

SAGUACHE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION MEETING
9:00 A.M. TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2013

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. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

1. Under Attorney Gibbons time the Conley Waste Management Contract will be discussed, as well as any Sage Grouse issues.
2. Attorney Gibbons will need to be excused briefly for a court matter in the afternoon.
3. Arredondo requested an executive session for personnel purposes.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

III. READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 7, 2013

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 7, 2013, REGULAR SESSION MEETING

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

IV. REVIEW OF MAIL AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

1. **Donna Wehe, SLV Small Business Development Center** sent a thank you card to the BOCC for the Sales Tax Grant matching donation. (5/8/13)
2. **Susan Panjabi** sent an email in regards to Colorado Rare Plant Guide update. (5/9/13)

3. **Michael Gibson** sent a letter in regards to an appointment of County Representative to the Rio Grande Inter-basin Roundtable. (5/7/13)
4. **Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District** sent the Monday, May 20, 2013 Board of Directors Agenda. (5/14/13)
5. **Charlotte Bobicki** sent an email in regards to Bennett Secures Key Provisions in Farm Bill, Helps Advance Bill to Senate Floor. (5/14/13)
6. **State of Colorado Dept. of Public Health** sent a letter to the Saguache County Landfill in regards to Request for Clarifications: Construction Quality Assurance Plan Update. (5/15/13)
7. **State of Colorado Dept. of Public Health** sent a letter to the Saguache County Landfill in regards to Approved Alternate Letter: April 19, 2013 Saguache County Landfill Liner Request. (5/15/13)
8. **National Association of Counties (NACO)** sent a letter in regards to the Voting Credentials 2013 Annual Conference. (5/17/13)
9. **Blue Peaks Developmental Services** sent a letter to inform the BOCC that Lyn Zimmer-Lambert's term is almost over, and that she is interested in serving another term. (5/17/13) Commissioners approved her re-appointment.
10. **CTSI** sent the 2013 Salary Survey to assist in the upcoming Budget. (5/17/13)
11. **Colorado Parks & Wildlife** sent a letter requesting the BOCC approval to process a Hunting Access Transaction. (5/17/13) Approval provided.

V. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Matie Belle Lakish, Crestone Eagle
 Larry Hopkins, self
 Destinie Hopkins, self
 Kairina Danforth, Town of Crestone
 Larry Taylor, Center Cons. Dist.

Charlotte Bobieki, Sen. Bennett
 Bernicia Hopkins, self
 Akia Tamara, Town of Crestone
 Danny Neufield, Center Cons. Dist.
 Greg Terrell, Town of Saguache

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

VII. COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Commissioner Joseph:

1. May 9 - Attended the Western Counties meeting hosted by Colorado Counties, Inc., and, The Counties Coalition regarding Sage Grouse meeting, in Montrose, CO.
2. May 14 - Attended the Commissioners' Work Session, visiting the Veteran's Services Office, and Saguache Clinic tour with Dr. Arnett. Toured Dept. of Social Services, with Director Jeannie Norris.
3. May 15 - Attended the regular monthly meeting of the Gunnison Sage Grouse Strategic Conservation Committee meeting in Gunnison, along with Alternate Elinor Laurie and Poncha Liaison Jenny Nehring.
4. May 16 - Participated by teleconference in the interviewing and scoring of Emergency Medical & Trauma Services Provider grants applications from across Colorado. There were a total of 140 grants, requesting \$6.1 million from the pool of \$5.3 million available. Emergency Manager Jim Felmlee attended the grant

interview session in Denver, to present the requests for the reflective addressing sign project, and resident EMT's for Center and Baca EMS. My scoring group reviewed almost 40 grants, for personnel, recruitment & retention, injury prevention and "other" program requests. Awards will be announced in June.

5. May 17 - Saguache County hosted a Work Session on Sage Grouse, including representatives of CO Parks & Wildlife, Forest Service, BLM, County Commissioners and Administration, and representatives from Saguache and Gunnison, on the Gunnison Sage Grouse Strategic Conservation Committee and Poncha Pass Working Group.
6. May 19 - Spoke with Patricia Reigel of the Moffat Town Council who reports that Moffat will host Ride the Rockies on June 13, stopping to refuel and potty from 10am-12noon, before moving on for lunch at the Villa Grove Trade. Patty also mentioned the free meals being offered to the community daily at the Sangre de Cristo Trading Post.
7. Connected with Julie Mach regarding the upcoming Tourism and Economic Development Website and Strategy Work Session on May 22, assisting with RSVP's.

Commissioner Ken Anderson:

1. 5/14 – BoCC work session for budget and department visits.
2. 5/15 – Attended the Hudson Ranch Foundation meeting; which is part of 4H.
3. 5/16 – Attended the South Central Colorado Seniors Inc. meeting.
4. 5/17 – BoCC work session for Sage Grouse and SRS discussions.
5. 5/20 – Attended the San Luis Valley Development Resources Group (SLVDRG) meeting.
6. 5/20 – the Upper Rio Grande Watershed meeting.

Commissioner Jason Anderson:

1. 5/9-10 - Spoke with Todd Stewart from Solar Power Financial, he is interested in the edge of the Coleman Pit for the solar garden, recommended he void the land use permit for the original site before continuing with the County. Also confirmed that both the airport and gravel pit were still active and would be used in the future.
2. 5/13 - Office hours
3. 5/14 - Commissioners work session (budget/department visits)
4. 5/16 - Spoke to Cathy Garcia with action 22, she wanted to know if we still wanted to be members. Commissioner Jason Anderson will follow up.
5. 5/17 - Commissioners work session (Sage Grouse/SRS discussion)
6. 5/17 - Presentation on Industrial hemp at Moffat School.
7. 5/20 - Office hours, spoke with Tim Lovato about the Habitat Conservation Plan; and Greg Terrell about the Sales Tax Grant for the planning of the Vista Grande Park.

VIII. CO-ADMINISTRATOR REPORT- WENDI MAEZ & LYN LAMBERT

1. Appointment to the Gunnison Basin Roundtable. Have received one letter from Steve Snyder who is currently serving. The BoCC re-appointed Steve Snyder and directed Maez to have Steve Snyder report to the BoCC periodically, and to submit an updated resume, for County records, and ne Commissioner's information.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF STEVE SYNDER FOR THE GUNNISON BASIN ROUNDTABLE
SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON**

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3
MOTION CARRIED

VOTES AGAINST: 0

2. We have received the letter the Board requested of Mountain Valley School's FBLA travel package information, in order to change the way their Sales Tax Grant is spent.
3. Discussion on the new format for the BoCC agenda and minutes.
4. Review and signing of Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) from SLV Board of County Commissioners and Emergency Management, for County Emergency Managers to provide Valley Counties with 3 operational periods gratis, in the event of an incident requiring such assistance.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO SIGN THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE SAN LUIS VALLEY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

5. The Auditors will be here June 3rd – June 7th.
6. May 23rd both Maez and Lambert will be gone for San Luis Valley Community Action Agency (SLVCAA) training.
7. Discussion on a policy for Departments bidding jobs out. Most department heads do not bid out jobs or services; most departments go through administration. Attorney Gibbons will draw up a proposed policy for the BoCC to review.
8. Discussion and review of a proposed policy on un-used vacation time. BoCC would like to see more specific language on definition of hardships.

BREAK

IX. COUNTY TREASURE- CONNIE TRUJILLO

1. Presented the Public Trustee Report. Colorado Statute states the Treasurer has to present a Public Trustee report quarterly. It is the information that is reported to the State.
2. Reported the options people have when they are facing foreclosure on their property. There is a Colorado hotline people can call about modifications or options. The amount of property foreclosures occurring in the County, have not increased in recent years; there are approximately 35 per year.
3. Went over the payment schedule people can set up for taxes due. A lot of people do not take advantage of this option, and pay in lump sum.
4. May need a temporary staff member when it is time to have the tax lien sale. Explained to the BoCC about the tax lien sale and Treasure's Deeds.

X. LAND USE ADMINISTRATOR- WENDI MAEZ

1. Larry and Bernicia Hopkins Variance request for a 1988 mobile home in Vista Valley Subdivision S1/2 Block B. Everything is up to date and the owners were unaware of the process. Have met all other mobile home requirements of the County.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO APPROVE THE VARIANCE FOR A 1988 MOBILE HOME IN VISTA VALLEY SUBDIVISION S1/2 BLOCK B FOR LARRY AND BERNICIA HOPKINS

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

2. Decision concerning Leach Airport East/West Runway – cross wind runway. Maez sent a letter received from Jeannie Sanderson concerning the Leach Airport property. The County needs to move on with the purchase or the State will pull funding. Liens have been released and recorded. Attorney Gibbons recommended that the price be removed from the purchase price.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO APPROVE AN AMENDED CONTRACT TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING CORRECTED PROPERTY DESCRIPTION AND TO REMOVE THE ABONDON EAST/ WEST CROSS WIND RUNWAY AND INCLUDE THE NEW PURCHASE PRICE

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

3. Bid received for Mineral Hot Springs Estates – Lot 29 Block 7B, Lot 22 Block 1D, Lot 26 Block 1D, Lot 27 Block 1D, Lot 5, Block 27B.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO APPROVE THE BIDFOR \$1250.00 FOR MINERAL HOT SPRINGS ESTATES, LOT 29 BLOCK 7B, LOT 22 BLOCK 1D, LOT 26 BLOCK 1D, LOT 27 BLOCK 1D, LOT 5 BLOCK 27B, FROM MICHAEL ROYER

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

4. Attended the SLV GIS/GPS Authority Board meeting on Monday, May 13, 2013. Signed the contract for one year with Integrated Land Services.
5. The eleven County Coalition for Sage Grouse has committed to provide a list of accomplishments and activities in process. San Miguel County will consider requesting a three-month extension for a full 12 month process, in the endangered species listing decision for Gunnison Sage Grouse. Discussion on the pay rate for Jenny Nehring and the language for a contract with her.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JOSEPH TO PAY JENNY NEHRING \$25.00 PERHOUR FOR ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES, \$40.00 PER HOUR FOR BIOLOGY WORK FROM TITLE III FUNDS, AND, \$500.00 OF GRANT STIPEND MONIES AFTER EVERY \$1000.00 EXPENDED.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

XI. COUNTY ATTORNEY- BEN GIBBONS

1. Attorney Gibbons still has a couple changes to the CORA policy and will present at a later date.
2. Conley Waste Management Contract will be discussed during Road & Bridge time so Attorney Gibbons knows the details.

XII. SHERIFF'S REPORT- MIKE NORRIS

1. Injury to inmate, broken jaw, had to go to Colorado Springs for treatment. CTSI Insurance does not cover inmates and injuries to inmates. CTSI gave Sheriff Norris a broker for catastrophic insurance for inmates. Premium is \$3,000.00 a year but the deductible is \$15,000.00 per inmate. Sheriff Norris does not feel it is the way to go. Hospital can only bill Medicare rates by Statute.
2. BoCC directed Administration to proceed with RFP's from other insurance carriers.
3. BoCC wanted to know the jail population. Sheriff Norris reported that it has gone up. There are 12 inmates right now and have been running 12-15 inmate average. Capacity is 21 inmates, with the tank space included.
4. Discussion on what Counties Saguache holds inmates for and what is charged daily.

JAIL TOUR

LUNCH

XIII. ROAD & BRIDGE SUPERVISOR- RANDY ARREDONDO

1. Asked the BoCC if possible to terminate the IGA'S with the Towns of Crestone and Moffat, due to finances and uncertainty of funding. Spreadsheet showed that Road & Bridge is losing money on both IGA'S, only receiving about one quarter of the cost, in the case of Crestone. Arredondo feels that the Towns could use private contractors right now. Discussion with BoCC, Arredondo, the Mayor and Town Manager of Crestone.
2. Consideration to add County Rd 61, off of County Rd G, to be maintained.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON TO APPROVE ADDING THE REQUESTED PORTION OF COUNTY ROAD 61 TO THE HUTF FUNDING REPORT.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

3. County was denied the waiver to only install one liner at the Landfill. Will have to do a geo-synthetic clay liner with a HDEP liner on top, which will be costly.
4. Executive session will be held at end of day when more time is available.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO CONVENE AS SAGUACHE COUNTY BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES AT 1:35 P.M.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

XIV. DIRECTOR SOCIAL SERVICES- JEANNIE NORRIS

1. There were 31 TANF cases during April, an increase of 1 case. Food assistance cases rose by 4 cases to 687 in April. There were 16 aid-to-needy-disabled cases, and 96 old-age pension cases.
2. The Child and Adult Protection Unit had 18 referrals during April, 9 of which were accepted for investigation. There were 5 dependency and neglect cases, 4 children in placement, and 42 open child protection cases. Adult protection had 4 ongoing cases. The CDHS Administrative Review Division conducted its semi-annual review of foster care cases, and presented a certificate of appreciation to Susie Jordan and Meryl Tolsma for quality case preparation.
3. Saguache County Emergency Food Bank served 38 persons during the month of April. Linda Warsh successfully applied for a grant for the Food Bank in the amount of \$500.00. The grant was given by "Rice Bowl", a division of Catholic Relief Services, to be used for getting food and sustenance to those in need.
4. Auditors from the Office of Economic Security, USDA Division, visited Saguache County for a follow up to the audit conducted on February 12. They were pleased with our response and plans for a commodity storage and distribution facility. We anticipate having the work done and moved into the new facility within a month. As a result of some of the reporting and distribution requirements for the CSFP commodity program, we will be distributing on a monthly basis to our senior clients. This will be timely also, as a result of the recent reduction in meals served to our Saguache seniors. TEFAP distributions will continue to be bi-monthly. The Department will be soliciting volunteer assistance to supplement the burden of the DSS staff.
5. San Luis Valley DSS Directors and Southeast Directors associations cooperate to share information and cover meetings with CCI, CHSDA, and the State policy committees. To that end, Jeannie Norris will be representing the Southeast as the Policy Action Committee, and Sub-PAC representative and co-chair for Finance.
6. Approached the BoCC about getting a volunteer trained on the fork lift that Road & Bridge has so food trucks can be unloaded when Road & Bridge is not available. Has one volunteer in mind to train, would also like to pay this person. Will follow up with Attorney Gibbons with pay, insurance, etc.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO ADJOURN AS SAGUACHE COUNTY BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES AT 2:02 P.M.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO CONVENE AS SAGUACHE COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY AT 2:03 P.M.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

XV. HOUSING AUTHORITY- EVAN SAMORA

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO ADJOURN AS SAGUACHE
COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY AT 2:25 P.M.
SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON
VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 VOTES AGAINST: 0
MOTION CARRIED**

BREAK

XVI. COUNTY ASSESSOR - JACKIE STEPHENS

1. Trying to get the 2013 Notice of Valuation's (NOV) out, but with computer problems delaying them, requested an extension of the valuation date from the State. Will have a better overview of dollar amounts involved at the next meeting, after computer issues are fixed.
2. Town of Crestone has been challenging, with residences built on lots that are zoned commercial, along with some pricey sales, it has raised values and taxes. Residential structures that are on commercial property will have to appeal to the Town of Crestone, not the County.
3. There have been a lot of questions about the NOV's, but protests have not been bad, as taxes on many properties in other areas went down.
4. Asked the BoCC if Assessors Office can have more funding to continue Pete Peterson as a full time appraiser. BoCC is going to wait until the June 10th meeting to allow the BoCC to look at the current budget.

XVII. PRESIDENT CENTER SOIL CONSERVATION- DANNY NEUFIELD

1. Noxious weeds are more than plants out of place; they are non-native plants that are disrupting our native vegetation and ecosystems. Noxious weeds threaten our drinking water supply, agricultural crops, pasture lands and native habitats. Noxious weeds can be managed by using a combination of control methods including mechanical, cultural, biological, preventive and chemical.
2. District Activities
 - a. January – Received grants for District Conservation Technician, Youth Camp planning meetings, New USDA Service Center, and Partner with SLV Weed Association to put together regional weed plan.
 - b. February – Potato/Grain/Forage and Livestock Conference, Judge local and regional science fair, Mosca-Hooper CD annual meeting, applied for Saguache County Sales Tax Grants
 - c. March – 6th Annual Private Applicator's License Workshop, sponsored 6 science fair awards, USFS grant noxious weed control, met with RGWCEI, Kerber Creek, and Orient Land Trust to discuss joint efforts, sponsor snacks for Water Leadership class, sponsors for Youth Conservation Camp, host quarterly Rio Grande Watershed meeting, SLVWMA monthly meeting, wrote letter of support for Solar Reserve
 - d. April – met with Trevor Klein, Kerber Creek, and Orient Land trust to plan education sites, Farm Bureau community meeting, SLVWMA workshop and meeting, provided 500 goodie bags for Farm Safety Day
 - e. May – Finalize plans for Youth Natural Resources Conservation Camp, 1st continuing credit workshop for pesticide license, new camp manager, sponsored snacks for Willow Creek Restoration project run.

- f. June – Youth camp for 4 days, two week long teachers workshop hosted by Rio Grande Watershed and Colorado Associations of Conservation Districts, assist with mini-kids water festival.
 - g. July – 6th annual Rio Grande Watershed golf tournament, “Expo” and plan event, 2 day advanced range workshop in La Garita
 - h. August – grant application submitted, small acreage landowners expo, Saguache County Sales Tax Grant submitted,
 - i. September - FFA rangeland judging and plant ID workshop, Chip Hines Range management workshop, pumpkin patch, host 2 water festival for kids, tour of Rocky farms
 - j. October – Farm tours, water festivals, poster contest, essay contest
 - k. November – newsletter, budgets, annual plan of work, Colorado Association of Conservation Districts Annual meeting
3. Biggest project during 2012-2013 has been purchasing a circle of farm land that will be used to demonstrate soil health practices and other conservation concerns. Also building a new building that will lease to NRCS and FSA.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JOSEPH TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 3:55 P.M. FOR PERSONNEL PURPOSES UNDER CRS 24-6-402(f) (I)
SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON
VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 **VOTES AGAINST: 0**
MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JOSEPH TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION AT 4:30 P.M.
SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON
VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 **VOTES AGAINST: 0**
MOTION CARRIED

XVIII. BILL PAYING

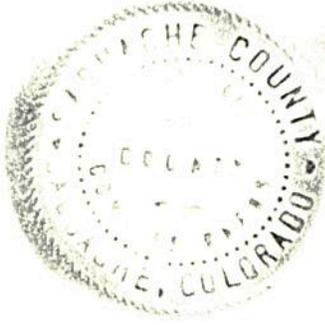
XIX. ADJOURN

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JOSEPH TO ADJOURN AT 5:00 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 JUNE 10, 2013



Wanda Joseph
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

Steve M. [Signature]
ATTEST

Arnon Andersson
COMMISSIONER

Ken Andum
COMMISSIONER