

Review of Mail and Other Correspondence: 08/07/2018

1. **Rio Grande Water Conservation District**, sent July's Ground Water Table Measurements. (7/17/18)
2. **Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District**, sent the Board of Directors Agenda for July 23, 2018 meeting. (7/17/18)
3. **Frank Muniz, Alamosa County Veteran Affairs Service Officer**, sent the report for the Veteran Transportation Network 2017-2018 grant. (7/19/18)
4. **Dan Dallas, Rio Grande National Forest Supervisor**, sent a letter regarding the Village at Wolf Creek Access Project. (7/24/18)
5. **Moffat County**, sent Moffat County Resolution # 2018-34 detailing wolf management in Moffat County. (7/26/18)
6. **Daniel S. Johnson**, sent the 2018 Proposal for Continued Saguache County Firewise Program. (7/26/18)
7. **La Vereda Del Norte Chapter of the Old Spanish Trail Association**, sent the Trail Tales newsletter for July 2018. (7/27/18)
8. **Thomas Monaco, Director of the San Luis Valley Small Business Development Center**, sent an email to follow up on the meeting held with Commissioners. (7/27/18)

Introduction of Guests:

Chris White – Yurts at Poncha Pass
Andy Mueller – Colorado River District
Theo Boudreaux – Saguache Tourism
Christine Guiddeson – Saguache Tourism
Kathy Garcia – Senator Bennett's Office

Peter Fleming – Colorado River District
Rebie Hazard – Colorado River District
Faith O'Reilly – Saguache Tourism
Amber Wilson – Saguache Tourism

Public Comment:

Kathy Garcia from Senator Bennett's Office attended to update Commissioners on legislative issues in the works. Garcia informed Commissioners that both the House and the Senate have a copy of the Farm Bill and are working to come up with a final version for approval. Garcia also discussed a bill that would put work requirements on SNAP benefits, which has smaller Counties like Bent responding as they have 160 SNAP participants, but zero jobs available to employ them.

Commissioner Jason Anderson commented that it gets tricky when you try to throw a blanket over the nation and think that one size will fit all. Garcia also informed Commissioners that the HEMP Industrial bill will be merged into the Farm Bill, allowing for HEMP to be irrigated and making it available for USDA Insurances. Garcia also reported a new DEA Clearing House Bill, which would take all orders for drugs and put them in a clearing house, allowing them to be monitored. Commissioner Lovato comments on an interesting article he read showing that more illegal immigrants are entering the US at the North Border than the South.

Employee Pin Presentations:

Dawna Beiriger – 5 years – Public Health
Stacy Martinez – 5 years – Social Services
Mary Pacheco – 20 years – Sheriff's Department
MaryAnn Martinez – 15 years – Social Services
April Quintana – 15 years – Administration

Carol Gustin – 20 years – Sheriff’s Department

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

Jason Anderson:

- 7/12-7/16 – Attended the National Association of Counties meeting as the Representative for the Southern District of Colorado Counties. Time as spent with the Public Lands Steering Committee, Energy and Natural Resources Steering Committee, and the Rural Action Caucus.
- 7/19 – Attended the public comment session for the first draft of the Saguache County Commercial Marijuana Regulations.
- 7/20 – Contacted by Commissioner Wendy Braxton Andrade from Prowers County for support for the at-large CWA Committee.
- 7/23 – Attended the San Luis Valley Commissioners meeting. Discussion included legislative issues and preparing for budgeting.
- 7/24 – Wrote a letter of support for the E-Zone grants for the San Luis Valley Great Outdoors Organization.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO APPROVE SENDING A LETTER OF SUPPORT OF THE E-ZONE GRANT FOR THE SLV GREAT OUTDOORS.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

- 7/25 – Attended a meeting with the Rio Grande Sheriff and Commissioners to work on an MOU for the nursing services for the Saguache County Jail.
- 7/26 – Attended the Eastern San Luis Valley Trails Coalition meeting.
- 7/26 – Dropped in on the Saguache Indivisible letter writing session.
- 7/28 – Attended the Hollyhock festival in the Town of Saguache.
- 7/30 – Spoke with Cynthia Moses-Nedd, Office of the Intergovernmental & External Affairs for the US Department of Interior, concerning the BLM RAC being curtailed.
- 7/31 – Spoke with John Hereford, Director of Oak Leaf Solar about interest and County capacity.
- 7/31 – Received the resignation of Karina Danforth from the Saguache County Tourism Council.
- 8/2 – Attended the Active Shooter Training at the Saguache County Road and Bridge training room.
- 8/3 – Sat as the Board of Equalization in the Saguache County Courthouse.
- 8/5 – Attended the Rhythm’s on the Rio Festival.
- 8/6 – Spoke for the San Luis Valley Commissioners Group at the San Luis Valley Economic Summit.
- 8/6 – Attended the Action 22 Reception.

Tim Lovato:

- 7/19 – Attended the Public Hearing where public comments were heard regarding the possible revised marijuana regulations as proposed by the Planning Commission.
- 7/20 – Attended the Courthouse Security meeting with Chief Judge Patty Swift, John Putbreze, Sheriff Dan Warwick, and Court Administrators Cristina Gonzales and Brandy

Taylor. Discussed additional funding for the backfill position on the single point position and the need for having an officer present during court proceedings as this is requiring additional, unanticipated man hours, and impacting the funding from the Courthouse grant.

7/23 – Attended the San Luis Valley Commissioners meeting in Alamosa, topics discussed included the adoption of the new by-laws for the RETAC Committee, and the lack of payment from the railroad on their property.

7/24 – Attended the work session at Road and Bridge with Public Health Director David Daboll, Tom Morocco, and spoke with Road and Bridge Supervisor Arredondo on the expansion of the Landfill, and/or possible transfer stations.

7/25 – Attended the meeting with the Rio Grande Sheriff and Commissioners regarding nursing services for the Saguache County Jail.

7/26 – Met with Public Health Director David Daboll and discussed the lack of following County Policy, and the over expenditures on his Public Health budget, and lack of Board approval regarding out of State trips with the Communities that Care program.

8/1 – Met with the Saguache Creek Water Users on a stream management plan on Saguache Creek.

8/3 – Sat as the Board of Equalization hearing one protest of over appraised property by the property claimant, at the Saguache County Courthouse.

8/3 – Attended the Saguache County Office of Emergency Management meeting. The meeting was called to discuss the areas in Saguache County that lack communication coverage. Representatives included Fire, EMS, Public Health, Search and Rescue, and Dave Osborn from the San Luis Valley EOC.

Ken Anderson:

7/19 – Wife attended the Senior Advisory Committee as I had a personal appointment to attend, later in the day attended the public hearing where citizens commented on the revised marijuana regulations as presented by the Planning Commission.

7/24 – Attended the meeting at Road and Bridge with fellow Commissioners, where we had discussions with Tom Morocco, Public Health Director David Daboll, and Road and Bridge Supervisor Randy Arredondo.

7/26 – Attended a Board meeting in Denver, where the Farm Bill was discussed.

8/3 – Sat as the Board of Equalization at the Saguache County Courthouse, however, not sure why it was held as the Assessor and Claimant had already come to an agreement.

8/5 – Attended the 4-H Fair.

BOARD OF PUBLIC HEALTH MONTHLY REPORT – DAVID DABOLL: REPORT ATTACHED.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO TO ENTER INTO THE BOARD OF HEALTH AT 10:08A.M.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Daboll informed Commissioners that the cushion his Department received was currently in the account, however, it would be used very soon. Daboll introduced two of the youth participants that attended an out of State trip from the Communities that Care program,

Summer Quintana from Saguache and Isaiah Archuleta from Center. Quintana explained to Commissioners how some of the things they learned were repeated of things they already knew but it was interesting to work with other youth from other areas of the County and exchange ideas and compare issues in varying communities. Archuleta commented that what stood out to him the most was that poverty seemed to be a contributing factor of similar problems facing other areas, and a sense of hopelessness. He went on to say that wealthy areas have similar issues but find it easier to get out of the situations and move away. Quintana and Archuleta explained their experiences in detail stating the process was broken down from ideas to implementation.

Commissioner Lovato asked what these youth would do to change poverty in their communities if they were able. Quintana commented things such as scare tactics and using an embarrassment factor such as putting up posters of adults who purchase alcohol for underage minors could help dissuade the situation. Archuleta commented it is a mentality and the surroundings. In wealthy areas it is the norm to graduate high school, go to college, and get a degree with friends and family doing the same thing. In poverty areas it is more prevalent to see broken homes and drug abuse, making that the norm and what is acceptable. Quintana comments in Saguache the norm is to drink when you are 12 and smoke marijuana with your parents.

Daboll informs Commissioners he has a list of MOU's and contracts to be reviewed and approved, for OBH, Healthy Communities, STEPP, and the Alpine Achievers.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO TO ENTER INTO THE CONTRACTS FOR OBH, HEALTHY COMMUNITIES, AND THE STEPP PROGRAMS.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON TO ACCEPT THE TERMINATION OF THE ALPINE ACHIEVERS INITIATIVE WITH PUBLIC HEALTH FOR SERVICES AND ROOM RENTAL.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Daboll advised Commissioners that Crowfox Fleming turned in her two weeks notice and letter of resignation, as she will be accepting a teaching position with Moffat Schools. Daboll advises that Janet Beiriger will temporarily cover this position in completing vouchers and payroll. Daboll also advises he will be meeting with Administrator Maez to develop a plan on how to handle this moving forward.

Daboll advises Commissioners that the Ford Fusion required four new tires and an alignment, requiring repairs of \$500. Daboll comments that Public Health has had the vehicle less than a year, and if Commissioners would like to assist with the cost of the tires it would be appreciated. Commissioner Lovato questions if there is a maintenance line item

in his budget, and Daboll responds not enough to cover this cost. Commissioner Chair Jason Anderson comments that Commissioners are looking to restructure how finances in the County are handled to make it more efficient.

Daboll advises Commissioners that the aspects of policy not followed on the Communities that Care program will not be repeated, and that he will be meeting with Maez to determine a cushion that will cover the needs of the Department. Commissioner Lovato comments that a cushion would not be given until the 2019 budget cycle. Maez informs that it will have to happen sooner than next year's budget in order to cover the expenses from the CTC out of State trip. Daboll confirms that the trip expenses will eventually be reimbursed by the State.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT 10:32A.M.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

EVAN SAMORA, SAGUACHE COUNTY HOUSING, REPORT ATTACHED:

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO TO ENTER INTO THE BOARD OF HOUSING AT 10:33A.M.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

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

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

BEN GIBBONS, COUNTY ATTORNEY:

Attorney Gibbons discussed Land Use Code violations with Commissioners and how they would like to see them handled. Gibbons advises that he has sent them a resolution to adopt this as a penalty code to provide to the courts, as part of the Land Use code. Commissioner Chair Jason Anderson questions why there is no monetary penalty linked in the resolution and Gibbons advises that there is already a set rate attached to misdemeanors, but they can add that if so desired. Commissioner Chair Jason Anderson explains that the law enforcement hands are tied until this can be set and rectified and goes on to say he feels the Commissioners should spell it out clearly for the courts all the way down to the numbers. Attorney Gibbons advises the resolution will not be completed before the end of the meeting as they will be adding figures to the penalties.

Gibbons advises Commissioners that he has reviewed the contract for the Sheriff's Department to obtain shared nursing services with Rio Grande County. Commissioner Chair Jason Anderson questions if it is ready for Rio Grande County review and approval. Gibbons explains that the contract is between the Sheriff's Offices and not the Counties themselves, so both Sheriff's will need to review his revisions and approve them.

Attorney Gibbons advises Commissioners that there was a complaint regarding the tax ballot measure being referred to the Saguache County Clerk and Records office and that it wasn't listed properly. Gibbons asks that another motion be made to this effect so there are no questions going forward.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO TO ACCEPT THE REFERENDUM RESOLUTION 2018-5 TO BE PRESENTED BEFORE THE VOTERS.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Attorney Gibbons requests an executive session for personnel and legal counsel from Commissioners in regard to the Road and Bridge Department.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR LEGAL COUNSEL PER C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b) AND FOR PERSONNEL PER C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(F)(I), PERTAINING TO THE ROAD AND BRIDGE DEPARTMENT.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT 11:07A.M.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

DAN WARWICK, SHERIFF, REPORT ATTACHED:

Ken Wilson, the Sheriff's Supervisor of the jail was in attendance in Sheriff Warwick's place as he had prior engagements, preventing his attendance. Wilson goes over numbers with Commissioners regarding how many calls for service have been completed and the manor of calls received. Wilson explains that the jail has housed on average 16 inmates per day, and that they are currently housing 13 and 3 from other Counties. Wilson also discusses obtaining a different phone service provider, as the Sheriff has researched and found a better provider with more options for the jail and inmate services at a much lower cost.

Wilson advises Commissioners that Code Enforcement Officer James Knight has decided he would like to be a deputy with the Sheriff's Department full time. For now he will do part time code enforcement duties as well as Wayne Clark providing part time code

enforcement which would give the County in essence a full time Code Enforcement Officer. Wilson also advises the Sheriff does not feel the COE Clerk position is needed, and with these movements, the Sheriff's Department is still down 1 officer. Wilson explains to Commissioners that the Courthouse Security Grant will be \$12,000 short by the end of the year if the grant is not increased, as the Courts have requested two additional days a week and a deputy for most court appearances, neither of which was funded in the original grant.

RANDAL ARREDONDO, SUPERVISOR, ROAD AND BRIDGE DEPARTMENT:

Commissioner Chair Jason Anderson questions Supervisor Arredondo about paving operations and Arredondo confirms there was paving done in Crestone on County Road 71.2 with SRS funds received, paving done in Center, and paving done in Moffat. Commissioner Chair Jason Anderson also requests that Arredondo have his department remove fire ban signs put up by individuals in the Crestone area as residents are not moving to remove them and the fire ban has been lifted. Supervisor Arredondo provides an agreement with the Grand Mesa, Uncompaghre, and Gunnison National Forests for Schedule A road maintenance services, and explains it is the same contract they sign every year.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO TO ENTER INTO THE AGREEMENT WITH THE GRAND MESA, UNCOMPAGHRE, AND GUNNISON NATIONAL FORESTS FOR SCHEDULE A ROAD MAINTENANCE.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Arredondo explains to Commissioners that he received a request through Wendi from Valley to Valley Senior Care Center to have some dirt work done on their site and asked that the work be donated by the County. Arredondo feels this would not be an issue for his Department if it pleases the Commissioners. Commissioners agree that as it is for a non-profit providing a service to the community, they feel this would be acceptable, and advise Arredondo to provide the requested services.

Arredondo advises Commissioners that he will be down 2 employees again at the end of August as one left to campaign and the other is moving back to Texas. Arredondo explains that he would like to have one with a CDL and possibly train another one without if he can't find two with. He goes on to explain the cost of training if the employee leaves right away. Attorney Gibbons asks if Road and Bridge has a document the employee is required to sign stating they will stay on for a specified period of time, or reimburse the County for training costs, and Arredondo comments there is no such document. Commissioners ask for Arredondo to come up with a document that can be presented at the next meeting.

Supervisor Arredondo asks Commissioners for a decision regarding the expansion or closing of the Landfill. Arredondo advises at this point should the Commissioners decide to expand, more than likely the Landfill will be required to shut down until the new cell is completed, as the current cell does not have enough room to last. Commissioner Lovato

expresses he feels the County should be looking into both expanding the Landfill and providing transfer stations. Commissioner Lovato explains he feels the Landfill is a service the County provides to the citizens, and should continue to do so, commenting that he has seen where transfer stations lose up to \$50,000 per year. Arredondo explains that the expansion will cost in excess of \$300,000 and that is on the low end of the spectrum as that does not include the monitoring wells now being required by the State. Commissioner Ken Anderson seconds Commissioner Lovato's motion for discussion, commenting that he feels transfer stations could be a hazard should someone dump antifreeze or another toxic chemical, and doesn't feel it will save the County to go that direction. Arredondo explains that there would still be staff at the transfer station to ensure there was no illegal dumping.

Arredondo explains to Commissioners that he is leaning toward transfer stations due to the cost effectiveness of them and in the spirit of trying to save the County money. Arredondo also confirms that he spoke to Elvie Conley about hauling should the decision be made to go that direction and it is something he is willing to do. Commissioner Ken Anderson comments he doesn't feel the figures received on transfer station costs from Chris Canaly was enough and doesn't have enough information to move in that direction. Commissioner Lovato again comments he feels they should put a transfer station in at one area of the County so that they can get real figures as to what the costs would be, as well as expanding a new cell at the Landfill and keeping it open. Commissioner Chair Jason Anderson comments he feels the County should not be in the trash business. Supervisor Arredondo agrees after the motion to get the process started with Davis Engineering.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO TO EXPAND THE CELL AT THE LANDFILL,
KEEPING IT OPEN WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF PROVIDING A TRANSFER
STATION TO ONE PART OF THE COUNTY.**

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 2

VOTES AGAINST: 1

MOTION CARRIED

WENDI MAEZ, LAND USE ADMINISTRATOR:

1. Christopher White – Conditional Use request to construct 4 yurts for overnight retreats and sustainability educational school.

Saguache County Planning Commission recommended unanimous approval of this request with the following conditions – Colorado Division of Wildlife has recommended that the building locates are placed in the best location possible permitting view shed impairment and septic tank distances from water flow areas, also recommended that the phases of this project e extended one year.

Will email CDOW comments on Monday.

White explains to Commissioners that he is a biologist and pointed out concerns he had for the area to BLM for his surroundings and his neighbors, as he is in sage grouse territory. White explains his property is east of the Ox Cart ranch and is hoping to join the EMS crew in Villa Grove as he was previously an Paramedic in New Mexico and hopes to add value to the area.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO APPROVE THE CONDITIONAL USE
REQUEST TO CONSTRUCT 4 YURTS FOR CHRISTOPHER WHITE.**

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

2. Discussion concerning the site visit for the I Marsh Trust property to view the trade areas requested.

Commissioner agree to the site visit on August 28th after Department Head Evaluations.

3. Working with the Department of Revenue for the collection of excise tax for grow areas located in the Town of Moffat.

Maez confirms working with the DOR and advises she should be able to give a better update by the next meeting.

4. Anne Nielsen has resigned from the SCPC effective July 23, 2018. Need to reappoint a member in her position.

Maez informs Commissioners she would like to move up Steve Carlson from alternate to member as he is in the area and been an alternate the longest. Commissioners agree this should happen and then advertise for a new alternate.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF
ANNE NIELSEN FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSOIN AND APPOINT STEVE
CARLSON TO THAT POSITION IN HER PLACE.**

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

5. Discussion concerning application process for CUP's marijuana grow areas change of ownership with the business. I have about 5 requests for ownership changes within the business structure. Applicants must have County sign off on ownership changes before they will allow changes to be approved.

Commissioner Chair Jason Anderson questions if the State has a process for this already, Maez confirms this to be the case, but advises she must sign off on it first as the local authority. Commissioner Lovato feels there should be a process in place to handle this.

Attorney Gibbons agrees to investigate this further and get back to Commissioners.

6. Lot 10, Block 10, Town of Moffat is owned by Saguache County and is not on the County Owned Lot list. 2 requests for the purchase of this lot have been made, I would like to add this lot to our list for possible purchase by the public.

Commissioners agree to allow Maez to advertise this property on the County Owned Lot bid list.

7. County Owned Lot bids:

Lot 3861, Baca Grande Chalet II, - Minimum bid amount \$4,000

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO TO ACCEPT THE BID FROM CHRISTINA D. WHITE AND CHARLES S. SMITH FOR \$4,000 FOR BACA GRANDE CHALET II, LOT 3861, WITH A MINIMUM BID OF \$4,000.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Lot 1397 – Baca Grande Chalet II, - Minimum bid amount \$4000

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO ACCEPT THE BID FROM RONALD K DISSAIN FOR \$4,370 FOR BACA GRANDE CHALET II, LOT 1397, WTH A MINIMUM BID OF \$4,000.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Lot 3401 – Baca Grande Chalet II, - Minimum bid amount \$4000

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO TO ACCEPT THE BID FROM NACY TIELOS FOR \$4,125 FOR BACA GRANDE CHALET II, LOT 3401 WITH A MINIMUM BID OF \$4,000.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

WENDI MAEZ, SAGUACHE COUNTY AIRPORT MANAGER REPORT:

1. Leach Airport runway has been shut down since Monday, July 30 due to the main circuit board having a short of some sort. Hopefully the runway will be up and running by Monday August 6, 2018.

WENDI MAEZ, ADMINISTRATOR – ADMINISTRATIVE

1. Court system on the 3rd floor of the Courthouse has requested to install an air conditioner. We have received a bid for an estimate from Steffens Plumbing in the amount of \$16, 374. I will discuss with the Court Administrator about possibly paying for a portion of the installation if the Board desires.

Commissioner Lovato comments that this was brought up at the Courthouse Security meeting and he told them they could address during budget time. Commissioner Chair Jason Anderson comments once again we are going to have to run legislation stating the State needs to take responsibility for their Courts.

2. A request for a SLVCOG Economic Development Grant has been made at the request of Commissioner Jason Anderson for a Schematic Design Document “Safe Routes to School Trail” in the amount of \$2813.
Commissioner Chair Jason Anderson explains the County will not be required to pay anything but will have to be the fiscal agent and as such the applicant for the CDOT grant.
3. We will need to do a budget amendment for Public Health for the CTC trainings for the last few months. Maez is working with PH for the amounts needed to amend the budget so we can schedule a budget hearing.
Maez advises the credit card balance for Public Health was at \$32,814 as of the end of July but wants to see what funds come in and really where they stand before doing an amendment.
4. Kairina Danforth has resigned from the Tourism Council. Need direction concerning her replacement and it is also time to do reappointments to that council.
Maez advises this can be discussed when the Tourism Council comes in at the end of the afternoon.
5. A request from Valley to Valley Senior Living Center for the possibility of the County donating the clearing of land to create a road.
This request was addressed during Road and Bridge Supervisor Arredondo’s time.
6. Discussion concerning exempting the Sheriff’s office from the Open Records policy.
Attorney Gibbons comments that these requests should not be coming in under a CORA request but rather the Criminal Justice Records act.
7. Discussion concerning the replacement of the bullet proof glass at Social Services, and the installation of a wall in the Center office.
Commissioner Lovato comments that Social Services Director Linda Warsh was to come up with a plan regarding the glass and the cameras in the Center office, and Commissioners are still waiting to see what she has completed.
8. Review and possibly sign the July 2018 Veteran’s officer monthly report.
9. Maez has received an email from Nichole Stearns with Smith Currie concerning the class action lawsuit to recover PILT funds.
Attorney Ben Gibbons advises Saguache County has until September 14 to decide as to if they would like to be included on this.
10. Sheriff’s Office has rescinded the Fire Ban at this time. The resolution has been posted on the website.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO ENTER INTO THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION AT 1:47P.M.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO DENY THE APPEAL AND APPROVE THE AGREEMENT OF \$145,133.00.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT
1:50P.M.**

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

ANDY MUELLER, GENERAL MANAGER, COLORADO RIVER DISTRICT:

Also present with Mueller, were General Counsel Peter Fleming and Board member Rebie Hazard. Mueller explains to Commissioners he just wanted to reach out, explain what they do, and answer any questions the Commissioners may have. Mueller comments that the Colorado River District was formed in 1937 with 8 Counties at formation and currently 15 Counties included, with Saguache County joining in the 1950's.

Mueller advises Commissioners that Lake Powell is only at 37% of average this year, with an expected drop of 20% by 2035 and 50% drop by the end of the century. Mueller goes on to say with drops like this we could be looking at critical issues within 5-10 years, with water users who started after 1922 possibly being shut off. Mueller also advised Commissioners that Rebie Hazard is a great asset to their Board, speaks with a voice of authority, and does a great job for Saguache County.

SAGUACHE COUNTY TOURISM COUNCIL:

Theo Boudreaux advised Commissioners that elections were held on July 30th for Council positions and that Vivia Lawson is the new chairperson of the Council. She is currently in Chicago and unavailable to attend the meeting however. Boudreaux also advised that all have reapplied to be on the Council except for Kairina Danforth, as she submitted her resignation. The Council shared with Commissioners that their budget is currently at 75,073 as of July 31st, spending funds to again advertise in the official 2018 State Guide of the Colorado Tourism office as well as another magazine with Miles publications. The Council goes on to explain that when the ads were placed they were unaware of the fund balances, thinking they only had \$40,000 in their budget at that time.

The Council explains to Commissioners they have also spent money on a movie explaining the history of Saguache and on web design and upkeep. They have also invented a drawing for those asking for grant funds, where the participant would receive an additional \$150 if they give the Council feedback and statistics. The Council also invested \$1500 on map production, and Boudreaux explains it is the map that flies off the shelves fastest at Joyful Journey.

The Council also explained a digital media experience that lets you explore Saguache and do a digital treasure hunt of sorts, visiting places all over the County in the process. This experience will allow people all over the world to see Saguache County. Christine Guiddeson explains not only does the game create excitement and drama, but with social media allows people all over the world to see their friends in Saguache County, making them want to visit as well.

Commissioner Chair Jason Anderson expresses to the Council that he has concerns, as he is seeing a pattern developing, where there are multiple ideas, but zero follow through and the balance of an available account never going down. The biggest concern being the money given isn't being spent

to fully promote the County, because of turmoil within the Council itself. Boudreaux agrees with Commissioner Chair Anderson but states it is a new group with new energy and believes things will be moving in the right direction going forward. Guideson comments that it is difficult to spend the money as the Council is limited as to what they can actually spend it on. Faith O'Reilly comments that there are so many restrictions put on where advertisements can go up and what they can look like with different entities. Commissioner Chair Jason Anderson advises there are major County roads that the County owns and can put signs on anytime.

Commissioner Ken Anderson commented he was at the Car Show in Center which was packed full of people and was shocked the Tourism Council didn't have a booth or something set up there or at the drone event earlier in the month at Leach Airport to promote the County.

BILL PAYING:


Commissioner Chair Jason Anderson adjourned the meeting at 3:45PM, seeing no further business.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

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

DATE MINUTES APPROVED: August 21, 2018





**JASON ANDERSON, COMMISSIONER,
BOARD CHAIR**



KEN ANDERSON, COMMISSIONER



TIM LOVATO, COMMISSIONER



**ATTEST
TRISH GILBERT
CLERK & RECORDER**