

Saguache County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Tuesday, May 15, 2012 with the following present:

Mike Spearman, Chair
Sam Pace, 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

Meeting called to order by Chair Spearman at 9:02 A.M.

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

Additions or Deletions to the Agenda:

1. Removed the Veterans report
2. Attorney Gibbons requested an Executive Session during Attorney time.
3. Land Use requested an Executive Session during Land Use time.
4. Arredondo requested an Executive Session during Road and Bridge time.

Pace moved to approve the minutes of May 1, 2012 as amended. Joseph seconded motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Reading and approval of minutes of May 1, 2012:

Review of Mail and other correspondence:

1. **Daniel Johnson** sent the April 2012 Report for the Fire Mitigation Program. (5/1/12)
2. **State of Colorado Dept. of Public Health** sent the Notice of Meeting & Agenda for the Air Quality Control Commission on May 17 in Denver. (5/1/12)
3. **Donna Wehe, SLV SBDC** sent a thank you card for the awarded spring 2012 Sales Tax Grant. (5/10/12)

Introduction of Guests:

Matie Belle Lakish – Crestone Eagle
Russell Schreiber – POA neighborhood
Alison McClure – BGPOA
Teresa Benns – Center Post Dispatch
Eric Karlstram – Baca citizen
Dottie Eichhorn – self
George Tinker - CTSI

Jason Anderson – self
Christian Dillo – Cottonwood Study Group
Zoe DeBray – KTTG-Crestone
Lisa Cyriacks – CBPC
Sandra Montoya – RGWCD
Kim Smoyer – ScSEED

Public Comment:

None at this time

Commissioners Report:

Mike Spearman reported:

1. Attended SRS Arbitration with Attorney Gibbons, along with Michael Lovato, George Welsh, Corey Doss and their Attorney. Will hear from Judge in the next two weeks.
2. May 7 – Went to Washington DC with Trout Unlimited in support of Senate Bill 1775, for a Royalty structure on Renewable Energy on Public Lands. A percent of the money would go to the Counties.
3. May 14 – Attended the Valley Commissioners Meeting in Alamosa.

Linda Joseph reported:

1. May 9 - Had lunch meeting with Celeste White, previous employee of the EMTS section of CDPHE, and her new supervisor. Celeste is now conducting contract and procedural audits of County Public Health Depts. for the State.
2. May 11 - Talked with Jim Pitts, Forest Service about: S. Crestone Willow Creek Trailhead Improvement Project, participation in the Valley Trails system project, if it receives the GoCo planning grant, timing of toilet installation at the north access parking lot.
3. BLM Solar PEIS - no new comments identified in this draft of final revisions. Letter of thanks for cooperating agency participation drafted and forwarded for review. Letter was approved by the Board.
4. SLV Geothermal EA comments drafted and forwarded for review. Deadline May 24. Letter was approved by the Board.
5. Reviewed 26 emergency services provider grant applications, a responsibility of the State Emergency Medical and Trauma Advisory Council (SEMTAC).
6. Received and forwarded email comment on the Medical Marijuana regulations.
7. Received and forwarded email from Della Vieira, Public Health Director regarding participation in the CALBOH meeting at the CCI Summer Conference.
8. May 14 - Attended the meeting of the SLV County Commissioners Association.

Sam Pace reported:

1. May 4 – Attended the State Board of Human Services meetings in Denver.
2. Phone conversation with Dr. Arnett on keeping Pete Garcia updated with the changes and improvements on the clinic building.
3. Interview with a Charter School student doing a report on County Government.

Wendi Maez & Lyn Lambert – Co-administrator report:

Pace moved to enter into Executive Session at 10:11 A. M. for personnel purposes under CRS 24-6-402(4) (f) (I). Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Pace moved to return to regular session at 10:28 A.M. Joseph seconded motion. The vote was three Ayes.

1. Carepoint, a Valley HMO, for businesses and organizations which do not have health care coverage. They could give a presentation to the BOCC, to see how this fits and can be made more accessible in the North end of the Valley. Dr. Arnett will be invited. Possible date for presentation will be during the June work session.
2. Lyn Lambert attended the Blue Peaks board meeting Wednesday, May 9. They are in a holding pattern for finances at this point in time, but it can change quickly. Waiting for State budget numbers right now.
3. Wendi Maez attended the Public Health evaluation by the State which was being done at the same date and time as the Blue Peaks board meeting.
4. The county received a plaque from Rio Grande Watershed Conservation District recognizing the County for their outstanding program partnership support.
5. Valley Community Fund sent a poster thanking the county for the employee donations through payroll.
6. Maez and Lambert attended SLVBOCC meeting on May 14.

Pace moved to approve the contract with the Integrated Land Services and SLV GIS/GPS Authority. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

7. Maez will be attended GIS the afternoon of May 14.

Joseph moved to approve the MOU with the Town of Saguache for the Public Health overhang. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was two Ayes and one Nay.

8. MOU with Town of Saguache for the Public Health building overhang.

Break

Randy Arredondo- Road and Bridge Supervisor report:

1. Christian Dillo, Cottonwood Study Group facilitator – presenting. Commissioner Joseph excused herself from this decision, as she is part of this Study Group, and presentation making the request of the BOCC. Overall goal of the Group is to possibly create a public, maintained trailhead and trail up Cottonwood Canyon. Access involves crossing Manitou Property, Water and Sanitation District property, and POA Greenbelt. The Forest Service can only be involved if there is permanent public access. Use of POA greenbelt for the parking lot, was rejected by the POA Board. So the Group is asking if the County would allow such parking in the adjacent County right of way. Approval for public foot traffic across the greenbelt to the trailhead would still be needed from the POA. Commissioners Spearman and Pace directed this request for review and recommendation by the Crestone Baca Planning Commission. Arredondo will proceed to survey for a right of way parking lot, prior to this going to the Crestone/Baca Planning Commissioners. Land owners would need to be notified prior to any scheduled meeting.

2. Received a request to lower speed limit by the park access in the BACA. It has been acknowledged and will be brought to the Sheriffs attention. Certain criteria need to be met to make such changes.

Pace moved to enter into Executive Session at 11:10 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 11:25 A.M. Spearman seconded motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Spearman moved to convene as Saguache County Social Services Board at 11:27 A.M. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Jeannie Norris- Social Services Director:

1. There were 37 TANF cases for the month of April, 2012. Food assistance cases increased once again from 651 in March, to 658 during April. There are 22 aid-to-the-needy-disabled cases, and 85 old-age pension cases.
2. The Child and Adult Protection Unit had 9 referrals during April, 7 of which were accepted for investigation. The Unit has 8 children in placement, and currently has 51 open child protection cases. There is 1 open adult protection case, with 1 new referral and 1 case having been closed during the month.
3. The LEAP season ended, having served 544 households with \$294,399.81 in fuel benefits.
4. Emergency food banks in Saguache County served 30 persons in Saguache, 50 persons in Center, and 122 persons in Crestone. We were able to obtain a supplemental TEFAP commodity distribution, and distributed potatoes, onions and pears to 40 persons who qualify for TEFAP commodities. Regularly scheduled distribution of commodities is scheduled for May 23rd in Saguache. We will distribute in Center on May 24th and in Crestone on May 30.
5. The Colorado Benefit Management System (CBMS) upgrade was rolled out to universally negative reviews statewide. Dee Williams, Associate Director for Colorado Human Resources met with directors in Pueblo on May 8, and held a conference call with State staff to hear director's issues with the program. State program support assures us that we will see significant results within the next month, which will be greatly appreciated.
6. Linda Warsh has been asked to serve as an officer in the Colorado Financial Officers Association. We are glad to have Linda's representation and the information that she brings back to our department is extremely valuable.
7. Case worker had an automobile accident on May 14, everyone is ok but the Social Services Blazer is now totaled.

Pace moved to adjourn as Saguache County Social Services Board at 11:42 A.M. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Mike Norris- Sheriff report:

The new computer system has been installed and is performing well.
BOCC took a tour of the jail and also went to Public Health and evaluated the overhang.

Lunch

Wendi Maez - Land Use Administrator:

Executive session will be held during Attorney time.

Pace moved to approve the variance request from Randal Arleigh & Stephenie Diane Kelly. Joseph seconded the motion. The Vote was three Ayes.

1. Randal Arleigh & Stephenie Diane Kelly – Variance request for 1978 Red Modular Home 24x56 Double Wide on NE1/4SE1/4 1-46-8. No comments have been received from any adjoining landowners; all permits required have been applied and paid for. Pictures were provided.

Pace moved to approve the Federal Fish and Wildlife Permit for Saguache County. Joseph seconded motion. The vote was three Ayes.

2. Sandra Montoya – SLV HCP (Habitat Conservation Plan) –The Rio Grande Water Conservation District (RGWCD), working with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and other partners, has developed a regional Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) for the San Luis Valley. The HCP provides for the long-term protection and conservation of the covered species while allowing for the continuation of ongoing and routine agriculture, community infrastructure, and riparian conservation and restoration activities. Ms. Montoya went over the application for the Federal Fish and Wildlife Permit Form needed to continue with the HCP process and gave a full report to the BOCC.

Pace moved to approve the Lot Consolidation for Jennifer and Danush Dopierala, Lots 1519 thru 1522 Chalet Unit One without going through the CBPC. Joseph seconded the motion. The Vote was three Ayes.

3. Received an application for a Lot Consolidation to Consolidate Lots 1519 thru 1522 Chalet Unit One from Jennifer and Danush Dopierala that should be going to the CBPC on June 5, 2012. Mr. & Mrs. Dopierla have requested a waiver to have the BOCC approve their consolidation at this meeting instead of going to the CBPC in June because the tax assessment date is June 1st and due to a death they did not get the application into this office in time to meet the June 1st dead line. The letter was forwarded by email to the BOCC.
4. Signed County Deeds for Michael Royer.
5. Signed approved Conditional Use Modification for Old Cow Town.
6. Land Development Code changes Public Hearing.

Land Development Code Changes Public Hearing

Spearman moved to enter into Public Hearing on Land Development Code Changes at 1:20 P.M. Joseph seconded motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Pace moved to approve the Land Development Code changes as amended. Joseph seconded motion. The vote was three Ayes.

1. Public comment was taken, and the BOCC discussed the Saguache County Land Development Code changes brought to them by the Planning Commission. Four sections with proposed revisions included - Solar Development MW, outside lighting, terms for Crestone/Baca Board members, and Medical Marijuana.

Spearman moved to return to regular session at 2:10 P.M. Joseph seconded motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Ben Gibbons- County Attorney:

Pace moved to enter into Executive Session at 2:47 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 three Ayes.

Pace moved to return to regular session at 3:00 P.M. Joseph seconded motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Kim Smoyer- ScSeed Economic Development Update:

1. The Saguache Downtown Revitalization Project will officially close in June.
2. Blue Earth Business Opportunities, Ltd. Is the official owner of 404-406 4th St.
3. Saguache Hotel is currently on the market.
4. Ute Theatre has expanded and now serves food, beer, and wine.
5. Hauck/Pedersen gallery has had several large sales as a result of the RPD event.
6. Pocket Park property was purchased, work will begin in June.
7. Crestone Redevelopment Project has been meeting for months for refining and detailing the plan for the commercial district.
8. Saguache Historic Walking Tour are having booklets printed, they will be completed by the end of the month and distributed throughout the region.
9. Historic Preservation Commission has designated several buildings with the local historic designation status. Saguache Hotel and the Saguache Town Hall are being assessed.
10. Economic Development Website is in the works and will be ready by the end of June for a sample viewing.
11. Several business clients in Saguache are currently getting business counseling by Smoyer.

Break

Pace moved to convene as the Housing Authority Board at 3:30 P.M. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Evan Samora-Housing Director:

Pace moved to return to regular session at 3:45 P.M. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

AJ Beckman and Jennifer Tanaka- Baca Grande Water and Sanitation, phone conference

Executive Session was held during Attorney time with Assessor Stephens present.

George Tinker- CTSI (County Technical Services, Inc.) Quarterly Review

1. Counties Casualty and Property Pool Insurance
2. County Workers' Compensation Pool Insurance
3. Frequency, Severity, and Average Cost of claims.
4. Discussion on the trainings that are offered through CTSI for Public Health and Road and Bridge.

Bill Paying

Pace moved to adjourn at 4:22 P.M. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

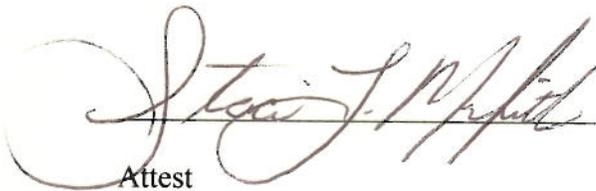
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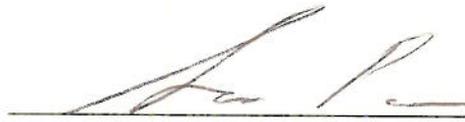
Respectfully Submitted,

Staci Morfitt Acting Secretary to the Board of County Commissioners

Minutes Approved June 5, 2012


Chairman of the Board


Attest


Commissioner




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