

Saguache County Board of Commissioners met in regular session  
Tuesday, August 12, 2008 with the following present:

Sam Pace, Chairman  
Mike Spearman, Vice Chairman  
Linda Joseph, Commissioner  
Ben Gibbons, County Attorney  
Wendi Maez, Co-Administrator and Acting Secretary  
Lyn Zimmer, Co-Administrator

Meeting called to order by Chairman Pace at 9:00 A.M.

Under Additions or Deletions to the Agenda:

1. Add – Items for afternoon work session - Department Head Goals
2. Town of Moffat County owned lot discussion

**Sam Pace moved to approve the agenda. Mike Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

Reading and approval of minutes:

**Linda Joseph moved to approve the minutes of August 5, 2008 as amended. Mike Spearman seconded motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

Review of Mail:

1. **Gladys Hazard Family** sent a thank you card for all contributions made to the Saguache County Library in memory of their Mother Gladys Hazard. (8/8/08)
2. **Colorado Conservator** sent their Vol. 24 No.3 Summer 2008 newsletter. (8/8/08)
3. **Dave Miller, President from Natural Energy Resources Company** sent a letter regarding Colorado's escalating water crises and overlooked water and energy solutions. (8-11-08)
4. **The Upper Arkansas Water Conservancy District** has sent their Tentative Agenda. Board of Directors Meeting is on August 14<sup>th</sup> 2008 at 1:30 pm at 339 East Hwy 50, Salida.

**Introduction of Guests:** Matie Belle Lakish – Crestone Eagle; Julie Folk, William Folk, Cindy Reinhardt, Wooddora-Rose Eisenhauer, Eric Karlstrom, Road & Bridge Supervisor – Randy Arredondo, Chuck Grant, Jerry Burton.

## **Commissioners' Reports-Updates of Meetings:**

### **Sam Pace** reported:

- August 6 – had interview with KRZA radio
- August 7 – met with department heads and elected officials over lunch to discuss budget issues.
- August 7 – attended BGPOA meeting - the culvert issue was discussed.

### **Mike Spearman** reported:

- August 8 – attended Ken Salazar's public forum on Health Care needs in the Valley.
- August 11 – met with Rural Development Group concerning the grant that the County had applied for to purchase the new Road & Bridge Hot Plant. Rural Development Group informed Spearman that due to the County having a fund balance we did not receive any funding from Rural Development.
- Attended meeting concerning the creation of a Fire Department in La Garita area.
- Met with Mr. Churchy, neighbor to the Old Cow Town and discuss the process if he has complaints over the next year.

### **Linda Joseph** reported:

- August 6 - Attended the working lunch at the Dept Head's Budget meeting, along with Kenny Bertin, WSB - to troubleshoot email and list transitions and to gather input on next steps in implementing the website. Kenny has the working version of that site available for comments before going live, at: <http://beta.saguachecounty.net/>.
- Kenny has now taken over updates to the existing site, until the new site is approved to go live.
- August 7 - Attended the CCI Southern District meeting in Walsenburg. Outcomes of last session legislative actions and discussion of issues for upcoming sessions were reviewed.
- August 8 - Attended Ken Salazar's public form on Health needs in the Valley. Joseph had previously provided Senator Salazar with notes on emergency issues.
- August 10 - Received a call from Nick Chambers - inviting a letter from BOCC to put in the Energy Fair booklet, preferably by the end of this week, or, next week. Joseph will prepare a draft.
- August 11 - Had a call from Kate Vasha to discuss Friends of the Library offering a donation to help cover the shortfall in Penny Bruce's wages while additional funds can be sought with the newly completed Common Grant Application template for the Library, and direct mailing. Will follow-up next week.

### **Lynn Zimmer and Wendi Maez** - CO-Administrators:

- Signed monthly Veterans Service Officers report as submitted by Veterans Officer Tom Blunt.

- Signed letter appointing Dario Archuleta to the Gunnison Water Shed Weed Commission.

**Joseph made a motion to approve the transfer of \$20,000 from the General Fund to the Library fund, Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

- Presented resolution to transfer \$20,000 from the General Fund to the Library Fund.
- The Elected Officials and Departments Heads have met to work on the budget and would like to request a work session with the BOCC concerning the budget, on October 1, 2008 at 9am at the DSS meeting room. Lunch will be served. BOCC is not available on that date and propose either September 17<sup>th</sup> or October 6, 2008.
- Budget hearings will be set sometime after October 14, 2008.

Break

**Wendi Maez** - Land Use Administrator:

**Joseph moved to extend the Miller Conditional Use for one year bringing it in line with the Construction Permit period. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

- Bill Miller - Lot 3 - 31-44-11 - Conditional Use approval. Mr. Miller received approval for an additional residence on his property on August 7, 2007. Sent the yearly review letter to Mr. Miller, who responded back that he had not constructed any of the structures due to economic conditions. He would still like to do this project, but it is just on hold right now. Need to discuss whether or not he can have an extension or needs to apply for a new permit.
- Land Development Code change public hearing date set to October 14, 2008 at 10am. The changes for review are the Temporary Living Quarters, Emergency Preparedness and Readiness Plan and the Town of Crestone alternate member to Crestone Baca Planning Commission.
- Discussion was held concerning the landfill closure dates. Beginning September 9, 2008 the landfill will be closed on Wednesday mornings, so personnel can focus on cleaning up and managing recycling.
- William Folk read a letter on the trails in the Baca Grande eastern mountain range. Spearman gave an update concerning the public access to trails meeting he had attended in July. The Spiritual Alliance requested the next meeting be held in October. Attached is a copy of the letter that was submitted in February for your reference. Folk presented an additional letter to the Board, which includes petition signatures. Eric Karlstrom also read

and presented a letter to the Board concerning the access to public land. Thomas Onco, spoke in favor of keeping the trails open. Mattie Belle Lakish spoke in favor of keeping the public access open for accessing the walking trails for foot traffic to the creeks etc. A public hearing date for review of a RS2477 road/trail request was set on October 20, 2008 at 9am.

- Jerry Burton attended the meeting to discuss the Crestone End of Life Project to express his concerns. Commissioner Pace explained to Burton that no one on the Board feels that this is a trivial issue in any way. After a lengthy discussion Mr. Burton was told to submit his concerns in writing to the Land Use Department for discussion during the CEOLP yearly review, scheduled on September 9, 2008.

**Ben Gibbons** – Attorney report:

- Update on State Oil and Gas regulations hearings.

**Don Geddes** – Economic Development update:

- Mr. Geddes gave an update to the Board concerning the Team SLV Economic Development Group. Geddes feels that this group is gaining experience in reviewing projects and making recommendations to Senator Salazar. Geddes gave the board a list of the different types of projects that have requested funding through the Team.

Adjourned for lunch at 12:04 P.M.

Meeting reconvened at 1:01 P.M.

**Donna Newsom** – Nursing Director

- The application has been submitted to DOLA for the acquisition of the Public Health Building in Saguache. The deadline was August 1, 2008 and the funding decision will be made in November. This is an exciting opportunity for the county and public health to have a facility large enough to house a fitness area. Public Health in Saguache County is making great strides in moving our communities toward prevention and wellness. Has applied for a Colorado Development Block Grant for funds to purchase the Nursing services building.
- The Food Bank served 35 clients in July of those assisted, 16 were children. 13 of the adults were unemployed. All 35 were county residents. 14 households were assisted. The food bank received \$25.00 in donations. The value of the food was estimated at \$735.00.
- The Diabetes Support Group has started in Center and is being held at the Methodist Church the group is open to anyone living with Diabetes or interested others. The Healthy Living Classes have started in Saguache and Center. These classes are offered at no charge except for the manual used during the 6 week class. This teaches those living with chronic disease(s), healthier ways to care for themselves or loved ones. The details are posted on the [saguachecounty.net](http://saguachecounty.net) web page.

- Plans are being made by Public Health and PCP staff to organize for the booths' at the Fall Festival in September. The annual FUN/WALK to raise support and awareness for diabetes will be held again this year. We are in the process of applying for a sales tax grant for the next cycle to support our diabetic education efforts in the county. We also will be collaborating with the Chronic Disease Department at CDPHE to write a grant to support our Chronic Disease programs within the county.
- The AED for the court house is here! Please have your employees sign up for the demonstration class when it is offered. Plans are underway to find the proper placement of this device. Pete Garcia says that maintenance can make a box for it to be attached to a wall. The legalities of having/using the AED will be covered in the class.
- SCPH is continuing negotiations with Valley Wide for rental of office space in Center.
- The Prevention Team has started a very nice web page. On it are the upcoming plans for both STEPP and ADAD. 6 members of the Coalition will be receiving training in Nashville during August. 2 members attending are from Center School District and Mountain Valley School District. The training is centered on implementing the "underage drinking policy" work for our communities. It is being attended by several communities from around Colorado and other states as part of our implementation phase of our ADAD grant. (See attached prevention team report).
- Epidemiology Report - SCPH continues with TB investigations. We will be conducting skin testing this week for approximately 18 clients. Newsom has signed a scope of work this week with TB Division at CDPHE in order to be reimbursed some of the cost of the investigation.
- Saguache County has had one reported case of Giardiasis. The source was never detected however it was suspected that the source could have been contaminated vegetables.
- From 9-1-07 to 8-8-08 the PH Director assisted the SLV Regional Epidemiology staff with 4 Saguache County CEDRS case investigations. The PH Director responded to a request for assistance from Alamosa County Nursing Service during the Salmonella Outbreak in March 2008. This included in part as functioning as the Alamosa County public health director in the operations branch. The ICS chart for this incident is posted on the COHAN site at CDPJHE.

**Joseph moved to enter into Executive Session at 1:55 P. M. for personnel purposes under CRS 24-6-402(4)(f)(i) and for legal purposes under CRS 24-6-402 (4)(b). Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

**Joseph moved to return to regular session at 2:05 P. M. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

Chella Coleman – Housing Director:

**Spearman moved to convene as the Housing Board at 2:06 P.M. Pace seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

**Pace moved to adjourn the Housing Board and return to regular meeting at 2:27P.M. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

**Spearman moved to adjourn at 2:30 P.M. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

Respectfully Submitted  
Melinda Myers Secretary to the Board of County Commissioners

Minutes Approved August 19, 2008

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Chairman of the Board

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