

Saguache County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Tuesday, January 15, 2013 with the following present:

Linda Joseph, Chair
Jason Anderson, Co-Vice Chair
Ken Anderson, 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 Joseph at 9:02 A.M.

Employee Appreciation:

No employee anniversaries today.

Ken Anderson moved to approve the agenda as amended. Jason Anderson seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Additions or Deletions to the Agenda:

1. Executive session during Attorney Gibbons time.

Jason Anderson moved to approve the minutes of January 8, 2013 as amended. Ken Anderson seconded motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Reading and approval of minutes of January 8, 2013:

Review of Mail and other correspondence:

1. **Rio Grande Water Conservation District** will have the Board of Directors meeting on January 15, 2013 at 10:00a.m. located at 10900 Hwy 160 Alamosa. (1/10/13)
2. **State of Colorado Dept. of Public Health** sent a notice regarding the Air Quality Control Commission Meeting to be held on February 21, 2013 in Denver. (1/10/13)
3. **Andy Karsian, CCI** sent an email in regards to Public Lands Committee Nominations due by 1/18/13. (1/4/13)
4. **CTSI** sent the Winter 2012 Conference Membership Meeting Newsletter. (1/4/13)
5. **Northern Saguache County Fire Protection District** sent the updated Fire Protection Contact information. (1/9/13)
6. **Gunnison County METREC** sent the January 2013 Annual Report. (1/9/13)
7. **Saguache County Clerk, Carla Gomez** sent a letter to the BoCC Congratulating the new Commissioners. Also to apologize that she will be attending a Clerk's Winter Conference and will be missing the first meeting. Clerk Gomez indicated that in order to have a complete record of BoCC meetings, she would like to begin audio recording the meetings in addition to the written action Minutes. (1/9/13)

8. **State of Colorado Public Health** sent a letter in regards to the Approval Slope Stability Concern per the Division's May 26, 2011 in Correspondence to the Saguache County Landfill. (1/10/13)
9. **Erin Minks with US Senator Mark Udall's Office** sent a letter in regards to Drought Relief, Assistance for Colorado Farmers. (1/9/13)
10. **Rio Grande Water Conservation District** sent a letter and has been working with the Fish and Wildlife Services and has developed a regional Habitat Conservation Plan for the San Luis Valley. You can view the HCP at www.slvhcp.com or any questions you can call Sandra Montoya at 719-589-6301. (1/11/13)
11. **US Fish and Wildlife** sent a letter proposing the listing of Gunnison Sage-Grouse under Endangered Species Act. (1/11/13)

Introduction of Guests:

Matie Belle Lakish- Crestone Eagle
 Teresa Benns- Center Post-Dispatch
 Curtis Belcher- Colorado Division of Property Taxation

Donna Wehe- SLV SBDC
 Lisa Cyriacks- self

Public Comment:

No Public Comments at this time.

Commissioners Report:

Linda Joseph reported:

1. January 8-11- attended the Colorado Counties Inc. New Commissioner Training in Denver.
2. January 12- met with Gunnison Sage Grouse Committee Alternate Elinor Laurie to review information and needs in response to the recent proposed endangered Listing of Gunnison Sage Grouse, and related critical habitat protections. Corresponding also with Wendi Maez, Jenny Nehring and Andrew Archuleta to organize next steps and Saguache County representation at meetings in Gunnison (JAN 16, 23-24).
3. January 14- attended the SLV County Commissioners Association meeting in Alamosa. Discussion on the different topics for the Counties. Discussion on the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Grant that Public Health Director Della Vieira was just approved for. It takes 18 communities nationwide who are in rural areas for two years and they try different methods and try and come up with different models on how to get Public Health Services in these areas.

Jason Anderson reported:

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Department Head and Board Appointments:

Ken Anderson moved to approve the Staff Appointments. Jason Anderson seconded motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Ken Anderson moved to amended Appointments to include Randy Arredondo as Airports Manager. Jason Anderson seconded motion. The vote was three Ayes.

STAFF Appointments

1. Airport Manager- Randy Arredondo
2. Blue Peaks Development – Lyn Lambert – 3 year term (repointed in June 2011)
3. Budget Officer – Wendi Maez and Lyn Lambert
4. SLV CAA - Wendi Maez, Lyn Lambert, Evan Samora and Pam Jones
5. CCI Designee to County Health Pool- Lyn Lambert, April Quintana
6. Co-County Administrators – Wendi Maez and Lyn Lambert
7. County Attorney – Ben Gibbons
8. County Emergency Manager –Jim Felmlee
9. SLV RETAC designee – Jim Felmlee and All Hazards - Jim Felmlee
10. County Weed Coordinator – deferred
11. Environmental Certifying official – Della Vieira
12. Health Department designee for Land Use issues – Wendi Maez
13. Health Department designee for Public Health issues – Della Vieira
14. Housing Director – Evan Samora
15. Land Fill Supervisor – Randy Arredondo
16. Land Use Administrator – Wendi Maez
17. Local Board of Health, Medical Director - Dr. Benson
18. Personnel Administrator – Wendi Maez and Lyn Lambert
19. Road and Bridge Supervisor – Randy Arredondo
20. Public Health and Nursing Services Director – Della Vieira
21. SLV GIS/GPS reps – Wendi Maez and Connie Trujillo
22. SLV Housing Coalition – Evan Samora
23. Social Services Director – Jeannie Norris
24. Veterans Services Officer – Jim Sheeran
25. Gunnison Basin Weed Commission – deferred
26. SLV DRG Citizen Appointment – Gregory Mills, Aventa Credit Union

Jason Anderson moved to approve the BoCC roles as appointed. Ken Anderson seconded motion. The vote was three Ayes.

BoCC Roles

1. AGO/SLV Trails Coalition- Jason Anderson
2. All Hazards- Linda Joseph
3. BOCC Chair – Linda Joseph
4. Carepoint Board (Valley Commissioners appointment) - Linda Joseph
5. CCI Legislative Committee Designee – Jason Anderson

6. County Designated Health Officer/County Quarantine Officer – Linda Joseph
7. Courthouse Security Team, Commissioner Representative – Jason Anderson
8. Gunnison Sage Grouse Strategic Conservation Committee – Linda Joseph, Alternate: Elinor Laurie
9. Poncha Pass Working Group Coordinator/County Liaison - Jenny Nehring
10. Housing Authority Chair – Linda Joseph
11. Local Board of Health Chair - Linda Joseph
12. Senior Citizens Liaison – Ken Anderson
13. State Emergency Medical & Trauma Advisory Council (SEMTAC, Governor appointed) - Linda Joseph
14. SLV Council of Governments, Executive Board - Linda Joseph
15. SLV Development Resources Group – Ken Anderson
16. SLVHCP Steering Committee- Ken Anderson, Wendi Maez
17. SLV Regional Transportation Commission/STAC – Ken Anderson
18. SLV RETAC ad hoc – Linda Joseph
19. State Health Department designee – Linda Joseph
20. Tourism Council Liaison – Linda Joseph, Jason Anderson
21. Veterans Task Force (Valley Commissioners/Valley Veterans) – Linda Joseph

Ken Anderson moved to approve the County Auditors, Newspaper, and Official Publication site. Jason Anderson seconded motion. The vote was three Ayes.

1. County Auditors – Wall, Smith and Bateman
2. Official Newspaper – Saguache Crescent
3. Official Publication site – Saguache County Website

Wendi Maez & Lyn Lambert – Co-administrator report:

Ken Anderson moved to approve the Resolution Directing the Transfer of Funds from the County General Fund into the Public Health Fund. Jason Anderson seconded motion. The vote was three Ayes.

1. Resolution to transfer funds from General Fund to Public Health presented for approval.
2. W2's and 1099's have been completed for the 2012 year.
3. Discussion on contacting the American Legion to move the supplies in the Assessor's trailer.
4. Ron Gilbertson shut down and evacuated DSS for a carbon dioxide leak, when building was checked by Xcel Energy and Pete Garcia no leaks were found. Employees were checked by the ambulance personnel.
5. The new Veterans Service Officer has gotten his clearance for State site work.

Ken Anderson moved to continue with the \$110.00 monthly support to the Conour Animal Shelter. Jason Anderson seconded motion. The vote was three Ayes.

6. Asked BoCC if the County is still going to support Conour Animal Shelter.

Break

Wendi Maez - Land Use Administrator:

1. Yearly BOCC and Planning Commission meeting date needs to be set. Maez would like to have the meeting on January 31st if possible. Land Use has a SCPC meeting that evening at 5pm and would like to have the meeting on that same day to save paying mileage for two separate meetings. Meeting date set prior to PC meeting on February 28th at 1pm.
2. Update on 2012 permits issued. Fees for Land Use permits have continued to decrease for the last 3 years. 2010 total for all permits \$106,197.46, 2011 - \$94,607.17, 2012 - \$93,345.28.

Ken Anderson moved to approve the bid for Mineral Hot Springs Estate Lots 3-6 and 25-31 11B from Sarah LaValley for \$389.00. Jason Anderson seconded motion. The vote was three Ayes.

3. Received bids for Mineral Hot Springs Estate Lots 3-6 and 25-31 11B for \$389.00 from Sarah LaValley.

Ben Gibbons- County Attorney:

1. County is being represented by CTSI in the Briggs Case. CTSI filed a motion of clarification of claims. Hearing is still moving forward on February 25th. The County cannot be served for Attorney Gibbons.
2. Still haven't heard back from Mr. Hollenbeck's' Attorney on their progress.

Ken Anderson moved to enter into Executive Session at 11:28 A. M. for legal purposes under CRS 24-6-402(4) (b). Jason Anderson seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Joseph moved to return to regular session at 11:40 A.M. Jason Anderson seconded motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Donna Wehe- SLV Small Business Development Center:

1. 15 counselors around the State are helping small business owners.
2. Half of their Budget is federal grant money and the other half is matched.
3. Offices are in Monte Vista and Alamosa.
4. Looking for a good mentor in the town Saguache. Possible mentors identified in Villa Grove and Crestone right now.
5. Some success stories are Richard Drake, Drake Lumber and Ralph Abrams, Crestone Telecom, LLC.
6. Client count for 2012 was 251. Jobs created were 29, jobs retained 6, business starts 20, Capital Formation \$862,600.00, and Increased Sales \$191,780.00.

Mike Norris- Sheriff report:

No new report at this time. New Commissioners went to get their ID badges.

Jail Tour

Lunch

Randy Arredondo- Road and Bridge Supervisor report:

1. Landfill is ready to put in new liner but waiting for the State to approve the liner modifications. Liner may not be ready when landfill is ready to open new cell.
2. Arredondo is still looking into a tire shredder and the price of someone coming and hauling tires away to recycle.
3. There is a new inspector for the Landfill. County has not received Landfill inspection report.
4. Jason Anderson asked Arredondo if dropping fuel prices are helping him, Arredondo stated that he is actually getting fuel bids in now and will present those in February.
5. Jason Anderson also asked if the County owns a home on the Cochetopa, Arredondo stated he is going to ask for an amendment to his budget so he can replace that home. Arredondo also stated that the Road & Bridge has an outpost in Villa Grove, Moffat, Center, and Sargents. The only one with living quarters is the one on Cochetopa.

Connie Trujillo-County Treasurer:

1. Informed the BoCC of the public meeting for the Post Office. Post Office is looking at cutting back hours at the Post Office in Saguache. Expressed her concern about being the County seat and having the Post Office hours cut; encouraging County representation at the public meeting.
2. Commissioners are not available at that time, County reps. attending will report back on that meeting. Joseph will contact Senator Bennet's office, which was involved in preserving other postal services in the Valley, last year.

**Ken Anderson moved to convene as Saguache County Social Services Board at 1:30 P.M.
Jason Anderson seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

Jeannie Norris- Social Services Director:

1. TANF cases increased by one to 34 cases for the month of December. Food assistance cases increased from 669 to 677 during the month. There were 21 aid-to-the-needy-disabled cases, and old-age-pension cases held steady at 93 for December.
2. The Child and Adult Protection Unit had 7 referrals during December, 2 of which were accepted for investigation. The Unit has 4 children in placement, and currently has 40 open child protection cases. Adult protection continues to have 3 open cases. There are 5 open dependency and neglect cases, and the Department has 12 youth in post-adoption cases.
3. The second LEAP payroll of the season was released during December. A total of \$79,986.69 was paid thus far to 318 households.
4. Many changes are in progress for Colorado youth and families with the proposed expansion of the Medicaid program. Gov. Hickenlooper has presented a plan to expand Medicaid coverage to an additional 160,000 persons without increasing costs. If approved, the expansion would be effective in January, 2014.
5. The Food Bank in Saguache served 19 persons during the month of December. The Saguache Study Club made a generous donation to the Food Bank, as well as donating toys which were used both for Christmas gifts to our foster children, and ongoing needs of these children.
6. We have scheduled a TEFAP commodity distribution for the month of February, as we will not be receiving a distribution from Care and Share during January.
7. The Steering Committee for Child Welfare Training Academy redesign has released an RFP, and hopes to have bids for consideration by February. The training academy will be held in four sites in order to reduce transportation and lodging costs for counties. Time spent on-site will hopefully be reduced as well, as webinar and on-line courses will supplement classroom time.

Ken Anderson moved to adjourn as Saguache County Social Services Board at 2:05 P.M. Jason Anderson seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Ken Anderson moved to convene as the Housing Authority Board at 2:05 P.M. Jason Anderson seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Evan Samora-Housing Director monthly report:

Ken Anderson moved to return to regular session at 2:30 P.M. Jason Anderson seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Break

Tourism Council- Quarterly Update:

1. Council met last Wednesday – went over grant requests received and made decisions on the grants. BOCC passed a resolution 6 years ago 25% advertising to bring people in and 75% was to go in support of local events. Council will review the effectiveness of those allocations.
2. Of 2013 funds a \$1000.00 will be held out to be used for creating a tourism brochure.
3. Membership of the Tourism Council is weak from Southern, East, and West parts of the County, despite long running ads for volunteers from these areas.

Jackie Stephens- County Assessor:

1. Curtis Belcher with the Colorado Division of Property accompanied Assessor Stephens to give the BoCC an update on the Reappraisals.

Ken Anderson moved to approve the Saguache County Reappraisal Plan for Residential Property 2011-2012. Jason Anderson seconded motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Jason Anderson moved to approve the Saguache County Reappraisal Plan for All Classes with Omitted Property for 2013. Ken Anderson seconded motion. The vote was three Ayes.

2. Saguache County Reappraisal Plan for Residential Property 2011-2012 attached to minutes.
3. Saguache County Reappraisal Plan for All Classes with Omitted Property for 2013 attached to minutes.
4. Approach is to leave Saguache County with the ability, data base and personnel to prevent this from happening again. Time frame for completion of the reappraisals is by March 15th, 2013. If not completed by the time frame it can be extended.
5. There are 3 people in the field. Team one is Eastern County, mainly the Baca. Team two is center line of County. Team three is the outer laying areas. There are around 13,000 parcels that need to be looked at.
6. Every sale has to be addressed by the Assessor, foreclosures included.

Bill Paying

Ken Anderson moved to adjourn at 3:37 P. M. Jason Anderson seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Adjourn

Respectfully Submitted,

Staci Morfitt Acting Secretary to the Board of County Commissioners

Minutes Approved February 5, 2013



Staci Morfitt

Attest

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Chairman of the Board

Jason Anderson
Commissioner

Ken Anderson
Commissioner