

**SAGUACHE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**REGULAR SESSION MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2015**

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair, Ken Anderson, at 9:26 A.M., with the following members present:

Ken Anderson, Commissioner, Board Chair  
Jason Anderson, Commissioner, Vice Chair  
Tim Lovato, Commissioner  
Wendi Maez, County Co-Administrator  
Lyn Lambert, County Co-Administrator  
Ben Gibbons, County Attorney  
Carla Gomez, Clerk to the Board

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda:

1. Add Executive Session during Attorney, Ben Gibbons, time.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON TO “APPROVE” THE AGENDA AS AMENDED.**

**SECOND BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO**

**VOTES IN FAVOR: 3**

**VOTES AGAINST: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Reading and Approval of Minutes:

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON TO “POSTPONE” READING AND APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 3, 2015, MINUTES TO DECEMBER 15, 2015, MEETING.**

**SECOND BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO**

**VOTES IN FAVOR: 3**

**VOTES AGAINST: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Review of Mail and Other Correspondence:

1. **The San Luis Valley 4-H** sent the December newsletter. (11/30/15)
2. **The State Board of Equalization** sent a public service announcement for a hearing on December 1, 2015. (11/20/15 emailed to BOCC)

3. **My Public Lands** (The Bureau of Land Management) sent their Colors of Fall Magazine. (11/19/2015)
4. **The Saguache Ranger District** sent a letter to the Interested Public regarding proposing to salvage up to 1,101 acres of dead and dying Engelmann spruce trees near Sargents Mesa. (11/19/2015)
5. **The Crestone End of Life Project Board of Directors and Volunteers** sent a letter and a card to extend appreciation for your selection for them to receive a Sales Tax Grant. (11/20/2015)
6. **Michael Horan** sent an e-mail stating that he feels the county should require a drug screen test and work for food stamp recipients for the \$2.4 million we are giving them. He says they can clean up campgrounds and along roads, etc. (11/22/15)
7. **Johnnie Ruth** sent an e-mail requesting that the county clear snow from their road. (11/20/15)
8. **Tu Casa** sent an email regarding support Tu Casa on Colorado Gives Day, December 8, 2015. They are asking for a one-time or monthly reoccurring donation to Tu Casa, Inc. (12/2/15)
9. **Colorado Open Lands** sent a Happy Thanksgiving and Thank you card. (11/30/15)
10. **La Puente** sent the Voice of La Puente Winter 2015 pamphlet. (12/3/15)
11. **SeSEED** sent their report for the \$2,000.00 grant that was awarded for production and marketing of the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Crestone Energy Fair. (12/2/15)
12. **The Saguache County Museum**, Lynn Sutherland Co-Chairman, sent a letter for their success story and a request for \$5,000 support from the County. (12/2/15)
13. **The Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District** sent their agenda for the regular Board meeting on Thursday, December 10, 2015. (12/3/15)

Introduction of Guests:

Lisa Cyriacks, Crestone Eagle, Citizen  
 Teresa Benns, Center Post-Dispatch  
 Sandia Belgrade, Crestone Eagle  
 R. Garcia, USFWS

R. Garnett, Citizen  
 Kent Palmgren, RGWCD  
 Peggy Godfrey, RGWCD  
 Tristram Post, USFS

Public Comment Period:

L. Cyriacks inquired as to the selection of an auditor for the County; response from Administration was that an RFP had been sent out last year, with only one response - WSB.

L. Cyriacks also inquired as to the employees' health insurance budget item; the process regarding the Baca Grande Water & Sanitation District mill levy increase; and the Sheriff's budget.

The response from Administration was that mill levies have to be certified by December 15, and that options for other budget increase requests have to be considered.

Commissioner's Reports:

Jason Anderson — Commissioners Report 11/18 – 12/8, 2015:

11/18 Contacted by Matthew O'Donnell with the USGS concerning re-naming a peak in Saguache County.

11/19 Met with State Senator Larry Crowder, discussed State funding for law enforcement.

11/19 Spoke with Devon Rhodes from the Division of Public Safety concerning marijuana trafficking across state lines. He requested any statistics around the expanding marijuana cultivation sites.

- 11/20 Attended the community forum on Marijuana and Saguache County.
- 11/22 Attended the Crestone Community Thanksgiving Potluck.
- 11/23 Attended the community discussion on Law enforcement.
- 11/30-12/2 attended the CCI Winter Conference. Topics included Colorado Demographics, water discussions, budgetary shortfalls, legislation topics and road funding options.
- 12/3 Attended the County Public Hearing on the 2016 Budget.
- 12/3 Spoke with Dr. David Arnette concerning the medical clinic in Saguache.
- 12/4 Attended the SLVGO Quarterly Meeting. Topics included Successful Implementation of Valley-Wide Strategic Plan, funding opportunities, and recreation updates.
- 12/7 Attended the first meeting of the Valley-Wide UAS Advisory Board.
- 12/7 Attended the Valley-Wide Commissioners meeting. Topics included species designation, forest plans, and funding for the District Attorney.

Tim Lovato Commissioner's Report District III – December 8, 2015:

- November 19th – Attended the Public Forum on Marijuana at the Road and Bridge building. Approximately 40 attendees were present.
  - November 30th – Commissioner Jason Anderson and I drove up to Colorado Springs in the morning to attend the CCI Convention in Colorado Springs, in the afternoon I attended the session on Recreational Shooting Ranges on issues that the Front Range is having with public shooting on federal lands with adjacent homeowners.
  - December 1st – In the morning I attended the Insurance Pool meeting and the session on Colorado's Water Plan and the amount of water the front range will need on the projected 5 million people that will moving to Colorado in 25 years. The amount projected is 500,000 acre feet. That's approximately 11.47 square miles one foot deep, or equivalent to one-half of Blue Mesa Reservoir at its capacity. In the afternoon I attended the Southern District meeting of County Commissioners. After the session the three county commissioners worked on the preliminary budget for 2016.
  - December 2nd – In the morning I attended the Transportation Funding Session and of course the discussion was the lack of funding to keep the infra structures in good condition, thru out the state of Colorado. In the afternoon Commissioner Jason Anderson and I traveled back to Saguache.
  - December 3rd – Attended the Public Hearing on the proposed 2016 budget.
  - December 7th – I attended the San Luis Valley UAV meeting in the morning and then the San Luis Valley County Commissioners Meeting in the afternoon.
- Note: I would like to add to my county commissioner's report dated October 20th I omitted that on October 12, 2015 I showed Lisa Cyriacks from the Crestone area, the county road to be vacated in Baca Preserve and where it connects to the now abandoned airport on the Baca Preserve.

Ken Anderson Commissioner's Report December 8, 2015:

- Nov. 19 - Attended Public Forum on Marijuana at the Road & Bridge building
- Nov. 23 - Attended community forum on law enforcement.
- Nov. 30 - In Pueblo for CCI Winter Conference.
- Dec. 1-2 – CCI Winter Conference.
- Dec. 2 - Pueblo, Foundation meeting preparing for Pueblo County Land Use.
- Dec. 3 - County Budget Public Hearing, Road & Bridge building.
- Dec. 5 - Rio Grande County for meeting on Courthouse grant for the elevator.

4-H Awards Banquet  
Dec. 7 - Alamosa for UAV Advisory Board, Mike Spearman elected Vice-President.  
SLV BOCC.

Commissioner Anderson notes that in the discussion regarding water for the Front Range, that we are included in the Front Range.

**LAND USE ADMINISTRATOR – WENDI MAEZ:**

1. Marlin Z. Suader and Alma S. Suader – Conditional Use Request for a milking barn and indoor composted bedding packing area with a feeding and loafing area, located at SW1/4 42-7-14.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO TO “APPROVE” A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR MARLIN Z. SUADER AND ALMA S. SUADER, FOR A MILKING BARN AND INDOOR COMPOSTED BEDDING PACKING AREA WITH A FEEDING AND LOAFING AREA, LOCATED AT SW1/4, 42-7-14.**

**SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON**

**VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 VOTES AGAINST: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

2. Task Force for Marijuana issues: Ms. Maez reports of need to establish this body to make recommendations to the Planning Commission; needs to consist of 9 persons of mixed disciplines and the County Attorney.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO TO ESTABLISH A TASK FORCE FOR MARIJUANA ISSUES.**

**SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON**

**VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 VOTES AGAINST: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**CO-ADMINISTRATORS’ REPORT – WENDI MAEZ, LYN LAMBERT:**

1. Adoption of 2016 Saguache County Budget:

County Co-Administrator, Lyn Lambert, presented the 2016 Saguache County Budget for review, noting that “this is a balanced budget, it is within our means, with nothing taken from the reserves.”

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO TO “ADOPT” RESOLUTION NUMBER 2015-G-13, BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF SAGUACHE, STATE OF COLORADO, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016. TOTAL BUDGET: \$13,863, 233.**

**SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON**

**VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 VOTES AGAINST: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

2. Adoption of Saguache County 2016 Mill Levy:

County Co-Administrator, Lyn Lambert, presented the 2016 Fiscal Budget Mill Levy, with the following property tax appropriations:

1. 18.831 Mills for the General Fund
2. 3.200 Mills for Department of Social Services
3. .500 Mills for the Public Health Department
4. .248 Mills for Abatement Tax Levy

The total combined Mill Levy for these three funds will be 23.028 for Fiscal Year 2016.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON TO “ADOPT” RESOLUTION NUMBER 2015-G-14, 2016 FISCAL BUDGET MILL LEVY FOR THE COUNTY OF SAGUACHE, STATE OF COLORADO, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016. TOTAL COMBINED MILL LEVY FOR THE THREE FUNDS WILL BE 23.028 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016.**

**SECOND BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO**

**VOTES IN FAVOR: 3**

**VOTES AGAINST: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

3. November 2015 Veteran’s Report: Report attached herewith.

Report was presented to the Board for review and approval was given by the Board.

4. Courthouse Underfunded Grant Update:

Grant Presentation was made on Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. We should have response by December 31, 2015.

5. Calendar for December:

December 18<sup>th</sup> – Employees Christmas Dinner:

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON TO “CLOSE” THE COUNTY FACILITIES AT 12:00 NOON ON DECEMBER 18, 2015, IN HONOR OF THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES CHRISTMAS DINNER.**

**SECOND BY COMMISSIONERS LOVATO**

**VOTES IN FAVOR: 3**

**VOTES AGAINST: 0**

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6. Jackie Stephens present for Assessor Peterson regarding the Budget for 2015:

For Davis Engineering, need to prepay \$3,000 out of the 2015 Budget and from the surplus to pay \$19,460 for the Assessor system.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO TO ALLOW THE COUNTY ASSESSOR TO PREPAY THE TWO (2) VOUCHERS, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$22,700, OUT OF 2015 BUDGET FUNDS TO HELP OFFSET THE SHORTFALL FOR 2016.**

**SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON, NOTING THAT “THIS NOT BECOME A PATTERN”.**

**VOTES IN FAVOR: 3**

**VOTES AGAINST: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**BEN GIBBONS, COUNTY ATTORNEY:**

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR LEGAL COUNSEL, UNDER C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b) AT 11:40 A.M.**

**SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON**

**VOTES IN FAVOR: 3**

**VOTES AGAINST: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION AT 11:55 A.M.**

**SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON**

**VOTES IN FAVOR: 3**

**VOTES AGAINST: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**GUNNISON BASIN ROUND TABLE APPOINTMENT:**

Need to rerun the advertisement as no responses have been received.

**LUNCH**

**ROAD & BRIDGE AND LANDFILL REPORT - RANDAL ARREDONDO, SUPERVISOR:**

Mr. Arredondo reports that his County truck was broken into in Saguache, some oil and gas was taken, along with some other items including some of his personal belongings. Incident was reported to law enforcement, who had 3 other reports of break-ins during that time. Mr. Arredondo also reminded the Board of the Christmas Dinner on December 18, 2015.

1. Mike Spearman – Leach Airport:

- Attended a UAS seminar 2 weeks ago, the industry is excited about the SLV. Need to promote, plan and look at revenue possibilities.
- UAS Advisory meeting – Well attended, the mayor of Creede will participate. Needs to be CC or proxy.

- Possibilities with 5K run in Penitente.
- Redrilling of well, 30' to 80', need to complete the form. Commissioner Lovato suggested getting bids for the redrilling, and could use the 2K left over from the roof repair.
- Cement pad has been done, used Sales Tax Grant. Would like to do the roof.
- Have meeting with Chaffee County at Road & Bridge on Thursday at 10:00 A.M.
- Nothing yet on the survey for the airport in Saguache.

**SAGUACHE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH: REPORT ATTACHED.**

**PUBLIC LANDS MONTHLY DISCUSSION – TRISTAM POST, USFS:**

- Forest has been quiet; there is a timber sale in Sargents Mesa, the comment period ends on December 15, they have not received many comments.
- They are selling a lot of Christmas trees.
- News release concerning temporary outfitting permits are short.
- All campgrounds are now closed for the season.

**RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT UPDATE: PEGGY GODFREY & KENT PALMGREN:**

Ms. Godfrey and Mr. Palmgren presented their Yearly Report.

**ELECTED OFFICIAL'S SALARY DISCUSSION:**

County elected officials: Treasurer Connie Trujillo, Sheriff Dan Warwick, Assessor Peter Peterson, Clerk Carla Gomez, were present to discuss the issue of elected officials' salary increase recently passed by the Legislature, and the decision on this issue by the Saguache County BOCC. Counties can elect to raise these salaries up to 30% or to not raise these salaries, in 2016. After discussion as to where the funds would come from and the options counties have, it was decided to "Table" this discussion until the December 15<sup>th</sup> meeting for Commissioner Jason Anderson to check with CCI as to when a decision must be made and the timeline for such action.

**BILL PAYING**

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business:

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO TO ADJOURN AT 3:50 PM  
SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON**

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3  
MOTION CARRIED

VOTES AGAINST: 0

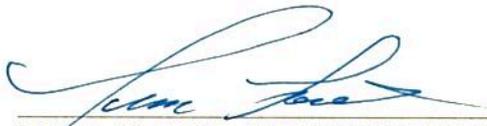
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

  
CARLA GOMEZ, CLERK & RECORDER

MINUTES APPROVED: January 5, 2016

  
JASON ANDERSON, COMMISSIONER  
BOARD CHAIR

  
KEN ANDERSON, COMMISSIONER

  
TIM LOVATO, COMMISSIONER

  
ATTEST  
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CLERK & RECORDER