SAGUACHE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION MEETING
9:00 A.M. TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 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. EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION

III. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

1. Attorney Gibbons will need to leave at 1:30.
2. Commissioner Jason Anderson is having Assessor Stephens come in at the end of the day to discuss the abilities of the BOE.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KENNY ANDERSON TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED
SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON
VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 VOTES AGAINST: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IV. READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 20, 2013

Minutes will be approved at the September 17th Regular session meeting.

V. REVIEW OF MAIL AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

1. **State of Colorado Public Health** sent the Notice regarding the Air Quality Control Commission Meeting will not meet on September 19th. The next meeting will be held on October 17th, 2013. (8/29/13)
2. **Matie Belle Lakish** emailed a resignation letter, resigning from the Tourism Council. (8/13/13)

3. **Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining & Safety** sent a letter in regards to Southway Construction Company, Stage Stop Pit, & Notice of request for temporary Cessation Status. (8/22/13)
4. Jenny Ewing submitted letter of resignation letter, resigning from the Saguache County Tourism Council, submitted by Commissioner Joseph (9/3/13)

VI. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Teresa Benns – Center Post Dispatch
Chris Botz – Citizen
Matie B. Lakish - Eagle
Brenda Anderson – Center Conservation Dist.
Andrew Archuleta – BLM

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

None at this time

VIII. COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Commissioner Joseph:

1. 8/22 - Attended the monthly meeting of the Gunnison Sage Grouse Strategic Committee in Gunnison, by teleconference. Regularly receiving and forwarding grouse related information. Worked with Jenny Nehring to complete comments on the XCEL transmission line Environmental Assessment, submitted.
2. Worked on Eye on the County for the Crestone Eagle, to be updated for submission to other papers. Had questions about the notices that went out to protestors following Board of Equalization hearings. It was not clear to people that the Assessor's office will be completing individual review, for all parcels in the Town.
3. 8/23 - Interviewed by the State Internet Portal Authority (SIPA), completing a client profile for grant recipients. Connected with Mark Talbot, XPlore regarding SIPA programs for counties, scheduling next staff training, and technical/development work for the Tourism and Economic Development websites.
4. 8/26 - Attended the SLV Public Health Partnership program in Alamosa, with the national site visit team for this project.
5. 8/27 - Attended the Baca National Wildlife Refuge Tour, with public lands managers, Commissioners, County road and bridge, weed, and, work session lunch with fire personnel to discuss issues and collaborative opportunities.
6. 8/28 - Dept. Head Evaluations
7. August 30 - Had a message that Alan Chapman, CTSI had called, but have not been able to reach him, due to the holiday.
8. Received calls/emails from upcoming Sales Tax Grant applicants - Jeannie Norris, and with questions - Tom Perrin, Jim Felmlee, Pam Nelson (OLT).

Commissioner Ken Anderson:

1. 8/23 – Went to Espanola, Drought conditions seem very similar to the San Luis Valley
2. 8/26 – Attended the San Luis Valley Public Health meeting in Alamosa.
3. 8/27 – Baca Wildlife Refuge tour
4. 8/28 – Department Head Evaluations
5. 8/31 – Went to Cascade to see fire damage and what methods were used to fight fire

Commissioner Jason Anderson:

1. 8/21 - Attended the DOLA training for effective small governments in Pueblo Co. topics included. Strategic budgeting, asset-based economic development and intergovernmental cooperation.
2. 8/23 - Met with Chris Botz, Crestone fire volunteer concerning mitigation strategies for the Crestone/Baca area. Was also asked about the likelihood of SRS funding for mitigation.
3. 8/26 - Office hours at Saguache courthouse. Met with Mike Cowan concerning the property tax assessments, still some confusion about what constitutes commercial property.
4. 8/26 - Attended the public health site visit in Alamosa to discuss issues and viewpoints concerning public health in the SLV at this time.
5. 8/27 - Attended the Baca wildlife tour and had lunch with local fire personnel.
6. 8/28 - Attended Saguache County Dept. heads evaluations.
7. 8/29 - Spoke with Kirk Banghart, Superintendent of Moffat school district. Discussed support for the SRS bill on the house floor.
8. 8/29 - Spoke with Cherise Kjosness at the Division of Property Taxation with DOLA. Discussed the tax situation in Crestone and the tax history that brought about the large change in property values. She also stated that the County Board of Equalization has broad authority over individual property adjustments.
9. 8/29 - Attended the opening of the Crestone Charter School for the year.
10. 8/30 - Attended the Moffatt school district fundraiser.

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

1. Changed Regular BoCC Session Meeting from October 15th to October 18th. Finish support letters at next work session.
2. Della Vieira, SCPH Director has submitted a contract/MOU between Saguache County and SLV Community Mental Health Center for the Board to review.
3. Review Saguache County Treasure and Public Trustee report through June 30, 2013. PILT direct deposit was done today, PILT made whole.
4. Discussion about joining Saguache Solar Garden for Saguache County buildings and Saguache County Housing Authority.
5. Audit acceptance

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JOSEPH TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT AUDIT AS PRESENTED BY WALL, SMITH & BATEMAN
SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON
VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 VOTES AGAINST: 0
MOTION CARRIED

BREAK

X. LAND USE ADMINISTRATOR - WENDI MAEZ

1. Leach Airport 3 year plan discussion with Mike Spearman. Clean up has begun and is looking good, mowed, trash hauled, and tires collected in one spot. Poole Chemical is looking into what chemicals are in the barrels and how to remove them.
2. Crestone End of Life project has not had any complaints in the last 2 years; therefore Maez has given them a Continuation of their Conditional Use permit instead of them having to

come before the board for another 2 years. Maez told them that we will review the project again in 2 years.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JOSEPH TO APPROVE THE CRESTONE END OF LIFE PROJECT CONTINUATION OF CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR ANOTHER TWO YEARS
SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON
VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 VOTES AGAINST: 0
MOTION CARRIED

XI. COUNTY ATTORNEY - BEN GIBBONS

1. In regards to the Town of Bonanza un-incorporation there was a check cashed on the behalf of the Town of Bonanza in either 2009 or 2010 so Attorney Gibbons will check with SOS on this matter.
2. Was in contact with the owner of abandoned airplane at the Saguache airstrip and he should be in contact with a time of retrieving airplane
3. Discussion on who should be the contact person in regards to medical marijuana licensing. Motion made and will be forwarded to the proper authority. Planning Commission will start working on regulations soon. The State does not have finalized regulations.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KENNY ANDERSON TO APPOINT MAEZ AS THE CONTACT PERSON IN REGARDS TO LICENSING FOR MEDICAL MARIJUANA
SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON
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4. Working on a County promotion policy. The pay and compensation scale will affect policy because they are tied together.
5. Asked Commissioner Jason Anderson if he needed anything else on the contract for the recycling. Commissioner Jason Anderson did not at the moment.
6. Discussion on Gunnison Sage Grouse. Attorney Gibbons will look into where at. Attorney Gibbons will be sitting in on the next Working Group session September 6th at Road & Bridge.

XII. SLV WEED DISTRICT – JIM CLARE

1. In process of becoming a 51C3.
2. Working with all six counties in the Valley.
3. Trying to emphasize importance of noxious weed control. Communication with all involved. Education is an important part of process.
4. Saguache County has several concerns, especially on CDOT right of ways. The State did send a letter to the Town of Crestone, they claim they never received.
5. Gave Commissioners a handout with general information on the weed district, goals, organization, etc.
6. Asked Commissioners if the district good could receive a copy of the County Weed policy. Did inform Commissioners the County does have a right to enforce weed control on private property.

LUNCH

XIII. ROAD & BRIDGE SUPERVISOR - RANDY ARREDONDO

1. No new updates on the landfill, awaiting materials to construct the new cell.
2. A neighbor by the Coleman Gravel Pit is upset about the location of the Solar Garden at the Coleman Pit. Commissioner Jason Anderson, Maez from Land Use, and Road & Bridge Supervisor Arredondo will go look at the site and see if the location can be moved to the East.
3. Discussion with Arredondo, Spearman, and the BoCC. Arredondo is going to talk to the Airport Development Group on a plan and a cost so the BoCC will know what needs to be in a grant and what the Road & Bridge match will be.

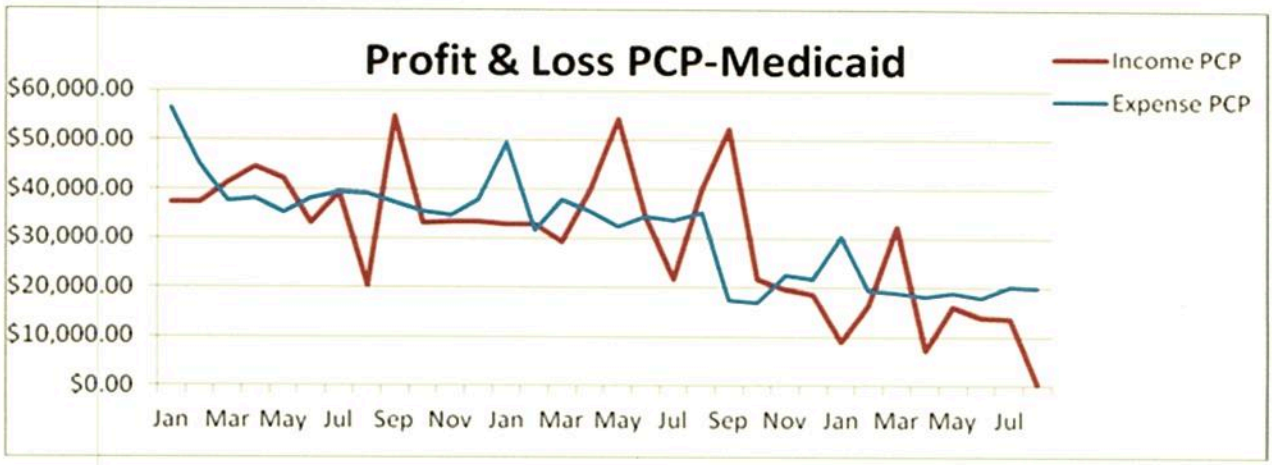
MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO CONVENE AS SAGUACHE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH AT 1:37 P.M.
SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON
VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 **VOTES AGAINST: 0**
MOTION CARRIED

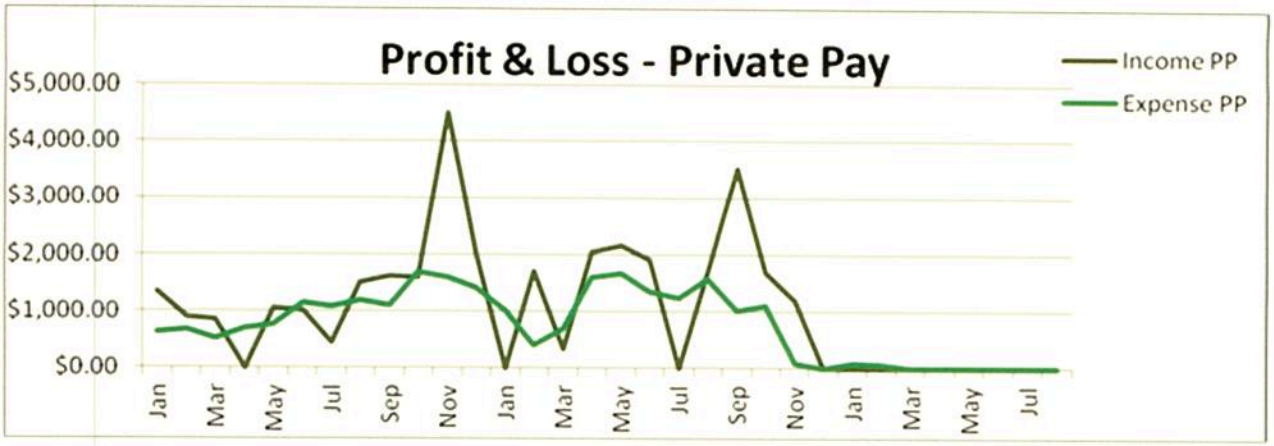
XIV. PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR - DELLA VIEIRA

1. Core Services updates.
   a. Assessment, Planning, and Communication:
      1. SLV Partnership: Director to attend West-Central Partnership meeting 9/12/13
      2. Director met with VWHS Director & Operations Manager regarding healthcare needs in county
      3. 2014 PH goals
2. Vital Records and Statistics: no updates
3. Communicable Disease Prevention, Investigation, and Control:
   a. Flu vaccine starting to come in
4. Prevention and Population Health Promotion:
   a. Letter of support provided to BE Fit program
   b. Director signed contract with SLV Mental Health last week for 2014 SCPP work
   c. Director scheduled to speak to Saguache and Crestone on ACA/Healthcare Exchange
      - 9/25/13 @ 5:30 at Crestone Library
      - 9/26/13 @ 5:30 at Saguache Library
5. Emergency Preparedness and Response:
   a. West Fork Fire After-Action meeting with Red Cross-Take away messages for local government:
      - Local government needs to look to their emergency plan before picking up the phone and calling Red Cross when a shelter needs to be set up.
      - Local government feeds responders, but may be able to negotiate for Red Cross to feed for 2 or 3 operational periods max.
      - Local authorities can delegate functions to the EOC as needed, and can set spending limits for procurements.
      - It is recommended that the SLV create a regional system/list/schedule of shelters and food vendors so response can be strategically coordinated, depending on the emergency.
6. Environmental Health:
   a. EH Specialist interviews planned to go to second round for top 2 candidates
7. Administration and Governance

a. SCPH received scope of work for additional regional funds to work on EH planning in SLV
b. PH Nurse will attend PH in the Rockies in Breckenridge 9/17-9/19, and represent SCPH

8. PCP Program.
   a. Total of 52 Medicaid clients and 0 Private Pay clients received services in August: 2 pending provider replacement, 2 were newly enrolled.
   b. Program received site visit from Stephanie Morey, DOLA on 8/27/2013
   c. Program Supervisor scheduled for Administrator training 9/17 & 9/18 in Denver, to fulfill requirements to serve as Program Deputy
9. Financial activity: August profit & loss, August 2013 vs. August 2012 cumulative by program, RWJF expenditures vs. budget, AR summary

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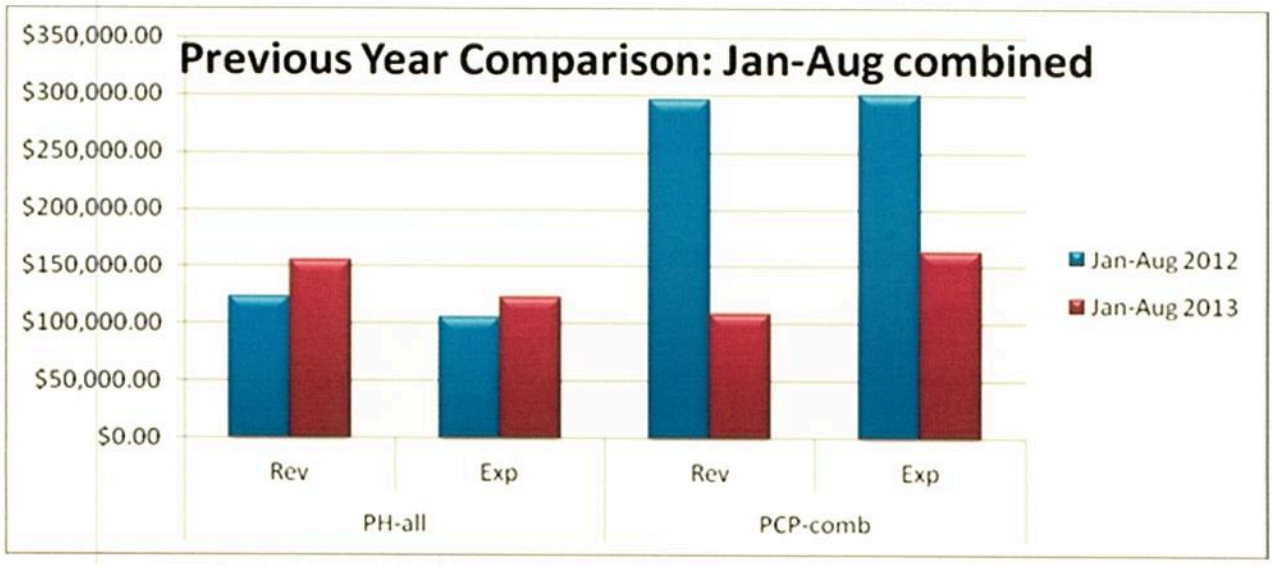
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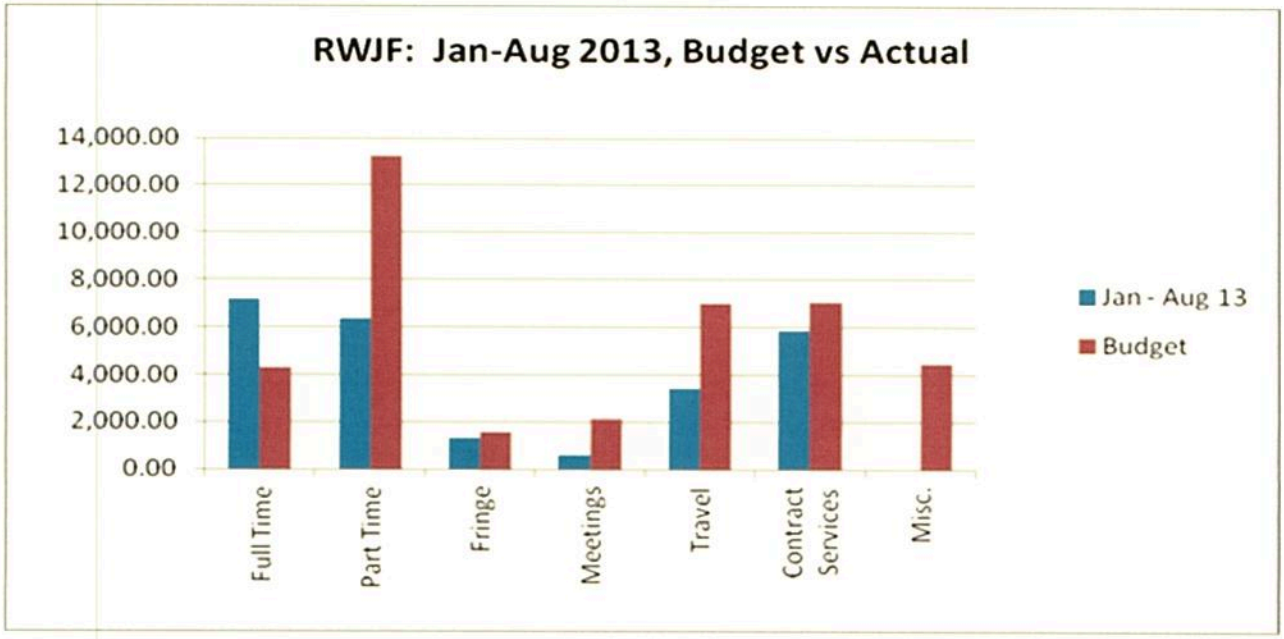
RWJF: Jan-Aug 2013, Budget vs Actual
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0.00
Jan - Aug 13
Budget
Full Time
Part Time
Fringe
Meetings
Travel
Contract Services
Misc.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON TO ADJOURN AS SAGUACHE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH AT 2:35 P.M.
SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON
VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 **VOTES AGAINST: 0**
MOTION CARRIED

XV. PUBLIC LANDS REPORTS – USFS/BLM

1. Saguache Airport is partly owned by BLM land and Saguache County has been in the process of acquiring the property patent for the last 12 years.
2. No response back on inquiries about the Cochetopa Scenic By-way.
3. Attending Sage Grouse working group meeting Friday, BLM will provide a Sage Grouse threats table.
4. Did receive BoCC comments on the power-line rebuild Environment Assessment.

BREAK

XVI. MITIGATION CRESTONE AREA – CHRIS BOTZ

1. Presented to the BoCC his ideas on how to better the fire mitigation in the Crestone-Baca community.
2. The probability that most fires are going to occur with little warning and evacuations to be done well and safely, must take place before the arrival of fire.
3. Increase chances of success by stopping a fire's approach, making use of existing roads as anchors for fire lines. Most mitigation should get out of the trees and off the slope, putting the effort in front of residences, down slope and to the west, keeping the fire out of trees. Erosion and flash floods can only be avoided if the fire does not get into the trees.
4. USFS is at the leading edge of the best techniques for structure protection and have the staff and resources, seeing if they would teach an annual class to educate citizens on fire mitigation on their properties.

XVII. COUNTY ASSESSOR – JACKIE STEPHENS

1. Commissioner Jason Anderson wanted to address Assessor Stephens on the authority the BOE has on determinations of individual properties.
2. BOE and Assessor have a broad range of authority over property evaluations.
3. Commissioners stated that there was confusion with the letters sent out that Town of Crestone property owners did not understand that their properties would all be individually assessed. Clerk Gomez stated the language in the letters was worked on with Attorney Gibbons.

XVIII. BILL PAYING

XIX. ADJOURN

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JOSEPH TO ADJOURN AT 3:50 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

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

ATTEST

COMMISSIONER

COMMISSIONER