

**SAGUACHE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**REGULAR SESSION MEETING**  
**9:00 A.M. TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2014**

**MINUTES**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Joseph at 9:04a.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  
Carla Gomez, Secretary to the Board

**II. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA**

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED**

**SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON**

**VOTES IN FAVOR: 3**

**VOTES AGAINST: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**III. READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 2, 2014**

1. Minutes of the September 2, 2014 Regular Session meeting will be approved at the October 7, 2014 meeting.

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

1. **Saguache County Museum** sent a letter with Description of Articles that were given to the Museum. (9/8/14)
2. **Andy Karsian** sent an email requesting information for the Saguache County Fire Mitigation Program. (9/3/14)
3. **Town of Crestone** sent a letter in regards to the meeting to be held on September 15, 2014 and look forward to meeting with the BOCC on September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 1:00p.m. at the Crestone Town Hall. (9/5/14)
4. **Colorado State Forest Service, Michael Lester** sent a request for help to update the State's Forest Service Action Plan. (9/8/14)
5. **Colorado Coroner's Standards & Training Board** sent a letter informing the first training opportunity for newly elected or appointed coroners in 2014. (9/8/14) Tom Perrin did receive.
6. **Daniel Johnson** sent the August 2014 Saguache County Fire Mitigation Program Report. (9/8/14)
7. **Jeri Trujillo** sent a card thanking the Commissioners for supporting the 4H program. (9/8/14)

8. **SLV Extension** emailed the August 2014 Report. (9/9/14)
9. **Rio Grande Water Conservation District** sent the September 2014 Ground Water Table Measurements. (9/15/14)
10. **Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District** sent the Monday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014 Board of Directors Meeting. (9/15/14)

**V. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

Christine Gydesen – UTE Theatre	Matie B Lakish – Crestone Eagle	Bea Ferrigno – Crestone Eagle
Robert Tafoya	Virgil Tafoya	Susan Tafoya
Lisa Cyriacks – Crestone Eagle	Janet Nelson-Cox	Karla Willschau – WSB
Kim Temple - WSB		

1. Christine Gydesen with the UTE Theatre in Saguache thanked the BoCC for the support over the years. The UTE is re-opened with a nice array of entertainment. September 11, 2014 was a memorial. Fire Departments from all over the Valley held a fund raiser. Still working on digital projector, \$36,500.00 thru grants and \$4,000.00 in donations so far. Commissioner Joseph informed Gydesen of the updated Sales Tax Grant application available on the Saguache County website. September 13, 2014 held a motorcycle rally/ toy drive, was a great success.

**VI. COMMISSIONERS REPORT**

**Commissioner Joseph:**

1. September 4 - Received inquiry from Jeff Wood regarding next date for meeting with County. Proposed - 12:00-1:30pm with BoCC at Dept. Head meeting on October 1.
2. September 5 - Work Session with ScSEED VISTA Tess Beneduce to assist with formatting and layout of the Saguache County Heritage Brochure. Received updated development websites (County main and Tourism).
3. September 7 - Worked with VSO Sheeran and Veterans Coalition of the SLV on a Sales Tax Grant application. Connected also with ScSEED Coordinator Julie Mach and VISTA Tess Beneduce regarding their STG application for VISTA 2nd year support, and projects identified by the Tourism Council; and will be abstaining from the decisions on these applications.
4. September 8 - Hearings of Property Tax Abatement requests
5. September 9 - Commissioners Work Session on Strategic Plan, Legislative Review and in house matters. Site visit to Road XX vicinity postponed due to weather. Rescheduled for October 2, 2014 at noon.
6. September 11 - Joint meeting of the Saguache County and Crestone/Baca Planning Commissions with the County Commissioners, followed by the Annual employees appreciation picnic. Attended the Saguache County Tourism Council meeting, and will report on that later in the agenda.
7. Contacted by Leigh Espy regarding the BLM Cooperating Agency MOU, which needs to be signed and returned. Forwarded a request from Leigh for Cooperating Agencies to provide data for their baseline socio-economic analysis.
8. September 12 - Received and forwarded the new contract between County and Homeland Security Emergency Management Program Grants (EMPG). Note that special projects as Jim Felmlee worked on will no longer be funded, and they are returning to 2011/12 funding levels, \$12,000 for Saguache County. They have shifted the program to the Calendar year, which contributed in the delays in getting reimbursed for 2013.

- September 15 - Attended a Joint Work Session with the Crestone Town Council for discussion toward solutions to issues of property valuations and taxation.

**Commissioner Ken Anderson:**

- September 8 – Attended the Board of Equalization hearing on abatements
- September 9 – Attended the BoCC Work Session
- September 11 – Attended the BoCC joint meeting with the Crestone/Baca Planning Commission and the Saguache County Employee Appreciation picnic.

**Commissioner Jason Anderson:**

- September 4 - Attended the Great Sand Dunes quarter celebration
- September 4 - Attended via phone The NACO Public Lands conference call concerning two bill proposals for funding PILT/SRS/LWCF.
- September 8 - Attended the Saguache County Board of Equalization hearing on abatements.
- September 9 - Attended the BoCC Work Session
- September 9 - Spoke with Jennifer Dickson, Communications director at the Wilderness Society for a press release for the Renewable Energy on Public Lands Bill.
- September 11 - Attended the Saguache Planning Commission meeting
- September 11 - Attended the Saguache County annual picnic
- September 12 - Attended the CCI Steering Committee meetings
- September 15 - Met with the Crestone Town Board

**BREAK**

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

- October 14, 2014 Town of Bonanza disincorporation public meeting.
- Working with Auditors to complete the 2013 Audit.
- Veterans Services report for August 2014 reviewed and signed.
- Requested Executive Session for personnel issues, and legal purposes.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PERSONNEL UNDER CRS 24-6-402 (4) (f) (I) AND LEGAL ISSUES UNDER CRS 24-6-402 (4) (d) AT 10:47 AM**

**SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON**

**VOTES IN FAVOR: 3**

**VOTES AGAINST: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION MEETING AT 11:16 AM**

**SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON**

**VOTES IN FAVOR: 3**

**VOTES AGAINST: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**VIII. LAND USE ADMINISTRATOR- WENDI MAEZ**

- Virgil Nathan Tafoya – W1/2SE1/4 31-44-10 – Variance request to place a 1979 CEN Mobile Home on That part of the W1/2SE1/4 west of Hwy 17 – 31-44-10. Two comment letters have been received expressing approval of the request. SCPC recommended approval of this request as presented during their regular meeting held on August 28, 2014.

- Road Access – McPherson Avenue, Town of Moffat
- Electricity – SLV REC
- Telephone Service – N/A
- Water – Well permit #270697
- Septic – apply for

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON TO APPROVE THE VARIANCE REQUEST FROM VIRGIL NATHAN TAFOYA TO PLACE A 1979 CEN MOBILE HOME ON THE W1/2 SE1/4 OF 31-44-10**

**SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON**

**VOTES IN FAVOR: 3**

**VOTES AGAINST: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

2. Sat Nam Singh Khalsa – Lot Consolidation request for Baca Grande Chalet Unit One, Lots 207 and 208. CBPC recommended approval of this request during their regular meeting on September 4, 2014.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON TO APPROVE THE LOT CONSOLIDATION FOR SAT NAM SINGH KHALSA FOR BACA GRANDE CHALET UNIT ONE, LOTS 207 AND 208**

**SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON**

**VOTES IN FAVOR: 3**

**VOTES AGAINST: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

3. Larry L. Edwards Trust – Lot Consolidation request for Baca Grande Mobile Home Estates, Lots 71, 72 and 73C. CBPC recommended approval of this request during their regular meeting on September 4, 2014.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON TO APPROVE THE LOT CONSOLIDATION FOR THE LARRY L EDWARDS TRUST FOR BACA GRANDE MOBILE HOME ESTATES, LOTS 71, 72, AND 73C**

**SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON**

**VOTES IN FAVOR: 3**

**VOTES AGAINST: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

4. Fines of \$1000 for unpermitted structure movement into or within Saguache County. Maez will review all Land Use fees and fines and get back with the BoCC at a future meeting.
5. Update of Colorado Mountain Estates Gunnison Sage Grouse issue. Discussion on outright purchases, conservation easements and geographical features.
6. Appointment of Benita Curry to the SCPC.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO APPOINT BENITA CURRY TO THE SAGUACHE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION**

**SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON**

**VOTES IN FAVOR: 3**

**VOTES AGAINST: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**IX. COUNTY ATTORNEY – BEN GIBBONS**

1. Approval of Leach Airport Lease.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO APPROVE THE LEACH AIRPORT HANGER LEASE, FOR AVIATION MECHANIC SERVICES**

**SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON**

**VOTES IN FAVOR: 3**

**VOTES AGAINST: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

2. Assessor Stephens and BoCC discussion on the State Board of Equalization Assessors Audit with Wildrose LLC Appraisals.

**X. SHERIFF – MIKE NORRIS**

1. Under Sheriff Tristan VanZanlinge gave the Sheriff report for Sheriff Norris.
2. Having complaints of overnight parking at the information kiosk located on County Road T by the entrance to the Baca. No overnight parking is allowed.

**LUNCH**

**XI. ROAD & BRIDGE SUPERVISOR – RANDAL ARREDONDO**

1. Per WSB Auditors the HUTF cannot be used to fund any County projects that are not road related.
2. Provided BoCC with information on credit card machine for fuel purchases at Leach Airport, fuel tanks are funded thru the General Fund.
3. Discussion on Landfill/Recycling Center Tabor Notice language.
4. Tires at Landfill are being baled.

**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**

**XII. DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES – JEANNIE NORRIS**

1. There were 26 TANF cases during the month of August, representing a decrease of 2 cases. Food assistance remained relatively steady at 723 cases. There were 22 aid-to-the-needy-disabled cases, and 111 old age pension cases during August.
2. The Child and Adult Protection Unit had 9 referrals during August, 6 of which were accepted for investigation. The Department has 5 dependency and neglect cases, and 6 children in placement. There continues to be 30 open child protection cases in the County. Adult Protection has 2 open cases. The Colorado Child Welfare County Workload Study, commissioned by the Legislative Audit Committee, released findings reported by the Denver Post. The study found that 574 new caseworkers, and 122 additional supervisors were needed, representing a 49 percent increase in staff. Current caseworkers reported spending only 19 percent of their time in direct client contact.

3. The Child and Adult Protection Unit in Saguache has operated all summer while being without two caseworkers, who left for higher paying positions. Our Casework Supervisor, Susie Jordan, has fulfilled supervisory duties which entail doing safe home studies on our placement homes, being responsible for a major State audit and closing out case reporting requirements for the workers who resigned. She has covered the on-call duties as well as court preparation, case work normally assigned to line workers, and took care of supervised visits and transports while the case aide was ill for almost 3 weeks. We have subsequently hired a new caseworker, however she is still going through the mandatory State academy training, and will then have to undergo the field training before being assigned regular caseload assignments. We are extremely proud of having stayed within the compliance requirements, at a time when caseload activity was, and still is, at an intense level.
4. The Emergency Food Bank served 63 individuals during August. TEFAP commodities were distributed to 142 households in Saguache, Center and Crestone. CSFP Senior commodities were distributed to 47 clients in Center, and 23 in Saguache/Moffat/Crestone. We have received generous donations from the community of late, with frozen meat, paper goods and money having been donated. The Department continues to participate in the Farm to Table program, and have shared broccoli, cabbage and squash to Saguache County residents.
5. The recently formed Neonatal Drug Exposure Task Force has been formed, and held its first work session to brainstorm and develop an implementation strategy. We are excited and encouraged by the enthusiasm and commitment of those from all over the San Luis Valley who have come together to address this epidemic situation. Saguache County, as well as other departments, are exploring how to proactively approach this acute need with the goal of preventing harm to children as well as increased caseloads going forward.
6. Linda Warsh and Norris met with Jack Hilbert, who has filled the State position on implementing the new child abuse hotline reporting system. Saguache County signed on to this initiative several months ago in order to receive any necessary equipment without having to provide expensive equipment and installation. We found Mr. Hilbert to be very helpful, and were delighted to know that we will be able to have a new telephone system at no cost to Saguache County.
7. Request Executive Session for personnel issues.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION  
FOR PERSONNEL UNDER CRS 24-6-402 (4) (f) (I) AT 1:55 PM**

**SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON**

**VOTES IN FAVOR: 3**

**VOTES AGAINST: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION  
MEETING AT 2:12 PM**

**SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON**

**VOTES IN FAVOR: 3**

**VOTES AGAINST: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO ADJOURN AS SAGUACHE COUNTY BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES AT 2:14P.M.  
SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON  
VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 VOTES AGAINST: 0  
MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON TO CONVENE AS SAGUACHE COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY AT 2:15 P.M.  
SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON  
VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 VOTES AGAINST: 0  
MOTION CARRIED**

**XIII. HOUSING AUTHORITY – EVAN SAMORA**

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JOSEPH TO ADJOURN AS SAGUACHE COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY AT 2:34 P.M.  
SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON  
VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 VOTES AGAINST: 0  
MOTION CARRIED**

**BREAK**

**XIV. TOURISM BOARD UPDATE – LINDA JOSEPH**

1. Tourism Council is gaining capacity and getting more organized to manage a number of new tourism related projects. At the Council meeting, which is now set on second Thursdays monthly, the Council unanimously agreed to request the allocation of funds from the Tourism Fund for several purposes. Status, July 14, 2014 - \$36,503.00 with YTD Income at that time of \$7,329.00 and Expenses \$2,229.00. The summer Lodging Taxes collected will not appear in County reports until Oct./Nov, after being processed at State and local levels. The Council recommends supporting the Cochetopa Scenic Byway, with some contribution of matching funds – TBD, for improvements along the route.
2. Current Requests to Board of County Commissioners for Tourism Council Funds:
  - To support Crestone Creative District Publication with seed funds of \$4,000.00
  - To spend up to \$1,500.00 for a Tourism Council laptop computer.
  - To support a 2<sup>nd</sup> year VISTA position with \$1,500.00, pending approval of the position.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JOSEPH TO APPROVE THE USE OF TOURISM COUNCIL FUNDS FOR THE STATED PUPOSES  
SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON  
VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 VOTES AGAINST: 0  
MOTION CARRIED**

**XV. WALL SMITH BATEMAN, LLC – 2013 AUDIT PRESENTATION**

1. Presentation of the Saguache County 2013 Audit. Final decision to be made at the Valley Commissioners meeting on September 29, 2014.

XVI. BILL PAYING

XVII. ADJOURN

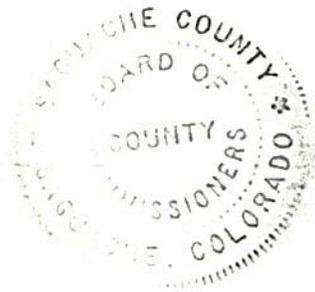
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SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON  
VOTES IN FAVOR: 3  
MOTION CARRIED

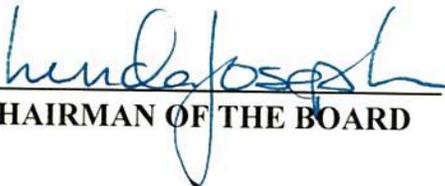
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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

STACI BURKHART, ACTING SECRETARY TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

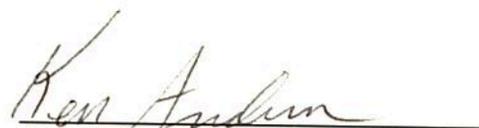
MINUTES APPROVED OCTOBER 7, 2014



  
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CARLA GOMEZ

  
COMMISSIONER

  
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