

3. **Colorado Open Landscapes** sent the Winter 2013 Volume13, Number 2 Newsletter. (12/10/13)
4. **Adam Green** with Solar Reserve sent an email in regards to Saguache Solar Reserve Energy Project Update. (12/11/13). Discussion on Solar Reserves ability to appeal the PUC decision and sending letter of thanks for all effort and best wishes.
5. **Chair Joseph** received notification from DOLA that the County has been granted \$15,000 to assist with the development of a Saguache County Strategic Plan. (12/16/2013)

VI. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Matie B Lakish – Eagle

Teresa Bennis – Center Post

Randy Mayor

Cindy Mayor

Stan Murphy

Jeff Shook – SCPC

Diane Dunlap – self

Tristan VanZalinge – SCSO

Greg Terrell – Town of Saguache

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

None at this time

VIII. COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Commissioner Joseph:

1. December 10 - Worked with Susan Pierce grant writer, on accounting for last stipend round, and use of the currently approved stipend that Admin is vouchering to her.
2. December 11 - Consulted with Christy Culp on the status of the Strategic Planning grant process. She indicated that it looks like program staff approved the award, but she hasn't seen the award letter yet. She is working on the Scope of Work they need to prepare, which goes to Denver for a purchase order, once the award letter is written. Forwarded the last version of the Managing Results Program for scope of work details.
3. Attended the annual Villa Grove Area Merchants Association Holiday Dinner.
4. December 12 - Received a call from Sandra Montoya, Rio Grande Water Conservation District - Habitat Conservation Planner. She advised that an effort is underway to request the SLV Counties join Hinsdale in an effort like the County Coalition for the Gunnison Sage Grouse (GuSG). With Saguache County being involved in that, they are asking us to lead in replicating the model to prevent the need for listing the Cutthroat Trout. Hinsdale County is apparently preparing a draft MOU and letter of support from counties, to present at the JAN 27 SLV County Commissioners meeting. Joseph will be traveling that day from the PHP partnership meetings out of State. Montoya subsequently sent an email to introduce Tom Spezze, REACT (Rio Grande Emergency Action Team).
5. Attended the County Coalition for the GuSG meeting by teleconference. Gave them the news of the request for a SLV MOU group for the Cutthroat Trout. It will be a topic on the GuSG Strategic Committee tomorrow. It was all the work and resources of this group that made the GuSG Coalition possible and effective. Received an email announcing the 660-acre Campbell Ranch Conservation Easement in the Poncha Pass area. Requested refreshment funds for an early January meeting of the forming Wildlife and Habitat Strategic Committee, to be scheduled after the Gunnison Strategic Committee meeting tomorrow. Approved.
6. December 13 - Responded to the notice to reapply, and submitted a new grant request to the State Internet Portal Authority (SIPA). It would provide the funds necessary to complete the scope of work on the Tourism website redevelopment, and staff time in training, and completing county webpage management.
7. Received and forwarded a request from Debra Hill with the Governor's office for a County Representative to the 12th Judicial Nominating Committee, by today.

8. December 15 - Draft of Holiday message to staff, for any final input today. BoCC finalized.

Commissioner Ken Anderson:

1. 12/11 – Attended the Civil Rights Retaliation and Harassment Prevention training at the Road & Bridge office.
2. 12/13 – Attended the 4-H night in Monte Vista, about 150 people and children in attendance.
3. 12/14 – Reported on a “Valley Hunt” on coyotes, 67 in total.
4. 12/16 – Attended the DRG meeting in Alamosa, Budget adopted for 2014 and a Work Session scheduled in January. Solar Reserve Projects discussed.

Commissioner Jason Anderson:

1. 12/11 - Attended the Civil rights retaliation and harassment prevention training at Saguache County Road and Bridge.
2. 12/11 - Attended the Villa Grove Area Merchants Association holiday dinner.
3. 12/12 - Attended the SLV Great Outdoors meeting. Discussion included a Master Plan update, upcoming Grant opportunities and an update on the last GOCO awards (congratulations to the Town of Saguache for the Vista Grande Planning Grant and the Southwest Youth Corps).
4. 12/13 - Spoke with County resident Michael Horan about his objections to the Saguache County bounty on coyotes.
5. 12/16 - Spoke with Diane Dunlop about her plans for a business in Moffatt and the County Retail Marijuana Regulations
6. 12/16 - Attended the Public Broadband Stakeholders meeting. This meeting was to discuss upcoming legislation being crafted by Sen. Gail Schwartz, Sen. Jeanne Nicholson and Rep. Don Corman to repurpose the State High Cost fund for rural broadband infrastructure. (See attached handout).

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

1. Discussion on scheduling and work session time for grant cycle schedules.
2. 2014 Mill Levy Certification.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON TO APPROVE THE 2014 CERTIFICATION OF LEVIES AND REVENUE BY SAGUACHE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

3. 2014 Budget Adoption. Commissioner Jason Anderson did state that with the surplus from 2013 it shows that Department Heads run their Departments efficiently.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION OF BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF SAGUACHE STATE OF COLORADO FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

4. Attended the Town of Saguache Board meeting. Town approved Crestone Telecom putting equipment on the Town water tower. Financial still in progress and the Town Attorney will draw up the contract between Town of Saguache and Crestone Telecom. Saguache County will be meeting with the Library District on the broadband issue in January.

BREAK

X. LAND USE ADMINISTRATOR- WENDI MAEZ

1. Diamond Way complaint. Diamond Way did admit to not notifying neighbors of recent event that had 90 people. Jeff Shook gave the BoCC a video of the event, as he was in attendance. Visitors were only there for about 4 hours, and only one vehicle had an issue with driving on the road with snow. Diamond Way did not interpret this as an event that required the notification. Notification requirement is 100 people or more, this event had 90 people. Event does not need to be private or public. Randy Mayor told BoCC that the traffic tore the road up with vehicles after a snow storm, and one vehicle was parked along highway. Discussion on clarifying the amount of people and timeline requirements on notification. BoCC suggested events of 50 or more requiring notice to be provided at least one week in advance. All parties were agreeable.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JOSEPH TO AMEND THE CONDITONAL USE PERMIT FOR DIAMOND WAY TO REQUIRE NOTIFICATION BE A WEEK PRIOR TO EVENT, FOR ANY EVENT THAT WILL HAVE 50 OR MORE PEOPLE

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

2. Frances Smith – Subdivision Exemption request for the NW1/4 – 19-41-10. This request is to subdivide the corner from the sprinkler quarter to create 5 separate tracts of land, Tract 1 to contain 5.791 acres, Tract 2 to contain 146.971 acres and Ditch Tract to contain 3.098 acres, Co. Rd. D right of way tract to contain 1.135 acres and Co. Rd. 59 right of way tract to contain 1.690 acres. Saguache County Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval of this request at their regular meeting on December 12, 2013.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO APPROVE THE SUBDIVISION EXEMPTION REQUEST FOR FRANCES SMITH FOR THE NW1/4 – 19-41-10 TO SUBDIVIDE THE CORNER FROM THE SPRINKLEER QUARTER TO CREATE 5 SEPARATE TRACTS OF LAND, TRACT 1 TO CONTAIN 5.791 ACRES, TRACT 2 TO CONTAIN 146.971 ACRES AND DITCH TRACT TO CONTAIN 3.098 ACRES, COUNTY RD D RIGHT OF WAY TRACT TO CONTAIN 1.135 ACRES AND COUNTY ROAD 59 RIGHT OF WAY TRACT TO CONTAIN 1.690 ACRES

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

3. Article XIII and Article XX of the Saguache County Land Development Code changes approval.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JOSEPH TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO ARTICLE XIII AND ARTICLE XX OF THE SAGUACHE COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE AS AMENDED

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

4. Presentation and setting of public hearing date for Retail Recreational Marijuana Regulations that the Saguache County Planning Commission recommended unanimously to add to the Medical Marijuana Regulations. Copies attached. Discussion on joint BoCC/Planning Commission Public Hearing at Road & Bridge Office.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON TO APPROVE JANUARY 21, 2014 FROM 4PM TO 6PM AT THE ROAD & BRIDGE OFFICE FOR A JOINT BOCC/ PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR THE PROPOSED RETAIL RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA REGULATIONS

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

XI. COUNTY ATTORNEY- BEN GIBBONS

1. Discussion on the 12th Judicial District Nominating Committee appointment. The Committee appoints County Judges if there is an opening, Valley wide. Committee only meets when there is an opening. It is a six year appointment. BoCC would like to recommend Under Sheriff Tristan VanZalinge. The Under Sheriff is agreeable to serving in this role.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON TO RECOMMEND TRISTAN VANZALINGE FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE 12TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT NOMINATING COMMITTEE

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

2. Commissioner Joseph received a letter from DOLA about grant funds for the Strategic Planning Project. In depth discussion between BoCC, Administration, and Attorney Gibbons. Reviewed the contract between Saguache County and Managing Results LLC and the changes Attorney Gibbons had made. The remaining funds in the Commissioner Contributions, around \$3,500.00, will be used toward the contract with the County and Managing Results LLC, in 2013.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON TO ACCEPT THE DOLA GRANT FOR STRATEGIC PLANNING AND AUTHORIZE COMMISSIONER JOSEPH TO EXECUTE THE COMPLETION OF THE CONTRACT WITH DOLA

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON TO AUTHORIZE
COMMISSIONER JOSEPH AS AGENT FOR APPROVING THE CONTRACT WITH
MANAGING RESULTS LLC FOLLOWING THE APPROVAL OF THE DOLA
STRATEGIC PLANNING GRANT**

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

3. Attorney Gibbons did check statute to see if Solar Reserve has an option to appeal the PUC decision, they have 30 days if they choose to appeal.

XII. SHERIFF'S REPORT – MIKE NORRIS

1. Sheriff Mike Norris asked the BoCC if any solar companies with solar projects like the ones off of south Hwy 17 have approached Saguache County, Maez answered no. Commissioners reported that the PUC has not approved the Solar Reserve project; the intended Solar Garden in Saguache just chose to locate in the Front Range instead, and the BLM's DeTilla Gulch solar energy zone had no bids,
2. Reported to the BoCC that funding for the Court Security grant was the full amount for personnel, but no funding for the requested equipment. The equipment the County is using is on loan as of now; Sheriff Norris will see what he can find for funding the equipment needed. Reported to the BoCC that a number of knives have been prevented from going into the Courthouse and two guns as well, along with a different array of weapons, since screening began.
3. Will need to replace a couple of the steel magnetic pod doors in the jail. Will report back to BoCC on options.

LUNCH

XIII. ROAD & BRIDGE SUPERVISOR – RANDAL ARREDONDO

1. Presented the 2013 Estimates Based on all Counties Electing SRS. In depth discussion with Arredondo and BoCC about SRS and Title III funds.
2. Presented a letter to the BoCC from the Department of Local Affairs, Memorandum of Action Required regarding the Election of Forest Payment methodology and set aside for counties receiving 2013 Forest payments.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON TO ADOPT THE FEDERAL FOREST
PAYMENT AND SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY SELF DETERMINATION
ACT ELECTION FORM AS FOLLOWS: TITLE I 85%, TITLE II, 11%, AND TITLE III 04%**

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

3. Discussion on the coyote bounty and a complaint from Mr. Horan. BoCC implements the bounty periodically as an incentive to help control the coyote population especially when there has been loss of life to livestock and or pets. BoCC will send a letter to Mr. Horan in response to his complaint.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO CONVENE AS SAGUACHE COUNTY BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES AT 1:33 P.M.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

XIV. DIRECTOR SOCIAL SERVICES- JEANNIE NORRIS

1. There were 39 TANF cases during the month of November, representing a decrease of 3 cases. Food assistance cases dropped by 16, to 675 during November. There were 16 aid-to-the-needy-disabled cases, and 97 old-age pension cases.
2. The Department has been deluged with medical applications submitted through the PEAK process. Workers hired to assist in processing new applications were not able to conclude them, and Valley Wide was unable to process applications in excess of the amount expected, so are forwarding them to DSS. We continue to move these forward, however it has placed a great burden on income maintenance technicians. The Child and Adult Protection Unit had 9 referrals during November, 8 of which were accepted for investigation. There are 4 dependency and neglect cases, 5 children placed out of the home, and 28 open child protection cases. The Unit has 3 open adult protection cases.
3. The first LEAP payroll of the 2013-14 year distributed \$63,116.93 to 210 Saguache county households.
4. The emergency food bank served 45 persons during November. TEFAP commodities were distributed to 143 households, and a turkey was given to each home. CSFP commodities were distributed in Moffat/Crestone on November 15, and will be given in Saguache on December 20, and in Center on December 30.
5. The Administrative Review Division completed a review of child welfare cases, and issued a certificate of appreciation to Susie Jordan for compliance with state and federal regulations.
6. Employees of the Department of Social Services wish to express appreciation to the Board of Commissioners for the end of year bonus. It has been a challenging year, and we appreciate the support and recognition for the work we do.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO APPROVE JEANNIE NORRIS TO AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF CHILD CARE FUNDS

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO ADJOURN AS SAGUACHE COUNTY BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES AT 1:56 P.M.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON TO CONVENE AS SAGUACHE COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY AT 1:58 P.M.
SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON
VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 **VOTES AGAINST: 0**
MOTION CARRIED

XV. HOUSING AUTHORITY – EVAN SAMORA

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON TO ADJOURN AS SAGUACHE COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY AT 2:33 P.M.
SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON
VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 **VOTES AGAINST: 0**
MOTION CARRIED

BREAK

XVI. NORTHERN SAGUACHE COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT – YEAR END REPORT

1. This past year, the two libraries of the Northern Saguache County Library District served over 28,000 visitors, offering public computer access; free Wi-Fi; free interlibrary loan services; VHS, DVD, book, audiobook cassette, audiobook CD, and large-print book checkouts; meeting space; LCD projector and screen checkouts; and copy, fax, scan, and print services. Additionally, children and adult programming has been offered monthly at each library.
2. At the January 26, 2013 Special Meeting, the NSCLD Board of Trustees discussed past successes and challenges and goals for the 2013 year. The Board and Library Director created committees to help meet these goals. Those committees were: Marketing and Outreach, Fundraising and Finance, Programs and Technology, and Facilities.
3. Both NSCLD libraries have experienced major progress this past year. The Saguache Public Library underwent a major renovation. The first step was renovation of the library's "History Room" addition, spearheaded by the Friends of the Library and funded by a Coors Foundation grant the Friends received. This grant yielded new flooring, built-in shelving, paint and a window for the addition. In February, the Saguache Public Library closed for renovations on the main library room. Funds from a county Conservation Trust Fund grant helped make this next phase of renovations possible, along with a generous donation from the Friends of the Library. Around 30 volunteers removed everything from the library (in 2 ½ hours!!), and over the next two weeks, rotting floor joists were replaced, new electrical was installed, the interior was repainted and new carpeting laid. The volunteers returned to put the library back together in a new layout, and the community has been thrilled. A couple of months later our custom-built circulation desk and staff workspace arrived, thanks to the vocational classes at the federal penitentiary in Florence. The last step of the renovation is to replace outdated and problematic plumbing and renovate the bathroom so that it meets ADA accessibility requirements. The plumbing was completed the first week of December, and the flooring will be installed on December 23.

Also this year, the Saguache Public Library celebrated their 50th birthday. Ninety-five people braved rain to crowd under the Otto Mears Park shelter to hear Dick Lovato of Montrose recount the story of helping to build the adobe library when he was a teenager. Then Joey Gallegos of the Fort Garland Museum did an adobe brick-making demonstration. At the conclusion of the program, the crowd all moved to the Community Building to share a pot-luck meal of roast pig (provided by the Friends of the Library) and local food specialties. There were approximately 140 attendees at the meal, and no one left hungry!

The Baca Grande Library has been the Board's focus this year as they begin the process of relocating the library to make it more accessible to community residents. To that end, the Facilities subcommittee put out a survey in the Crestone-Baca community this past summer. The results from that survey indicated that residents overwhelmingly favored moving the library into the town of Crestone. Results also informed the request for proposals the NSCLD sent out to Colorado architects in October. In November, the Board chose Burt Wadman of Crestone to carry us forward in the planning process. This process should take about 4 months and will result in schematic designs for a new library location.

The entire district has benefited from changing our cataloging system from stand-alone catalogs (each library could only access their own materials) to AspenCat, a union catalog consortium that includes access to the collections of 41 other libraries. The NSCLD branches now have reciprocal borrowing privileges with those other libraries, and our patrons can search the entire shared catalog of 748,000 materials and place holds from their home computers. The materials are then shipped to our libraries via courier. Our patrons have been enjoying this new access immensely.

4. In 2013, the NSCLD received grants from several organizations.
 - Saguache County Conservation Trust Fund Grant: \$12,640 for costs associated with renovating the Saguache Public Library.
 - Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA): \$9,840 to migrate all our information to a new cataloging service.
 - State Funding to Libraries Grant: \$3,000 for educational materials.

Additionally, the NSCLD received the ERate grant, which paid for 80% of the telephone and Internet bills. The NSCLD also benefited from grants written and received by the Friends of the Saguache Public Library.

XVII. CONSERVATION TRUST APPLICATION REVIEW OF 2014 REQUEST

1. Request from Mountain Valley School for varying sports equipment.
2. Town of Crestone for the Little Pearl Park.
3. Northern Saguache County Library District for planning projects.
4. Town of Moffat for clean-up and repairs around town.
5. Museum for floor repair.
6. Town of Saguache to install unisex bathroom at the Dave Martinez Park.

XVIII. BILL PAYING

XIX. ADJOURN

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JOSEPH TO ADJOURN AT 3:25 P. M.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

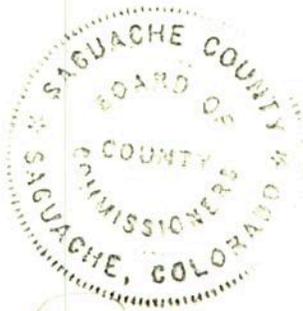
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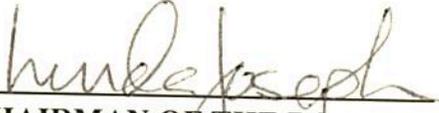
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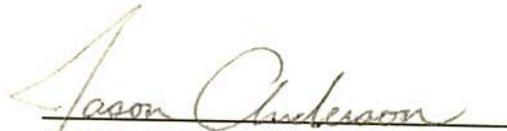
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