails to house inmates. Would like all Counties to sign on but there is not a formula to decide what County

pays per inmate. As of now Saguache County would not save sufficient funds, would be beneficial on individual bases. Sheriff Norris keeping option open. Discussion with Attorney Gibbons.

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XIII. ROAD & BRIDGE SUPERVISOR – RANDAL ARREDONDO

1. State approvals were obtained; Landfill reopening will be Thursday October 17 at noon.
2. Met with Dana Hartshore with the Airport Development Group about fuel and fuel system. Lighting system is fixed and running. \$120,000.00 grant application will be turned in next week.
3. Working on County Road 10XX on the Gold Basin side. Installed 3 culverts, put gravel at the gates, filling potholes, and will install cattle guard in spring.
4. Request from Keyes to have County Road 61 switched to a County maintained road, BoCC approved.
5. Discussion on the amount of money the County wants to invest in coyote control, fund managed by Road & Bridge Department. County usually does \$500.00/per year when there is a bounty, BoCC decided to stay at this amount starting December 1st.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO APPROVE THE COYOTE BOUNTY OF \$500.00 TOTAL, AT \$5.00 PER PAIR OF EARS

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

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MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO CONVENE AS SAGUACHE COUNTY BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES AT 1:41 P.M.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

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XIV. DIRECTOR SOCIAL SERVICES- JEANNIE NORRIS

1. There were 38 TANF cases during the month of September, which represents an increase of 5 cases. Food assistance cases increased again by 12 cases, to a total of 694. There continued to be 20 aid-to-the-needy-disabled cases, and 98 old-age-pension cases.
2. The Child and Adult Protection Unit had 12 referrals during September, 8 of which were accepted for investigation. There are 4 dependency and neglect cases, 5 children in placement and 27 open child protection cases. The Unit continues to have 5 open adult protection cases.
3. The Emergency Food Bank served 50 persons during the month of September. TEFAP commodities will be distributed in Crestone on October 16. There were supplemental distributions on both Saguache and Center on September 19, serving 49 households in Saguache, and 74 households in Center. Crestone receives supplemental distributions of food as well delivered to the Town Hall for those residents. CSFP Senior commodities will be distributed to Saguache and Moffat-Crestone on October 18 and to Center on October 24. TEFAP commodities will be distributed in November to all communities.

4. We have passed the conveyance inspections for the lifts in both the Courthouse and Social Services building as required by the Department of Labor. The lifts must be inspected annually, and we will now be included in advance scheduling in order to share travel costs with another agency.
5. DSS is anxiously monitoring the government shutdown situation. Programs have funding through November in order to continue client services. There is a high degree of uneasiness among DSS clients, and we hear reports of folks stocking extra food with their food assistance benefits. Phone calls have increased with questions about whether benefits will continue, and for how long.
6. Lorie Moores began work as the Clerk and front desk person for DSS today

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO ADJOURN AS SAGUACHE COUNTY BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES AT 1:53 P.M.
SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON
VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 **VOTES AGAINST: 0**
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MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON TO CONVENE AS SAGUACHE COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY AT 1:53 P.M.
SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON
VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 **VOTES AGAINST: 0**
MOTION CARRIED

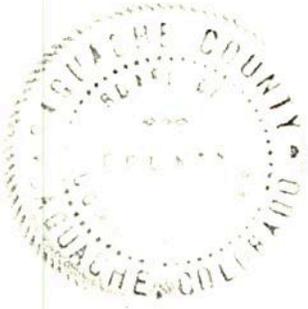
XV. HOUSING AUTHORITY – EVAN SAMORA

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON TO ADJOURN AS SAGUACHE COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY AT 2:05 P.M.
SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON
VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 **VOTES AGAINST: 0**
MOTION CARRIED

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XVI. SCSEED ECONONMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE – JULIE MACH

1. Finished Pocket Park in Saguache. Last piece of the Downtown Revitalization Project. Ribbon cutting will be Saturday October 19th.
2. ScSEED pancake breakfast fundraiser at the Crestone Music Festival, was successful and great turnout.
3. Sales Tax Grants awarded in spring will have report on those next month. Reprinted the Saguache County Historic Walk. Saguache Works Food Store Program and the Farmers Market that was held on Fridays throughout the summer months.
4. Working on additional updates on the Economic Development website. Re-trying outreach to local real estate agents. Discussion with BoCC on Saguache County websites updating. There is a SIPA grant available again.



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