

SAGUACHE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, April 3, 2018

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER:

** Due to technical difficulties the audio recording of the meeting did not begin until 9:11am, therefore these minutes will be the only official minutes until that time**

The Meeting was called to order by Board Chair, Jason Anderson, at 9:00 A.M., with the Following members present:

Jason Anderson, Commissioner, Board Chair
Ken Anderson, Commissioner
Wendi Maez, County Administrator, Land Use Administrator
Ben Gibbons, County Attorney
Rhiannon Curry for Trish Gilbert, Clerk to the Board

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Board Chair, Jason Anderson, invited those in attendance to join in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda:

1. Attorney Gibbons requests an executive session for legal counsel during his time.
2. Administrator Maez informs BOCC, Moffat Town Mayor Patty Riegel and Clerk and Recorder Trish Gilbert have items to take care of during Public comment or shortly after.

Commissioner Tim Lovato due to a scheduling conflict, did not arrive to the meeting until just before Attorney Gibbons time began at 10:16am

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER CHAIR ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 2 VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Reading and Approval of Minutes:

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 20, 2018 REGULAR SESSION MEETING AS AMENDED.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER CHAIR JASON ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 2 VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Review of Mail and Other Correspondence: 04/03/2018

1. **Jim Clare, SLV Haz-Mat Board President** sent notice that he has been appointed as the new President of the SLV Haz-Mat Board. Clare also requested information concerning the best time to receive notices for annual dues to coincide with fiscal year and payment for the SLV Haz-Mat services, correct contact information as well as a telephone and email address for the correct contract person. (3/20/18)
2. **The Rio Grande Water Conservation District** sent notice of the next scheduled Board meeting of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District Board of Directors April 17, 2018. (3/20/18)
3. **The State of Colorado** sent a poster promoting Colorado Drives Rollout 2 August 6, 2018. (3/20/18)
4. **Bill Lamphere** brought in a letter expressing concerns in what explains is the lack of transparency of the Mountain Valley New School project. A Copy of the letter was emailed to the Board of Commissioners on March 21, 2018. (3/21/18)
Commissioner Chair Jason Anderson questions Attorney Gibbons what this has to do with the County, and Gibbons confirms the school is a special district and the County has nothing to do with it.
5. **Stuart Schneider, Gunnison BLM**, sent a letter notifying the Board that the Gunnison Field Office is beginning an Environmental Assessment (EA) to consider updating the Field Offices' integrated noxious and invasive plant management program. (3/5/18)
6. **The Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District** sent the amended agenda for the Monday, March 26, 2018 meeting. (3/20/18)
7. **Yon Iaccio, Owner of the Tomichi Creek Trading Post** sent a letter requesting the Board of Commissioners look into the closing of the Forest Service route of Mill Creek in the Gunnison Forest in Saguache County. Iaccio and the visiting guests have expressed a need to re-establish a route to Soldier Stone and the Sargents Mesa from the West side of Marshall Pass. (3/26/18)
8. **Potch LLC** sent a Petition of Annexation, March 6, 2018.
9. **Colorado Association of Recycling** sent notice of Summit for Recycling June3-5, 2018 to be held in Snowmass Village, Colorado. (3/2/18)
10. **Headwaters Water Education Colorado** Spring 2018 information packet was received.
11. **Colorado Cattleman's agricultural Land Trust** 2017 Annual Impact Report was received. (3/29/18)
12. **Scott G. Armentrout, Forest Supervisor** sent information of the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests initiated plan revision of a three-phase process to revise the Forest Plan. (3/29/18)

Introduction of Guests:

Patricia Riegel – Moffat Town Mayor
Robert L. Tafoya
Joyce Swinney
Mike Biggio
Ellen Cox
Cleve Simpson

Jason Irwin
Tony Jennings
Mark Swinney
Peggy Godfrey
Adam Moore

Public Comment:

Patricia Riegel, the Mayor of the Town of Moffat addressed Commissioners to let them know an impact report had been completed regarding the annexation of land for the Town of Moffat that will be presented to the Commissioners at the April 17, 2018 meeting.

Robert Tafoya a concerned citizen informed Commissioners that there is opposition to the annexation. Tafoya also spoke to blight in the Town of Moffat, ditch maintenance, preservation of water rights, and a business in the KV Estates subdivision that could be a public health hazard. Tafoya also asked Commissioners if they could give him a resource to go to about policing the Town Government of Moffat, as he has yet to determine who would accomplish this.

Jason Irwin informed Commissioners that he is teaming up with the Town of Moffat sometime around April 18-April 22, to sponsor a roll off dumpster, where people within the Town limits could bring blight to clean up their properties free of charge. More details will be provided once a final date has been determined.

Mike Biggio questioned Commissioners about the Landfill offering a free day. Commissioner Chair Jason Anderson explained the exorbitant costs of running the Landfill and the County running that facility at a deficit. Commissioner Chair Jason Anderson expresses his hopes for citizen understanding that the County is struggling just to keep the facility open.

Clerk and Recorder Trish Gilbert addressed Commissioners regarding the topic of her Leave payout as discussed at previous meetings. Commissioner Chair Jason Anderson reiterates the County policy regarding payout of vacation and comp time and asks Gilbert to be cognizant of the policy going forward.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO APPROVE A PAYOUT OF 144 VACATION HOURS AND 140 COMP HOURS TO TRISH GILBERT DUE TO SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES AS AN APPOINTED EMPLOYEE.
SECOND BY COMMISSIONER CHAIR JASON ANDERSON
VOTES IN FAVOR: 2 VOTES AGAINST: 0
MOTION CARRIED**

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

Jason Anderson:

- 3/26 – Attended office hours in Crestone
- 3/26 – Reviewed RMP/EIS reports for the BLM Resource Advisory Council.
- 3/27 – Attended the BOCC work session, topics included a security wall to be installed in Center at the Haskin Building.
- 3/28 – Attended an informal session with United State Senator Cory Gardner.
- 3/29 – Attended a BOCC work session with Dennis Hunt of CTSI and Christy Doon from DOLA, regarding County Staff structure.
- 3/30 – Spoke with Bill Lamphere concerning the new school, being built in the Town of Saguache.

4/2 – Received notification from Mike Blakeman, with the USFS RAC, about Title II funds from the SRS passage.

4/3 – Received six requests via phone and email that the County enact a fire ban immediately.

Tim Lovato: Commissioner Lovato turned in his report for the minutes, as he was not yet present to give it verbally at the meeting.

3/22 – Received a call from an adjoining landowner who has concerns about the proposed property annex in the Town of Moffat.

3/24 – Attended the Saguache County Museum Board meeting at the Saguache County Museum, topics discussed included the theme for this year's parade, the opening of the Hazard mansion, and the appointment of new board members.

3/26 – Attended the SLV All Hazards meeting in Alamosa from 4-6pm. Spoke with the Rio Grande County Commissioner Susan Bothell, about the contract on the proposed nurse with Rio Grande County, and was asked about the members of the RETAC Board, as there may be too many members.

3/27 – Drove to Center to look at the proposed work being requested for the County's medical building/DSS office for improved employee safety. Later that morning, drove back to Saguache to meet with other Commissioners and Administrator Maez to discuss the Code Enforcement Officer's duties and responsibilities.

3/28 – Met with Senator Cory Gardner and several other citizens and heard concerns. Received a call from Costilla County Commissioner Lawrence Pacheco on the concern he had with the proposed contract that is supported by Governor Hickenlooper and Reggie Biacca with Colorado Department of Health and Human Services and a company from Texas to take over mental health in the San Luis Valley. Should this happen there would not be any local control, Mr. Pacheco will bring this up with the San Luis Valley Commissioner's at their next meeting.

3/29 – Attended the work session with Dennis Hunt and Christy Doon on the possibility of hiring an Administrator/Financial person for Saguache County.

3/30 – Attended the Saguache Creek Water Users Association at the Road and Bridge meeting room. Assistant Division Engineer James Heath for Division Three gave the projected runoff for Saguache Creek (50% of normal); there was not any mention of projected runoff for the San Luis Creek Drainage, another topic that was discussed was the water usage for marijuana grows and lack of enforcement. Toni Smith from the Colorado Rio Grande Restoration Foundation gave a presentation on a watershed management plan and wanted to know if there were any sites on Saguache Creek, that might be of concern.

Ken Anderson:

3/22 – Attended the South-Central Seniors meeting in Alamosa, also met with the Saguache County seniors, with Carla Quintana, South Central wanted to ensure they were registered, received some complaints, and will bring those back to the South-Central Seniors in Alamosa.

3/27 – Attended the work session for the BOCC, where we visited the DSS office in Center and discusses a security wall possibly installed.

3/28 – Attended the meeting with Senator Cory Gardner at the Road and Bridge meeting room. People in attendance were rather rude. Brought up Tariffs and the Farm Bill, but because other people took so long speaking on marijuana, did not get to really address other issues of importance on a federal level.

3/29 – Met with Dennis Hunt from CTSI and Christy Doon from DOLA regarding a CFO, an Administrator, and the Elevator at the Courthouse.

SAGUACHE COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH, DAVID DABOLL, DIRECTOR: REPORT ATTACHED.

Daboll informed Commissioners that he was attending a number of Public Health Partnership meetings, as it was time to prepare another five-year plan. Daboll also updated Commissioners on various programs within the Department, such as new pack and play cribs were received for the STEP grant, and trainings and classes for CTC are ongoing with citizen participation.

Daboll advises Commissioners that Public Health should stay in the black for the months of April and May due to the cushion given at the previous meeting. Daboll also explains further the basis of the CTC program as he feels there have miscommunications as to what it is for and how it is supposed to be run. Commissioner Chair Jason Anderson advises Daboll that the Commissioners are reviewing County owned property and County space and asks Daboll to think about what an efficient use of space looks like. Anderson goes on to say the County is reviewing their structure, and how that structure will be housed.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

RANDAL ARREDONDO, SUPERVISOR, ROAD AND BRIDGE DEPARTMENT:

Commissioner Chair Jason Anderson explains to Arredondo that they will have to split his report time and have him do the remainder in the afternoon as the meeting is running late. Arredondo gives Commissioners a copy of a quarterly budget report, showing income and revenues for his Department, for the first quarter.

Arredondo questions Commissioners regarding a man who has requested to be buried at the Landfill, and explains this man spoke to Assistant Supervisor Elvie Samora directly. Attorney Gibbons explains there is not anything that precludes him from being buried there currently; however, he would have to have authorization from the Coroner for whomever would act as his funeral director or whomever will pick up the body. Gibbons goes on to say he feels that the County should change their regulations to state that the Landfill does not accept human bodies.

Commissioner Chair Jason Anderson questions how the Landfill currently handles deceased animals, and Arredondo explains there is a separate pit they are put in, and then covered immediately. Office Manager Rhiannon Curry explains to Attorney Gibbons, the man in question wants to be buried at the Landfill after arriving to the Landfill alive. Gibbons expresses this would be assisted suicide and the Landfill Director could be charged, should that be allowed to happen. Commissioner Ken Anderson expresses his desire to change the regulations to show that Saguache County Landfill will not accept humans.

Arredondo asks Commissioners if they can address Forest Reserve fund disbursement per a request he received to do so by Treasurer Connie Trujillo. Commissioner Chair Jason Anderson expresses he is not ready to do this, as he would like to see what SRS fund

allocations are. How the Forest Reserve and SRS funds are distributed could affect the County PILT payment, and Chair Anderson would like to know the full amount of funds the County is working with, prior to discussing distribution. Arredondo is asked to come back in the afternoon, as Commissioners have a scheduled conference call they must take at 11:30.

Arredondo returned in the afternoon following the report by Forest Representative Adam Moore. Arredondo addresses the Forest Reserve funds received and reminds Commissioners he has a total of \$16,404 of these funds show in his budget. Commissioners decide they would like to wait to allocate as previously discussed, to see what the final figures of all funds received will look like.

Arredondo refers Commissioners to a bid for two computers to be replaced in his office that are out of warranty

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO TO ALLOW ROAD AND BRIDGE TO PURCHASE TWO COMPUTERS FOR \$3,384 FOR THE FRONT OFFICE.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Arredondo asks Commissioners to review the quarterly budget update figures given to them at the beginning of the meeting. Commissioner Chair Jason Anderson comments on a highlighted marijuana access fee column. Arredondo reminds Commissioners this line item was approved in the 2018 budget, and if they will not be collecting these fees, then the Road and Bridge budget will need to be adjusted to reflect such. Commissioner Chair Jason Anderson agrees the BOCC will need to put access fees on their work session schedule to be re-addressed.

Arredondo informs Commissioners they will be seeing some high repair bills for the Road and Bridge department. It has been recognized by the new Shop Foreman that the previous Foreman was not consistently doing repairs and upkeep, and they are required repairs and upkeep that must be done. Arredondo also asks the Commissioners to start thinking about a new cell at the Landfill, as this will need to be done soon.

BOBBY WOELZ, DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

Commissioner Chair Jason Anderson informs Woelz that he has heard from several people that Woelz is doing an excellent job, and that even people outside the Valley have given him compliments. Woelz confirms Commissioners have a copy of his report and informs that the Multi-Hazard Mitigation plan was formally adopted and accepted by FEMA and is now in place.

Woelz briefed Commissioners on all that he has worked on, attended, and completed since the last meeting. Woelz also informed Commissioners of an SLV Salamander training where all government employees would be issued an ID credentialing card. Woelz feels these cards are valuable and that they should be implemented into the government

employee culture. Woelz explains all of the logistics of how to implement are still being worked out but most of the work can be done on a cell phone remotely, and the card printer is already located in Alamosa, so should happen sooner rather than later. Woelz also asks Commissioners about payment of EOC Committee dues, as they have not yet received the 2017 payment.

Commissioner Chair Jason Anderson asks Woelz about a real tabletop exercise and expresses he feels the Commissioners have yet to do one. Anderson goes on to say, Commissioners participated in one a year ago, but doesn't feel it was a real "throw them into the fire" exercise and would like to see more of a true scenario-based exercise done. Woelz advises this is a requirement and completing one would fulfill grant requirements as well.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO PAY THE 2017 EOC DUES TO BE SENT IN 2018.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

EVAN SAMORA, SAGUACHE COUNTY HOUSING, REPORT ATTACHED:

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO ENTER INTO HOUSING AT 10:42A.M.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER CHAIR JASON ANDERSON TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AND COME OUT OF HOUSING AT 10:53A.M.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

BEN GIBBONS, COUNTY ATTORNEY:

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR LEGAL COUNSEL PER C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b) AT 10:16A.M.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER CHAIR JASON ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 2 VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT 10:41A.M.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO TO ENTER INTO THE SETTLEMENT
AGREEMENT FOR THE PERSONELL ISSUE WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.
SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON
VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 VOTES AGAINST: 0
MOTION CARRIED**

JIM FELLOWS, CONFERENCE CALL REGARDING SAGUACHE JAIL BUILD:

Commissioners joined a teleconference with Jim Fellows, Roy Blake, and Gary Jayhart regarding the building of a new jail facility to replace the current jail located across from the Courthouse. Jim Fellows advises Commissioners that Roy Blake is the architect they would be using on the new build project and asks Blake to speak directly regarding his involvement.

Blake gives Commissioners his background and the background of his company and explains he has worked on several jail facilities and/or detention centers in Colorado. Commissioner Lovato asks about a proposal and suggestions on how to get funding for the facility. Commissioner Chair Jason Anderson explains how it will be paid for is the biggest question. Jim Fellows than introduces his partner Gary Jayhart to further discuss where things should progress from here.

Jayhart explains to Commissioners that a contractual agreement needs to be put in place so that both companies and the Commissioners can move forward from discussions into the planning phases. Commissioner Chair Jason Anderson advises Jayhart the Commissioners will need a proposal for the cost of that contractual agreement, so they have something to review and make a decision from there. Administrator Maez takes over the call and explains to Jayhart things will not progress until the Commissioners have received a proposal to review, and then a meeting date can be scheduled. Jayhart and Fellows agree, and the call is ended.

LUNCH

WENDI MAEZ, LAND USE ADMINISTRATOR:

1. Gerald Klosterman – Lazy KV Estates Block RR Lot 2C – Variance request for a mobile home older than 20 years.

In 2015 the previous landowner – brought in an older mobile home to place on Lazy KV Estates Block RR, Lot 2C without first receiving County approval. With violation letters, being sent Ms. Syring removed a mobile home from the property (there was two homes on the property). After several attempts to confirm that the mobile home removed was the mobile home in question, Ms. Syring moved from Saguache County.

Mr. Klosterman has now purchased the property and would like to bring the MH into compliance with County regulations.

All fees and permits have been filed for and paid for at this time.

Maez explains to Commissioners that the mobile home in question was already on the lot when Klosterman purchased it, and he is just trying to make it legal. Maez also states that the Lazy KV Estates POA is aware of what is going on and is ok with the variance request being approved.

Klosterman provides Commissioners with pictures of all of the upgrades completed on the trailer prior to him purchasing it and explains stickers on some of the upgrades show the year 2007. It is his understanding that the upgrades would have been completed then prior to him purchasing; however, the required paperwork with the County was never completed to make it legal.

Commissioner Chair Jason Anderson comments to Klosterman, he probably should have checked on violations, etc. prior to purchasing. Klosterman agrees with this and comments he knows for future reference. Commissioner Chair Anderson explains just because a property is sold doesn't mean a violation goes away, the violation will stay with the property.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO APPROVE THE VARIANCE FOR
GERALD KLOSTERMAN FOR LAZY KV ESTATES BLOCK RR, LOT 2C.**

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

2. Snowshoe Basin Services, LLC – Lots 7, 8, & 9, less north 9' of Lot 9, Block 1, Villa Grove Conditional Use request to take the property from commercial use (bar/restaurant) to residential use.

This is similar to the use change we did for Mr. Hooper to change from restaurant use to residential use.

Maez explains to Commissioners this request is similar to a previous one, this one however used to be a bar in the Town of Villa Grove, and they would like to change back to a residence. Maez also explains this particular site was prior to conditional use permits, as the bar closed in the late sixties to early seventies.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO TO APPROVE THE CONDITIONAL USE
REQUEST TO RETURN LOTS 7, 8 & 9 LES 9' OF LOT 9, BLOCK 1, VILLA GROVE,
FROM COMMERCIAL USE, BACK TO RESIDENTIAL.**

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

3. Site/Compliance inspections done on the following legal grow sites:
Expanding Earth – County Road T
Tule, LLC – Highway 17

Brian Kirsch – County Road AA
County Road Z, LLC – County Road Z
Lora Lee Yates Trust – County Road 65

All sites comply with approval requirements. Site locations of structures, water well meters, plant counts, etc.

4. Lot Consolidation/Vacation request for Barton N. Marshal for Lots 1252C, 1255C, 1261C, 1259, and 1260, Baca Grande Grants, Unit I.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO APPROVE THE LOT CONSOLIDATION/VACATION REQUEST FOR BARTON N. MARSHAL FOR LOTS 1252C, 1255C, 1261C, 1259 AND 1260 NOW KNOWN AS 1252CR.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

5. Lot Consolidation Request for Constance Zyoko for Lots 1264 & 1265, Baca Grande Chalet, Unit I.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO TO APPROVE THE CONSOLIDATION REQUEST FOR CONSTANCE ZYOKO FOR LOTS 1264 & 1265 NOW KNOWN AS 1264C.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

WENDI MAEZ, SAGUACHE COUNTY AIRPORT MANAGER REPORT:

1. Working on getting figures together to connect south water well to the FBO. After I receive the figures, I will apply for a grant through DGR to help with the costs of installation.
2. Request received from Attorney Jason Kelly with Alamosa County COA for testing USA run. Details are not available at this time updated information will be discussed when received.

WENDI MAEZ, ACTING ADMINISTRATOR – ADMINISTRATIVE

1. Patty Reigel will be in during public comment time to request whether or not the Board would be requiring an impact report for the property that is requesting annexation into the Town of Moffat.
In Public comments above, Reigel advised the impact report is completed, and will come before the board at the April 17 meeting.
2. Appointment of Rio Grande Water Conservation District Representative from North of County Road G. Peggy Godfrey is the only person who has requested appointment.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO RE-APPOINT PEGGY GODFREY AS THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

3. Sign resolution to approve cancellation of taxes presented at the March 20, 2018 meeting by Treasurer Trujillo.
Maez advises Commissioners this is being looked into further before she will have them sign the resolution.
4. Trish Gilbert, County Clerk and Recorder will be into discuss a few items at the end of the day. A report from Gilbert will be sent with your BOCC packets.
5. Motion to approve April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER CHAIR JASON ANDERSON TO DELCARE APRIL AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH IN SAGUACHE COUNTY.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

6. Approve Participation Agreement for RAC Project funds

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO TO ENTER INTO THE PARTICIPATING AGREEMENT BETWEEN SAGUACHE COUNTY AND THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, RIO GRANDE NATIONAL FOREST FOR THE RAC PROJECT FUNDS.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

ELLEN COX, VICTIMS ADVOCATE PRESENTATION/REQUEST:

Ellen Cox the Victims Advocate for the Sheriff's Department attended the meeting to request the Commissioner's approval to enter into an MOU with Alamosa County and surrounding Counties under the umbrella for victim advocate services. Cox advised this would be the last year the MOU would be in place as Saguache County has applied for their own grants for year 2019 and 2020, as they want to build alliances with Chaffee and Gunnison Counties. This new alliance would offer more available service options to the citizens of the County.

The MOU, already approved by Attorney Gibbons, outlines that under Alamosa County Directorship, the Victims Advocate program offers services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year. Cox also explained that a very experienced grant writer helped her write the grants for upcoming years 2019 and 2020 and is expecting to be approved for these funds. Cox also explains that Saguache will continue to assist neighboring Counties as they currently do. Cox also explains after a question regarding numbers from Commissioner Lovato that numbers have increased from 100 to closer to 250. Crestone Eagle Report Sandia Belgrade asks what Cox opinion of the increase can be attributed to. Cox feels the increase in population, advertising of services, and comfort level with the Saguache County Sheriff's department have all been contributing factors.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO TO ENTER INTO THE MOU BETWEEN THE ALAMOSA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND THE SAGUACHE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR VICTIMS ADVOCATE SERVICES.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

CLEVE SIMPSON, RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT:

Mr. Simpson thanks Commissioners for their re-appointment of Peggy Godfrey and explains what a pleasure it has been for him to work with her. Simpson informs Commissioners the district has been hard at work, working on all of the sub-districts. They are also working on a habitat conservation with an employee who directly manages that project. The Doppler radar system is also a priority and Simpson comments it has gone through the house and is looking positive that funding will be available for this acquisition, once it clears the final legislative hurdles.

Simpson informs Commissioners Marissa Fricke is the new program manager and is currently drinking from the fire hydrant to learn her new position. Simpson talks about sub-district 4 with members including Jerry Berry, Ron Bowman, Dick Blumenhein, David Freeze, and Jeremy Willowbrook; sub-district 5 with members including Cory Hill, George Witten, David Smittle, Kit Caulden, and Dale Gershberger, both of these districts are in part in Saguache County. Simpson informs Commissioners the District is still looking at program managers to oversee the sub-districts, and what that structure, is going to look like.

SHERIFF DAN WARWICK:

Sheriff Dan Warwick attended the meeting to discuss a fire ban with Commissioners. Warwick explains he has not spoken with the Forest Service yet, but feels it is important and does not want to have to call a special meeting to get Commissioner Approval. Commissioner Ken Anderson comments, he does not feel it should be enacted on the entire County as some of the Farmers are still doing regulated burning but feels east of Highway 17 is important. Warwick agrees to speak to the Forest Service and then readdress with Commissioners to initiate a formal request. Commissioner Jason Anderson explains the Sheriff can make this call, and Commissioners will give him the greenlight to move forward when he is ready.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO TO GIVE THE SHERIFF THE ABILITY TO INITIATE A FIRE BAN UPON HIS DISCRETION.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Sheriff Warwick updates Commissioners on the status of the nursing agreement with Rio Grande County and asks them to hold off for now, as he may have another less costly option, he is currently looking into. Warwick also explains, it sounds like the Rio Grande Commissioners are starting to get cold feet regarding the agreement as well. Warwick is

COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER, TRISH GILBERT:

Clerk and Recorder Gilbert asks Commissioners about payment of the minute taker out of her budget. For fiscal year 2017, the minute takers salary for the two days she is with the Commissioner were taken out of the Road and Bridge budget, as she is an employee for that department the remainder of the month. Gilbert expresses to Commissioners, that since they insist on having someone other than an employee from her office do the minutes, at a higher rate of pay, than what someone in her office would make, the cost of the minute taker should be taken from the Commissioners budget rather than her own. Gilbert warns the Commissioners would be looking at a supplemental increase to the Clerk's budget should the funds continue to come from there, as it was not in her budget when approved. Commissioners agree to look into it and decide at a later date.

Gilbert reminds Commissioners that due to the Primary Election, the Clerk and Recorder's office will need the Commissioners room from May 30-July 10. She asks that they arrange for their meetings and work sessions to be held at the Road and Bridge meeting room during that time and reminds them this will have to happen again come October for the General Election period as well. Gilbert also informs Commissioners her request to the State to reinstate driver's license renewals was denied due to lack of numbers.

Gilbert also comments that she has completed grant applications for a new recording system to digitize the old books located in her office, and that she will apply for another grant next year for indexing of those books as well. Commissioner Lovato questions what will be done with the old books, and Gilbert advises, they will be there, but with less handling, the deterioration will not happen as quickly.

BILL PAYING:


Commissioner Chair Jason Anderson adjourns the meeting at 3:53P.M., seeing no further business.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:


**RHIANNON CURRY FOR
TRISH GILBERT, CLERK & RECORDER**

DATE MINUTES APPROVED: April 17, 2018







**JASON ANDERSON, COMMISSIONER,
BOARD CHAIR**



KEN ANDERSON, COMMISSIONER



TIM LOVATO, COMMISSIONER



**ATTEST
TRISH GILBERT
CLERK & RECORDER**

