

Saguache County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Tuesday, April 16, 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 9:01 A.M.

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

Additions or Deletions to the Agenda:

1. Commissioner Joseph will be late today.
2. Tourism will be during administration time

Reading and approval of minutes of April 2, 2013:

Jason Anderson moved to approve the minutes of April 2, 2013 as amended. Ken Anderson seconded motion. The vote was two Ayes.

Review of Mail and other correspondence:

1. **Daniel Johnson** sent the February/March 2013 report for the Saguache County Fire Mitigation Program. (4/2/13)
2. **Erik K. Jacobs** with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment sent a response in regards to the First Quarter 2013 Groundwater Monitoring Report for the Saguache County Landfill.
3. **La Puente** sent the Spring 2013 "The Voice of La Puente".
4. **The Rio Grande Water Conservation District** sent the April 2013 ground water table measurements.
5. **The Rio Grande Water Conservation District** sent the Agenda for the April 16, 2013 Board of Directors meeting. (4/8/13)
6. **The State of Colorado** sent compliance advisory from the October 24, 2012 inspection of the Saguache County Landfill. (4/8/13)
7. **Thomas Buckley** sent an email to Wendi Maez in regards to the Solar Reserve Project. (4/8/13)
8. **Charlotte Bobicki** sent an email notification for U.S. Senator Michael Bennet launching a Colorado Panel on Veterans Mental Health. (4/8/13)
9. **Ben Brack, Title III Grant Administrator** for fire mitigation projects in Crestone Baca sent a letter requesting a year extension on their Title III grant term.

10. **Ben Brack**, Chief Crestone Fire Department sent a letter on behalf of the Town of Crestone requesting a year extension on their Title III grant term to implement fire mitigation projects in Crestone Baca.

Ken Anderson moved to approve an extension on the Title III grant terms, until September 30th, 2013 for the Crestone Fire Department implementation of Title III projects. Jason Anderson seconded the motion. The vote was two Ayes.

Introduction of Guests:

Matie Belle Lakish-Crestone Eagle

Kenneth R Williams- CTZ

David Toews- Stagecoach Ent.

Tom McCracken- Green Earth

Jenny Nehring- Wetlands Dynamics, LLC

Marg Houge- Saguache Works

Faith O'Reilly- Tourism Council

Lauren Krizansky- Valley Courier

Royce Nickel- Nickel Farms

Ed Gonzalez- Viero Wireless

Lindy McDaniel- Saguache Works

Public Comment:

1. Clerk Gomez approached the BoCC about the electronic recording of meetings again. Commissioner Ken Anderson was in favor of recording of the meetings as long as it is done correctly and efficiently. Discussion with the BoCC on different methods of recording and what a couple of the other Counties do. Written minutes are still the official record. Clerk Gomez is going to research different methods of recording. BoCC advised Clerk Gomez to record a trial run and present to the BoCC.

Commissioners Report:

Linda Joseph reported:

1. April 10 - Attended the half- day teleconference meeting of the Public Policy & Finance Committee of the State Emergency Medical & Trauma Advisory Council (SEMTAC). 17 grant applicants were interviewed and their applications rated, for regional/statewide systems improvement projects.
2. April 11- Attended the quarterly SEMTAC meeting in Denver.
3. April 13 - Attended the 9Health Fair in Saguache.
4. April 15 - Attended meetings in Alamosa:
 - SLV County Commissioners Association, follow-up items: Emergency Management MOA, DA funding request, Trout Unlimited support letter;
 - Veteran's issues meeting: pilot project implemented with mixed results locally, but inspiring statewide interest in implementing local fee for service arrangements for medical procedures that are available locally, rather than transporting Veterans great distances. The Clinic has also lost their RN and their LPN. Senator Bennet is following this as a regional and national model.
 - SLV Council of Governments (COG) - Patricia Reigel, Moffat Mayor pro tem, was in attendance and learned Moffat is eligible to apply for the SLVCOG Economic Development grant (Environmental Impact Assistance program), for which the Sales Tax Grant would provide the 1:1 needed matching funds. Patty reported they still need to raise \$60,000+ in matching funds. She provided current Town of Moffat contacts.

5. Connected with Wes Moores, Northern Saguache Fire, and grant-writer Susan Pierce. While seeking other potential grants for Saguache County Depts., a wildfire grant from EL Pomar was identified. This is a potential source of funds for a provider accountability system. At present, our emergency providers are wearing cow tags for location purposes. The proposed system is specifically designed for tracking firefighters. Susan has \$250 remaining on the last grant writer stipend she received. Joseph requests the Board allow this \$250, plus an additional \$250 (to bring the standard stipend total of up to \$500) if needed, to be used for development of the El Pomar grant. BoCC approved \$250.00, and then would like a progress report.
6. Connected with Jim Pitts - Forest Service, Jarod Biggs - DOLA and Andy Karsian - CCI, regarding the current status of Secure Rural Schools funding. These funds support schools, County Road & Bridge (Title I), and, Forest Service Programs (Title II and III), and are being impacted by sequestration cuts. Comment letter to the Governor would be helpful, as he responds to the USDA on this issue, requested by APR 19. Spoke with Commissioner Jason Anderson for follow-up on a call from Kirk Banghart - Moffat School.
7. Provided Erin Minks with some comments for Senator Udall, since unable to attend the local meeting.
8. Coordinated with Commissioners regarding travel to Montrose for Sage Grouse meetings/work session, May 8 and 9. Conferred with Jenny Nehring regarding Poncha Grouse issues.
9. Followed up on the possibility of Dept. of Social Services/PH application for a SLVCOG - 2013 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT (Environmental Impact Assistance program), for improvements to the Haskins building in Center.
10. Worked on Sales Tax Grant reporting requirements. Noted CTSI article about paying volunteers, which may be applicable to the minimal amounts Saguache Works was proposing to pay youth workers.

Jason Anderson reported:

1. 4/3- Solar Reserve Workforce meeting, Alamosa.
2. 4/8- Commissioners work session working with Sales Tax Grant.
3. 4/8- Prevention Partners meeting.
4. 4/9- Commissioners work session, fire planning and dept. tour.
5. 4/10- Meeting with Mark Udall Rep. John Bristol, Discussed Sage Grouse legislation, Solar Reserve, SRS and PILT.
6. 4/10- Attended Saguache County Tourism meeting. Discussed confusion around funding from County and questions around how to create website.
7. 4/11- Spoke with Sid Weaver about the issue of allowing bids for county weed spraying jobs.
8. 4/11- Attended Parks and Wildlife Commissioners meeting and reception dinner.
9. 4/12- meeting with Talmath Laki of New Gen Energy and Nick Chambers of Crestone Energy Alliance. Discussed viability of solar projects in Saguache County.
10. 4/12- Spoke with Kirk Banghardt about sequestration. He would prefer to see the reduction taken out of Title 2 funding, as he claims Jim Pitts would prefer. Questions how many counties in the State receive Title 1 and 3 funds? We spoke about the possibility of an early meeting for strategy planning.
11. 4/15- Attended the San Luis Valley Commissioner's meeting.

Ken Anderson reported:

1. Had a phone call from a resident that was having issues with snow. Contacted Road & Bridge supervisor Arredondo and he took care of it.
2. 4-9- Attended the BoCC Work Session.

3. 4-15- San Luis Valley County Commissioners meeting in Alamosa. Discussion on the Conour Animal Shelter and crematory.
4. 4-15- Ad Hoc Meeting on Economic Impact Analysis of reduced Pumping and Crop Production.
5. 4-15- San Luis Valley Council of Governments. Discussion on the Flap and Ramp grants that could help fund the paving of County Rd 38. Discussion on companies using the potato waste for the production of alcohol.
6. Spoke with Doug Lewis who has a studio in Moffat, the possibility of shooting commercials and movies in the Valley.

Wendi Maez & Lyn Lambert – Co-administrator report:

1. Tourism came in to have a discussion on the funds and book keeping of the Tourism Council. Went over the different ways the Council is advertising.
2. Appointment to Rio Grande Water Conservation District Board. Administration has received two requests for appointment – Kent Palmgren and Peggy Godfrey.

Ken Anderson moved to appoint Kent Palmgren to the Rio Grande Water Conservation District Board. Jason Anderson seconded for discussion.

Joseph moved to make an amended motion to appoint Ken Palmgren to the Rio Grande Water Conservation District Board and appoint Peggy Godfrey as an alternate. Jason Anderson seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

3. Department Head meeting April 11, 2013 update.
 - a. Discussed Sheriff Norris' new security measures. All at meeting were in favor of Mr. Norris' idea it is just getting them implemented.
 - b. Cheryl Rowe from Crestone Telecom met with the DH and they will be coming in to do a site view of the courthouse and will be submitting a cost plan to us as soon as possible.
 - c. Worked on Salary chart.

Break

Wendi Maez - Land Use Administrator:

Joseph moved to enter into the Public Hearing at 10:32 A.M for Title III funding request. Jason Anderson seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

1. Title III Funding request public hearing – request for \$10,400.02. Half of the money to be used to complete the Crestone/Baca Master Plan update and half to be used for planning activities regarding Gunnison Sage Grouse conservation.

Jason Anderson moved to close Public Hearing and return to regular meeting at 10:40 A.M. Ken Anderson seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Joseph moved to approve the Title III Funding request of \$10,400.02 - \$5400.02 will be used for the Crestone/Baca Master Plan and \$5000.00 for Gunnison Sage Grouse planning activities. Jason Anderson seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

2. Green Earth, Inc. Subdivision Exemption request to subdivide a tract of land containing 5.11 acres from the parent parcel containing 69.85 acres located within the NW1/4SW1/4 6-44-8. This request is for the parcel of land where the Viaero Wireless tower will be located. The SCPC recommend unanimous approval of this request during their regular meeting on March 28, 2013. Mr. Kenneth Williams stated to the BoCC his concerns with a parcel that could end up without access.

Joseph moved to approve the Subdivision Exemption to subdivide a tract of land containing 5.11 acres from the parent parcel containing 69.85 acres located within the NW1/4 SW1/4 6-44-8 for Green Earth, Inc. Ken Anderson seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

3. David W. and Candace G. Toews – Conditional Use request for an Egg Production facility located on Tract 1 located within the NE1/4 17-41-7 containing 8.033 acres.
 - a. The SCPC did a very thorough job of discussing this request at their meeting on March 28, 2013. After a very lengthy discussion the SCPC recommended approval of the application as presented (meaning Maez will record the intent letter with the resolution) with a yearly review and a detailed sketch plan of the property be submitted prior to the BOCC reviewing the request. Maez has received pictures with details of the property for BoCC review. The vote was 4 Ayes to 1 Nay – one member just didn't like the animals being penned up in a small area. She was not against the project just the size of the outdoor area.
 - b. Water for the operation has been worked out with the Division of Water Resources. Letter will be scanned and emailed to the BoCC.
 - c. One landowner sent in several letters of objection – landowner was not at the meeting but his concerns were discussed by the SCPC and they felt the concerns were addressed by the landowner.

Joseph moved to approve the Conditional Use for an Egg Production facility as presented located on Tract 1 located within the NE1/4 17-41-7 containing 8.033 acres for David W. and Candace G. Toews as approved by the SCPC. Jason Anderson seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

4. Royce A. and Tamara J. Nickel – Conditional Use request for an Egg Production facility located on SW1/4 29-41-7 (north east corner of sprinkler quarter).
 - a. The SCPC discussed this project lengthy also as this is the same type of production as Toews. The SCPC recommended approval of this request also with a vote of 4 Ayes and 1 Nay, same reason for the Nay as above.
 - b. The SCPC recommended approval of this request as presented, a detailed sketch plan of the property received prior to BOCC review, no more than 10,000 chickens on the location at a time and must work out water well issues with the Division of Water Resources, as a new water well it will need to be drilled for this project.
 - c. No letters of objections received for this project.

Ken Anderson moved to approve the Conditional Use for an Egg Production facility as presented located on the SW1/4 29-41-7 (northeast corner of sprinkler quarter for Royce A. and Tamara J. Nickel as approved by the SCPC. Jason Anderson seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

5. Review and sign Hollenbeck RS2477 Road Vacation Resolution.

Joseph moved to accept the Hollenbeck RS2477 Road Vacation Resolution. Jason Anderson seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

6. Update on Gunnison Sage Grouse meeting and Research Analyst phone call. Very short conversation and private and local land was never even discussed.
7. A meeting for Local Government Designee program for COGCC is being held on May 23rd in Durango. Maez would like to attend and would like to see if any of the Board would like to attend. The training is from 8:30am to 4PM on May 23, 2013. No Board members will be attending.

Mike Norris- Sheriff report:

1. Addressed the Courthouse security issues with the Department Heads at the Department Head meeting. X-ray machine is being shipped. Discussion about putting it on the middle floor of the courthouse so an officer can scan people before they go upstairs; and the weight of the machine is going to make it hard to get to the 3rd floor. Still discussing whether or not to go to one entrance.

Jail Tour

Lunch

Sales Tax Grant Decisions- 2013 Cycle #1:

CATEGORY: Renewable Energy, Economic Development and Job Creation

Crestone Energy Group \$7,500.00 - gas pump reactivation; biomass feasibility study
Rio Grande Headwaters Land Trust \$2,500.00 - GOCO matching for Kerber Creek restoration
Saguache Chamber of Commerce \$2,000.00 - business attraction to Saguache
Saguache County Tourism \$1,000.00 - website revamping
Saguache Works \$9,000.00 - Fiber Arts Cottage Industry start-up
ScSEED \$1,300.00 - Saguache Walking Tour brochures
ScSEED \$5,000.00 - County Economic Development Site Selector website
ScSEED \$7,000.00 – Fresh Farmers Market start-up in Saguache
Small Business Development Center \$2,000.00 – Support Services and materials
Town of Crestone \$6,000.00 – Youth/handicap workers and plant materials
Center Consolidated \$5,000.00 – School Adult Education Program
Saguache Works \$12,000.00 – retail shop youth internship and training program
The Ute Theatre \$9,000.00 – entertainment center transition, post-digitalization
Town of Moffat \$10,000.00 – match State Historic grant for the final phase of construction on the Community Building

CATEGORY: Public Health & Safety; Emergency Services

Crestone Fire Protection District \$1,000.00 – Election expenses
Neighbors Helping Neighbors \$7,500.00 – hardship assistance program
Office of Emergency Management \$8,060.30 – Resident EMT program Baca and Center/Accountability System
Saguache County Coroner \$5,894.00 – 3 body cooler
Saguache County Food Bank \$1,200.00 – Refrigerator/freezer
Saguache County Sheriff \$10,169.00 – phone-voice recording system for dispatch
Saguache Works \$3,450.00 – injury prevention mats
Mountain Valley Community Garden \$5,000.00 – school/community garden
Crestone Energy Group \$1,500.00 – Emergency phone at gas pumps
Town of Saguache \$7,000.00 – Recreation Planner/ Recreation Master Plan

CATEGORY: Projects that benefit Youth & Seniors

Center Conservation District \$4,250.00 – Conservation Education projects
CITY Youth Group \$1,556.00 – Food service equipment for concession trailer
Crestone Performances \$2,000.00 – Performances in Schools
Crestone Youth Plaza \$5,000.00 – Summer Day Camp
Dance Factory \$6,000.00 – Summer programs for kids
Kit Carson Rod & Gun Club \$2,000.00 – Firearm Safety course
Mountain Valley School \$4,565.00 – Boys & Girls Club Fridays program
Mountain Valley Music \$2,405.00 – Instruments
Mountain Valley Preschool Program \$2,000.00 – Supplies for the SPARK program
OLE \$669.00 – exercise equipment
SLV Fair Board \$4,000.00 – livestock panels
The UTE Theatre \$3,000.00 – toy drive

Jason Anderson moved to approve the Grants for Emergency services as described. Ken Anderson seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Ken Anderson moved to approve the grants for renewable business as described. Jason Anderson seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Ken Anderson moved to approve the grants for youth and senior as described. Jason Anderson seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

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. There were 30 TANF cases during March, representing an increase of 2 cases. Food assistance cases rose from 677 in February, to 683 during March. There were 18 aid-to-the-needy-disabled, and 93 old-age pension cases.

2. The Child and Adult Protection Unit had 15 referrals during March, 10 of which were accepted for investigation. There continues to be 4 dependency and neglect cases, 4 children in placement, and 39 open child protection cases. Adult protection has 3 ongoing cases.
3. DSS has moved the emergency food bank into the office building, with the cooperation of the senior citizens group who eats and has recreational space in the building. We will therefore be able to serve those in need of emergency food without having to leave our facility. After hours calls can easily, and more securely, be handled by the person on call as well.
4. Our official response to the Food Distribution Program audit has been filed. Removing the emergency food bank has allowed segregation of the TEFAP and CSFP products, and hopefully will allow the State to give the necessary time to pursue a permanent solution to commodity storage and distribution issues. CSFP commodity distribution is scheduled for April 26 in Moffat, April 29 in Center and April 30 in Saguache. We will have a special distribution on April 18 to insure adequate space for deliveries prior to scheduled distributions. TEFAP distributions are scheduled for May.
5. Ron Gilbertson, Red Cross Safety Instructor, presented a course in CPR, first aid and AED certification at the DSS office on March 13. Employees from various departments within the County attended, and have been certified for a 2 year period. Another class will be scheduled to include those unable to attend at that time.
6. Directors from Saguache, Rio Grande and Alamosa Counties met with members of the Child Welfare Allocation Committee in Salida on March 28. We were able to work through the allocation model as it exists presently, and discuss potential changes to the formula going forward. Barbara Kirkmeyer from Weld County will carry suggestions from this meeting back to the allocation committee.

Ken Anderson moved to adjourn as Saguache County Social Services Board at 2:30 P.M. Jason Anderson seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Break

Jackie Stephens- County Assessor:

1. All field inspections are complete as of today, 8782.
2. Properties processed as omitted property is 323, properties to be processed is 8.
3. Mileage for one State vehicle is 12,285.
4. Curtis Belcher stated that Stephens and her office staff have really worked hard. Very clean database now. Stated Assessor Stephens does need a full time appraiser and adequate equipment.
5. Some complaints have been made but they are told that this is an order from the State and needs to be done.

At this time Commissioner Ken Anderson left the meeting.

Public Hearing –Shumei International Institute, Inc. Special Events Liquor License:

Joseph moved to enter into the Public Hearing at 2:39 P.M for Special Events Liquor License for Shumei International Institute. Jason Anderson seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Jason Anderson moved to approve the Special Events Liquor License for Shumei International Institute, Inc. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was two Ayes.

Joseph moved to close Public Hearing and return to regular meeting at 2:40 P.M. Jason Anderson seconded the motion. The vote was two Ayes.

Tomichi Creek Trading Post- Liquor License Renewal:

Jason Anderson moved to approve the Liquor License Renewal for Tomichi Creek Trading Post. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was two Ayes.

Joseph moved to convene as the Housing Authority Board 2:41 P.M. Jason Anderson seconded the motion. The vote was two Ayes.

Evan Samora-Housing Director monthly report:

Joseph moved to return to regular session at 2:50 P.M. Jason Anderson seconded the motion. The vote was two Ayes.

Ben Gibbons- County Attorney report:

1. Hollenbeck resolution is done and signed.
2. With the Leach Airfield, Jennie Sanderson is no longer ok with the agreements of the closing contract and states she wants the strip of land that is 100 feet north of her home, which was granted to her in her divorce degree. Southwest Title originally did not catch that there is a deed of trust on the tract that Jennie Sanderson owns, therefore we cannot take ownership of that 100 feet anyway. Will need to change the plat and legal descriptions.
3. Working on a CORA policy to present next month.

Jason Anderson moved to adjourn at 3:48 P. M. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was two Ayes.

Adjourn

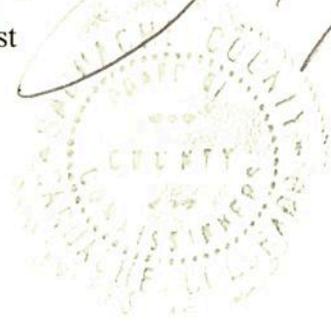
Respectfully Submitted,

Staci Morfitt Acting Secretary to the Board of County Commissioners

Minutes Approved May 7, 2013

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Chairman of the Board

Steve Walker
Attest



Jason Anderson
Commissioner

Ken Anderson
Commissioner