

2. **Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District**, sent the Board of Directors Agenda. (9/17/18)
3. **Rio Grande Water Conservation District**, sent September's ground water table measurements. (9/17/18)
4. **Wildrose Appraisal Incorporated Audit Division**, sent the 2018 Saguache County property assessment study. (9/17/18)
5. **Colorado State Land Board**, sent a fact sheet on the impact of Proposition 112 on Colorado School Funding from State Trust Lands.(9/20/18)
6. **S&T Farms, LLC, Shane Temple, Managing Member**, sent a letter of proposal to abandon a portion of County Road 42, which crosses through his property.(9/25/18)
7. **Randy Arredondo forwarded an email from J. Wenum**, regarding Needle Creek Road 781, regarding game fence gates. (9/25/18)

Introduction of Guests:

Dee Greeman – S&T Farms, LLC

Kairina Danforth – Town of Crestone

Burt Wadman – Eastern SLV Trails Coalition

Ron Garcia – US Fish and Wildlife Service

Sugandha Brooks – Baca Grande POA

Aubrey Tamietti – SCC

Public Comment: None

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

Jason Anderson:

9/19 – Attended the Colorado Counties Inc., Executive Board meeting as the Southern District Representative. The purpose of the meeting was to finalize the 2019 budget and begin the process of searching for a new Executive Director.

9/24 – Attended the SLV Commissioners meeting for budget review. Topics discussed also included a presentations from Valley Wide Waste Management and the Valley Wide Tourism Council.

9/26 – Attended the meeting of the Eastern San Luis Valley Trails Coalition to finalize the Safe Routes to Schools grant for the Camino Baca Grande walking/biking trail. The Coalition will present to the Commissioners on 10/02/18 at 10:30A.M.

9/26 – Spoke with John Herford of Oakleaf Energy concerning the solar garden project.

9/27 – Attended the Saguache County Breakfast.

9/27 – Attended the Regional Meeting of the San Luis Valley Great Outdoors.

9/27 – Spoke with Adam Greene, formerly of Solar Reserve, now of Convergent Technologies, a company that installs battery systems for new and existing solar systems to level out power supplies.

9/28 – Attended the Colorado Counties Inc., legislative meetings to forward proposals, the following proposals were moved forward:

Only BOCC can declare Sanctuary Counties.

Underfunded Jails and Courthouses

Use existing fiber lines for commercial use w/o commercial easement

County Easements for fiber optics

Disconnection of Town/City property

Short term rental assessment rate – commercial rate

Short term rental tax

- CDPHE reporting costs
- DORA regulations
- MED data sharing
- Indigent burial costs
- Fireworks
- Business licenses
- County publications
- Public Trustee appointments
- Information sharing between child and adult protection
- Behavioral Health program
- Sports betting

CCI also voted to oppose Amendment 73, funding for Public Schools, Amendment 74, just compensation for reduction of fair market value by Government Law or Regulation, Proposition 109, authorization of bonds for transportation projects, and Proposition 112, setback requirements for oil and gas.

CCI chose to support Proposition 110, transportation funding.

Tim Lovato:

9/19 – Attended the monthly San Luis Valley Veterans Coalition meeting in Alamosa, spoke with Richard Nagley on his funding request. Told Mr. Nagley that Saguache County has Sales Tax grants that he can apply for to request funds for veterans as well.

9/20 – Spoke with Belina Ramirez, Executive Assistant for Alamosa County, requesting that Mr. David Bitler, Saguache County Administrator, be added to the email list for Saguache County, and that previous Co-Administrators Lambert and Maez be removed. I forwarded the email from Ms. Ramirez, to Mr. Bitler.

9/21 – Attended the CDPHE Opioid presentation at Adams State University.

9/24 – Attended the SLV Commissioners meeting regarding the proposed budget requests from various organizations to the Valley Commissioners. That afternoon, attended the All Hazards Valley meeting in Alamosa and the Committee was unable to approve the minutes from the last three meetings, as there was not a quorum. The by-laws will need to be amended to reduce the amount of members present to arrive at a quorum.

9/27 – Attended the Saguache County Employee Appreciation Breakfast in the morning and then attended the Transit Services Bus group in Saguache on the progress that has been made in providing bus service to the residents of Saguache and Rio Grande Counties. Brought up expanding services to the veterans of the two Counties.

10/1 – Received a call from Jeff Forester from the Lazy KV Estates subdivision, regarding the lack of enforcement for various code violations. Also, received a call from Rebie Hazard on the possible of downsizing of services to the citizens from Dr. Arnett's office from 2 days a week to every other week.

Ken Anderson:

9/20 – Attended the seniors meeting in Alamosa, they have scheduled a meeting on October 23, 2018 from 6-7:30P.M., at the Saguache County Road and Bridge building. The meeting will be to discuss the future of the seniors and gain new insight from those just reaching senior age. Also attended DRG, and spoke to Randy Wright regarding a project in Alamosa, and received word Constantine will be sending a report for the Drone event that took place in July.

9/24 – Attended the SLV Commissioners meeting, and received some great info there.

9/27 – Attended the Saguache County Employee Appreciation Breakfast, received good feedback about that.

9/28 – received some calls from my neighbors regarding well issues, and referred them to Division 3 water. Visited the airport to see how things were running, and drove some County roads to report on road conditions. Have some conference calls scheduled in the coming weeks about items on the ballot, so hope to have more information on those items at the next meeting.

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

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO ENTER INTO THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Director Daboll explains to Commissioners that because his focus has been on the financial aspects of the Department he was unable to prepare and submit a report. Daboll advises that he does have good news in that with some research, he has been able to account for all of the funds that the Commissioners have transferred to his Department. Daboll reviews the spreadsheet he has prepared showing all outstanding expenditures awaiting reimbursement from the State. Administrator Bitler explains to Commissioners that he has asked Road and Bridge Office Manager Rhiannon Curry to investigate the financial situation with Public Health to see what improvements and efficiencies can be made within the Department, so the transfers from the General Fund can cease.

Commissioner Lovato questions, why Curry has stepped in as it was his understanding that Tania Sanchez an employee within Administration was to go to Public Health and learn the financial side of things and assist, since the resignation of Crowfox who previously handled these items. Administrator Bitler explains what needed to happen was more than originally anticipated, and felt it was more than Tania could handle, and that is why he asked Office Manager Curry to step in. Administrator Bitler goes on to say, that Curry is researching various aspects of the Department and visiting with the auditors, and other Counties to get a full picture of how financials are handled. Once a full scope of what needs to happen is obtained a plan of action can be put in place.

Commissioner Jason Anderson comments he is comfortable with Administrator Bitler's vision on how to move forward, but goes on to say, the Commissioners always see the request for funds to be transferred to Public Health, however; he never sees the documentation that shows the funds being returned to the General Fund. Daboll explains that if Public Health does not have a backing and returns all the funds given by the General Fund, then they will continue to ask for money every month, when the account is short. If the Commissioners provide these funds as a rolling cushion, then the Department will not continue to require transfers.

Commissioner Lovato comments regarding the policy stating that anything over \$2500 needs to be approved, prior to being spent. Director Daboll apologizes for this policy being broken in the past, but asks to please move forward, stating swaying from that policy will not happen again. Administrator Bitler reminds Commissioners they will need to approve the resolution to approve the transfer of \$15,000 from the General Fund to Public Health to cover the September shortfall in the Department.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON TO HAVE THE COMMISSIONERS ENACT A RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS FOR \$15,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Commissioner Chair Jason Anderson explains they need to progress the meeting. Director Daboll asks Commissioners about the Youth Protection Training previously discussed at the last meeting. Daboll goes on to explain this is an initiative he will work with Alpine Achievers Initiative on, for the Communities that Care Program. Daboll reminds Commissioners this training expense should not exceed \$1500.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON TO APPROVE THE POSITIVE YOUTH PROTECTION CONTRACT WITH THE ALPINE ACHIEVERS INITIATIVE ORGANIZATION.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON TO MOVE BACK INTO THE OPEN SESSION MEETING.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

BURT WADMAN, CORE LEADER, EASTERN SLV TRAILS COALITION:

Wadman introduces Ron Garcia, Sugandha Brooks, and Kairina Danforth, mutual partners who have attended the meeting with him today. Wadman explains that 11 partners have joined forces, to apply for a Safe Routes to School grant to build a route that connects the Baca Subdivision, with Downtown Crestone, and the Crestone Charter School. The idea is to give a safe route, as the current route has fast moving vehicle traffic and zero sidewalks for bicycles or pedestrians.

Wadman goes on to explain that in order to obtain the grant with CDOT, they have to show that they have easements from organizations such as the County, the PAO, and the Town to build the path, then CDOT will accept the proposal as an established route. The coalition is asking that the County act as the primary applicant and fiscal agent for the project, as well

as take over the easements and maintain the route once completed. Commissioner Chair Jason Anderson asks Wadman to define why he has attended the meeting. Wadman explains in order to move forward, they need a resolution from the County stating they will accept ownership of the easements, accept responsibility for them, and provide authorization to submit the SRT Application, naming someone from the County as a project manager.

Commissioner Lovato questions if it needs to be a Commissioner, or just someone who works for the County. Wadman explains it can be anyone working for the County, however; with the application a list of this persons qualifications to be the project manager will need to be included, so it will have to be someone with the correct qualifications for the position. Land Use Administrator Maez questions when Wadman will need this completed, and Wadman explains not until November 1. Commissioners ask Wadman to send the particulars to them and the Attorney, and they will add to the schedule on the 16th, for a final decision.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

RANDAL ARREDONDO, SUPERVISOR, ROAD AND BRIDGE DEPARTMENT:

Supervisor Arredondo advises Commissioners that one gate on County Road 38FF has been removed and the other is open, so that issue has been taken care of. Arredondo also advises he is taking care of gates that were complained about on 25TT on the Gunnison side, that were put up by the USFS and Division of Wildlife, but he will be sending a letter to remove those as well.

Supervisor Arredondo explains he has received a request to vacate a section of road in La Garita on County Road 42. Dee Greeman was present to explain the vacation request on behalf of the Land Owner as well. Supervisor Arredondo explains to Commissioners that he told Mr. Greeman he would have to request a vacation from the Commissioners and also comments he feels they should not vacate the road.

Attorney Gibbons informs Commissioners they would have to verify it is not on the list of 2477 roads, and would have to hold a public hearing in order to vacate the property. Commissioners agree they would like to conduct a site visit and see where the road being requested to vacate is located and its surroundings, before addressing the request further.

Supervisor Arredondo informs Commissioners that he has received correspondence from the State in regard to the Landfill, and the representatives would like to come to Saguache and have a face to face meeting with the Commissioners. Commissioner Chair Jason Anderson expresses the Commissioners are available during a work session on the 2nd or 4th Tuesday of the month. Arredondo agrees to set it up. Commissioner Chair Jason Anderson questions Arredondo about the remnants of the recycle outfit still sitting at the Landfill. Arredondo explains it will take several hours of labor to remove this eye sore, as a lot of it isn't recyclables, it was simply items taken to resell. Commissioner Chair Jason Anderson suggests making the steel pile a priority as it could be revenue to the County.

Commissioner Lovato questions the materials in the yard on the North end of the Saguache County Road and Bridge Shop. Arredondo confirms they are supplies for the Town of Saguache's sewer project. Commissioner Lovato requests Arredondo get a release of liability waiver from the Town.

EVAN SAMORA, SAGUACHE COUNTY HOUSING, REPORT ATTACHED:

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO ENTER INTO HOUSING AT 11:23A.M.
SECOND BY COMMISSIONER CHAIR JASON ANDERSON
VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 VOTES AGAINST: 0
MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER CHAIR JASON ANDERSON TO MOVE BACK INTO OPEN
SESSION.
SECOND BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO
VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 VOTES AGAINST: 0
MOTION CARRIED**

BOBBY WOELZ, DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

Woelz explains to Commissioners he will give the condensed version of his report since they are running behind. Woelz informs Commissioners that he has received a grant agreement for EMPG, which the State sent in August for signatures and approval. Attorney Gibbons has already reviewed and approved.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KENANDERSON TO SIGN THE APPLICATION FOR THE
2019 EMPG GRANT.
SECOND BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO
VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 VOTES AGAINST: 0
MOTION CARRIED**

Woels explains he will have another grant application for approval once the 2019 County budget is approved. Woelz confirms with Commissioners that they received his email and invitation to WEBEOC, an online portal that will push information in the event of an emergency. Woelz also asks about setting a new date for a table top exercise and it is agreed to conduct this on November 13 at 9:30A.M. Mr. Woelz asks for an executive session for security purposes.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION
FOR THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PER C.R.S. 24-6-402(D) AT
11:56A.M.
SECOND BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO
VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 VOTES AGAINST: 0
MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT
12:08P.M.**

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

BEN GIBBONS, COUNTY ATTORNEY:

Attorney Gibbons gave his report and asked for his executive session at the end of the day following the National Parks update.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR
LEGAL COUNSEL PER C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b) AT 3:15P.M.**

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 3:56P.M.**

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

LUNCH

TRISH GILBERT, SAGUACHE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER:

Clerk and Recorder Gilbert informs Commissioners that ballots will go out the 15th-19th of October. She advises printing costs could be high this year as various locations will have a 3 page, 2 sided ballot, and ballots must be done in dual language. Gilbert also advises a 24 page Tabor booklet will have to be printed also.

Gilbert explains that due to the increase in services, and the new upgrades to various systems, she would like to request the ability to taker her part time hire to full time. Gilbert explains the new systems have caused longer lines in her office, and if she could make her employee full time, it would help her office exponentially. Gilbert explains that she has one employee who has been with the County for several years, who is unable to use and ends up losing her vacation time, due to lack of support staff in the office. Gilbert feels allowing the transition to full time for her newer staff could alleviate this.

County Administrator Bitler comments, that after visiting with the various offices and Department Heads/Elected Officials in those offices, and hearing some of the County history, it seems to him the County has dealt with more turn over than it would like. Bitler goes on to say that turn over like that costs the County money in training costs, as well as institutional knowledge and skills sets provided to the employee leaving. Bitler feels having fully staffed offices, so employees can take needed vacations improves morale and could decrease the turn over the County has been experiencing.

Commissioner Chair Jason Anderson comments that the math is the math, and though he understand the need for fully staffed offices, we have to remain within the budget and have the funds to be able to fully staff them. Commissioner Lovato comments Clerk and Recorder Gilbert, states she needs \$2000 for the remainder of the year, and currently has \$5000 in her budget, going on to say, it is unfair to have one employee lose her vacation time, if it can be avoided. Gilbert comments she does try to have all of her employees take and use their leave, but with the extra work load of the election and it's very large ballots, it is pushing her office to work more hours to meet State required time lines. Gilbert also explains to Commissioners, she is working Clerk and in the office daily. Gilbert also explains that 3 of the employees are brand new, and she is cross training all of them, so that if one is gone, the office still runs accordingly.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO TO ALLOW CLERK AND RECORDER GILBERT TO MOVE HER PART TIME EMPLOYEE TO FULL TIME FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2018, TO BE REVIEWED FURTHER DURING THE 2019 BUDGET PROCESS FOR 2019.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

WENDI MAEZ, LAND USE ADMINISTRATOR:

1. Linda Eickhoff, Lot Consolidation request Baca Grande, Grants, Lots 1045 and 1046C. Crestone/Baca Planning Commission recommended unanimous approval of this request during their regular meeting on September 24, 2018.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO APPROVE THE LOT CONSOLIDATION REQUEST FOR LINDA EICKHOFF, FOR BACA GRANDE GRANTS LOTS 1045 AND 1046C, NOW KNOWN AS, 1045CR.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

2. Larry L. Edwards Trust 09/28/09, Lot Consolidation request, Baca Grande, Mobile Home Estates, Lots 70, 71CR, 75, 76, and 77.

Crestone/Baca Planning Commission recommended unanimous approval of this request during their regular meeting on September 24, 2018.

Commissioner Chair Jason Anderson comments he has a hard time approving this one as the mobile home estates has provided affordable housing in the Baca.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO TO APPROVE THE LOT CONSOLIDATION REQUEST FOR LARRY L. EDWARDS TRUST 09/28/09, FOR BACA GRANDE, MOBILE HOME ESTATES, LOTS 70, 71CR, 75, 76, AND 77, NOW KNOWN AS 70CRR.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

3. Planning Commission Alternate requests

John "Nick" Huffman

Justin Trouard

Request letters attached

Commissioner Lovato comments he believed that appointments occurred at the end of the year. Land Use Administrator Maez agrees to wait until the end of the year, reiterating the advertisement for alternates is still running.

4. County Owned Lot bid requests received.

a. Mineral Hot Springs Estates, Lot 21, Block 7B and Lot 22, Block 7B

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO ACCEPT THE BID FROM JORDAN DASEESKA FOR \$866 FOR MINERAL HOT SPRINGS ESTATES LOTS 21 & 22, BLOCK 7B, WITH A MINIMUM BID OF \$800.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

b. Lazy KV Estates, Lot 4, Block AAA

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO TO APPROVE THE BID FROM ORGITA RODRIGUES FOR \$4000 FOR LAZY KV ESTATES, LOT 4, BLOCK AAA, WITH A MINIMUM BID OF \$4000.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

c. Mineral Hot Springs Estates, Lot 3B1, Block 3

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO APPROVE BID FROM MIRANDA DOOLEY FOR \$1200 FOR MINERAL HOT SPRINGS ESTATES, LOT 3B1, BLOCK 3 WITH A MINIMUM BID OF \$1080.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

d. Lazy KV Estates, Lot 9, Block G

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO TO APPROVE THE BID FROM THE KV ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION FOR \$4010 FOR LAZY KV ESTATES LOT 9, BLOCK G, WITH A MINIMUM BID OF \$4000.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

e. Baca Grande Chalets, Unit II, Lot 4353

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO APPROVE THE BID FROM CATHAL AND BETONYA O'MALLEY FOR \$4000 FOR BACA GRANDE CHALETS, UNIT II, LOT 4353, WITH A MINIMUM BID OF \$4000.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

f. Mineral Hot Springs Estates, Lot 25, Block 8B

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO TO APPROVE THE BID FROM SORREL REDFORD, FOR \$400 FOR MINERAL HOT SPRINGS ESTATES, LOT 25, BLOCK 8B, WITH A MINIMUM BID OF \$400.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

g. Mineral Hot Springs Estates, Lots 1&2, Block 9

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO APPROVE THE BID FROM DAVID CRADEY FOR \$850 FOR MINERAL HOT SPRINGS ESTATES, LOTS 1&2, BLOCK 9, WITH A MINIMUM BID OF \$800.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

h. Baca Grande Chalets, Unit II, Lot 3490

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO TO APPROVE THE BID FROM BRITTANY MORRISETTE FOR \$4000 FOR BACA GRANDE CHALETS, UNIT II, LOT 3490, WITH A MINIMUM BID OF \$4000.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

i. Mineral Hot Springs Estates, Lot 7, Block 8B

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO APPROVE THE BID FROM MICHAEL NEDER FOR \$425 FOR MINERAL HOT SPRINGS ESTATES, LOT 7, BLOCK 8B, WITH A MINIMUM BID OF \$400.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

- Faith O'Reilly, Owner, Saguache Creek Lodge, request to replace vaulted septic system.
Land Use Administrator Maez, explains Commissioner Lovato could probably help her explain this request. O'Reilly has an old vaulted septic system for RV's at her lodge, that has quit, and it requires a variance to replace it. Maez explains when the regulations were re-done, they only allowed Mineral Hot Springs lots to have vaulted systems, so she needs it on the record that O'Reilly is allowed to replace the current faulty system.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO TO ALLOW FAITH O'REILLY OF SAGUACHE CREEK LODGE TO REPLACE AND INSTALL A MALFUNCTIONING VAULT THERE.
SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON**

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

- Baca Grande property variance discussion
Maez explains to Commissioners she has been working with a couple on a variance in the Baca, who has paid for their septic, and part of their construction applications. While working with them, they brought a very old mobile home into the County and placed it on their property, without a variance. There was an issue with the check, and the couple asked Wendi to hold it, unfortunately it had already been cashed and they are now asking for a refund.

Commissioner Chair Jason Anderson clarifies, that this couple not only violated the covenants of the POA, where they moved the mobile home, but also violated County policy of moving in a mobile home without a variance, and now they want a refund of the only partial fees they have paid to do any of what they have done so far. Maez confirms.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO TO APPROVE A REFUND OF \$250 TO CARMEN GONZALEZ, PROVIDED THAT SHE REMOVE THE MOBILE HOME BROUGHT INTO THE BACA GRANDE GRANTS, BEFORE THE REFUND IS ISSUED.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

WENDI MAEZ, SAGUACHE COUNTY AIRPORT MANAGER REPORT:

- Discussion concerning fuel purchase for Leach Airport.
Airport Manager Maez gave her airport report following Attorney Gibbons executive session at the end of the day. Maez informed Commissioners Eli Ellithorpe had discussed plans with Maez about the operations at the airport and would like to give a presentation of his ideas and suggestions. Commissioners agreed to add him to the agenda for the meeting on the 16th to gain a full understanding of what he would like to do.

DAVID BITLER, ADMINISTRATOR – ADMINISTRATIVE

- Presentation of the 2019 budget draft.
Administrator Bitler explains to Commissioners that all Department Heads and Elected Officials worked very hard together to make cuts to the budget before it was presented. Bitler goes on to say the one thing putting the County over is the Landfill expansion with a

price tag of \$351,000, and suggests putting this off and putting money aside for this until it can be afforded, or suggests moving to transfer stations for a lesser cost, and gives the third option of taking from the fund balance, as without this cost, the County would be over \$200K in the black.

Supervisor Arredondo and Commissioner Chair Jason Anderson discuss the landfill expansion and options for that as well. It is questioned how long the current cell would last without a commercial hauler dumping here. Arredondo responded maybe another half year. Treasurer Connie Trujillo in the audience commented that all Department Heads and Elected Officials worked together on cuts and decided together to give the Sheriff extra funds for raises for his deputies and items his department needed. Supervisor Arredondo comments that his increases were to be distributed by the Sheriff as well, not just an across the board increase. Commissioner Chair Jason Anderson thanks Maez and Bitler and says it can be gone over in detail at the work session.

2. Extension request to expend Sales Tax grant award "Renewable Energy/Economic Phase 2 Trail.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO APPROVE THE EXTENSION TO THE PHASE II SALES TAX GRANT.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

3. Office Transition Costs

Bitler explains to Commissioners between himself and Maez, they were able to find approximately 61K in funds that won't be used, and with the moving costs of approximately 29K, the County would still have roughly \$13K left over after the final costs of the moved have been received.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO APPROVE THE BUDGET PRESENTED AND THE EXPENSE SHEET FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND LAND USE OFFICE MOVES.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

4. Special Sales Tax funding request

5. Tourism Board, Amber Wilson

Amber Wilson addressed the board explaining every year the Tourism group advertises in the State Vacation guide. Because the expenditure is over \$2500 it is required to get Board approval.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO TO APPROVE THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE SAGUACHE COUNTY TOURISM COUNCIL TO ADVERTISE IN THE STATE VACATION GUIDE LISTING IN THE 2019 COLORADO TOURISM OFFICE.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

6. Treasurer Connie Trujillo – Staff Replacement

Treasurer Trujillo had to leave for an appointment before she was able to come before the Commissioners.

7. Discussion of Elevator for County Building.

Administrator Bitler explains to Commissioners that he spoke to DOLA regarding extending the grant funds for the elevator. DOLA representatives explained they have no interest in extending the deadline, and the counties options were to get the project done by the end of the year, or return the funds and reapply when they were ready to actually tackle the project. Commissioner Chair Jason Anderson comments they dropped the ball and understand where DOLA is coming from.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO TO RETURN FUNDS FOR THE UNDERFUNDED COURT GRANT TO DOLA.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

8. Linda Warsh – approve and sign contracts.

Warsh explained to Commissioners that she did not have the contracts at her disposal during her regular meeting time, however she had received them as of this meeting, and the State was anxious to get them back.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO SIGN THE CONTRACT FOR THE SLV JOINT INTERAGENDY OVERSIGHT GROUP, A FAMILY SUPPORT PARTNERSHIP.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

AUBREY TAMIETTI, SOUTHWEST CONSERVATION CORPS:

Tamietti explained to Commissioners that the program this year lasted 4 weeks, two of which the County paid for. All of the students that participated were from Saguache County, and performed various projects like trash collection, weed spraying, as well as education field trips to the Fort Garland Museum, and an archeological dig. Commissioners thanked Tamietti for her work in running a good program.

PAM RICE, SUPERINTENDENT, SAND DUNES NATIONAL PARK:

Rice introduced herself to Commissioners as the new Superintendent, and gave a brief background of how she ended up at Sand Dunes National Park. Rice explained to

Commissioners the parks are in the final stages of their plan and will issue the final statement. Rice spoke about putting Bison on the Medano ranch they are acquiring and in the national park, and how they will contribute to a much larger conservation effort.

Commissioner Chair Jason Anderson questions if there is any further thought to opening the North Entrance out of Crestone to the Park. He feels there is enough guests staying in Crestone who would take advantage of it, should they reopen one. Rice agrees and would love to see it open again and encourages Commissioner Chair Anderson to continue pursuing this option. Commissioner Lovato questions guest attendance, and Rice confirms the attendance was down this year, and attributes it to smoke from wild fires, and no water in the streams.

Commissioners are thanked for their letter of support for the Sand Dunes dark sky nomination. The one astronomy event held there had over 300 guests in one night, and the Sand Dunes were given a gold tier recognition.

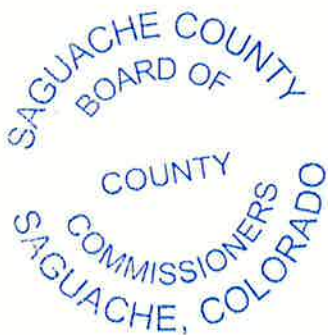
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Seeing no further business, Commissioner Chair Jason Anderson adjourned the meeting at 4:14P.M.

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