

SAGUACHE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION MEETING
9:00 A.M. SEPTEMBER 15, 2015

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Jason Anderson at 9:00 a.m., with the following members present:

Jason Anderson, Vice Chair
Timothy Lovato, Commissioner
Wendi Maez, Co-Administrator
Lyn Lambert, Co-Administrator
Ben Gibbons, County Attorney

II. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

1. Executive Session – during Commissioners reports
2. Carla Gomez – County Clerk – minutes for board – Gomez did not attend
3. Reports then possible Public Health Director appointment

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO

VOTES IN FAVOR: 2

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO TO AMEND THE AUGUST 18, 2015 MINUTES

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 2

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

III. READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 1, 2015

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TIMOTHY LOVATO TO ACCEPT THE REGULAR SESSION MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2015 AS AMENDED

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 2

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Reconsider recommendation for Highway 50 in Sargents.

IV. REVIEW OF MAIL AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

1. Lieutenant Colonel Jeff Puttkammer, COARNG Commander, sent an email asking the Board to assist in getting notifications posted on the county website and other county social media pages. As they need volunteers to service on the Selective Service System Board. (9/14/15)
2. Michael Wisdom, SLVDRG, sent an email regarding an article recently posted in the Denver Post about a nonpartisan group of leaders who have started a grassroots effort to "Build a Better Colorado". (9/14/15)
3. Wildrose Appraisal Incorporated, Audit Division, send a copy of the 2015 Saguache County Property Assessment Study that is required by the State of Colorado Statute Report concluded that the final analysis report, the acceptable statistical standards allowed by the State Board of Equalization, concludes that Saguache County is in Compliance with SBOE, DPT and Colorado State Statues. (9/14/15)
4. NACO sent a reminder to register and attend the 2015 NACO Rural Action Caucus Fall Symposium October 15-17, 2015 in Ouray County. (9/14/2015)

V. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTES:

Sandia Belgrade – Crestone Eagle	Deanne Bartee – Mountain Valley School FBLA
Julian Miller – Mountain Valley School FBLA	Terri Strain – Mountain Valley School FBLA
Sandra Belgrade – Crestone Eagle	Larole Landess Martin McCaully
Teresa L. Benns – Center Post- Dispatch	Tristam Post - USFS

VI. COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Commissioner Jason Anderson:

1. September 2 - Met with Lauren Howard, Director San Luis Valley Rural Electric CO-OP. Subjects included Smart-meter use, County electrical infrastructure, and possible solar projects.
2. September 3 - Attended the CCI Southern District meeting. Topics included Marijuana issues, Economic Development, upcoming Legislation and a presentation on modern fracking.
3. September 8 - Attended the Commissioner Work Session to review budget, perform Department Head evaluations, and review Sales Tax Grants.
4. September 9 - Spoke with Adam Green of Solar Reserve concerning solar projects in the County.
5. September 9 - Attended via phone the NACO Public Lands Steering committee meeting to discuss the issue of PILT.
6. September 11 - Met with Rio-Grande County Commissioners concerning shared Public Health Services.
7. September 11 - Met with Saguache County Commissioners to review hiring a Public Health Services Director.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TIMOTHY LOVATO TO APPOINT GINGER STRINGER AS SAGUACHE COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR
SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON**

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3
MOTION CARRIED

VOTES AGAINST: 0

Has degree in Public Health and the BoCC is very excited to have Ms. Stringer on Board with Saguache County. Co-Administrator Lambert will write an email to Public Health staff for notification.

8. September 14 - Attended Office hours in Crestone
9. September 14 - Attended the Nature Conservancy annual gathering for local management agencies. Toured the Zapata area with Fish and Wildlife officials, as well as BLM, and Forest Service.

Commissioner Timothy Lovato: See attached

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR LEGAL ADVICE UNDER C.R.S 24-6-402 (4) (b) AT 9:50 A.M.
SECOND BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO

VOTES IN FAVOR: 2
MOTION CARRIED

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION AT 10:02 A.M.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO

VOTES IN FAVOR: 2
MOTION CARRIED

VOTES AGAINST: 0

VII. MOUNTAIN VALLEY SCHOOL FBLA

1. Mountain Valley FBLA – students gave a presentation of their FBLA trip to Boston that was partially funded by Saguache County Sales Tax Grants.

BREAK

VIII. CO-ADMINISTRATOR REPORT – WENDI MAEZ AND LYN LAMBERT

1. CDOT questions – Mowing rights of ways and intersections, reconsider the speed reduction on Hwy 50 decision and possibly reducing the speed at Highway 285 and County Road X.
2. Pete Garcia – Maintenance Supervisor presented a request to install an Air Conditioner in the Court System, the Court System will help pay for the installation of an air conditioner with the County's portion being \$2837 for the air conditioner plus \$273 from the court system to help pay for the electrical upgrade.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TIMOTHY LOVATO TO ACCEPT THE BID FROM STEPHENS QUALITY PLUMBING FOR THE INSTALLATION OF AN AIR CONDITIONER ON THE 3RD FLOOR OF THE COURTHOUSE

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 2
MOTION CARRIED

VOTES AGAINST: 0

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TIMOTHY LOVATO TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2015-G-19
SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON
VOTES IN FAVOR: 2 VOTES AGAINST: 0
MOTION CARRIED**

IX. LAND USE – WENDI MAEZ

1. Read Baer Conditional Use Permit request withdrawal letter was read during the meeting.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TIMOTHY LOVATO TO LIFT THE POSTPONEMENT OF LOT
CONSOLIDATIONS
SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON
VOTES IN FAVOR: 2 VOTES AGAINST: 0
MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TIMOTHY LOVATO TO SEND A LETTER TO DIVISION OF
WATER RESOURCES CONCERNING THE ILLEGAL USE OF WATER WITHIN DISTRICT 3,
DIVISIONS 25, 26 & 27
SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON
VOTES IN FAVOR: 2 VOTES AGAINST: 0
MOTION CARRIED**

X. COUNTY ATTORNEY – BEN GIBBONS – no report this meeting

XI. SHERIFF – DAN WARWICK

1. James McClusky – Saguache County Under Sheriff gave the Sheriff report.
2. Inmates 10 – jail is back up and running – using side that was damaged. Safety issues were addressed with camera. 31 felonies filed with burglaries, sexual abuse, domestic violence, the aggression towards fellow man.
3. Heroin use in our area is raising. Heroin addiction is an evil thing.
4. Several Search and Rescues have been called.
5. Hired back to full staff except for one.

**JAIL TOUR
LUNCH**

XII. ROAD & BRIDGE SUPERVISOR – RANDY ARREDONDO

1. Bids for Propane for Road & Bridge received from Jones Oil Company – Monte Vista Co-op – Amerigas. R&B goes through about 4000/5000 gallons of propane per year. \$1.099 MV Co-op, Jones Oil - \$1.60 lock down price, Amerigas - \$1.19.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TIMOTHY LOVATO TO ACCEPT THE LOCKDOWN PRICE WITH THE MONTE VISTA CO-OP FOR PROPANE BEGINNING OCTOBER 1ST, 2015
 SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON
 VOTES IN FAVOR: 2 VOTES AGAINST: 0
 MOTION CARRIED**

2. Property north of R&B Shop – Annie Nielsen would like to have the apricot trees. Board agreed to the removal and her taking the trees at her expense and with their own personal equipment.
3. Letter received from Connie Kidera a landowner on County Road CC and Hwy 285 requesting plowing their road if it snows. Board would like for them to contact a private motor grader doing the work.
4. Arredondo requesting a postponement of his executive session until Commissioner Anderson is available.
5. Discussion concerning intersection of County Road X and 48X.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON TO CONVENE AS THE SAGUACHE COUNTY BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES AT 1:30 P.M.
 SECOND BY COMMISSIONER TIM LOVATO
 VOTES IN FAVOR: 2 VOTES AGAINST: 0
 MOTION CARRIED**

**XIII. SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR – LINDA WARSH
 Saguache County Department of Social Services
 Board of County Commissioners Report**

The July caseload for the eligibility programs are indicated as follows:

- 23 TANF cases
- 24 747 Food assistance cases
- 15 aid-to-the-needy-disabled (AND) cases
- 110 old age pension (OAP) cases.

The Child Protection Unit had:

New Child Protection Referrals	9
Accepted for Investigation	7
Courtesy Investigations	1
D&N Court Cases	9
Total Children in Placement	11
Placed Out of Home	3
Placed with Kin	9
Voluntary Placement	1
Total Open Child Protection Cases	44
Total Closed Cases	4
Total Open Assessments	13

Adult Protection Cases	
New Referrals	2
New Assessments	2
New Cases	2
Ongoing Cases	1
Closed Ongoing Cases	1
Youth in Post Adoption Cases	11
Subsidy Cases	10
Medicaid Only Cases	16

There were a total of 22 households served for the food bank for the month of August, 2015. Of those 22 households served there were 29 adults; 11 children and 2 Seniors. Also of this total there were 2 Veterans, 8 on fixed income and 10 new visitors for the year.

We held regular TEFAP Commodity Distributions in Saguache, Center and Crestone. There were 65 households served in Saguache and of those 37 were single and 28 family households for a total of 104 individuals. We served 95 households in Center, and of those 64 were single and 31 were family household served with a total of 156 individuals. We served 55 households in Crestone with there being 31 single and 24 family households served and a total of 88 individuals. There were a total of 215 households served with a total of 348 individuals benefiting from our TEFAP program for all three distribution sites.

Our CSFP Senior Commodity Distributions was also held for Saguache/Moffat-Crestone residents and Center, where we distributed a total of 76 boxes in Center and 61 in the Saguache/Crestone and Moffat areas. We continue to increase our caseload each month by signing up new clients.

We also received our supplemental food delivery and distributed those items on the third Thursday of the month for Center and Saguache. There were 145 households served in Saguache and 156 households served in Center. At this distribution the following items were given out: various desserts and breads, potatoes and fresh pears.

We will be making our order for the Farm To Table fresh vegetables this month and will be able to provide fresh vegetables to our clients through October.

We will continue to do monthly distributions for all programs each month.

The Alamosa Office of Early Childhood would like to partner with us to open the Little Learners Child Care Center. This center would be for children ages 0-3, and we would like to incorporate parenting skills for attachment and bonding as well.

Conejos County is one county that is encompassing the Employment First program voluntarily. We will be communicating and learning the process with them. Future discussions with you are needed about the prospects of this program.

DSS will be working with Public Health on their budget and ways we can combine services and funding.

Every second Monday and Tuesday of the month are the SLV and SE Regional Director meetings, and HB1291 Child Care meetings. A Judicial Team Best Practices meeting is Sept. 28; Rural Philanthropy Days is Sept. 23-25; Prevention Partners Sept 21, Colorado Workforce group conference Oct 6-8 in Vail !!; Child Welfare supervisor training and Adult Protection training in Oct sometime (hopefully not at the same time as Vail conference).

No new news on the Child Welfare audit at this time. With the resignations and letting go of another employee DSS is short staffed at this time.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON TO ADJOURN AS SAGUACHE COUNTY BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES AT 2:00 P.M.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO

VOTES IN FAVOR: 2

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON TO CONVENE AS THE SAGUACHE COUNTY HOUSING BOARD AT 2:00 P.M.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO

VOTES IN FAVOR: 2

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

XIV. HOUSING DIRECTOR – EVAN SAMORA

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TIM LOVATO TO ADJOURN AS SAGUACHE COUNTY HOUSING BOARD AT 2:13 P.M.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 2

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

BREAK

XV. SAGUACHE RANGER DISTRICT DIRECTOR – TRISTRAM POST

1. Tristram Post newly appointed Forest Ranger for the Rio Grande National Forest came in to introduce herself to the Board. Discussion held concerning timber sales, mining clean ups.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PERSONNEL UNDER C.R.S 24-6-402 (4) (f) (I) AT 3:05 P.M.
SECOND BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO
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MOTION CARRIED**

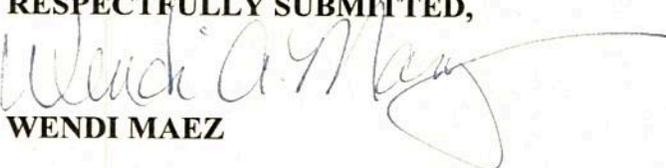
**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION AT 3:22 P.M.
SECOND BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO
VOTES IN FAVOR: 2 VOTES AGAINST: 0
MOTION CARRIED**

XVI. BILL PAYING

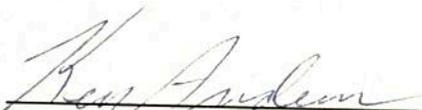
XVII. ADJOURN

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TIM LOVATO TO ADJOURN AT 3:22 P. M.
SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON
VOTES IN FAVOR: 2 VOTES AGAINST: 0
MOTION CARRIED**

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,


WENDI MAEZ

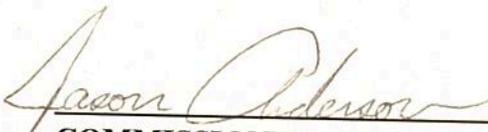
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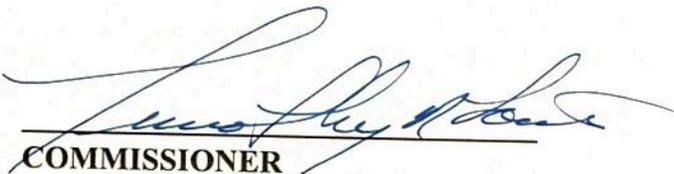
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD



**ATTEST
CLERK & RECORDER
CARLA GOMEZ**



COMMISSIONER



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