

Saguache County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Tuesday, June 9, 2009 with the following present:

Linda Joseph, Chair  
Mike Spearman, Co-Vice Chairman  
Ben Gibbons, County Attorney  
Wendi Maez, Co-Administrator  
Lyn Zimmer, Co-Administrator  
Christian Samora, Acting Secretary and Clerk to the Board

Meeting called to order by Chair Joseph at 9:02 A.M.

Additions or Deletions to the Agenda.

1. Add executive session for personnel and legal business.

**Spearman moved to approve the agenda as amended. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was two Ayes.**

#### **Reading and approval of minutes**

**Spearman moved to approve the minutes as amended of June 2, 2009. Joseph seconded motion. The vote was two Ayes.**

#### **Review of Mail** and other correspondence:

1. Colorado Department of Local Affairs sent a letter regarding Pending Applications for Property Tax Exemption. (6/4/09)
2. Colorado Department of Local Affairs sent a letter for the restructured formulas for direct distribution of Severance Tax & Federal Mineral Lease (FML) revenues to cities and counties. (6/4/09)
3. United States Bankruptcy Court Southern District of Texas Corpus Christi Division sent a Chapter 11 Notice of hearing for ASARCO LLC. (6/4/09)
4. CCI, Colorado Counties, Inc sent a 2010 Legislative Issue Form. If you have any items to discussion at the CCI Summer Meeting please complete and return to CCI by Friday July 3, 2009. (6/4/09)
5. State of Colorado Department of Transportation sent a letter to Town of Moffat Trustees regarding Town of Moffat Speed Limit Signs. (6/8/09)
6. Early Childhood Council of the San Luis Valley sent their June 09 Newsletter. (6/8/09)
7. State of Colorado Public Health sent their Notice of Meeting & Agenda Air Quality Control Commission on June 18, 09 in Denver, Co starting at 9am. (6/8/09)
8. State of Colorado sent a Docket in reference to the Public Utilities Commission of the State of Colorado. Order opening a misc. docket & setting a workshop. (6/8/09)
9. Upper Arkansas Water Conservancy District sent the Tentative Agenda in Salida on June 11, 2009 at 1pm. (6/8/09)

**Introduction of Guests:** Sandia Belgrade – Crestone Eagle; Joyce and Larry Peden.

### **Commissioner Reports**

**Sam Pace** – Attending the CCI Summer Conference, representing Saguache County.

**Mike Spearman** reported:

- Will attend the SLV Water Board meeting on Thursday June 11, 2009.

**Linda Joseph** reported:

- Continued work on RAC recruitment, with local contacts doing outreach to possible Ute candidates.
- Did outreach to the SLV RETAC list soliciting input for the upcoming SEMTAC Public Policy & Finance Committee meeting to develop the program for an estimated \$3.5 million that will need to be expended in statewide grants in 2010, adding a grant cycle and the potential to fund new categories of EMS needs.
- Connected with the Museum to inquire about inventory, and forwarded their response to the Board list.
- Corresponded with Cathy Garcia, Action 22 re: CSU-Pueblo Center for Leadership and Community Development plans for a Visioning Session of the Southern Colorado Collaborative on Access to Health for the San Luis Valley. Joseph would like to attend.
- Began review of Sales Tax Grant applications.

**Joseph moved to enter into Executive Session at 9:53 A. M. for legal purposes under CRS 24-6-402(4)(f)(i). Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was two Ayes.**

**Spearman moved to return to regular session at 10:15 A. M. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was two Ayes.**

**Lynn Zimmer and Wendi Maez** – Co-administrator report:

- Annual Leave status for department heads has been emailed to each of you for your review by April Quintana. This has been done so that you are advised that come year end if leave is not taken they will lose there leave time.

**Spearman moved to Transfer of funds from General Fund to Library fund. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was two Ayes.**

- Transfer of funds from General Fund to Library fund needs your approval.
- Elected officials and department heads met on June 3, 2009, only seven were in attendance because of conflicting meetings. One item of concern which the group felt needed addressed is the closure of county buildings in severe weather. They have recommended that Co Administrators along with elected officials (Assessor, Clerk, Treasurer and Sheriff) be able to consult and make the determination for closure. Co-Administrators will create a policy for Board to review.

**Joseph moved to appoint Twyla Walker to be a member on the Saguache County Tourism Council. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was two Ayes.**

- Appointment to tourism council
- Report from Tom Blunt, Veteran's officer was signed.
- Contract with Daniel Johnson was signed by Chair Joseph; Mr. Johnson has already signed the contract.

**Spearman moved to write Vendola a letter for clarification of the details on their bid. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was two Ayes.**

**Spearman moved to approve Bales Electric \$1974 bid for the electrical work required. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was two Ayes.**

- Review bids for air conditioner work in the Assessor and Treasurer's office

### **Break**

**Spearman moved to approve the Conditional Use Permit request for Joyce & Larry Peden for an accessory dwelling on their land NW1/4NW1/4 33-46-10 as presented and recommended by the SCPC. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was two Ayes.**

- Joyce and Larry Peden - NW1/4NW1/4 33-46-10 - Conditional Use request for an accessory dwelling. This request is for an accessory dwelling that will be used by their son. The dwelling will be about 300 square foot and will be located about 120 feet from the main residence. There will be no plumbing installed at this time as food prep and sanitary needs will be handled at the main residence. The SCPC reviewed this request and recommended approval with a unanimous vote at their May 28, 2009 meeting.
- Maez has received a check in the amount of \$33,000 from the Lazy KV Estates Homeowners Association. If the board agrees to accept the check Maez will have staff complete the deed to be signed during this meeting.
- Attended Town of Crestone Planning Commission meeting to discuss the Town of Crestone and Saguache County IGA; all agreed everything is going well.

### **Ben Gibbons – Attorney report:**

- Attended Colorado Counties Attorney's Association Conference in Vail, Colorado.
- May need to modify policies regarding the Americans with Disabilities Act
- Will need to adopt new amendment to the "Model Traffic Code" in regard to new fees.

Adjourned for Lunch at 11:48 A.M.

Resumed meeting at 1:00 P. M.

### **Jeannie Norris - Social Services Director report:**

- There were nine active TANF cases during April, with ten child-only cases. Food assistance cases rose again, from 400 cases during March, to 407 for the month of April.

There were 28 aid-to-the-needy-disabled cases and 109 old age pension recipients. The CHEERS training center had six TANF clients, and two adult basic education students. Colorado has received declining reviews as a State, and much publicity has addressed the backlog of food assistance applications. Saguache County has received yet another perfect zero error report which addresses timeliness as well as accuracy. We are proud of this review, as the position of food assistance technician has been in transition. Eileen Wilfong is now filling the position, and will be working in the Center and Saguache offices.

- LEAP season has come to a close, with the Department having served 577 homes with assistance for a total of \$335,236.75 during 2009. Hew Hallock, Governor's Task Force Representative, informed the SLV Directors that eligibility criteria for the weatherization program has increased to 200 percent of poverty, and the ceiling for maximum benefits have been raised from \$2500 to \$6500 per household.
- The Child Protection Unit received eight referrals during April, and all of them were accepted for investigation. There are currently twelve children in placement; eight dependency and neglect court cases in progress, and 156 children in open cases. The Director and two caseworkers attended an excellent Child Welfare Summit Conference last week in Keystone. Of particular interest was a session dealing with the Indian Child Welfare Act which provided much needed information and resources for an increasing issue in our caseload.
- Judicial Teams are now in place for all districts in the State of Colorado. Our team from the 12<sup>th</sup> Judicial District met on Tuesday during the Summit Conference and outlined goals and a five-part plan for the coming year. Quarterly meetings will continue, and the team will make the Judicial District Plan available to all agencies to be reviewed and discussed at the next quarterly meeting.
- The Child Care program is receiving an additional allocation of \$5,169 based on the number of new cases in Saguache County. We intend to continue expansion of our child care program to assure quality day care for working families.

**Spearman moved to approve \$5,000 in tickets purchase for the initial startup of the Transit Authority bus route and \$2,000 per month of TANF support when the route is running and includes Saguache County. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was two Ayes.**

- The SLV Directors met on Monday, June 8, with the primary point of discussion being the transportation issue. Costilla County requests that counties increase their TANF contributions in order to be able to fully draw down the CDOT grant funding. The Directors have expressed the need to have a firm start date and services before contributing further TANF funds. Dan Daly from the State has issued a written opinion stating that startups are not a proper use of TANF dollars. There is a Public Utilities Commission complaint against Alamosa Bus Company dba "The Loop", in which three companies allege overlap against their areas of service as well as improper activities by The Loop; specifically lack of insurance. The Directors spoke with the PUC, and were told that Alamosa Bus Co. has provided proof of insurance, and that the portion of the company applying to do business as "The Loop" was lacking insurance. Costilla County advanced funds making insurance coverage possible.

- Insurance adjusters have ruled that roof damage and dry rot to the front of the Annex building is due to age, and therefore not eligible for insurance benefits. We would request repair to at least the flat portion of the roof covering the former boiler room, as well as replacement of the beams beneath the building on the front side so that it may be leveled. Zimmer has confirmed that DOLA can help with this project and forwarded Jeannie Norris the communications.
- Meth Lab Awareness Training is scheduled for Monday, June 15, at the Moffat School Gym from 8:30 to approximately 4:30. Lunch and snacks will be provided.

Work Session, BOCC goals

Work Session - Sales Tax Grant discussion

**Joseph moved to adjourn at 2:23 P.M. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was two Ayes.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Melinda Myers Secretary to the Board of County Commissioners

Minutes Approved June 16, 2009

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Chairman of the Board

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