

Saguache County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Tuesday, June 16, 2009 with the following present:

Linda Joseph, Chair  
Mike Spearman, Co-Vice Chairman  
Sam Pace, Co-Vice Chairman  
Ben Gibbons, County Attorney  
Wendi Maez, Co-Administrator  
Lyn Zimmer, Co-Administrator  
Melinda Myers, Secretary and Clerk to the Board

Meeting called to order by Chair Joseph at 9:01 A.M.

**Additions or Deletions to the Agenda.**

1. Add Executive session to Public Health.
2. Delete 4-H Kids – will reschedule.

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

**Reading and approval of minutes tabled to July 7, 2009 meeting.**

**Review of Mail** and other correspondence:

1. **The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment** sent the May 20, 2009 Agenda. (5/12/09)
2. **The Colorado Water Workshop** sent a flyer for the July 22<sup>nd</sup> to July 24<sup>th</sup> workshop to be held at Western State College of Colorado. Registration deadline is 5:00 on July 13, 2009.
3. **David Neslin**, State of Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission Director, sent an acknowledgement of receipt of the May 19, 2009 letter sent by the Board in support of the request of SLVCA and WCC for a procedure for the public to initiate a hearing before the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission.

**Pace moved to approve the substitution, by the SLV Fair Board, of sawhorses and other lumber to build displays for the rabbit/poultry cages instead of the computer originally requested. Spearman seconded motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

4. **The SLV Fair Board** sent a letter updating the Board of County Commissioners on the Conservation Trust Funds that were received. The SLV Fair Board purchased the cages and has received a generous donation of a desk top computer. The Board has requested permission to use the funds that were to purchase a computer to instead purchase materials to build new sawhorses and other lumber used to display the rabbit/poultry cages. (6/9/09) The Board approved this request.
5. **Dan Dallas**, Manager for San Luis Valley Public Lands Center sent information in regards to Dallas's decision to implement a designated network of roads and trails and revise certain travel management regulations as part of the San Luis Resource Area Travel Management Plan. (6/9/09)

6. **The Colorado Department of Revenue** sent notice of State of Colorado Sales Tax Service Fee Changes. (6/10/09) There will be little impact on Saguache County.
7. **The Colorado State Forest Service** sent a copy of the 2008 Report on The Health of Colorado's Forests and the Executive Summary. The report focuses on the high-country forests and the insects and diseases that threaten them. (6/12/09)
8. **Friends of the San Luis Valley National Wildlife Refuges** sent "The Avocet" Volume #12 for June 2009. (6/12/09)
9. **Colorado State University** sent the fees of operating supplies for the Extension Program to cover the period of July 1-December 31, 2009. (6/15/09)
10. **Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District** sent the Agenda's Annual Meeting on June 22, 09 at 234 North Main St., Suite C Gunnison starting at 6:30 pm. (6/15/09)

**Introduction of Guests:** Marge Hoglin – Friends of the Library;

### **Commissioners Reports**

**Linda Joseph** reported:

- June 9 - Attended the Annual SLV Rural Electric Co-op meeting in Monte Vista with Commissioner Spearman.
- June 12 - Attended BOCC work session to review grant applications.
- June 12 - Attended the Blue Waters Housing memorial BBQ.
- June 14 - Attended the ceremony to dedicate the Veterans Memorial monument in the Villa Grove cemetery.
- June 15 - Attended the Meth Safety workshop, hosted by the Saguache County Dept. of Social Services.

**Sam Pace** reported:

- June 4 - South Central Seniors Policy Board meeting to approve budget and look at RFP's for services
- June 8,9,10 - CCI summer conference in Vail: Southern District meeting, Counties in Crises forum, Billy Ritter session, Forest health session, stimulus bill opportunity session, all the accompanying meals and gatherings and A session on Regional approaches in Local Public Health Agencies which was very informative. Both RLPHA's served as few as 2 or 3 and as many as 5 to 11 counties in various programs.
- June 12 - Work session on sales tax grants
- Also much back and forth on possible credit union bill and PHA stuff

**Mike Spearman** reported:

- June 9 - Attended the Annual SLV Rural Electric Co-op meeting in Monte Vista with Commissioner Joseph.
- June 12 - Attended to BOCC work session to review grant applications.

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

- Jason Anderson, county trainee for energy audits is willing to audit several county buildings in order to get his practice training hours.
- Zimmer has received several calls from Sargents resident Jim Kint regarding his request for work to be done on the roads. Road & Bridge Supervisor will follow up.

**Pace moved to approve the transferring of the funds allocated for grant writing to the designated departments to administer. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

- Grant Writer release of funds procedure was proposed by Chair Joseph, following consultation with Co-Administrator Zimmer. The Board approved the process to release funds to Depts. in need of fundraising support. Dept. Heads will administer funds and supervise grant writer activities.
- Zimmer and Maez attended the SLV BOCC and SLV County Administrators and Managers meeting Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Revised MTC Model Traffic Code amendment surcharge under attorney time.

**Spearman moved to appoint Susan Soltysik to the Tourism Council. Pace seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

- Tourism appointment of Susan Soltysik.
- Chart of accounts for tourism were given to Melinda Myers on June 10, 2009 along with a Thank You for handling the tourism info for the county.

**Pace moved to approve the transfer of \$10,000 from the General Fund to the Library Fund. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

- Resolution for the Library to transfer funds from General Fund to the Library fund in the amount of \$10,000 is being requested. We transferred \$22,000 last week, but the Center Consolidated School contract is \$25,000 and additional funding is required to cover all of the costs.
- Sales Tax Grant final decisions discussion and reminder to create a procedure for the repeat award recipients of the sales tax grant.

Break

**Wendi Maez** – Land Use Administrator report:

**Pace moved to approve the Solar Facility Regulations as guidelines. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

- Solar Facility Guideline completion. Board approved the Guidelines as amended for implementation in Conditional Use and 1041 regulation applications for Solar facilities.
- Development and standardization of Procedure for Complaints regarding Conditional Use Permits was discussed.

**Ben Gibbons** – Attorney report:

**Pace moved to approve the Saguache County Tourism Bylaws as amended. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

- Gibbons reviewed the Tourism Council By-laws which have been approved by the Council and they are ready for the Board to approve or amend.
- Revision of Model Traffic Code was discussed.

**Mike Norris** - Sheriff

Jail Tour

Adjourned for Lunch at 12:00 P. M

Resumed meeting at 1:00 P. M.

**Randal Arredondo** – Supervisor Road & Bridge and Land fill report

- Finishing up the projects in Center. Will be paving next in the Baca and also chip sealing in Moffat.
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**Donna Newsom** - Nursing Director

**Pace moved to convene as Saguache County Board of Health at 1:30 P.M. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

- The Saguache County BOH acted to appoint Donna Newsom Public Health Director, and, Dr. Bill Brinton as Medical Officer for the Saguache County Public Health Agency.

**Spearman moved to adjourn the Saguache County Board of Health and return to regular meeting at 2:30 P.M. Pace seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

**Penny Bruce** - Library Administrator:

Programs

- The Library has now hosted two sessions of our Summer Reading Program “Get Creativ@Your Library” and attendance has been close to our record-setting years (2001 and 2002). Twenty children attended the first week and 24 showed up last week, with about half of the children being preschoolers whose parents/caregivers also attended. As a part of our collaboration with the Saguache Community Garden, Leigh Mills, the director of the Garden project, meets us at the Library after the program and walks with us to neighborhood gardens, where the kids can “tend” to little garden chores, watch the progress of the plants, and listen to some stories and poems about gardens. This has been well attended, too, as most of the kids in the Library program have chosen to stay and participate.
- Computer classes have continued sporadically, every other week or so. This morning the team of teachers from Adams State Library set us up for a teleconference next week where we’ll be brainstorming with them and other librarians from our area about our specific technology needs and the best way to meet them with grant funding.

- TeenReads book club has not convened yet this summer, due to many of the participants having jobs with the Conservation Corps project, but next week when that's over we hope to discuss either "Twilight" and its sequels or the teen science fiction series, "Uglies".
- The RSVP volunteer program has been energized and we've set up a meeting with representatives from Social Services, County Nursing Department, four local churches and the Town of Saguache to help coordinate our efforts to meet the needs of our senior population. Meanwhile, more people continue to sign-up and offer their services (13 in all) and we've made personal contact with each of them to thank them, invite them to the meeting and keep them apprised of our progress. Members of the Friends of the Library have created a list of basic equipment the volunteers might need, compared prices, and are ready to purchase the basic tools we'll have for volunteers to share.

#### Fund Raising

- We're still waiting to hear from El Pomar about our two Requests for Consideration and we should be hearing from the Coors Foundation about our grant application sometime in July. Sorry to say, the Quick Foundation turned down our proposal to them.
- The grant writers committee met and had a productive organizational discussion. We're now sharing resources and passing along grant opportunities through list serve, focusing on the up-coming round of government grants, specifically the LSTA state funds and the e-rate program.
- The Friends of the Library came through for us again by raising \$6 more than the maximum matching funds required for our Libri grant. Bruce has sent the money and our list of chosen books to the Foundation, and \$1,400 worth of new books for children and young adults will be arriving in July. The Friends also had a table at the first Town Flea Market, netting \$125 from selling baked goods and used books. For the Flea Market in July, Friends' member Skye Tallbear and her husband have offered to supply his award-winning chili to sell at our booth, which sounds like a great money-maker.

#### Other News

- Volunteers from the Friends and Library staff have completed our Service Plan for the formation of a Library District, including district boundaries, estimated revenue and a proposed budget, which Bruce emailed to the Commissioners, Administration officials and the County Attorney. At this time we would like to formally submit it for your approval or rejection, which will enable us to go forward with the next step in the process, a public hearing, which we would like to schedule as soon as feasible.
- Bruce attended the meeting of Department Heads on June 3 and will continue to meet with Lyn Zimmer, in order to be fully prepared for our budget presentation next month.

**Chella Coleman** - Housing Director:

**Pace moved to convene as the Housing Board at 2:55 P.M. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

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**Joseph moved to adjourn the Housing Board and return to regular meeting at 3:24 P.M. Pace seconded. The vote was three Ayes.**

**Sales Tax Grant decisions:**

**Pace moved to award Sales Tax Grants for Youth and Seniors projects as follows: Saguache Recreation Board - \$2,400, Saguache County Public Library – \$7,000, Crestone Performances Inc. - \$2,000, Crestone Children’s Co – Operative - \$1,800, Crestone Youth Plaza - \$5,000, Mountain Valley School - \$6,000, Center Conservation District - \$6,500, Saguache County Public Health – \$5,000, Saguache County Community Council – \$9,300, Center Consolidation Schools - \$6,900, and Kit Carson Rod & Gun Club - \$2,000. Total - \$53,900. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

**Pace moved to award Sales Tax Grants for Renewable Technologies/ Business & Job Creation as follows: ScSEED - \$2,500, Town of Saguache - \$10,000, Saguache County Commissioners (energy auditing equipment) – \$5,000, ScSEED - \$4,000, ScSEED – \$3,000, Living Arts Systems - \$6,131, Saguache County Community Council - \$8,675, and Saguache County Business Association - \$4,000. Total - \$43,306. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

**Pace moved to award Sales Tax Grants for Emergency/ Health & Safety as follows: Saguache County Jail - \$8,849, Center Fire Protection District - \$4,000, Neighbors Helping Neighbors - \$3,000, Saguache County Public Health - \$2,500, Lazy KV Estates Homeowners Association - \$8,000, and Town of Moffat - \$10,000. Total – \$36,349. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

**Melinda Myers – Clerk:**

**Pace moved to approve the Special Event Liquor License for the Crestone Music Festival. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

- Crestone Music Festival Liquor License request.

Bill Paying

**Pace moved to adjourn at 4:25 P.M. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Melinda Myers Secretary to the Board of County Commissioners

Minutes Approved July 7, 2009

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Chairman of the Board

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