

**SAGUACHE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**REGULAR SESSION MEETING**  
**9:00 A.M. OCTOBER 1, 2013**  
**Located at Road & Bridge**

**MINUTES**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Joseph at 9:03 a.m., with the following members present:

Linda Joseph, Chair  
Ken Anderson, Co-Vice Chair  
Jason Anderson, Co-Vice Chair  
Wendi Maez, Co-Administrator  
Lyn Lambert, Co-Administrator  
Ben Gibbons, County Attorney  
Staci Morfitt, Acting Secretary to the Board

**II. EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION**

**III. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA**

1. Clerk Gomez will be in at 11:45 during to address Commissioners on a couple issues.
2. Assessor Stephens will be in during Attorney Gibbons time.
3. Jenny Nehring will be in during Attorney Gibbons time as well.
4. Due to Government shut down there will be no one in for the Public Lands time. Moved Clerk Gomez to 2pm.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED**

**SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON**

**VOTES IN FAVOR: 3**

**VOTES AGAINST: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**IV. READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES – AUGUST 20, 2013, AND SEPTEMBER 3, 2013**

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 20, 2013 REGULAR SESSION MEETING AS PRESENTED**

**SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JOSEPH**

**VOTES IN FAVOR: 3**

**VOTES AGAINST: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 3, 2013 REGULAR SESSION MEETING AS AMENDED SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JOSEPH**

**VOTES IN FAVOR: 3**

**VOTES AGAINST: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**V. REVIEW OF MAIL AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE**

1. **US Dept. of the Interior** sent a letter in reply to the Xcel Power Line Rebuild Project along with a MOU to review. (9/26/13)
2. **State Board of Equalization** sent a letter in regards to Public Service Announcement/Notice of Public Hearing on October 8<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00a.m. Located at 200E. 14<sup>th</sup> Ave., Hearing Room A, Denver. (9/26/13)
3. **State of Colorado Dept. of Public Health** sent the Notice of Adjudicatory Hearing regarding Appeal of Compliance Determination & Assessment of Civil Penalty on November 21<sup>st</sup>. at 9:00a.m. in Denver, Co. (9/26/13)
4. **WildRose Appraisal Inc.** sent the 2013 Saguache County Property Assessment Study. (9/26/13)
5. **State of Colorado Dept. of Public Health** sent the Approval of the Leachate Collection System Materials Testing Results for the Saguache County Landfill. (9/26/13)
6. **Kundalini Fire Management** sent the Final Title III Report. (9/17/13)
7. **State of Colorado Dept. of Public Health** sent the Third Quarter 2013 Groundwater Monitoring Report Response for the Saguache County Landfill. (9/24/13)
8. **Crestina Martinez, CDHS** sent an email in regards to the SLV Site Visits – CDHS Executive Director Reggie Bicha on October 3<sup>rd</sup> from 3:45pm -4:45 pm at the Alamosa County Commissioners Office. (9/27/13)
9. **Federal Communications Commission** sent an Informational Notice of Section 106, AT&T Mobility is requesting information to put a Cell Tower in Bonanza. (9/30/13)
10. **Susan Parker** sent an email in regards to Saguache County introduction to Energy Resource Center. (9/30/13)
11. **Carol Osborn** sent the January- August 2013 Reports for the SLV Commissioners. (9/30/13)

**VI. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

Matie Belle Lakish – Crestone Eagle  
Cheryl Rowe – Crestone Telecom

Ralph Abrams – Crestone Telecom

**VII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

## **VIII. COMMISSIONERS REPORT**

### **Commissioner Joseph:**

1. September 18 - Attended the Gunnison Sage Grouse Strategic Committee meeting by teleconference from the R&B meeting room, with Elinor Laurie and Jenny Nehring. Did follow up with Nehring and Maez on completing worksheets. Public Hearing in Gunnison is October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013.
2. September 20 - Attended the Commissioners Work Session and Special meeting. Also attended the County Picnic
3. September 23 - Attended the SLV Commissioners Assoc. meeting in Alamosa, to hear budget request presentations.
4. September 24 - Met with Jim Felmlie of the County's Office of Emergency Management, to review 2013/14 budget and grant planning.
5. September 25 - Attended the County Commissioners and Dept. Heads meeting for Budget discussion.
6. Connected with Faith O'Reilly as Tourism Council couldn't meet as scheduled, due to lack of quorum. Faith made herself available to greet and inform anyone interested in the Tourism Council due to ads and outreach.
7. September 27 - Webpage maintenance meeting with Mark Talbot, and training for Amber Wilson and Staci Morfitt; worked on Tourism and Sage Grouse web pages.
8. September 30 - Attended the Public Health Partnership Strategic Planning Work Session in Alamosa. Attended the Local Emergency Planning Council meeting and All Hazards meetings.

### **Commissioner Ken Anderson:**

1. September 20 – Attended the BoCC Work Session and County picnic.
2. September 21 – Attended the Saguache Fall Festival.
3. September 23 – Attended the San Luis Valley County Commissioners Budget meeting.
4. September 25 – Attended the County Department Heads Budget meeting.

### **Commissioner Jason Anderson:**

1. 9/19 - Met with the Living Valley Alliance Environmental Protection Group, they had questions about getting initiatives on the county ballot.
2. 9/20 - Wrote Eye on the County article concerning the County position on retail Marijuana sales.
3. 9/20 - Attended Commissioner Work Session and the County picnic.
4. 9/21 - Attended the Saguache Fall Festival
5. 9/23 - Attended the Valley Wide Commissioners meeting. Reviewed funding requests.
6. 9/24 - Spoke with Leon Posted in Sargents Colorado concerning dates for a Commissioner(s) visit.
7. 9/24 - Spoke with Brenda Femlee at Rep. Scott Tipton's office concerning the SRS vote on the House Floor.
8. 9/25 - Attended the County Dept. Heads budget meeting.
9. 9/26 - Attended the State Water Board meeting at the State Capitol. Subjects included the performance of Water Sub-District 1, and the issues between Senior Surface Rights holders and large-scale Valley pumping projects.
10. 9/28 - Communicated with Dick Larson, Crestone resident concerning flood insurance.
11. 9/30 - Office hours

12. 9/30 - Spoke with Christy Culp at DOLA, was able to schedule a visit with the County Commissioners for 1:00pm on Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>.
13. 9/30 - Submitted thank you letter to Federal Legislators for assistance with PILT funding.

**IX. CO-ADMINISTRATOR REPORT - WENDI MAEZ & LYN LAMBERT**

1. Pete Garcia, Maintenance Director will be in to discuss problems we are having with the ADA Chairlift. Chairlift fits a regular wheel chair but not a full power chair. Morning Star cannot make improvements to the lift itself. Attorney Gibbons advised Mr. Garcia to get paperwork from Morning Star stating the chair lift is ADA compliant. Attorney Gibbons will draft a County Policy for accessing services when chairlift unavailable.
2. Discussion concerning email received from CTSI about health insurance for 2014. Administration sent a letter to CTSI to notify them of the County potentially changing health insurance carrier. Deadline for Bids was September 27, 2013. Three bids in, will review and present to the BoCC.
3. Meeting on Thursday in Monte Vista with CDHS Executive Director Reggie Bicha. Need to RSVP.
4. Jeff Kemper with SRI-Tax Sale will be giving a presentation on October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2pm in Alamosa. This will be training on an easier way to conduct the annual tax sale and a way for Saguache County to hold the County held property auctions also, as a on-line Auction. Maez and Treasurer Trujillo will be attending and bringing the information back to the BoCC.
5. CCI Survey on Off-Highway Vehicle Access needs to be completed and returned to CCI by Friday October 11<sup>th</sup>.
6. Presented the Sales Tax Grant Applications for 2013 Cycle #2.
  - a. Health & Safety – 9 applications received, total requested \$82,785.00, total available \$76,071.00
  - b. Youth & Senior – 21 applications received, total requested \$153,599.00, total available \$50,245.00
  - c. Renewable Energy & Jobs – 11 applications received, total requested \$106,650.00, total available \$52,542.00
7. Discussion on the BoCC November schedule. Work sessions or any special meetings will start at 9:30am instead of 9am, regular session meetings will remain at 9am.

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**X. LAND USE ADMINISTRATOR – WENDI MAEZ**

1. Land Development Code Changes – request for public hearing date. Discussion on suggested changes. Public Hearing date is November 19, 2013.
2. Adam Green with Solar Reserve has requested the biannual local meeting on workforce requirements be held by phone conference on October 15, 2013 at 10:30am. Maez informed Mr. Green that she would request this conference be held by teleconference instead of in person. BoCC agreed to a teleconference.

3. Review and possible agree to the proposal submitted by Solar Financial for the Solar Garden located at the County Gravel Pit – AKA – Coleman Pit – the proposals will be emailed. Attorney Gibbons advised BoCC that the formal contract needs to be a formal action item on agenda and Attorney Gibbons will get specific items over to Commissioner Jason Anderson.
4. Signed the approved resolution for Don and Donna Toews for the expansion of Power Zone Equipment area.
5. Signed the approved resolution for Saguache County for the Solar Garden located on County Gravel Pit – AKA – Coleman Pit.
6. Request for funding for the Gunnison Sage Grouse MOU Group to hire Dr. John Loomis to review the economic analysis and issue a report prior to the public hearing on October 7<sup>th</sup>. The cost will be between \$7,000 and \$10,000 with cost sharing between all of the counties involved. Discussion with BoCC and Jenny Nehring.

**XI. CRESTONE TELECOM UPDATE – RALPH ABRAMS & CHERYL ROWE**

1. Eagle Net had presented to BoCC Master Service level agreement. Eagle Net has received grant money to help government entities in rural areas, but there is a political push back by smaller internet groups. When Eagle Net deploys broadband Crestone Telecom will be in position to provide Internet service in the Saguache area. No deployment date from Eagle Net and Crestone Telecom is uncertain about Eagle-Net's progress.
2. Crestone Telecom could get wireless broadband to Saguache County Communities by putting internet on Cemetery Hill, along with the tower in Moffat and Center. Crestone Telecom presented the BoCC with a price sheet.
3. BoCC gave directive for a grant-writer stipend to pursue funds for the necessary internet infrastructure.

**XII. COUNTY ATTORNEY - BEN GIBBONS**

1. Assessor Stephens presented to the BoCC the potential pay back from schools to the State after reappraisal process and payback to the State for the Department of Taxation work on reappraisal.
2. The State had over paid schools due to incorrect assessed values. Now that County has correct assessed values the difference will be paid back by County with 6% interest. Total of payback from schools is \$46,211.71 which would be a onetime mill levy of .00670. CRS 39-1-105(B) (3) states a County shall establish a mill to collect.
3. Estimate of payback for Department of Taxation work is \$87,000. Assessor Stephens will have complete breakdown by the end of week. There is a fund that assists with covering these costs, Assessor Stephens is looking into it.
4. Attorney Gibbons will be attending the State Board of Equalization Public Hearing on Tuesday October 8<sup>th</sup> with Assessor Stephens.
5. Discussion with BoCC and Jenny Nehring on the County Comments for the Public Hearing on October 7. Nehring stated the four important places to make comments would be:
  - Endangered Species Designation
  - Critical Habitat Designation
  - Economic Analysis
  - Draft Environmental Assessment
6. Good for County to write comment letters for all four categories but focus on Critical habitat at hearing. Nehring went into detail on how she feels the boundary line should include toward Sargents, not south toward Villa Grove, as currently depicted. Commissioner Joseph requested Nehring to review specific

boundary areas indicated by actual habitat. Upcoming transplant locations will be important to monitor.

7. Will be in contact with Valley Wide Dental Clinic on rent status on building in Center.

## LUNCH

### **XIII. ROAD & BRIDGE SUPERVISOR – RANDAL ARREDONDO**

1. Received payment from the Division of Aeronautics on the Grant received for purchase of Leach Airport. Paid 90% of purchase price.
2. Liner at the Landfill is in. Working on final report, will be done and sent to State by the end of week. State has to review report and ok before Landfill can reopen.
3. Arredondo asked the BoCC how to proceed with recycling and tire clean up. Discussion on tire clean up, but no decisions. Attorney Gibbons provided a sample waiver for Mr. Love and the recycling project. Mr. Love has been asked to look into insurance.
4. Discussion on pay increase for Arredondo. BoCC agreed on ½ of pay increase requested. Pay increase will start now, and is associated with assigning Arredondo in the period from now until June to work on a strategic proposal for establishing a Public Works Department and the efficiencies possible.

### **MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON TO CONVENE AS THE SAGUACHE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH AT 1:35 PM**

#### **SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON**

**VOTES IN FAVOR: 3**

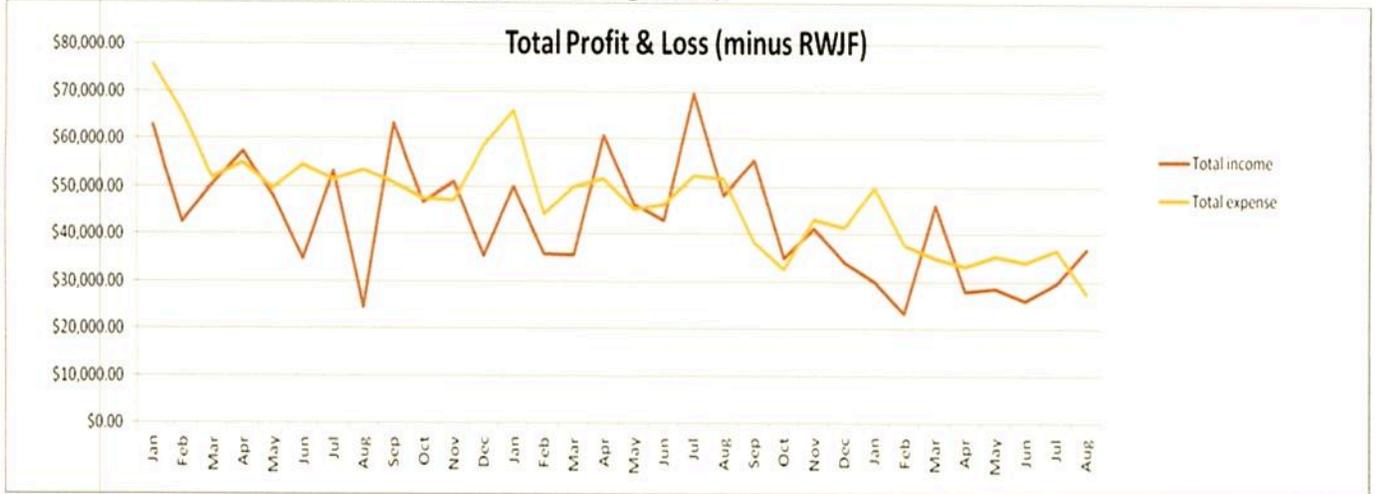
**VOTES AGAINST: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **XIV. PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR - DELLA VIEIRA**

1. Core Services updates.
  - a. Assessment, Planning, and Communication:
    1. Assistance to RG County PH: RG County Admin states that BoCC should have Statement of Work to present to Saguache BoCC later this week
  - b. Vital Records and Statistics: no updates
  - c. Communicable Disease Prevention, Investigation, and Control:
    1. Flu vaccine clinics being scheduled with community partners
  - d. Prevention and Population Health Promotion:
    1. ACA presentation for BOH
  - e. Emergency Preparedness and Response: no updates
  - f. Environmental Health:
    1. EH Specialist to begin work 10/7/2013 in Alamosa County; she will give a presentation to SLV PHP at our 10/21/13 meeting regarding her strategy for EH needs assessment & planning
  - g. Administration and Governance:
    1. SCPH will use 1/3 of additional regional funds to hire a temporary program assistant 1 to 1 ½ days per week, to free up Director's time to work on EH planning in SLV
2. PCP Program.
  - a. Total of 48 Medicaid clients and 1 Private Pay clients received services in September: 3 pending provider replacement.

3. Financial activity: revenues & expenditures by program, without transfers-in, per BOH request at our last meeting (Jan, 2011 to Aug, 2013).



**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO ADJOURN AS SAGUACHE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH AT 2:15 P.M.  
 SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON  
 VOTES IN FAVOR: 3  
 VOTES AGAINST: 0  
 MOTION CARRIED**

**BREAK**

**XV. COUNTY CLERK & RECORDER – CARLA GOMEZ**

1. Informed the BoCC of the new State mandated regulations on voting. All mail in ballots, no polling places, except the Courthouse. Put new information in all three papers and on the County website. Clerks’ Office and the Commissioner Meeting room will serve as the Voter Service and Polling Center. Will be writing the November Eye on the County article to highlight new voting regulations and the fact that the County now has ADA compliant parking at the Courthouse.

**XVI. OEM QUATERLY UPDATE – JIM FELMLEE**

**JUNE**

- Attended Citizens CORP Monthly Meeting
- Met with Jeff Babcock about SLV and Saguache County Communications
- Participated in the monthly DTR (Digital trunk Radio) drill.
- Met with Pam Gripp about training with the county scheduling system.
- Met with Pam Gripp, Scott Alexander and Dr. Thompson setting up Medical Director for the three agencies.
- Attended All Hazards Meeting
- Attended the San Luis Valley Firefighters Association meeting.
- Participated in the West Fork Fire EOC incident.

- Participated in the Saguache County MCI Exercise

#### JULY

- Attended Citizens CORP Monthly Meeting
- Participated in the Alamosa County July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration as Incident Commander.
- Baca/Crestone Ambulance Inspections
- Met with Trevor Denney regarding EMPG papers.
- Attended the San Luis Valley Firefighters Association meeting.
- Participated in the Conejos County evacuation exercise.
- Attended the San Luis Valley All Hazards meeting.
- Participated in the monthly DTR drill
- Attended the San Luis Valley Regional Emergency Trauma Advisory Council (RETAC) meeting
- Attended the State All Hazards Committee meeting.
- Participated in the State Emergency Medical Trauma Advisory Council (SEMTAC)
- Attended regional medical director meeting.

#### AUGUST

- Attended Citizens CORP Monthly Meeting
- Met with Trevor Denney, regional emergency manager.
- Participated in the monthly DTR drill.
- Attended the San Luis Valley Firefighters Association meeting
- Participated in the Baca Wildlife refuge tour.
- Attended Interoperable Communication Committee (ICC) meeting
- Continue meeting with Kimberly.
- Meet with Della regarding Public Health Emergency Plan
- Attend San Luis Valley All Hazards meeting.

#### SEPTEMBER

- Attended Citizens CORP Monthly Meeting
- Attended the San Luis Valley Firefighters Association meeting
- Participated in the monthly DTR drill.
- Participated in the EMS World EXPO conference.
- Attended the San Luis Valley Regional Emergency Trauma Advisory Council (RETAC) meeting.
- Attended The San Luis Valley Firefighters Association meeting.
- Participated in the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) conference.
- Attended the San Luis Valley All Hazards Committee meeting, which also included the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
- Met with Jim Jaminet regarding setting up an evacuation exercise for the Crestone Baca area.
- Participated in a CERT (Citizen Emergency Response Team) training class in Fort Garland.

**XVII. LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL – GUNBARREL STATION**

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON TO APPROVE THE LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL FOR GUNBARREL STATION**

**SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON**

**VOTES IN FAVOR: 3**

**VOTES AGAINST: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**XVIII. BILL PAYING**

**XIX. ADJOURN**

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JOSEPH TO ADJOURN AT 3:27 P. M.**

**SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON**

**VOTES IN FAVOR: 3**

**VOTES AGAINST: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,**

**STACI MORFITT ACTING SECRETARY TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**MINUTES APPROVED OCTOBER 15, 2013**



  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

  
ATTEST

  
COMMISSIONER

  
COMMISSIONER