

Saguache County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Tuesday, December 20, 2011 with the following present:

Sam Pace, Chairman
Mike Spearman, Co-Vice Chair
Linda Joseph, Co-Vice Chair
Wendi Maez, Co-Administrator
Lyn Lambert, Co- Administrator
Ben Gibbons, County Attorney
Staci Morfitt – Acting Secretary to the Board
Melinda Myers – Clerk to the Board

Meeting called to order by Chair Pace at 9:09 A.M.

Additions or Deletions to the Agenda.

1. Caroline Irwin will not be available for the Tourism report-Melinda Myers will be available for questions concerning the Tourism report.

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

Reading and approval of minutes of December 6, 2011.

Pace moved to approve the minutes of December 6, 2011 as amended. Joseph seconded motion. The vote was two Ayes.

Reading and approval of minutes of December 13, 2011.

Pace moved to approve the minutes of December 13, 2011 as amended. Joseph seconded motion. The vote was two Ayes.

Review of Mail and other correspondence:

1. **La Puente** sent the Winter 2011 Newsletter. (12/14/11)
2. **Colorado Parks & Wildlife** sent a letter concerning the Shooting Range, Fishing & Motorboat Project Grant. (12/14/11)
3. **SLV Community Action Agency** sent a letter addressing the changes of the Community Service Block Grant and how it is to be administered. (12/15/11)
4. **Colorado Dept. of Public Health** sent 2010-2011 Colorado Air Quality Control Commission Report. (12/15/11)
5. **Dale Enquist** sent a thank you letter for the support and contributions. (12/16/11)
6. **Colorado Dept. of Human Services** sent a letter to DSS Director, Jeannie Norris concerning the status changes for the Colorado Works Applicants, recipients, and county staff. Implementation Policies Required. (12/15/11)

7. **Julian Bridget**, CSU sent an email thanking the BOCC for the participation in the 2011 CSU Extension Survey. (12/16/11)

Introduction of Guests: Matie Belle Lakish – Crestone Eagle;

Commissioners Reports:

Sam Pace reported:

- ◆ December 16 - Attended the County Holiday Luncheon at the Saguache Community Center

Linda Joseph reported:

- ◆ December 14 - Attended the annual VGAMA (Villa Grove Area Merchant's Association) holiday dinner at Joyful Journey.
- ◆ December 16 - Attended the County Holiday Luncheon at the Saguache Community Center.
- ◆ Worked on organizing the EMTS Day event at the State Capitol, JAN 13, to immediately follow the quarterly SEMTAC (State Emergency Medical & Trauma Advisory Council) meeting JAN 10-12.
- ◆ Scheduled time out of town JAN 26-31.

Mike Spearman –no report

Wendi Maez & Lyn Lambert – Co-administrator report:

- ◆ The Budget Mill Levy Certification for Saguache County that was approved December 13, 2011, was signed.
- ◆ Reviewed and signed Mill Levy Certification for all taxing entities in the County.

Pace moved to adopt the 2012 Saguache County Budget. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was two Ayes.

- ◆ Adopted 2012 Budget.
- ◆ Reviewed and signed Security database account to enter Certification of Levies and Revenues with the State of Colorado.
- ◆ Reviewed and signed 2 resolutions to transfer funds from General Fund to Public Health. Due to not knowing the exact amount of funding needed until the end of 2011, we will need to have two separate resolutions in different amounts to do the transfer needed to cover expenses for Public Hearing year end. We will not know the amount needed until December 30, 2011.
- ◆ Northern Saguache County Library District has recommended Peter Anderson be appointed to the Board. Kim Smoyer will be in during the afternoon for the appointment. The Board declined to appoint a CCI Legislative Council Proxy.

Pace moved to approve changing the use of Conservation Trust Funds for the Town and School of Center. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was two Ayes.

The Town and School of Center received \$10,000 Conservation Trust Fund for resurfacing the tennis court, but was unable to complete that project and would like to switch the funds to improving the lighting at the Community Park.

Joseph moved to approve the Resolution Authorizing Payment of Medicare related expenses for current employees. Pace seconded the motion. The vote was two Ayes.

Attorney Gibbons vetted the Resolution Authorizing payment of Medicare for County Medicare eligible employees.

Connie Trujillo – Recall Designated Election Official:

Ballots are in her possession in the vault and the mail ballots are being mailed out by El Paso County.

Jackie Stephens – Saguache County Assessor:

Presented a sample letter along with update on the new assessment for properties that were not properly assessed. The County will be offering a payment plan.

Break

Wendi Maez - Land Use Administrator:

♦ Maez has received a sealed bid from Les Lamm for the lots that we re-advertised that the Leroy's had bid on. Mr. Lamm also bid on a few other lots. This is a sealed bid therefore it was not opened. Mr. Lamm did bid \$3500 for the re-advertised lots which is \$500 more than the Leroy's bid. Maez will invite Mr. Lamm and the Leroy's to the January 10, 2012 meeting for more discussion.

Pace moved to approve the Lot Consolidation for Barton Family Trust on Baca Grande Chalets Unit One, Lots 226 and 227. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was two Ayes.

♦ Lot Consolidation request for Barton Family Trust to consolidate Lots 226 and 227, Baca Grande Chalet Unit One. Request was recommended for approval by the Crestone/Baca Planning Commission during their regular meeting on December 14, 2011.

Pace moved to approve the Lot Consolidation for Jayne Marino on Baca Grande Chalets Unit One, Lots 1449 and 1450. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was two Ayes.

♦ Lot Consolidation request for Jayne Marino to consolidate Lots 1449 and 1450, Baca Grande Chalet Unit One. Request was recommended for approval by the Crestone/Baca Planning Commission during their regular meeting on December 14, 2011.

Pace moved to approve the Lot Consolidation for Laura E. Damron, Aleksandr A. Zasedatelev and Carol E. Scott on Baca Grande Chalets Unit I, Lots 2190 and 2191C. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was two Ayes.

♦ Lot Consolidation request for Laura E. Damron, Aleksandr A. Zasedatelev and Carol E. Scott to consolidate Lots 2190 and 2191C, Baca Grande Chalet Unit One. Request was recommended for approval by the Crestone/Baca Planning Commission during their regular meeting on December 14, 2011.

Pace moved to approve the Lot Consolidation for Laura E. Damron, Aleksandr A. Zasedatelev and Carol E. Scott on Baca Grande Chalets Unit I, Lots 2193 and 2194C. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was two Ayes.

- ◆ Lot Consolidation request for Laura E. Damron, Aleksandr A. Zasedatelev and Carol E. Scott to consolidate Lots 2193 and 2194C, Baca Grande Chalet Unit One. Request was recommended for approval by the Crestone/Baca Planning Commission during their regular meeting on December 14, 2011.
- ◆ Saguache County Planning Commission met in a regular meeting on Thursday, December 15, 2011 and discussed Land Development Code changes. The changes have not been forwarded to you at this time due to the fact that the SCPC would like to work on a few more changes to the sign lighting wording and the Medical Marijuana regulations and possible changes to the Solar Guidelines. The SCPC will be having a work session on January 12th to work on the changes.
- ◆ Adam Greene with Solar Reserve would like to know if the Board would like to set a work session to discuss the Development Agreement or if the Board would like for him to work with one commissioner, Ben Gibbons, Nancy Lauro and Maez. The Board will be discussing the Solar Reserve 1041 in their work session and Attorney Gibbons will let Mr. Green know he can attend and observe.

Ben Gibbons - County Attorney

The status hearing for the Hollenbeck case is set for a 5 day trial in October 2012.

Erin Minx – Senator Bennet representative:

- ◆ Senator Bennet worked very hard to change the Forest Service rules for timber contractors and helped save Mt. Valley Lumber with their contract issues.
- ◆ Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar will be hosting a Community Conversation on Recreation, Conservation and Cultural Preservation for the San Luis Valley. This meeting will be held at Adams State College, 208 Edgemont Boulevard, Alamosa, CO (room TBD) on Wednesday, January 4, 2012 from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30p.m.

Mike Norris – Sheriff Report:

Turned invoice for new vehicle into Road and Bridge.

Jail Tour

Adjourned for Lunch at 12:00 P. M.

Resumed meeting at 1:00 P. M.

Randy Arredondo –

Will look over the Development Agreement Plan for Solar Reserve to make sure the roads comply with County Regulations.

Pace moved to approve the price locked 2012 fuel contract with Monte Vista Coop at \$3.419 for diesel, (plus .10 for winter blend) and \$3.029 for gas. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was two Ayes.

Arredondo got one bid to lock fuel prices for 2012 from Monte Vista Coop.
Has received the test reports for the land fill that should back up the case with the State to forego the liner.

Pace moved convene as Saguache County Human Services Agency Board at 1:29 P.M. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was two Ayes.

Jeannie Norris - Director Board of Social Services

There were 33 TANF cases during the month of November. Food assistance cases increased once again from 610 cases during October, to 619 for the month of November. There were 27 aid-to-the-needy-disabled cases, and 92 old age pension clients.

The Child and Adult Protection Unit had 7 referrals, 4 of which were accepted for investigation. The Unit has 9 dependency and neglect court cases and 8 children in placement. There are no open adult protection cases, and no referrals were received for the month. There are 60 open child protection cases.

LEAP season has begun, and has disbursed \$36,803.57 in the initial payroll to 142 households. There were 85 households pending approval for the month. We are awaiting word from federal bills being circulated in response to the expiration of the continuing resolution to see whether LEAP appropriation will be reduced further. As of this writing, we have heard nothing.

Collections for the IV-D Unit have decreased slightly by three percent. The total collected to date in 2011 is \$467,267.61. Reductions in collections are most evident in income assignments which reflect increased unemployment among non-custodial parents.

Rio Grande Forest Service office in Saguache "adopted" one of our foster families, with gifts and gift certificates. DSS staff have adopted the additional foster children, so that all are assured of Christmas gifts and support.

Social Services in Saguache, as well as the rest of Colorado, face significant challenges in the immediate future. We have been informed that Federal government has significantly reduced TANF funding, which is forcing the State of Colorado to propose a reduction of \$5.5 million, to take effect in the current fiscal year. At the same time, qualifications for Medicaid recipients are being eased bringing estimates of significant increases in caseload. Applications for benefits have been streamlined, making the process easier, and benefits available to more applicants. While we welcome the opportunity to be of greater service to those in need, we are concerned about the ability to meet those needs, both with available personnel and resources.

Joseph moved to adjourn the Saguache County Human Services Agency Board and return to regular meeting at 2:00 P.M. Pace seconded the motion. The vote was two Ayes.

Kim Smoyer & Sara Frey – Northern Saguache County Library District

Presented the Quarterly report and budget for the Library District. Chair Pace thanked Smoyer for continuing as the Chair of the Library Board and the great work she has done.

Pace moved to approve Peter Anderson's appointment to the Library Board. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was two Ayes.

Kim Smoyer - ScSeed Economic Development Update

- ◆ Discussion about a small business owner grant to a business owner wishing to pursue purchase of the landfill from the county. The ScSEED Board has numerous questions before they get on board.
- ◆ Grants received to move forward on the Crestone revitalization project. January 23 from 3-5 at the Community Building will be a planning meeting.
- ◆ Saguache Town got grants and funds for the pocket park on Main Street.
- ◆ Continues to research grants for County Departments.

Melinda Myers – Tourism Report:

- ◆ As 2011 ends and 2012 is around the corner, this report is to share the happenings of SCTC since our last quarterly report.
 - ◆ Membership is now to the number of four: Caroline W. Irwin, Melinda Myers, Twyla Walker-Collins and a new addition, Faith O'Reilly. Our last meeting as a council was held in Nov with our next meeting scheduled for Jan 4, 2012.
 - ◆ Recently SCTC made arrangements with CV&A Film Company to promote Saguache County through the media of film. SCTC will be able to use the film segment and own digital rights to this production. The company is well known for outdoor sports coverage in the USA and Europe. The company is based out of Colorado Springs. A copy of their proposal is available for review. The producer has a 20 year history with our area and will begin sometime in spring with a film crew. SCTC is tasked to locate 3 or 4 vignettes of our county for CV&A to visit in promoting our area. SCTC will begin in January to define promoting our area.
- Sale of the county coverlets has been conducted in partnership with Saguache Sagebrush Quilters, Saguache Chamber of Commerce, and the recent Christmas Bazaar held Dec 3rd. The coverlets were sold at public gatherings and SCTC is looking at a design for 2012 sales once the current inventory is depleted.

Break

Joseph moved to convene as the Housing Board at 2:33 P.M. Pace seconded the motion. The vote was two Ayes.

Evan Samora - Saguache County Housing

Pace moved to adjourn the Housing Board and return to regular meeting at 3:02 P.M. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was two Ayes.

Joseph Vieira- BLM

Update on the Supplement to the BLM's National Solar Programmatic Environmental Impact Study, which addressed many of the concerns from earlier rounds of comment. Comments on the supplement are due in late January.

Bill Paying

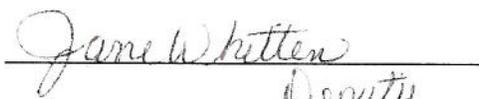
Joseph moved to adjourn at 3:22 P.M. Pace seconded the motion. The vote was two Ayes.

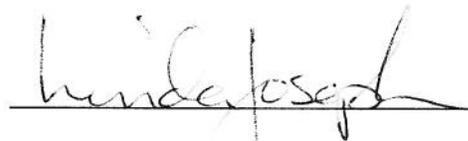
Respectfully Submitted,

Melinda Myers Secretary to the Board of County Commissioners

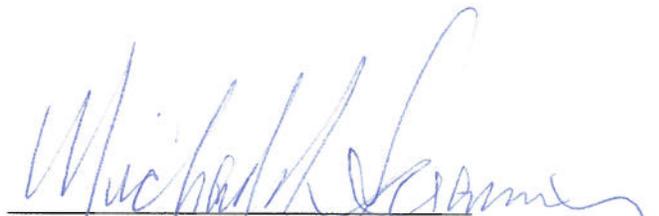
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