

Saguache County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Tuesday, March 19, 2013 with the following present:

Linda Joseph, Chair  
Jason Anderson, Co-Vice Chair  
Ken Anderson, Co-Vice Chair  
Wendi Maez, Co-Administrator  
Ben Gibbons, County Attorney

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

**Ken Anderson moved to approve the agenda as amended. Jason Anderson seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

**Additions or Deletions to the Agenda:**

1. Add Gunnison Sage Grouse MOU to Attorney Gibbons time.

**Review of Mail and other correspondence:**

1. **Rio Grande Water Conservation District** sent a letter that the term for Board Member Kent Palmgren expires April 2013 and may be reappointed for another 3 year term. (3/11/13) BoCC will have the Rio Grande Water Conservation District advertise the position for 2 weeks then appoint at the May work session. Schedule for update at a future meeting.
2. **JoAnne Snyder** sent a letter asking for her son Steve Snyder of Norwood, CO to be appointed to the Gunnison Basin Roundtable. (3/14/13)
3. **Rio Grande Water Conservation District** sent the March 2013 Ground Water Table Measurements. (3/14/13)
4. **State of Colorado Public Health** sent the March 21, 2013 Notice of Meeting & Agenda Air Quality Control Commission in Denver, CO starting at 10:00a.m. (3/14/13)
5. **Kent Palmgren** sent a letter asking to be reappointed for the Rio Grande Water Conservation District Board. (3/18/13) BoCC will have the Rio Grande Water Conservation District advertise the position for 2 weeks then appoint at the May work session. Update at future meeting.

**Joseph moved to extend Kent Palmgren's appointment until an appointment is made. Ken Anderson seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

6. **Upper Gunnison River Conservancy District** sent the Board of Directors Meeting Agenda on Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013 starting at 5:30p.m. (3/18/13)
7. **David A. Warsh – Warsh Farms** – sent a letter requesting the Board consider reappointing Kent Palmgren to the Rio Grande Water Conservation District Board of Directors.
8. **Travis Smith, Superintendent San Luis Valley Irrigation District** – sent a letter requesting the Board consider reappointing Kent Palmgren to the Rio Grande Water Conservation District Board of Directors.

**Introduction of Guests:**

Jake Burris- Ellithorpe Farms  
Kent Palmgreen- RGWCD  
Matie Belle Lakish- Crestone Eagle  
Claver Gasseley- Boco  
Pete Petersen- Assessor's Office  
Eric Karlstrom- Prop. Owner  
Terrell Tucker- citizen

George Whitten- RGWCD  
Brendon Rockey- Rockey Farms  
Charlotte Bobicki- Sen. Bennet  
Curtis Belcher- Co. Division of Prop. Taxation  
Wooddora Eisenhower- Prop. Owner  
Don Geddes- citizen

**Public Comment:**

George Whitten gave an update on the Habitat Conservation Plan in the southern area of the San Luis Valley. The area has a lot of wild horses and a lot of cattle range. HCP would like to add habitat to this area but there is going to be a lot work that needs to be done with the USF&WS.

**Commissioners Report:****Linda Joseph** reported:

1. March 12, attended the joint work session of the Gunnison Commissioners and staff and Saguache County Commissioners in Gunnison. Discussed responses to the US Fish & Wildlife proposed listing of the Gunnison Sage Grouse as endangered, and designation of critical habitat.
2. March 13, attended the Office of Economic Development & Intl Trade (OEDIT), Road Show meeting in Alamosa.
3. March 18, attended the SLV Partnership Team meeting for the Robert Wood Johnson grant, in Alamosa.
4. Draft Eye on the County letter, to be finished for submission today.
5. Forwarded Tourism Council proposed recommendations for allocation categories for Tourism funds.
6. Working with Administration on April work session topics/scheduling; finalize today.

**Jason Anderson** reported:

1. 3/12 Meeting with Gunnison County Commissioners: Reviewed the status of the Gunnison Sage Grouse and impacts on communities. Established an agreement to work toward avoiding a federal classification and addressing the issue through local regulations.
2. 3/13 Colorado Economic Development presentation.
3. 3/14-15/2013 CCI Legislative meeting. This legislation session is extremely back-loaded with a large number of bills being held back as a result of the federal budget. As an example there are at least 12-15 bills waiting to be introduced concerning Gas and oil. That last month is going to be extremely busy.
  - HB-1041 Under a CORA request there will be no transmission fees to deliveries by electronic means, and require full payment before receiving documents, Signed by Governor
  - Amend 24-70-108 C.R.S. to allow the posting of documents and notices on a county's website. Bill Pl'd
  - HB13-1067- I a major party has no contested race on a primary election, the election official can declare that candidate the party nominee and cancel the election.
  - SB13-023-Raises the maximum that may be recovered by a single person suing a public entity, Support
  - HB13-1044-Authorized grey water use, Pl'd
  - HB13-1137-Allows Counties to mitigate weeds on lots larger than 2.5 acres. Signed by the Governor

-SB13-191-Allows eminent domain for gas and oil pipelines in the same manner as utility line, however  
A pipeline must comply with ALL LOCAL LAND USE REGULATIONS

-SB13-200-Expanded Medicaid eligibility. Creates a fund that will expand coverage to single adults  
And increase eligibility to families. There are questions around funding for administering  
The new imbursement, enrollment and caseload.

Other notes:

Fish and Wildlife has established a grant for 10.3 million for wildfire suppression.

Government entities are eligible including HOA's and POA's. Requires a 100% match,  
However federal dollars can be used for the match.

Sen. Gail Schwartz is introducing a bill that supports the production of industrial hemp that  
Would be administered by the dept. of agriculture. Should be approved in this legislation.

4. 3/17/13 Went to the Saguache Middle school Green chili contest, volunteered to be a judge.
5. 3/18/13 Office hours and attended the Democratic Vacancy Committee meeting. New  
Representatives appointed were, Milika Tarlo and Sophia Tiers.

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meeting in Alamosa.
3. March 13, attended the HCP Steering Committee meeting with Wendi Maez.
4. March 18, attended the SLVDRG meeting. SLVCAA has half of funding, hoping for rest in the  
other half of the year.
5. Hew Hallock will be doing a meeting on the Sub District. Oil and Gas drill rig is up and running in  
Rio Grande County.

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

1. Re-did future agendas to include work sessions.

**Jason Anderson moved to accept Ivan Toyer's bid to install the fire escape in the upstairs courtroom, under the terms and conditions and representations that have been submitted by Toyer as an independent contractor. Ken Anderson seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

2. "Eye on the County" was completed for this month and emailed to newspapers.

**Joseph made a motion to appoint Ken Anderson instead of Jason Anderson as the courthouse security grant representative.**

Break

**Wendi Maez** - Land Use Administrator:

1. Maez explained to the Board that the SCPC feels that the Land Development Code Article XX "Wildlife Regulation" are adequate and do not need to be updated at this time. The SCPC had requested that a

joint meeting be held to discuss their reasoning but the BoCC understands and doesn't feel the need for a joint meeting at this time. The Board feels that the Wildlife regulations need to be amended to include fowl in the regs and to update the definition of "wildlife".

2. Pundrika Foundation has requested a 500 sq. ft. addition to the existing support building. This will increase the support building size to 1000 sq. ft.

**Joseph moved to approve the addition of 500sq ft. Pundrika Foundations support building to make the size of the building a total of 1000 sq. ft.. Ken Anderson seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

3. Rigsley property in Villa Grove has installed outdoor lighting throughout the auction yard. The lights are not shielded or pointed downward. Mr. Rigsley is having a hard time finding shields for the lights installed. If the shields are not being manufactured anymore Maez will need to take the matter back to the SCPC for possible solutions for landowners to be in compliance with the lighting regulation.

**Ben Gibbons-** County Attorney:

1. Working with all of the Counties affected with the Gunnison Sage Grouse possible listing to create a MOU with all the Counties affected with the Gunnison Sage Grouse to sign. The Board authorized Commissioner Joseph to sign when the MOU is complete.

**Ken Anderson moved to authorize the setting of the closing date for Leach Airport within the next few weeks. Jason Anderson seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

**Mike Norris-** Sheriff report:

1. Sheriff Norris requested only having one entrance to the courthouse. The BoCC requested that Sheriff Norris meet with all department heads to advise them of the changes before the Board makes a decision on the request.

Jail Tour

Lunch

**Randy Arredondo-** Road and Bridge Supervisor report:

1. Soil Analysis for Leach Airport has been received and everything checks out and appears to be clean.
2. Road & Bridge tour will be April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Ken Anderson moved to convene as Saguache County Social Services Board at 1:30 P.M. Jason Anderson seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

**Jeannie Norris-** Social Services Director:

1. There were 28 TANF cases during February, which is a decrease of 1 case. Food assistance dropped slightly to 677. There were 19 aid-to-the-needy-disabled cases, and old-age pension cases dropped from 93 to 89.
2. The Child and Adult Protection Unit had 9 referrals, 2 of which were accepted for investigation. There are currently 4 ongoing dependency and neglect cases, 4 children in placement, and 41 open child protection cases. Adult protection has 4 ongoing cases.

3. Saguache County has disbursed \$234,798.16 to 492 households via the LEAP program. The season is winding down at this point, and will conclude in May. The weatherization program in the San Luis Valley will consolidate with Colorado Springs Energy Resource Center for the coming year.
4. CSFP senior commodities distributed 131 boxes of food to clients in Saguache, Center, and Moffat/Crestone. The Department is working to develop viable solutions to audit issues raised by the State in order to respond within the 45 day deadline. Greater segregation of food products by program is one of the largest issues, as well as available space for storage.
5. The Policy Action Committee meeting in Denver included a great deal of discussion regarding potential funding reductions as a result of sequestration. Directors had the opportunity to meet with Reggie Bicha to discuss implementation of a State Hotline call system for child welfare referrals. Child welfare funding issues are being examined, and there will be a meeting in Salida on March 28 for Balance-of-State Counties to discuss the child welfare allocation formula. We are urged to attend, and invited to bring Commissioners.
6. Social Services continues to be involved with Saguache County Prevention Partners, and are currently providing curriculum for the school systems to teach life skills and healthy decisions. The prom and graduation seasons provide an opportunity to support students with good, healthy opportunities. Statistics show great improvement in Crestone, and increased awareness both in student and parent population throughout the County. Recent survey data show prescription drug abuse is an increasing issue, and participation in the Colorado State Patrol "drug take-back" is encouraged. There will be another opportunity in April to safely dispose of unneeded prescription medication.
7. Saguache County DSS will be cooperating with the S.B. 94 initiative to collaboratively serve youth with multi-system involvement. We will be notified of youth who have been arrested, sentenced, or contacted in any way who either are or might be involved with our agency. Early involvement with youth and families before there is an open child welfare case has the goal of preventing placement later on.
8. Judicial Cross-Systems Team met March 11 in Alamosa. The quarterly meeting provides an opportunity to set goals and meet together with judges, guardians ad litem, attorneys, mental health counselors and social services. It has proven to be immensely valuable to all involved in terms of how better to jointly serve our clients.

**Ken Anderson moved to adjourn as Saguache County Social Services Board at 2:00 P.M. Jason Anderson seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

**Ken Anderson moved to convene as the Housing Authority Board at 2:05 P.M. Jason Anderson seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

Evan Samora-Housing Director monthly report:

**Ken Anderson moved to return to regular session at 2:20 P.M. Jason Anderson seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

Break

**Jackie Stephens- County Assessor:**

1. As of Thursday March 14<sup>th</sup>, 3782 properties have been inspected, 5000 remaining inspections to be done. There have been 48 omitted properties processed and 74 properties that need processed. Should be done by May 1<sup>st</sup> per the State
2. Stephens explained the protest process to the BoCC.

**Eric Karlstom-Tranquil Way bypass:**

1. Mr. Karlstom gave the BoCC a hand book with information concerning the Tranquil Way bypass road. The BoCC will be doing more research before making a decision.

**Jason Anderson moved to adjourn at 4:22 P. M. Ken Anderson seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

Bill Paying

Adjourn

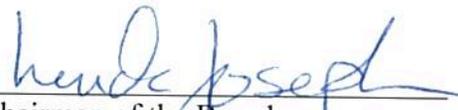
Respectfully Submitted,

Wendi Maez Acting Secretary to the Board of County Commissioners

Minutes Approved April 2, 2013



Attest

  
Chairman of the Board

  
Commissioner

  
Commissioner