

Saguache County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Tuesday, April 17, 2012 with the following present:

Mike Spearman, Chair
Sam Pace, Co-Vice Chair
Linda Joseph, Co-Vice Chair
Wendi Maez, Co-Administrator
Ben Gibbons, County Attorney
Staci Morfitt, Acting Secretary to the Board

Meeting called to order by Chair Spearman at 9:03 A.M.

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

Additions or Deletions to the Agenda:

Pace moved to approve the minutes of April 3, 2012 as amended. Joseph seconded motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Reading and approval of minutes of April 3, 2012:

Review of Mail and other correspondence:

1. **Daniel Johnson** sent the March 2012 report for the Saguache County Mitigation Program. (4/2/2012)
2. **Jeanne DeHaven** sent an update for the Oil and Gas Task Force. (4/3/2012)
3. **Michael F. Bennet U.S. Senator** sent a letter expressing his opposition to the Administration's recent proposal to significantly increase the fees associated with grazing on public lands. The proposed administrative fee will charge \$1.00 per animal unit month (AUM) on top of the existing \$1.35 per AUM fee. (4/4/2012)
4. **Hildreth Cooper** sent notice the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Albuquerque District, is evaluating a permit application to excavate approximately 1.16 acre of Mosquito Lake in the Saguache Ranger District of the Rio Grande National forest in order to create a recreational trout fishery. (4/5/2012)
5. **Jeanna M. Paluzzi** sent notice of a Community Visioning Workshop to be held Monday April 23, 2012 from 5-7 at the SLV Regional Medical Center Education Center. (4/5/2012)
6. **The State of Colorado** sent the Colorado Board of Health Agenda for April 18, 2012. (4/11/2012)
7. **Rio Grande Water Conservation District** sent the Draft Agenda for the April 17, 2012 Board of Directors Meeting. (4/13/2012)
8. **The Colorado Department of Transportation** sent an invitation to the USDOT Federal Highway Administration Civil Rights Training: Title VI to be held Wednesday April 25, 2012. (4/13/2012)

Introduction of Guests:

Matie Belle Lakish, Crestone Eagle

Public Comment:

None at this time

Commissioners Report:**Mike Spearman** reported:

1. April 16 – Attended DRG meeting, talks about train activity and loans.
2. Meeting scheduled for April 23rd for sub-district collection of money, George Wilkonson.

Linda Joseph reported:

1. April 4 - follow-up with: Public Health Director Della Vieira on pursuit of funds and resources for that Dept; Tourism Council on recommendation of Bill Case appointment and next steps on tourism letter to the Dept. of Interior; and received a scenic byway applications update from Kate Vasha. Draft letter of support was updated and forwarded, for review today.
2. April 5 and 16 - BLM follow-up on Geothermal comment letter preparation, which needs to be completed today. Draft forwarded for review. As a Cooperating Agency, the County's input in socioeconomic aspects of the final Solar PEIS are requested. The final round of Cooperating Agency review and comments begins April 18 and closes May 9.
3. April 10 through 12 - Attended the quarterly meetings of the State Emergency Medical & Trauma Advisory Council (SEMTAC), and its' Public Policy & Finance Committee.
4. April 15 - Completed a survey requested by Mesa County on topics for a **Transforming Local Government** workshop.
5. April 16 - Completed online approval of the Courthouse Security Grant contract, so Sheriff Norris can file for reimbursement for the 1st quarter.
6. April 16- Attended the SLV Council of Governments Executive Board meeting in Alamosa.

Sam Pace reported:

1. April 5 & 6- Attended the State Board of Human Services Committee Meeting.
2. April 10 – Attended the April 10th Sales tax work session.

Wendi Maez & Lyn Lambert – Co-administrator report:

1. Lambert attended the Blue Peaks meeting on Wednesday, April 11, 2012. Finances are still the same, board is working on ideas.
2. Maez attended the SLV GIS/GPS Authority meeting on Monday, April 9, 2012. Mr. Russell's attorney is back to work and is working with Alamosa County attorney to get the contract completed. Should have an updated contract for review at the May meeting.
3. Review the 1st quarter Treasurer report.

Pace moved to appoint Bill Case to the Saguache County Tourism Council. Joseph seconded motion. The vote was three Ayes.

4. Discussion concerning the appointment of Bill Case to the Saguache County Tourism Council. An email has been received from Carolyn Irwin recommending Mr. Case be appointed to the Board.

5. Dr. Arnett will be in at 11:30 for discussion concerning the construction upgrades to the Saguache Clinic.
6. The NACo Prescription Discount Card Program update for March, 3 people enrolled, and 2 people used.

Pace moved to approve the Cooperative Law Enforcement Annual Operating Plan & Financial Plan between the Saguache County Sheriff's Office and the USDA, Forest Service Rio Grande National Forest. Joseph seconded motion. The vote was three Ayes.

7. Cooperative Law Enforcement Annual Operating Plan & Financial Plan between the Saguache County Sheriff's Office and the USDA Forest Service Rio Grande National Forest needs approved and signed.

Joseph moved to approve Conservation Trust Fund allocations: \$5,000.00 to Center Consolidated Schools, \$2,000.00 to the Town of Crestone, \$4,558.00 to the Town of Moffat, \$10,000.00 to the Town of Saguache, \$2,600.00 to the Saguache Museum, \$5,000.00 to the SLV Fair Board, and \$15,000.00 for Chimiso Park in Center. Pace seconded motion. The vote was three Ayes.

8. Discussion on Conservation Trust Funds.

Break

Randy Arredondo- Road and Bridge Supervisor report:

1. Paving and Chip Sealing work beginning.
2. Commissioners decided not to bill for Crestone for storm work done by the Road & Bridge department.
3. Still working on crack filling.
4. Discussion on a new pit for Road & Bridge to use.
5. Trucks will be in Crestone, Center, and La Garita for free dump day.

Pace moved to convene as Saguache County Social Services Board at 11:15 A.M. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Jeannie Norris- Social Services Director:

1. There were 40 TANF cases for the month of March, 2012. Food assistance cases increased drastically to 651, from a count of 630 cases during February. There are 24 aid-to-the-needy-disabled cases, and 83 old-age pension cases.
2. The Child and Adult Protection Unit had 14 referrals during March, 7 of which were accepted for investigation. The Unit continues to have 7 dependency and neglect cases, with 5 children in placement. There were 2 adult protection cases during March, with 2 new referrals and 2 closed cases. There were 61 open child protection cases for the month.
3. LEAP has now served 527 households with \$280,553.70 having been paid.
4. The Emergency Food Bank in Saguache served 21 persons during March. The Center Emergency Food Bank reports having served 50 persons during the same period. Senior Commodities were distributed with 74 boxes issued in Center, 19 boxes to Crestone/Moffat, and 32 to seniors in

Saguache. TEFAP commodities will be distributed during the month of May, as the Care and Share food distribution center is low on available items for distribution.

5. The IV-D Unit is running at the same collection and case percentages as 2011 through the month of March.
6. Child welfare modernization is being addressed by the Policy Action Committee, and exciting changes are in process for TRAILS upgrades. Saguache Co. DSS is very pleased to be a part of this work, and look forward to the next two to three years as new programs are implemented to make case processing and documentation faster and easier for caseworkers.

Pace moved to adjourn as Saguache County Social Services Board at 11:32 A.M. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Dr. Arnett – Saguache Clinic

1. Discussion on the building and the improvements going on.
2. Insulation in ceiling and walls.
3. Windows will be replaced.
4. Heating system will be upgraded, renovation of heaters or new heaters, new duct work, and a return system.
5. Phone system will be upgraded.
6. Electrical will be updated in some parts of the building and will be wired for solar for future use.
7. Commercial grade flooring.
8. Doors will be upgraded, especially for ambulance access.
9. Plumbing will be upgraded and a new ADA bathroom will be installed.
10. Grant money was \$49,994.00 for this project and is within that budget.
11. Discussion with Commissioners on painting a few rooms that had water damage and is not in the improvements covered by the grant.

Lunch

Wendi Maez - Land Use Administrator:

Pace moved to approve a Resolution to Correct Certain Errors and Omissions in Resolution 2012-LU-6 as Approved by Saguache County on April 3, 2012. Joseph seconded motion. The vote was three Ayes.

1. Discussion and signing of corrected Resolution for Solar Reserve. A finding stating "that all reasonable mitigation has been met" was left out of the original Resolution therefore we will need to sign and record a corrected resolution. Attorney Gibbons will have resolution ready for review and signature at the meeting.
2. Maez has received a letter from CDOT requesting signature for USDOT Federal Highway Administration Civil Rights. The assurance they would like signed states that Saguache County deals with Federal Programs and that Saguache County will not violate any civil rights while using Federal Funds.

Pace moved to approve a Resolution to correct the acreage originally recorded on Resolution 2001-LU-8. Joseph seconded motion. The vote was three Ayes.

3. Need a resolution to correct acreage recorded on Resolution 2001-LU-8.

Ben Gibbons- County Attorney:

Joseph moved to enter into Executive Session at 1:02 P. M. for personnel purposes under CRS 24-6-402(4)(f)(I) and for legal purposes under CRS 24-6-402(4)(b). Pace seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Joseph moved to return to regular session at 1:12 P.M. Pace seconded motion. The vote was three Ayes.

1. The County Coroner had to remove a body in Bonanza. The person didn't have any relatives to cover the costs of the cremation; Commissioners discussed how the County should handle this cost and the persons property.

Spearman moved to convene as the Housing Authority Board at 1:30 P.M. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Evan Samora-Housing Director:

Pace moved to return to regular session at 1:45 P.M. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Break

Kim Smoyer – Economic Development Website:

Mark Talbot - Creative Director/CEO Xplore Design, Inc.

1. The website will include six pages.
 1. Community Profiles, detailed information about all the communities in the County & specific data related to standards for site selection.
 2. Interactive Map Elements (Location Maps) – 3 levels including national, regional and local levels.
 3. Available Properties, Commercial MLS database references and link; and other real estate resources and links.
 4. News & Press – Blog and news releases on recent activities in the area.
 5. Contact form and information.
 6. ScSEED & Saguache County.
2. Discussion on if the County wants to be the single point of contact (SPC) for inquiries from site selectors. As of now the SPC would be Wendi Maez.
3. Review website elements, links to County Site.
4. Discussion on incentives and other ways the County might be willing to work with site selectors.
5. Discussion on how involved the County wants to be in the design and/or management of the website, future funds to keep the site updated and managed.
6. Review of the Site Selector Standards being used to create the site.

Tom Blunt – Veterans Service Officer (VSO)

Laura Weaver – Assistant

1. From the beginning of this year there are about 250 new cases, and a total of 1,200 files managed by the County's VSO.
2. Discussion on how home visits are required a lot due to the fact that a lot of Veterans cannot make it to appointments at the office.
3. Discussion on how to educate Veterans on the fact that there are services and VSO's here to help them.
4. Discussion on getting certified on a National level and the access and efficiency it would bring.

Ty Churchwell – Trout Unlimited

Bob Meulengracht – Trout Unlimited

1. Sportsman Conservation Project Responsible Energy Development
2. Working to strike a balance between energy development and conservation in the west.
3. Discussion on support of the Public Land Renewable Energy Act (S. 1775).
4. The BOCC is in support of this Act (S. 1775) and will do a letter of support.

Sales Tax Grants decisions and requirements:

EMERGENCY / HEALTH & SAFETY

APPLICANT	Approved Amt
Crestone Amateur Radio Services	\$ 6,000.00
Crestone Fire Protection District	\$ 6,000.00
Moffat Consolidated School District	\$ -
Mountain Valley School	\$ 2,000.00
Neighbors Helping Neighbors	\$ 5,000.00
Saguache Public Health (1)	\$ 24,000.00
Saguache Public Health (2)	\$ 2,970.00
Town of Crestone	\$ 4,800.00
Saguache Clinic	\$ 10,000.00
Total Granted	\$ 60,770.00

YOUTH & SENIOR

Center Conservation District	\$ 5,000.00
Center Consolidated Schools	\$ 4,000.00
Crestone Performances	\$ 4,000.00
Crestone Youth Plaza	\$ 4,000.00
Institute for Scared Awakening	withdrawn
Kit Carson Rod & Gun Club	\$ 2,000.00
Mountain Valley Comm. Garden	\$ 3,500.00

Bill Paying

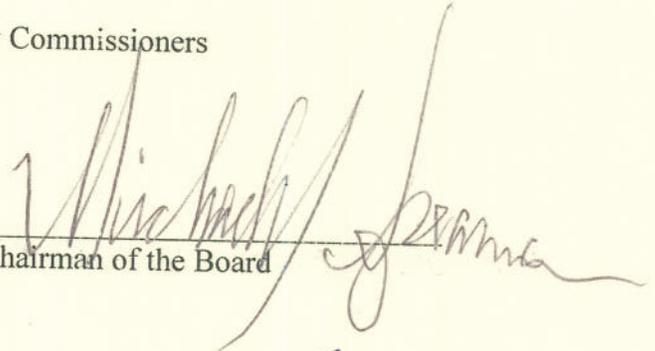
Pace moved to adjourn at 4:30 P.M. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

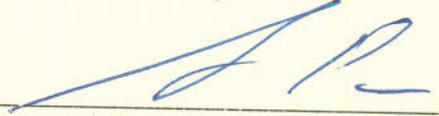
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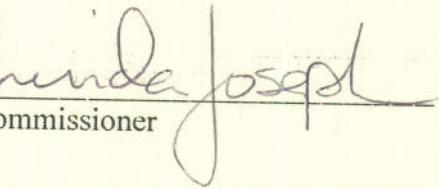
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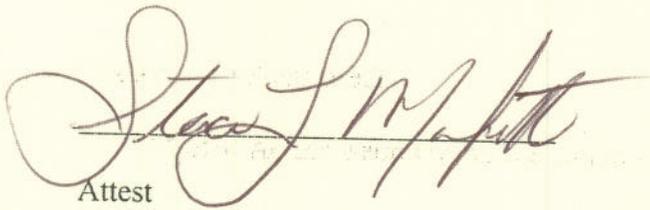
Staci Morfitt Acting Secretary to the Board of County Commissioners

Minutes Approved May 1, 2012


Chairman of the Board


Commissioner


Commissioner


Attest

