

**SAGUACHE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**REGULAR SESSION MEETING**  
**9:00 A.M. SEPTEMBER 2, 2014**

**MINUTES**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Joseph at 9:00 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

**II. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA**

1. Public Health Director Marcy Gardunio will not be in today.

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

**SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JOSEPH**

**VOTES IN FAVOR: 3**

**VOTES AGAINST: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**III. READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES – AUGUST 19, 2014**

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO APPROVE THE REGULAR SESSION MINUTES OF AUGUST 19, 2014 WITH THE CHANGES TO PAGE 6**

**SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON**

**VOTES IN FAVOR: 3**

**VOTES AGAINST: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

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

1. **The Department of Public Health and Environment** sent notice of the next scheduled meeting of October 16, 2014. (8/28/14)
2. **Annie Pace** sent an email to the Board of County Commissioners in regards to Military Air Traffic over Crestone. (8/28/14)
3. **Annie Pace** sent an email to Randy Arredondo in regards to the times and dates of the Military Air Traffic over Crestone. (8/28/14) Discussion, Maez will get contact number for the fly overs for Commissioner Jason Anderson. United States Air Force is on Orange Alert, may be why there are so many flyovers right now.

4. Guests Sky and Alfa Wrights informed the BoCC of main water leak on 10<sup>th</sup> and Gunnison in the Town of Saguache and other items with the Town of Saguache, ladies were given the number to the Division of Water Resources in Alamosa.

**V. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

Sky Wrights – Saguache	AJ Frizzell – Saguache	Bea Ferrigno – Crestone Eagle
Teresa Benns – Center Post	Kimberly Bryant	Matie B Lakish – Eagle
Dottie Eichhorn	Jane Farrell – LL56	Carol Augusto – LL56
Brady Farrell – LL56	Carol K Case – LL56	Greg Terrell – Town of Saguache
Kerrie Neet – CDOT RTD	David Vialpando – CDOT Maint.	Mike McVaugh – CDOT Traffic
Ross Hamilton – CDOT Maint.	Bill Pentek – CDOT Maint.	Leon Post – Sargents
Tony Cady – CDOT	Ron Garcia – USFWS	Matt Muraro – CDOT
Jim Pitts - USFS		

**VI. COMMISSIONERS REPORT**

**Commissioner Joseph:**

1. August 20 - attended the Gunnison Sage Grouse (GuSG) Strategic Committee meeting by teleconference. Counties' Cooperating Agency MOU's are being completed.
2. Worked with Tess Beneduce, ScSEED VISTA on the Heritage Brochure for Saguache County.
3. Assisted with getting Veterans Services notice press release out to the Eagle. Follow-up to get it in the other papers.
4. August 21 - Work Session with Mark Talbot, XPlore to review the framework for the new main County website. Is a page needed for posting public Notices?
5. Also, reviewed a To-Do list defining Tourism website assignments of the Webmaster (Mark), Content Managers - Amber Wilson and Staci Burkhart, and the Tourism Council.
6. Phone consultation with Marcy Gardunio, Public Health Director.
7. Worked with Wendi Maez to update our listings in the Local Efforts Chart for the GuSG.
8. August 22 - Attended the CO Counties, Inc. Southern District meeting in Walsenburg.
9. August 23 - Received e-Mail from Peggy Godfrey, regarding scheduling for a Refuge our - date needed.
10. Opportunity presented by Faith O'Reilly regarding a full spread for the San Luis Valley in the 2015 CO Vacation Guide.
11. August 27 - Missed the BLM Cooperating Agency orientation call, while traveling. Forwarded the reference information provided by Leigh Espy, Project Manager - Gunnison Sage-Grouse Plan Amendment.
12. August 28 - Commissioners received correspondence regarding air traffic over Crestone.
13. Completed follow-up with Commissioners by e-Mail to approve the request for reallocation of the Sales Tax Grant for the Pow-Wow. BoCC approved the request for the Pow-Wow to use Sales Tax Grant to pay dancers instead of port-a-potties.
14. August 31 - Spoke with ScSEED Coordinator Julie Mach regarding the Sales Tax Grant request for Tourism activities in 2015.
15. September 1 - Final review of the new Tourism website.

**Commissioner Ken Anderson:**

1. Farmers Union Insurance Board of Director meeting in Denver.
2. Cancelled trip to Washington DC to deal with items in Saguache County.
3. Received call from Steve VanDivier, concerned about comments said in August 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.
4. Missed transportation meeting last Friday.
5. Highway 112 paved on East end.

6. Will call Jim Clare at the Regional Landfill.
7. Received a call from Mark Perkovitch in Bonanza.

**Commissioner Jason Anderson:**

1. BLM RAC meeting, visited BLM solar site in Conejos County and the site north of Alamosa. There are 14 employees paid about \$70,000 per year.
2. August 21 – SOT (Specific Ownership Taxes) press release and spoke with Lisa Cyriaks from the Crestone Eagle.
3. August 22 – Southern District meeting in Walsenburg with Commissioner Joseph
4. August 24 – Attended a Bio-Chemistry program
5. August 25 – Spoke with Akia Tanara with the Town of Crestone to set up a meeting with the Town of Crestone and BoCC.
6. August 28 - Legislation Review presentation meeting concerning SB-2729 and HB-4319, Endangered Species Act.

**BREAK**

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

1. Lambert received a call about the Town of Bonanza date for un-incorporation, date to submit any further information is September 2, 2014.
2. Lambert met with Public Health Director Marcy Gardunio concerning office matters.
3. Lambert had phone conference with Principal Finance for the yearly plan update. Principal Finance would like for retirement to be mandatory for new employees at 6 months. The rate will be 6% with no finance charge for the first year. At this time the county matches up to 5%, Lambert will run some figures and see what 6% would cost County. County will continue with the 5% match and still only offer the 5%.
4. Mountain Valley School has requested that the \$1,000.00 Sales Tax Grant from 2013 be changed from a school wide recycling service to the purchase of custom shirts, hoodies, and sweatpants for the community. BoCC would like funds to be used as proposed or returned.
5. Pete Garcia with the Maintenance received bids for painting of the Court room on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Courthouse. Finishing Edge provided the only bid in the amount of \$3,372.00.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO APPROVE THE BID FROM FINISHING EDGE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,372.00 FOR THE PAINTING OF THE 3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR OF THE COURTHOUSE FOR THE COURT SYSTEMS**

**SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON**

**VOTES IN FAVOR: 3**

**VOTES AGAINST: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

6. Court Systems requested track lighting be installed in the Office portion of the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. Electrical work will cost about \$700.00 and the installation of track lighting will cost about \$375.00. BoCC directed Garcia to proceed.
7. Approval of the Board of Equalization minutes for July 31, 2014 and August 4, 2014.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON TO APPROVE THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MINUTES OF JULY 31, 2014 AND AUGUST 4, 2014 AS AMENDED SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON**

**VOTES IN FAVOR: 3**

**VOTES AGAINST: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

8. BoCC discussion on the remainder of the year schedule.
9. BoCC and Department Head budget meeting scheduled for October 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 am.

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

1. Saguache County Planning Commission recommended the fine for a structure movement go from \$100.00 to \$1,000.00. The BoCC would like this item to be discussed at the joint Planning Commission/BoCC meeting.
2. BoCC discussed items for the joint Planning Commission meeting, including marijuana businesses, greenhouses, and fines within the County.

**IX. COUNTY ATTORNEY - BEN GIBBONS**

1. Appointment of representatives for the BLM Cooperating Agency MOU.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO APPOINT WENDI MAEZ AS PRIMARY REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE BLM COOPERATING AGENCY MOU WITH COMMISSIONER JOSEPH AS SECONDARY AND AUTHORIZE COMMISSIONER JOSEPH TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT WHEN RECEIVED**

**SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON**

**VOTES IN FAVOR: 3**

**VOTES AGAINST: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

2. Discussion about lease agreement for the Leach Airport and the leasor who would like to lease main office area. Leasor will be able to do testing of fuel tanks.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR LEGAL CONSULTATION UNDER CRS 24-6-402 (4) (b) AT 11:43 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 12:05 PM**

**SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON**

**VOTES IN FAVOR: 3**

**VOTES AGAINST: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**LUNCH**

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

1. Discussion with several residents who live on County Road LL-56 about washboard areas. BoCC directed Arredondo to inspect road and possibly change the maintenance schedule to have County Road LL-56 bladed more often. Residents presented the BoCC with a petition to pave the road.
2. Commissioners were addressed at the Southern District meeting in Walsenburg about Saguache County's RFP process with the Towns, especially with the paving in the Town of Center. Commissioner Jason Anderson explained that Arredondo was unaware that the Town of Center had put out RFPs for the Towns paving projects when he gave the Town the figure it would cost for the Road & Bridge Department to do the paving.
3. Discussion on airport lease for the Leach Airport and if lessor wants to bring in a manufactured home to live in there would need to be a sewage disposal system installed or use of existing system. There is a separate electric meter available for the office. Commissioner Ken Anderson requested a deposit be paid for the electrical, suggested \$100.00.
4. Tire removal and baling should begin the week of September 8, 2014.

**I. CDOT YEARLY UPDATE**

1. The Region 5 covers southwest and south-central Colorado, and is responsible for operating and maintaining in a challenging mountainous environment. It consists of 15 counties and two Indian tribal nations.
2. There are 349 Full Time Employees, 2 Maintenance Sections, 46 Maintenance Patrols, 3 Engineering Residencies, Right of Way Section, Traffic Section, Business Office, Civil Rights/EEO, and Environmental/Planning Section.
3. In Region 5 there are 228 bridges, 14 mountain passes over 8,000 feet, 3,566 lane miles of State Highways, 2 Rest Areas, and 5 Colorado Scenic Byways.
4. State Gas Tax and License Fees make up the Highway Users Tax Fund. Of that fund 40% goes to the Cities and Counties, 60% goes to Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), and 11% goes to State Patrol, DMV, and Ports of Entry.
5. Statewide Plan and Project Priority Programming Process (4P): Will do study in Town of Sargents
  - \*Transportation Commission Policy
  - \*Revenue Planning & Program Distribution
  - \*Regional Transportation Plans (RTP)
  - \*Statewide Performance Based Transportation Plan
  - \*New Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)
6. 4P Schedule: August 2014 – Individual Transportation Planning Region (TPR) Meetings
  - Sept.-Oct. 2014 – County Meetings
  - November 2014 – Joint TPR meetings to prepare the STIP
  - January 2015 – The Region will be required to submit a Draft STIP
  - February 2015 – Transportation Commission (TC) approves the draft STIP for public comment
  - Feb. & April 2015 – Draft STIP goes out for public comment
  - May 2015 – TC approval of STIP

## **BREAK**

### **II. PUBLIC LANDS**

#### **USF&WS**

1. Presented the Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the San Luis Valley National Wildlife Refuge Complex.
2. Draft CCP and EIS out for public review for 60-day comment period ending November 3, 2014. Public meetings scheduled for September 29, 2014 at the Alamosa SLV Conservancy District, September 30, 2014 at the Monte Vista Coop, and October 1, 2014 at the Moffat High School. All meetings will be from 6:30 – 8:30 pm.
3. The significant issues from the Scoping Process are; Habitat and Wildlife, Water Resources, Landscape Conservation and Wilderness Review, Visitor Services, Partnerships and Refuge Operations, Cultural resources and tribal coordination, and Research, science, and protection of the physical environment.
4. Developed four alternatives:
  - \*Alternative B – (Proposed Action) Wildlife Populations, Strategic Habitat Restoration, and Enhanced Public Uses; (blended alternative)
  - \*Alternative A – No Action (existing management); few changes; Baca National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) remains closed; no public elk hunting; existing bison grazing by TNC eliminated; no new public use; augment water resources
  - \*Alternative C – Habitat Restoration and Ecological Processes (maximize habitat restoration; more limited public use)
  - \*Alternative D – Maximize Public Use (habitat management would be a blend of A and B)
5. The top five issues are; bison, elk and other big game, public use, water, and wilderness.

#### **USFS**

1. Discussion on the Search and Rescue incidents that have occurred lately.
2. Discussion on the Nordic Trail for cross country skiing that would be accessed from the Willow Creek Trail Head.
3. Discussion on unmanned aircraft and the permit required for take offs and landings from Forest Service lands. If flying above or across Forest Service lands a permit is not required.

### **III. BILL PAYING**

1. BoCC directed Lambert to pay SOT (Specific Ownership Tax) distributions in full to the entities for 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2014 to date, with the exception of the School's, as schools have already received theirs. The County is working with the Board of Education on those portions.

### **IV. ADJOURN**

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON TO ADJOURN AT 4:26 PM**

**SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON**

**VOTES IN FAVOR: 3**

**VOTES AGAINST: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

STACI BURKHART ACTING SECRETARY TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES APPROVED OCTOBER 7, 2014



  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

  
ATTEST  
CLERK & RECORDER  
CARLA GOMEZ

  
COMMISSIONER

  
COMMISSIONER