



4. **Town of Saguache** sent a letter in regards to the Closure of the Saguache County Landfill. (8/6/13)
5. **State of Colorado Public Health** sent the Notice of Meeting & Agenda Air Quality Control Commission on August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 9:00a.m., located in Denver. (8/6/13)
6. **Tom McCracken with Green Earth Farms** sent an email in regards to the Prairie Dogs, Landfill and Tax Assessment. (8/12/13)
7. **Alamosa County Veterans** sent a letter with a spreadsheet of transportation activities for FY 2013. (8/12/13)
8. **EBI Consulting** sent a letter for Invitation to Comment on the Bonanza AT&T proposed project. (8/12/13)
9. **US Dept. of Agriculture** sent a letter inviting the BOCC to comment on a proposal concerning a large portion of the GMUG that has experienced mortality from insects & diseases over the last decade. (8/12/13)
10. **EBI Consulting** sent a letter for invitation to comment on the Moffat AT&T proposed project. (8/8/13)
11. **Ken Skoglund** sent a Notice of Filing Application for the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Permit. (8/12/13)
12. **Andrew Archuleta** sent an email requesting support of LWCF Collaborative Land Protection Proposal. (8/16/13)
13. **Southern Colorado Community Foundation** sent a letter asking for a list of the Non-profit organizations in Saguache County. (8/19/13) Commissioner Jason Anderson had Ronnie Wisdom send a mass email out to compile a list of the non-profits organizations.
14. **Vivia Lawson** sent a letter of interest to serve on the Tourism Council. (8/19/13)

## **V. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

Matie Belle Lakish, Crestone Eagle  
 Doug Kissler, EAGLE-Net alliance  
 May Engquist  
 Tony Hawthorne, Saguache Hotel

Peggy Godfrey  
 Peter Peterson, Assessor Office  
 Greg Terrell, HPC  
 Rebie hazard, self

At this time Commissioner Ken Anderson arrived at the meeting.

## **VI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. Peggy Godfrey came to discuss the article that was in Headwaters Magazine, which focuses on the San Luis Valley, wanted to inform the Commissioners that Northern Saguache County ranchers have written letters to Senators and Representatives about surface water user rights. The ranchers have been invited to a hearing on September 26 in Denver, about their concerns on lack of administration on water districts. The ranchers have been appealing for years for not giving surface water users' their rights.

## **VII. COMMISSIONERS REPORT**

### **Commissioner Joseph:**

1. August 8 - Attended the BoCC Work Session, and attended the meeting of the County Coalition on the Gunnison Sage Grouse by teleconference.
2. August 9/10 - Research regarding Town of Crestone resolution re: reappraisal valuations/taxation. Began a working draft of a possible Eye on the County on this topic for Sept.
3. Worked with Ron Garcia organizing arrangements for the Refuge Tour on August 27.
4. Consulted with Jim Sheeran, Veterans Services Officer, regarding Veteran Resources correspondence, and outreach activities. Jim will have a Veteran's table at the Fall Fest, and has arranged with Della Vieira to offer a monthly open house for Veterans in Center, on the last Thursdays.
5. August 12 - Consulted with Jim Felmlee, Office of Emergency Management, since he will be in Durango with Regional OEM, at the time of the budget meeting with Dept. Heads.
6. August 13 - Attended the BoCC work session, and meeting with School Superintendent reps and Jarrod Biggs, DOLA, regarding SRS fund allocations, if SRS is appropriated.
7. Phone consultation with Marv Weidner, regarding the Managing for Results proposal.
8. August 14 - Budget meeting and pay-scale development update with County Dept. Heads.
9. Attended a Tourism Council discussion with those present, regarding next steps after resignations from Jeannie Ewing and Matie Belle Lakish, and letter of interest from Vivia Lawson. Commissioner Joseph would like to send both a thank you letter for their service on the Council.

### **MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF VIVIA LAWSON TO THE SAGUACHE COUNTY TOURISM COUNCIL**

#### **SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JOSEPH**

**VOTES IN FAVOR: 2**

**VOTES AGAINST: 0**

#### **MOTION CARRIED**

10. August 15 - Attended the CCI Southern District meeting in Walsenburg.
11. August 19 - Attended the SLV Public Health Partnership Team conference call.
12. Spoke with the State Internet Portal Authority, which is developing client profiles for recipients of SIPA grants this year.

### **Commissioner Ken Anderson:**

1. August 8 - Attended the BoCC Work Session, and attended the meeting of the County Coalition on the Gunnison Sage Grouse by teleconference.
2. August 13 - Attended the BoCC work session, and meeting with School Superintendent reps and Jarrod Biggs, DOLA, regarding SRS fund allocations, if SRS is appropriated.
3. August 14 - Budget meeting and pay-scale development update with County Dept. Heads.
4. August 15 - Attended the CCI Southern District meeting in Walsenburg.
5. August 19- Attended SLV-RDG meeting, discussions on highway transportation, the West Fork Fire containment and flooding, and trails.

**Commissioner Jason Anderson:**

1. August 8- Spoke with Steve McDowell concerning Local Board of Equalization decisions.
2. August 8- Attended the County work session, early budget review and a Sage grouse conference call.
3. August 12- Attended Office hours – met with County administrators, visited the Health services building, and had lunch at the Seniors Center in the Social Services building.
4. August 12- Hosted a reception for Senator Udall, was able to speak with him about the solar reserve project and fulfilling Saguache’s PILT payment.
5. August 13- Attended the County Commissioners workshop with the local school districts Superintendents and Jarrod Briggs of DOLA. Discussed the Upcoming SRS and PILT funding.
6. August 14- Attended the Saguache County Department heads Budget meeting, reviewed the developing pay scale, and budget overviews.
7. August 14- Attended a forum with Gov. Hickenlooper, topics included water issues, developing solar, state agriculture, and Colorado rural issues.
8. August 14- Visited Leach airport with Mike Spearman, discussed strategic planning for the airport and possible funding opportunities.
9. August 15- Attended the CCI Southern district conference. Topics included updates from last legislation, future legislative proposals, CCI fee structure and issues with CDOT in rural areas.
10. August 19- Spoke with Mimi Mather of Roothouse studios as part of the San Luis Valley outdoors coalition. We coordinated times for public hearings for the trails master plan. Dates include August 20 at 5:30 pm at the Road & Bridge Office for Saguache and September 5 at 5:30 pm at Elephant Cloud meeting room for Crestone.
11. August 19- Attended the SLV Prevention partners meeting to plan prevention outreach for the school year.

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

1. Doug Kissler - EAGLE Net Alliance– Presentation and Support Letter request. EAGLE- Net is a Colorado intergovernmental entity which operates a cost-sharing cooperative that delivers a carrier quality broadband network to more than 170 communities across the State. With this sustainable network, EAGLE- Net will be able to better connect education, libraries, government and health care facilities using middle mile services which also provide access to advanced research and education networks. As a cost-sharing cooperative, EAGLE-Net is able to offer the same low prices to members across the state regardless of whether the entity resides in a rural or urban setting. This means customers in the rural areas of Colorado can receive and gain access to the same resources as a customer in the Front Range. To become a member the entity must first sign the EAGLE-Net Alliance IGA.
2. Department Head/Elected Official meeting with the Board went very well.
3. The Auditors will be here today at 3:15 to present the 2012 budget. A copy of the signed corrective action plans has been sent to the board for their review.
4. Discussion on a support letter for the Conour Animal Shelter grant. BoCC decided to write a letter of support.

5. Discussion on a support letter for the LWCF Collaborative Land Protection Proposal requested by Andrew Archuleta with BLM. BoCC will follow up after the Refuge Tour on August 27.

**BREAK**

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

1. Discussion and possible signing of the Land Lease with Saguache Solar Garden 1, LLC for the construction of the Solar Garden located at the Saguache County Coleman Gravel Pit.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON TO ACCEPT THE LAND LEASE WITH SAGUACHE SOLAR GARDEN 1, LLC LOCATED AT THE SAGUACHE COUNTY COLEMAN GRAVEL PIT**

**SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JOSEPH**

**VOTES IN FAVOR: 3**

**VOTES AGAINST: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

2. Maez received a letter from Anne Severn and Jack Williamson requesting that \$175 of the \$526.26 Variance application fee be refunded and used for the Sewage Disposal Application and mileage fee. Severn and Williamson requested that the variance request be with-drawn after the board had given their approval. The remaining \$326.26 is non-refundable. BoCC directed Maez to inform Ann Severn and Jack Williamson that the Variance application fee is non-refundable due to the fact the money was already spent on the Variance application process.
3. 2006 Qualified Personal Residence Trust for Crestone Residence – Lot Consolidation request to consolidate lots 1200 thru 1204, Baca Grande Chalet Unit One. The Crestone/Baca Planning Commission gave approval of this request during their regular meeting on August 14, 2013.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO APPROVE THE LOT CONSOLIDATION OF LOTS 1200 THRU 1204, BACA GRANDE CHALET UNIT ONE FOR 2006 QUALIFIED PERSONAL RESIDENCE TRUST FOR CRESTONE RESIDENCE**

**SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON**

**VOTES IN FAVOR: 3**

**VOTES AGAINST: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

4. Land Use will need to increase the Professional Services line item by \$74,250 for the Cleanup of the Specialty Investor, LLC property located on Hwy 17. The project is complete with a total of 28,000 tires removed. There will be grant money to cover total cost. Resolution 2013G-4 to amend the Land use budget.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO ACCEPT RESOLUTION 2013G-4 TO AMEND THE LAND USE BUDGET**

**SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON**

**VOTES IN FAVOR: 3**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**VOTES AGAINST: 0**

5. Discussion on Leach Airfield, will schedule Mike Spearman to come in at future meeting to have discussion with BoCC and Supervisor Arredondo on cleanup of 25-30 barrels of chemicals, water wells and any other issues.

**X. COUNTY ATTORNEY- BEN GIBBONS**

1. If BoCC is inclined to act on the Recreational Marijuana Ordinance then 1<sup>st</sup> reading needs to be done and posted, second reading wouldn't be until September. The Ordinance prohibits the operation of marijuana cultivation facilities, marijuana product manufacturing facilities, marijuana testing facilities or retail marijuana stores within the unincorporated boundaries of Saguache County. Discussion on the County stand point, language, dates. Planning Commission thought draft of Ordinance looked good. Revisions were made to include language about the sunset period of the ordinance once the direction at State and Federal levels is clearer.

**XI. SHERIFF'S REPORT- MIKE NORRIS**

1. Still working on the Courthouse Security equipment, provided by grant and getting bids in for work needing done.
2. Discussion with Attorney Gibbons on the abandoned airplane. Attorney Gibbons will file with district court and get an order from the judge.
3. Discussion with Sheriff Norris and BoCC on medical and recreational marijuana and the Ordinance draft.

**JAIL TOUR**

**LUNCH**

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO CONVENE AS  
SAGUACHE COUNTY BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES AT 1:00 P.M.  
SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON**

**VOTES IN FAVOR: 3**

**VOTES AGAINST: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**XII. DIRECTOR SOCIAL SERVICES- JEANNIE NORRIS**

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE  
SESSION FOR PERSONNEL PURPOSES UNDER CRS 24-6-402 (4) (F) (I)  
SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON**

**VOTES IN FAVOR: 3**

**VOTES AGAINST: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

1. Department Head Evaluation

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION MEETING AS THE SAGUACHE COUNTY BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES AT 1:30 P.M.**

**SECOND BY JASON ANDERSON**

**VOTES IN FAVOR: 3**

**VOTES AGAINST: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

2. There were 31 TANF cases during the month of July, an increase of 2 cases. Food assistance cases decreased by 17 cases, for a total of 677. There were 19 aid-to-the-needy-disabled cases, and 97 old-age pension cases.
3. The Child and Adult Protection Unit had 8 referrals during July, 5 of which were accepted for investigation. There continues to be 4 dependency and neglect cases, 1 child in placement, and 25 open child protection cases. The Unit has closed 17 cases which have been resolved. Adult protection had 3 new referrals which resulted in new cases. Saguache County now has 2 foster homes, with 1 new application and 1 pending application.
4. The Emergency Food Bank served 45 persons during the month of July. TEFAP distributions served 75 households in Center, 60 in Saguache and 50 in Crestone. CSFP distributions served 75 households in Center, and 21 in the Moffat/Crestone area. The Department receives supplemental items on the third Wednesday of the month, if there are extra food supplies available. During July the Department distributed; bread, cantaloupe, apples and potatoes. Care and Share notified us that during the year ending in June, Saguache had distributed 20,373 pounds of food to County residents in supplemental distributions alone.
5. We are completely moved and operating from the new food storage facility at Public Health. The existing heater and gas line failed inspection, and will require a new heater for the facility.
6. Health Care Policy and Financing has announced training plans and dates for the upcoming expansion in health care coverage for Colorado residents. We have still to determine what the exact workload impact of these expanded initiatives will have for our workers, however the latest estimates from HCPF seem to indicate that we may have already worked through a great deal of the caseload.
7. We are expanding the monthly financial reports to include documentation that the DSS general ledger is in balance with the Treasurer's ledger, as requested by our auditors.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO ADJOURN AS SAGUACHE COUNTY BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES AT 2:00 P.M.**

**SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON**

**VOTES IN FAVOR: 3**

**VOTES AGAINST: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**XIII. CSU / 4-H EXTENSION UPDATE- MARVIN REYNOLDS**

1. The San Luis Valley has 284 4-H members, 16 in Saguache. New agent starting September 1<sup>st</sup> hoping to market and reach the northern valley involvement.
2. Funding comes from the 6 counties valley wide and from Colorado State University.

3. Enrollment for the 4-H year is October 1<sup>st</sup>, ages 8 years old to 18 years. Clover buds involve kids that are 5, 6, and 7 years old.
4. All areas of involvement from livestock to robotics.
5. Elizabeth Hoffner, Mason & Johnny Torr accompanied Mr. Reynolds to tell the BoCC about the different life skills they are learning from being involved in the 4-H program; from teamwork, leadership, and citizenship skills

**BREAK**

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

1. Checking into different ways of disposing of the chemicals found at the Leach Airfield.
2. Discussion on the abandoned airplane at the Saguache airstrip, waiting to see the order Attorney Gibbons will receive.
3. BoCC informed Arredondo that the Solar Land Lease was signed today.
4. Next year the County will crush gravel, and will do more chip-sealing than overlaying next year as well.
5. Landfill samples will have results back within the next couple days. Should re-open this fall.
6. Gave Attorney Gibbons the contract from Recycle Crestone to review.
7. Following up on prairie dog efforts in response to correspondence from Tom McCracken

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO CONVENE AS LOCAL BOARD OF EQUALIZATION AT 2:54 P.M.**

**SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON**

**VOTES IN FAVOR: 3**

**VOTES AGAINST: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

1. Signed the Saguache County Board of Equalization Resolution 2013-1

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO ADJOURN AS LOCAL BOARD OF EQUALIZATION AT 2:55 P.M. AND RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION MEETING**

**SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON**

**VOTES IN FAVOR: 3**

**VOTES AGAINST: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**XV. TOWN OF SAGUACHE HOTEL – MAY ENGQUIST**

1. Discussion on what possibilities are out there for the Hotel and if and how the County and the Town of Saguache could be involved.
2. Under Town ordinance through the National Historic District the Saguache Hotel is deemed a Landmark. Historic Fund money is a possibility but takes a while. The exterior would have to be restored through the National Historic Preservation.
3. A Historical Structure assessment would be the first step in any process.

**XVI. WALL, SMITH AND BATEMAN 2012 AUDIT PRESENTATION**

1. Audit approval is on the agenda for September 3, 2013 to have the minutes approved and submitted to Wall, Smith, and Bateman by September 30th.

**XVII. COUNTY ASSESSOR – JACKIE STEPHENS**

1. Assessor Stephens presented the Abstract of Value for 2014, for the Boards review and approval; the Abstract is due on Friday August 25, 2013 to the State of Colorado. Individual parcel review of all parcels in the Town of Crestone may result in adjustments for property owners, and in the overall County value.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO ACCEPT THE SAGUACHE  
2013 ABSTRACT OF ASSESSMENT (CRS 39-5-123) COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF  
LOCAL AFFAIRS DIVISION OF PROPERTY TAXATION AFFIDAVITS.  
SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON  
VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 VOTES AGAINST: 0  
MOTION CARRIED**

2. Final Certification of final Assessed Value is due December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013.
3. Assessor Stephens will start next week on a report of final cost of re-assessment to be completed in a month or two. The non-voter approved mill levy will pay for the expenses.
4. Assessor Stephens asked the BoCC if she could hire Pete Peterson as the full time appraiser, will email job description and salary range to BoCC. Peterson is trained through the reappraisal process, and currently serving in this capacity on a part-time basis.

The Town of Saguache was audited by an Insurance Company and will need the Fire Department to tour each building to have a “pre-fire” plan to reduce rate. BoCC directed to arrange with Pete Garcia Maintenance department.

**XVIII. BILL PAYING**

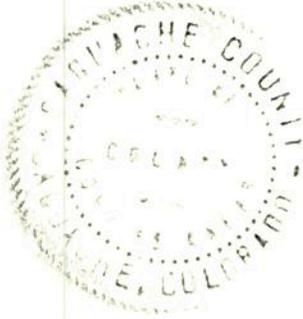
**XIX. ADJOURN**

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JOSEPH TO ADJOURN AT 4:35 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 1, 2013



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