

Saguache County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Tuesday, July 20, 2010 with the following present:

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

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

Additions or Deletions to the Agenda.

1. Executive session under Land Use.
2. Executive Session under Attorney time.

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

Reading and approval of minutes of July 13, 2010.

Joseph moved to approve the minutes of July 13, 2010 as amended. Spearman seconded motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Review of Mail and other correspondence:

1. **NACO** – 2009/2010 Annual Report. 7/13/10
2. **Colorado Rural Water Association** – sent an invitation to PVC Pipe Restrained Joint Technology and Application Orientation to be held July 27, 2010. 7/13/10
3. **State of Colorado Department of Health & Environment** - sent a letter concerning the termination of Health Care Program for Children with Special Needs (HCP) contract. The staff at SCRO will continue to serve the children in Saguache County without interruption of services. 7/13/10
4. **Colorado River Water Conservation District** – notice of their 3rd Regular Quarterly Meeting of Board of Directors to be held July 20 & 21, 2010. 7/13/10
5. **Rio Grande Water Conservation District** – sent notice of the Board of Directors meeting to be held on July 20, 2010 at the Bureau of Reclamation Conference Room. The packet also included minutes from the April 20, 2010 meeting. 7/13/10
6. **Emails received concerning the renaming of Crestone Peak and Kit Carson Mountain.** 7/19/10
7. **Amy Trainer** – sent a letter to request a letter of support and funds for a GOCO grant that the Northern San Luis Valley Conservation Roundtable will be applying for. 7/19/10
8. **Lisa Gershkoff** – sent a letter of thank you concerning the Fire Mitigation Program that Daniel Johnson is conducting. 7/19/10

9. **Adeline Sanchez** – Mayor, Town of Center sent a letter explaining to the BOCC that the Upper Rio Grande Animal Society met with their Board and a MOU is being drafted at this time. 7/19/10
10. **Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District** – sent their July 26, 2010 Agenda along with an address change. 7/19/10
11. **Colorado Division of Water Resources** – sent a certified letter concerning 2 properties within Saguache County that have “been determined to have been abandoned in whole or in part and which previously have not been adjudged to have been abandoned”. 7/19/10
- 12.

Introduction of Guests: Matie Belle Lakish – Crestone Eagle; Tim Lovato; Steve Carlson; June Savage & Ceal Smith -SLVRCA; May Engquist; Mary & Vince Palermo; Bonnie Orkow; Bruce Blodgett; Larry Ewing; Richard Knox – Tessera Solar NA; Carolyn Dunmire – Ecoshere; and Kathryn Ochs.

Commissioners Reports:

Sam Pace reported:

- July 15 – Attended the South Central Seniors meeting in Alamosa.
- July 15 - Attended the Meet and Greet in Crestone for Senatorial candidate Andrew Romanoff.
- July 16 - Attended the County Courthouse Centennial Celebration.

Linda Joseph reported:

- July 15 - Attended the Meet and Greet in Crestone for Senatorial candidate Andrew Romanoff.
- July 16 - Attended the County Courthouse Centennial Celebration.
- Correspondence with Keno Menechino on application for renaming of mountains, as well as numerous emails from citizens on the topic.

Mike Spearman reported:

- July 16 - Attended the County Courthouse Centennial Celebration. Praises for all involved in putting on the event.

Wendi Maez & Lyn Zimmer – Co-administrator report:

- Restaurant on main-street is open now. Menu has been copied for your review.
- What date would you like us to schedule department head evaluation reviews?
- Decision is being requested concerning the court system air conditioner
- Auditors are scheduled to be here August 10th at 1:00 PM.
- 375 hamburgers and 115 hot dogs were served on Friday, July 16 at the Courthouse celebration.
- The MOU with the DRG and CSBG has been approved by the state and was signed.

Break

Wendi Maez - Land Use report:

- Tessera Solar Final Application discussion. Richard Knox from Tessera Solar, Charlene Dirmire from Ecoshere will be in attendance along with Nancy Lauro from Russell Engineering.

Joseph moved to enter into Executive Session at 10:30 A. M. for personnel purposes under CRS 24-6-402(4)(f)(i) and for legal purposes under CRS 24-6-402(4)(f)(i). Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was two Ayes.

Joseph moved to return to regular session at 10:40 A. M. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was two Ayes.

**Ben Gibbons - County Attorney Report:
Postponed to 2 pm.**

Mike Norris - Sheriff's Report :

- Deferred to August.

Adjourned for Lunch and at 12:00 P. M.

Resumed meeting at 1:00 P. M.

Wendi Maez - Land Use report continued:

- Discussion on the completeness of the Tessera Solar Final Application continued. On advice from consultant, the application still needed some work.

Joseph moved to convene as the Board of Human Services at 2:00 P.M. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Jeannie Norris – Department of Social Services Director:

- There were 26 TANF cases during the month of June. Food assistance cases decreased by six cases to 485. There were 25 aid-to-the-needy disabled cases, and continue to be 96 old age pension cases. Five clients were served during the month at the CHEERS training center.
- The Child and Adult Protection Unit had 13 referrals during June, all of which were accepted for investigation. There are currently 11 children in placement, and 4 open adult protection cases with 2 new referrals. The State completed a major foster care audit during the month of June, which consisted of interviews with caseworkers, foster parents, director, and case file examination. The exit interview indicated no program flaws at all, and very few paper errors.
- The IV-D legal techs attended a two-day training to update new regulations for administrative process by which child support orders may be completed by technicians without having to attend a court hearing. Not all states have this capability, and administrative process greatly speeds the time it takes to obtain and enforce orders and

establish paternity. Collections for the Unit have increased by 7 percent, with \$257,653.63 having been collected for the same period in 2009 as opposed to \$275,046.15 for 2010 through June.

- Contract training was presented by Charissa Hammer from State Audit Division, Melinda Cox from State Child Welfare, and two contract specialists from Adams County on June 22 in Durango. The material presented, as well as resources obtained, will be valuable to our department in the future.
- Commodities will be issued in early August, and will for the first time, include issuance for the USDA Senior program. Nursing Service has offered extra storage if required. The first issuance will tell us whether an extra issuance is required, or whether simultaneous issuance with TEFAP commodities and USDA commodities for seniors will be the most efficient way of distribution.
- Department of Social Service goals for 2009 were met for the most part. Our primary goal was to have well trained benefit delivery technicians available to clients at all times. We have completed a great deal of training, and are pleased with the speed of service. Unfortunately, program issues with the CBMS system have affected our ability to serve, and our hope is that there will be a swift resolution of those issues. We have Spanish language curriculum available for staff, and are limited primarily by the lack of time in our goal of being bilingual.
- The two adult category benefit technicians, together with our adult protection caseworker and the director, have been to legal training so that we can be more knowledgeable in senior issues, and what resources are available. We have a network of community volunteers to call upon and are providing greatly enhanced service to an expanding segment of our population. Our adult protection department provides outstanding support, despite limited funds. We have more than accomplished this goal, and are continually challenged to find time and resources as the need increases.
- We have greatly enhanced workplace comfort in the Saguache facility, with the completion of the heating and air conditioning system and upgraded windows. The staff greatly appreciate the enhanced security provided by improvements to the facility. Remaining as an ongoing goal, is the Center facility and the lack of workspace as well as comfort for staff.
- Goals for the year 2010 are led by the continuing challenge of serving our clients with the threat of diminishes resources. The Center facility and work environment is second on the priority list, followed by continuing upgrades to the Saguache facility in terms of the roof and sidewalk. An upgraded telephone system completes immediate goals for the department. As we are halfway through 2010, we project completion of these well into 2011.

Joseph moved to return to regular session at 2:25 P. M. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Break

Spearman moved to enter into Executive Session at 2:00 P. M. for personnel purposes under CRS 24-6-402(4)(f)(i) and for legal purposes under CRS 24-6-402(4)(f)(i). Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Joseph moved to return to regular session at 2:20 P. M. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Joseph moved to return to adjourn as Social Services Board and return to regular session at 2:35 P. M. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Joseph moved to convene as the Housing Board at 2:35 P.M. Spearman seconded. The vote was three Ayes.

Chella Moores - Saguache County Housing

Spearman moved to adjourn the Housing Board and return to regular meeting at 2:59 P.M. Joseph seconded. The vote was three Ayes.

Penny Bruce - Saguache County Library Administrator
PROGRAMS

- Our expanded Garden and Reading Program for kids this summer has been well attended, with an average of 20 children and 10 adults participating each week. This is the second year we've collaborated with Director Leigh Mills at the Saguache Community Garden, and our partnership continues to strengthen as the gardens at school and at the library continue to thrive (as do the children!). Only two more weeks remain in this year's "Reading is Elemental" program, and we predict a record attendance level on its completion.
- As the year's funding cycle for our LSTA grant draws to a close, we've seen attendance fall off slightly at our free computer classes, now held two evenings per month. We are preparing surveys for student focus groups to complete and assisting with other reporting requirements: meanwhile, we have received a grant from El Pomar which will allow classes to continue, with a focus on business and job training skills for students. The new grant will supply the library with a projector and screen for power point presentations and possibly a new printer.
- A new adult education class in Sign Language is now being taught every Wednesday evening at the library by volunteer Dolores Worley, who also taught this skill to some of the Mountain Valley classes last spring. Attendance has been at capacity for the first two classes, bolstered by many of the Forest Service employees who are anxious to learn how to communicate with a new co-worker who is hearing impaired. Six more weeks remain

in the class schedule, and we may ask Delores to repeat the instruction, if interest remains so high.

- After receiving funding through a Sales Tax Revenue grant, the RSVP program (our volunteer network) will again be promoting a spruce-up/fix-up day on 4th St., tentatively scheduled for September of this year. Administrator Bruce, along with Marge Hoglin and Lindy McDaniels has been contacting property owners on Fourth St. to discuss their needs and decide funding allocations.
- The library continues to host meetings for various community groups, including the Knitting Club, the Historical Preservation Committee, the new Artists' Co-op, the Saguache Book Club, and the Friends of the Library, which includes all of their many sub-committees. Our Fourth Friday open house celebrations have been suspended for the summer, but are scheduled to resume in September.
- Valerie Horton, of the state-wide Colorado Library Consortium (CLiC) paid a visit to the library last Friday to discuss our progress with the district formation and to share state-wide library concerns about other ballot initiatives that will be on November's ballot.
- For the Memorial Day celebrations, Friends and library volunteers participated in the parade on Saturday by handing out free children's books instead of candy from our "float", held a huge book sale at the Friends' used book store and a bake sale in the park, and manned a booth in the park on Sunday to distribute information about the proposed library district (along with free cookies).
- The Library is making good use of our part-time helper, Harley Wharton, who's on staff every afternoon and is especially helpful with the children's activities. We'll be sorry to lose her when school starts up again.

FUND-RAISING

- A final report was sent to the Daniels fund, detailing how the money was spent for the start-up of our RSVP program. The report was accepted and we are now eligible to re-apply, should the need arise.
- Staff are grateful to the Board for approving our last grant proposal for the Sales Tax Revenue that was dispersed this spring, even if we didn't receive the total amount we requested.
- There is still no word on our applications to the Wal-Mart neighborhood giving program.
- Friends of the Library continue to hold fund-raising events, including a last minute bake and book sale at last Saturday's Flea Market, which have resulted in their ability to contribute half of the money needed to cover expenses involved in the process of forming the library district so far.

LIBRARY DISTRICT

- The campaign to form a library district is really ramping up now and the Friends have formed an Issues Committee to receive and spend campaign contributions, as the law requires. Several meetings have been held and committees organized while we work with our partners in the Baca library and their newly formed Friends of the Library. Currently,

plans include seeking endorsements from various organizations, designing brochures and other hand-outs and mailings, and publicizing a fund-raising event to coincide with the Art Festival planned for August 28.

Randal Arredondo – Supervisor Road & Bridge and Landfill:

- Received an offer to purchase a used melter from Dissco for \$10,600. Board agreed it would be a good deal.
- Will be paying for snow removal on 6YY, in Gold Basin.

Spearman moved to approve the MSHA regulations for the County. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

- Inspector for the State of Colorado came by and closed the County's crushing operation. A safety program was never filed with the State, so have to train all Road & Bridge employees for MSHA regulations again.
- Commissioners adopted MSHA miner training program.
- R&B will start crack filling Leach Airport 8-02-10.

LANDFILL

- Landfill was inspected and did fine except for blowing trash and the used batteries station. Will work on these to correct them.

Bill Paying

Joseph moved to adjourn at 4:15 P.M. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melinda Myers Secretary to the Board of County Commissioners

Minutes Approved August 3, 2010

Chairman of the Board

Attest

Commissioner

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