

Saguache County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Tuesday, July 14, 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
Renee Hazard, Acting Secretary

Meeting called to order by Chair Joseph at 9:00 A.M.

Additions or Deletions to the Agenda.

1. Liquor licenses for Villa Grove and Caddy Shack moved to Admin report
2. Executive session during Attorney report.

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

Reading and approval of minutes of June 9 and 16, 2009.

Spearman moved to approve the minutes of June 9, 2009 as amended. Joseph seconded motion. The vote was two Ayes. Pace abstained.

Pace moved to approve the minutes of June 16, 2009. Spearman seconded motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Review of Mail and other correspondence:

1. Rio Grande Water Conservation District sent a reminder for the next regular Board of Director's Meeting on July 21, 2009 at 10900 Hwy 160 East in Alamosa, Co starting at 10am. (6/22/09)
2. Rio Grande Water Conservation District sent the June 2009 Ground Water Table Measurements. (6/22/09)
3. Mark & Judy Akerley sent an attached letter regarding their property located at 16390 CR 55 Saguache. (6/22/09)
4. Colorado LTAP sent a summer issue newsletter on SonoBlaster Work Zone Intrusion Alarms. (6/22/09)
5. Upper Arkansas Water Conservancy District sent their Record of Proceeding on the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors on May 14, 2009. (6/30/09)
6. Brown & Caldwell sent a letter in regards to Baca Grande Water & Sanitation District Water System Improvements. (7/1/09) Pace signed off on this notification and had the District send a copy for our records.
7. The Wildfire Protection Agencies sent the Annual Fire Operating Plan for 2009. (7/1/09)
8. Crestone Performance, Inc. sent a thank you letter for the grant received to the BOCC for the Youth & Senior Community Performances Program. (7/2/09)

Pace moved to approve a letter being sent in support of the change in the original grant request. Spearman seconded. Motion passed with three ayes

9. Monte Vista Coop sent a letter in regards to Rural Enterprise Business Grant for a Potato Silage Business. (7/1/09)
10. Rio Grande Water Conservation District sent the Agenda for the Board of Directors Meeting on July 21, 2009 at 10am. (7/2/09)
11. U.S. Forest Service/Rio Grande National Forest National Park Service/Great Sand Dunes National Park Preserve are having a meeting on July 7, 2009 from 4-7pm at the White Eagle Conference Center 67485 County Rd T, Crestone, CO. Also on July 13, 2009 from 4-7pm at the Alamosa County Administration Building Room 108-B 8900 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO. (7/2/09)
12. State of Colorado Department of Local Affairs sent a letter with the July 2009 State Assessed Notice of Valuation. If anyone disagrees with the Valuation you need to file a protest, by writing to Property Tax Administrator 1313 Sherman St. Suite 419, Denver, CO 80203. (7/6/09)
13. Daniel S. Johnson sent his best wishes to Mike Spearman for a quick recovery and also his June 2009 Report for the Saguache County Fire Mitigation Program. (7/6/09)
14. Rolf Dercum, a Saguache County property owner has a concern with a mistake on his property taxes and has contacted the Treasurer's Office in trying to correct this matter. (7/6/09)
15. The SLV Fair Board & Extension Office sent a thank you card and cake for funding the 4-H program. (7/8/09)
16. Upper Arkansas Water Conservancy District sent their Tentative Agenda on July 9, 2009 in Salida, CO starting at 1:00pm. (7/8/09)
17. ScSeed sent a thank you card to the Board for the Sales Tax Grant for the Biomass/By product Innovation Competition. (7/13/09)
18. ScSeed sent a thank you card to the Board for the Sales Tax Grant for the Artisti Co-op in Saguache. (7/13/09)
19. ScSeed sent a thank you card to the board for the Sales Tax Grant for the Saguache Chamber of Commerce start-up. (7/13/09)
20. La Puente sent a Summer 2009 Newsletter. (7/13/09)
21. Colorado River Water Conservation District sent a notice of the 3rd regular quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors on July 21-22, 2009 at 9am in Glenwood Springs, CO. (7/13/09)
22. Town of Crestone sent an IGA for County Maintenance of Crestone paved roads. (7/13/09)

Introduction of Guests: Sandia – Crestone Eagle; Ben Brack – Crestone Fire Dept; Kimberly Bryant – Saguache County OEM; Akia Tanara – Crestone Town Clerk; Teresa Benns – Center Post Dispatch; Chuck & Esther Grant – BGPOA; Terrell Tucker & Nancy Oniziki – Crestone/Baca Environmental Alliance; Erin Minks – Rep Salazar; Mike Blenden – USF&WS; Craig Cotton - Colorado Division of Water Resources and Clay Bridgeford.

Commissioners Reports

Linda Joseph reported:

- June 17 - Attended the Gunnison Sage Grouse Strategic Committee meeting by teleconference.
- June 19 - Attended the Ice Cream Social by Road & Bridge with the youth group completing their work project.
- July 6 & 7 - Attended meetings in Denver of the Public Policy & Finance Committee (of SEMTAC), planning expenditure procedures for the additional Emergency Services funds available in an extra grant cycle to begin in August, for funding Jan 1, 2010.

Joseph moved to release the \$500 stipend to Emergency Services for grant writing. Pace seconded the motion. Vote three ayes

- July 8 & 9 - Attended the SEMTAC (State Emergency Medical & Trauma Advisory Council), which ratified the plan for grant awards totaling over \$3 million in the next 6 months. This is aimed to bolster EMS in rural and frontier areas of the State, and there are many opportunities to better support our service providers, and raise the standards of emergency and trauma care in Colorado. Joseph will do outreach to County Agencies to encourage them to apply.
- July 13 - Attended the SLV County Commissioners Association meeting in Alamosa.
- Received a report from Elinor Laurie, Sage Grouse Strategic Committee Alternate on the July Action Plan Work Session, and forwarded to the Board.

Sam Pace reported:

- June 22 – Attended Governors Climate change advisory committee at GEO in Denver.
- June 24 – Attended the Saguache County Prevention Partners meeting in Saguache.
- June 24 - Signed form for Baca Water & Sanitation District.
- June 29 - Reviewed Nursing contracts.
- July 4 - Attended the Crestone parade and festivities.
- July 7 - Spent the day relaxing in the commissioners' room in Saguache; met with Udall's representative, Gloria Gutierrez. Also met with the housing director, and made calls to property owners.
- July 7 - Attended the Baca Tract EA meeting at the White Eagle in Crestone and networked for Cottonwood Creek presentation on the 17th.
- July 10 - CCI Steering Committee meetings in Denver saw a presentation by Credit Union Association.
- July 13 - SLV Commissioners meeting:
 1. Presentation on nefarious practices by NACO prescription drug discount partner.
 2. Conversations with **ICast** on partnering to access stimulus funds for potato product plant in Center. They will let us know how we can help.
- Fielded a complaint on County Road 38EE.
- Hopefully progress has been made on medical officer and public health substitution form.

Mike Spearman reported:

- Happy to be back and things are going well.

Lyn Zimmer and Wendi Maez – Co-administrator report:

- Tom Blunt reported on the flag pole and memorial construction in the county cemeteries. This project is progressing quite well.
- Randy Arredondo would like the Board to consider making the Hollenbeck Road (YY10) a RS2477 road. If you have questions he will be available on July 21. An email has been sent to the Board for their review on this issue on July 2. Someone effected by this needs to make the request not the county. Our position is the gate across the road should not be locked and if they are locked they can be cut IN OUR COUNTY. Ben suggests we send a letter telling the people involved to request a RS 2477 status for the road.
- Two more individuals have fallen on the step up within the courthouse. This is an extreme liability. The Board requests that a lighter color of carpet be installed in that area.
- Zimmer attended the Blue Peaks Board meeting on Wed. July 8. State funding will be cut for some programs there. They are not sure which ones yet, but will by Aug. 28.
- The maintenance issues at the nursing building over the last week have now been rectified. The building was re-opened for operation on Monday, July 13, 2009.
- Met with Tom Blunt and Major Alelei Huber from Selective Service regarding a person from Saguache County to sit on the Selective Service Board. Tom Blunt took her and the two perspective candidates to lunch.
- Caroline Irwin will be in this afternoon at 2:45 PM to go over issues/concerns she has regarding the diabetes funding.

Break

Wendi Maez – Land Use Administrator report:

Pace move to approve the Title III Grant for the Town of Crestone for \$50,000, with regular reports. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes

- Title III funding request for Town of Crestone - Public Hearing: The general wage scale \$15-18 per hour up to \$50 for the work on clearing the roadsides.
- Letter to Mary Coleman - Native Way Institute stating the County's position. Mary still doesn't understand why we are doing things the way we are. She needs to seek a change of zoning – from RR2 residential to II2 Institutional Use. Gibbons and Maez will get together to update definitions in the LDC.
- All of the C/B Sub Area surveys have gone out and we have received several responses back.

Pace moved to enter into Executive Session at 11:30 A. M. for personnel purposes under CRS 24-6-402(4)(f)(i). Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Pace moved to return to regular session at 11:45 A. M. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Ben Gibbons – Attorney report:

Issues with the notification of the property owners in Villa Grove have come up and the judge has ordered the property owners be served in the State of Texas where they reside. This will cost about \$120. The landowner will have 30 days to respond to the notification.

- A vacation/consolidation that was done several years ago may cause an illegal subdivision to have been created. Gibbons requests that the mortgage holders also be notified.
- Amendment 54 has been suspended by Denver District Court
- No physician contract for Dr. Brinton has been received back
- Town of Crestone IGA has been reviewed, Gibbons has some questions for Arredondo concerning the work that has been done in the past MOU.

Liquor License –

Pace moved to approve the liquor license renewal for Caddy Shack Pizza and Villa Grove Trade. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

- Liquor License renewal for Caddy Shack Pizza and Villa Grove Trade. No complaints on either establishment.

La Garita Fire Department Title III funding request

Pace moved to approve the Title III funding for the La Garita Fire Department. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was two Ayes, Spearman abstained.

Adjourned for Lunch at 12:00 P. M

Resumed meeting at 1:05 P. M.

Board Work Session -

- **Jim Metz** – RC&D regarding the Municipal Solid Waste Facility Study.

Van Truan – Army Corp of Engineers:

- Mr. Truan could not attend the meeting, but Craig Cotton from Colorado Division of Water Resources spoke on the issue to the citizens in attendance. Mike Blenden from the USF&W was also in attendance.

Caroline Irwin – Citizen

- Ms. Irwin presented a letter regarding the dispersal of the funds raised by the Diabetes Support Group. Irwin, Zimmer, and Newsom will meet to review the situation.

Pace moved to enter into Executive Session at 3:00 P. M. for personnel purposes under CRS 24-6-402(4)(f)(i) and for legal purposes under CRS 24-6-402 (4)(b). Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was two Ayes.

Executive Session - Planning Commission -

Pace moved to return to regular session at 5:02 P. M. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was two Ayes.

Bill Paying

Pace moved to adjourn at 5:05 P.M. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melinda Myers Secretary to the Board of County Commissioners

Minutes Approved July 21, 2009

Chairman of the Board

Attest

Commissioner

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