

SAGUACHE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, June 19, 2018

MINUTES

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda:

1. Director David Daboll needs signatures on a contract directly following public comment time.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Reading and Approval of Minutes:

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF

THE JUNE 5, 2018 REGULAR SESSION MEETING AS AMENDED.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Review of Mail and Other Correspondence: 06/19/18

****No Mail****

Introduction of Guests:

Bill Case

Marty Martinez

Chris Vance – Center Schools

Melanie Lipscomb

Travis Garoutte – Mountain Valley Schools

Christy Larson – Moffat Schools

Diane Dunlop – GHG, LLC
Jim Kint
John Hereford
Mattie Belle Lakish
Sandia Belgrade – Crestone Eagle

Yon Iaccio – Tomichi Creek Trading Post
Chad Stewart
Erin Minks
Mike Biggio

Public Comment:

Marty Martinez, a citizen who lives off of County Road AA, spoke to Commissioners regarding his thoughts on what he called the drug dealers the Commissioners are allowing to move into the County. Martinez explained he has a marijuana grow across from him and the smell emitting from it, makes it so he cannot enjoy sitting outside his house any time day or night.

Martinez questions if any of the Commissioners have grows near them, as they might be able to understand his dilemma, and says a drug dealer is a drug dealer any way you look at it, they are doubling the traffic and dust on the roads. Martinez also argues that nowhere in the Constitution of the United States does it give any one the right to grow marijuana. Maez comments the marijuana grow across from Martinez is a legal grow.

Melanie Lipscomb also attended to speak to Commissioners about grows in her vicinity as she is also a neighbor of Martinez and is dealing with the same issues. Lipscomb explained another neighbor of hers a completely separate property from the one Martinez described also has a marijuana grow, whose fans keep her up all night.

Lipscomb also complained about the increase traffic and the speeds at which they fly down the streets. She is concerned as she has a young granddaughter who likes to play outside and is concerned for her safety. Lipscomb also spoke about the KV not far from her property that is full of garbage of those who have left and left all their garbage behind, and adds it is deflating her property values in turn.

Larry Edwards attended the Commissioners meeting as he is interested in buying lots in Casita Park that used to be on the County Owned Lot list, but it is no longer available. Edwards questions when the Commissioners will make these lots available and asks if he can make an offer at this meeting. Attorney Gibbons explains the Commissioners cannot accept bids until they are publicly announced. Maez explains if the Commissioners decide on minimum lot prices at this meeting, they would be available for bid by the next meeting on July 3.

Bill Case also attended and informed Commissioners that the marijuana grow busted earlier in the year in Villa Grove is all closed and the property is being seized by the US Government. Case comments he is very glad to see a hotline has been established for the public to call and report illegal grows, however, he feels no one knows about it. Case goes on to comment if the community continues to work with the County in the provided number and the Code Enforcement Officer, the issues could be cleaned up by the end of the year. Maez comments she feels everyone also needs to understand the Code Enforcement Officer

works on blight, septic, and all Land Use Code issues, not just marijuana, and announces for the record the number to call to report issues is 719-221-0547.

DAVID DABOLL, DIRECTOR, PUBLIC HEALTH:

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO TO ENTER INTO THE BOARD OF PUBLIC HEALTH AT 9:46A.M.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Daboll informed Commissioners he had just received the contract in the mail yesterday and needed it signed ASAP. Daboll advised that Attorney Gibbons had already reviewed and approved of the contract. Daboll also commented it is virtually the same contract as every year, it is just time once again to renew it.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON TO ENTER INTO THE ENVIRONMENTAL PREPAREDNESS REPORT AGREEMENT WITH THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT 9:48A.M.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

Jason Anderson:

6/13 – spoke with John Hereford from Oakleaf Solar on possible sites for a 2-megawatt solar garden and possible subscribers.

6/14 – Attended the Saguache County Commissioners work session, topics included access permits for Road and Bridge, the job description for a County Administrator, and a review of the wind damage at Leach Airport.

6/14 – Received notice of a NACO conference call concerning the Kane County PILT lawsuit.

Tim Lovato:

6/14 – Attended the Commissioner's work session at the Road and Bridge meeting room and then drove to Center to assess the wind damage on the hangars at Leach Airport.

6/15 – Drove to Sargents and met with several constituents. Some concerns heard were lack of cell service, dust, and the speed of vehicles coming off of Monarch Pass.

6/17 – Attended the Father's Day dinner at the Community Building in the Town of Saguache, there were about 110 attendees at the event.

6/18 – Received a call from a citizen that had concerns about how building permits were processed through Land Use, the appearance of the Landfill, and the need of some type of

zoning in Saguache County. He stated we needed to have more pride in how we build in Saguache County and felt we needed to give the Sheriff's Department more funding.

Ken Anderson:

6/14 – Attended the Commissioner Work Session at the Road and Bridge meeting room and visited the Leach Airport to assess damage that afternoon.

6/15-6/18 – Drove roads and spoke with citizens about County Road G, which will need to be bladed again, as it is rough.

BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES MONTHLY REPORT – LINDA WARSH: REPORT ATTACHED.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO TO ENTER INTO THE BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES AT 10:11A.M.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Warsh advises Commissioners that she has several reports that will need approval and to be signed. The first is for the SLV Behavioral Health contract, for services that were previously done through a company called Crossroads, however, it was cancelled as they were not happy with the service. Commissioner Chair Jason Anderson clarifies, it is a contract that was cancelled and re-issued to go from an old provider to a new provider, and Warsh confirms.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO TO ENTER INTO THE SIGNAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CONTRACT WITH SAGUACHE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Warsh presents another contract for behavioral health with the behavioral health network to cover what Medicaid does not pay for the client. Warsh explains that Medicaid on occasion would only pick up 80% of a bill, then this would cover the other 20% through the general fund budget.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO ACCEPT THE CONTRACT WITH DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

AND THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH NETWORK FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018/2019.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

The third contract Warsh presents is for a Medicaid medical transportation broker, Red Willow, who is a subsidiary of SLV Transportation. Commissioner Lovato questions if the

new Bustang transit system could help with some of the transportation, and Warsh agrees to look into it further.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO TO ENTER INTO THE RED WILLOW MEDICAID TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Warsh presents another contract for Rocky Mountain Counseling Group. Warsh explains this contract covers and addresses both mental and physical health for older youth, also called family preservation services. Warsh explains they are moving toward a new trend of early intervention and prevention services.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO ACCEPT THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN CONSELING GROUP CONTRACT FOR FAMILY SERVICES WITH SAGUACHE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

The last contract provided to the Commissioners from Director Warsh is through the Dave Thomas Foundation, which provides extended intensive services for foster and adoption families, specifically for hard to place children with special needs. Warsh further explains that the program gives support to the family as well as the special needs child and is called Wendy's Wonderful Kids.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO ACCEPT THE WENDY'S WONDERFUL KIDS CONTRACT, C/O THE DAVE THOMAS FOUNDATION WITH SAGUACHE COUNTY DSS, FOR THE PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Warsh presents Commissioners with three bids from three auto body shops for repairs needed on a minivan used by the DSS department. The bids reviewed as follows – Stanick for \$2242.16, Absolute Shine for \$2363, and Manick for \$3063.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO APPROVE THE BID FROM STANICK AUTO REPAIR FOR \$2242.16 TO REPAIR THE DSS DODGE CARAVAN.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT 10:46A.M.
SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON**

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

RANDAL ARREDONDO, SUPERVISOR, ROAD AND BRIDGE DEPARTMENT:

Arredondo advises Commissioners he would like to start with the SRS disbursement to the schools if Commissioners agree, as the three Superintendents; Travis Garoutte, Chris Vance, and Christy Larson are all in attendance. Commissioner Chair Jason Anderson asks the Superintendents of all three school districts what they would like to see the distribution of SRS funds be, and Christy Larson expresses 93% to the schools would be a good starting point.

Commissioner Lovato questions what the impact of a 93% distribution will be to the County's PILT payment, and Arredondo explains, any amount of SRS the County keeps and does not distribute to the school will go against the PILT distributions received. Arredondo speaks to the Road and Bridge budget and explains as previously discussed with Commissioners he budgeted approximately \$16,000, and as long as he can use funds from the fund balance to cover any shortage at the end of the year, he is fine with giving all of the SRS monies to the schools.

All three Superintendents again explain to Commissioners the programs the schools have been forced to cut, and how much the SRS funds from the County are needed. Commissioner Chair Jason Anderson cautions the Superintendents no matter the % received to stay away from using these funds for salaries, as the funds are not guaranteed.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO TO GIVE THE FULL 100% OF SECURE RURAL
SCHOOLS FUNDS TO THE SCHOOLS MINUS \$26,366.22 ALREADY DISTRIBUTED TO
THEM EARLIER THIS YEAR.**

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Arredondo distributes a letter to Commissioners from the State, which was sent to Bill Burch of Waste Free SLV, who handles the recycling operation out of the Landfill. Arredondo explains the State is asking Burch to register with them as a recycler and do the yearly mandatory reporting. Commissioner Chair Jason Anderson questions Commissioners if the recycling program is something they want to continue. Commissioner Lovato comments he feels some type of recycling needs to be done, but the current situation is not working, and feels the County needs to cut their losses and move on.

Commissioner Chair Jason Anderson asks if it is a decision they would like to make formally, and Commissioner Lovato agrees it should be done so Mr. Burch can be informed and given a time frame to remove the items currently housed at the Landfill. Arredondo expresses Burch should be given a couple months to remove items, and Commissioner Lovato comments he feels no more than 30 days.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO TO CEASE THE RECYCLING PROGRAM AND COLLECTION OF ALL ITEMS, WITH BILL BURCH OF WASTE FREE SLV; AT THE LANDFILL IMMEDIATELY, WITH A COMPLETE REMOVAL OF ITEMS DATE OF JULY 31, 2018.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 2

VOTES AGAINST: 1

MOTION CARRIED

Arredondo explains to Commissioners he really needs an answer at this meeting as to if they will decide to go to transfer stations or do an expansion cell and keep the Landfill open, as he is getting pressured by the State for a decision. Commissioner Lovato comments he feels the Landfill is a service to the Community that transfer stations cannot provide. Arredondo explains he is looking at the fiscal aspect of both, and feels transfer stations would be a more fiscally responsible decision, as just the liner for the expansion cell alone would cost in excess of two hundred thousand dollars.

Arredondo also explains he feels transfer stations would be more beneficial to the County population as several could be located around the County, and citizens would not have to drive as far from their homes to get to one. Arredondo also comments that, with what the Commissioners will spend to expand the current Landfill, they could place 4 or 5 transfer stations around the County, and would be a one-time expenditure, vs. the yearly costs of the Landfill.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER CHAIR JASON ANDERSON TO BEGIN THE PROCESS OF MOVING TOWARD TRANSFER STATIONS.

MOTION DIES FOR LACK OF A SECOND

Commissioner Ken Anderson comments he feels the Commissioners need more information as to what transfer stations will cost, before making this decision. Arredondo comments that if a decision is not made soon, they will be forced to close the Landfill due to lack of space, and there will not be any option at all. Administrator Maez comments, if an expansion will take place three monitoring wells will have to be put in, which will add to the cost of keeping it open as well. Commissioner Chair Jason Anderson questions the other Commissioners as to if they would be willing to allow him to investigate it further and report back to them his findings, and they agree. Arredondo asks again for an answer as soon as possible.

DAN WARWICK, SHERIFF:

Sheriff Warwick presented a contract with the Town of Crestone for Sheriff's Deputy Services, and explained he just needs signatures, as a motion had already been made. Sheriff Warwick also gave Commissioners a contract with the Forest Service as well. Commissioner Chair Jason Anderson questions if the deputies patrol the forest lands and

Warwick confirms they do. Commissioner Lovato questions Warwick about the last time the Commissioners had received a report and Warwick responds a long time.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO ACCEPT THE ANNUAL OPERATIONS AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SAGUACHE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND THE USDA FOREST SERVICE AND RIO GRANDE NATIONAL FOREST.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO

VOTES IN FAVOR: 2

VOTES AGAINST: 1

MOTION CARRIED

Sheriff Warwick questions if Commissioners had a chance to review the ballot measure for a sales tax increase and if they have any thoughts regarding this. Commissioner Chair Jason Anderson comments he hopes for success and asks if the Sheriff is concerned he is going too big to fast. Sheriff Warwick explains the exorbitant tax paid in all other surrounding Counties, as most people in Saguache do their shopping elsewhere, so this would in essence be paid more by tourists who are coming through and stopping at Alta or the Store. Warwick goes on to say that the tourists utilize the services of the County, so why shouldn't they pay for those services as well.

Commissioner Jason Anderson agrees with Warwick but still feels the amount proposed is a little high and should be reevaluated. Sheriff Warwick comments he feels a sales tax is more to the tourists coming through, and doesn't feel the property owners should be footing the bill for this. Commissioner Lovato questions proposing a bond for the issue of a new jail. Commissioner Chair Jason Anderson comments the communities concern is 24-hour coverage and questions if this tax would allow the Sheriff to provide it. Sheriff Warwick explains that there isn't a need for 24-hour coverage, but it could absolutely double the coverage he is providing now.

Sheriff Warwick asks citizen Bill Case for his take on the sales tax. Case explains he doesn't feel it is a tourist tax as the tourists coming through aren't spending money here. Case also comments that Warwick didn't spend all the money in his budget last year, so he has a hard time giving more money where it wasn't all spent to begin with. Road and Bridge Supervisor Arredondo questions if the ballot measure breaks out what the funds will be used for and suggests he do so. Commissioner Ken Anderson agrees with taxing tourism but feels it is not enough, this tax increase could cover expenses and assist with a bond issue for a new jail but feels a bond would have to be done to accomplish a new facility. Commissioner Chair Jason Anderson expresses more police presence is a hot button issue and that will sell the tax increase.

BEN GIBBONS, COUNTY ATTORNEY:

Attorney Gibbons time was moved to the end of the day to accommodate other agenda items. Attorney Gibbons informed Commissioners that he received an insurance settlement

for the roof at housing from Evan, and he agreed to submit to Commissioners for review and approval.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON TO MOVE INTO THE HOUSING BOARD AT 3:37P.M.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO

VOTES IN FAVOR: 2 VOTES AGAINST: 1

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON TO SIGN THE RELEASE FOR ALL PROPERTY DAMAGE FOR HOUSING.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO

VOTES IN FAVOR: 2 VOTES AGAINST: 1

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT 3:39P.M.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO

VOTES IN FAVOR: 2 VOTES AGAINST: 1

MOTION CARRIED

Attorney Gibbons questions Commissioners as to if they have discussed the opioid litigation taking place at the SLV Commissioners meetings they attend and if they want to do something as a valley or individually. Commissioner Chair Jason Anderson explains it has been discussed but nothing in the way of a decision has been made. Attorney Gibbons offers to present options to the Commissioners at the next meeting.

WENDI MAEZ, LAND USE ADMINISTRATOR:

1. Freddie Allen & Sherry Larimore – Subdivision Exemption request – N1/2N1/2NW1/4S1/2N12NE14NE1/4S1/2N1/2N1/2NE1/4 29-42-10 – BLM Highway 17
This request is to create the 2 tracts – one tract to contain 19.42 acres and one tract to contain 3.66 acres. These tracts were created several years ago without first obtaining County approval. This request will bring the creation of these tracts into compliance.

Saguache County Planning Commission recommended approval of this request during their regular meeting held on May 31, 2018, with the following recommendations: in house use only well with the requirement if they would like to use water outside of the residence they will supply the Land Use office with an approved water hauling contract.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO TO APPROVE THE SUBDIVISION EXEMPTION REQUEST FOR FREDDIE ALLEN AND SHERRY LARIMORE - N1/2N1/2NW1/4S1/2N12NE14NE1/4S1/2N1/2N1/2NE1/4 29-42-10 – BLM HIGHWAY 17, CREATING TWO TRACTS, ONE AT 19.42 ACRES AND THE SECOND AT 3.66 ACRES.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

2. GHG, LLC/AHA, LLC – Dunlap Conditional Use Modification request to add 4 Hoop Houses to the existing CUP Approval site.

No access changes, location of other structures have changed, Ms. Dunlap is requesting the addition of 4 Hoop Houses be constructed.

Saguache County Planning Commission recommended approval of this request during their regular meeting held on May 31, 2018 with the following recommendations: change hoop houses from temporary to permanent structures, Land Use Office must receive an updated water contract and the recommended water use requirements.

Dunlap explains to Commissioners that the hoop houses will be used for a seasonal grow only. Maez explains the hoop houses sit on a foundation, so as long as the plastic lasts it is a permanent structure, with a seasonal grow. Commissioner Chair Jason Anderson questions the fence around the property. Dunlop explains that the building acts as part of the fence. Commissioner Lovato questions the grow lights they had issues with last year, and complaints in regard to such. Dunlop explains she had issues with her grow and had to choose between using the lights and losing her grow and admits she should have been more forthcoming about the issue with Land Use and the Commissioners.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO APPROVE THE CONDITIONAL USE MODIFICATION REQUEST FOR GHG, LLC/AHA, LLC, WITH CONDITIONS AS STATED BY THE SAGUACHE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

3. Summit Resources, LLC, landowner/Linsey Frazer, Ottocanna, LLC, applicant – Conditional Use request for marijuana cultivation area – Tier 1 – 1800 plants.

Property Address – 55252 Tava Road

Legal Description – SE1/4SW1/4 28-43-9

Total acreage to be used – 40 acres

Road access – Tava Road

Utilities – SLVREC

Water – water hauling contract with Kelly Smith included in packet.

One letter of concern has been received for this request. Not within a designated bus stop area.

Structures to be built include an office building, bloom house, 2 vegetation rooms, and a 10,080 sq. ft. greenhouse.

Saguache County Planning Commission recommended approval of this request during their regular meeting held on May 31, 2018 with the following recommendations: residence must be a minimum of 750 sq. ft. and must be constructed prior to the construction of any structures used for the cultivation area, any construction must be a minimum of 300 feet from the western property line, storage containers must be painted a neutral color, and recommended water use requirements.

Commissioner Chair Jason Anderson explains as he does with all grows that Saguache County collects a 5% excise tax on the sale of all marijuana and the Saguache County also allows HEMP. The Summit Resources representative explains to Commissioners he feels you will see a shift as growers move here and grow outdoors rather than the warehouse grows currently happening in Denver, with astronomical rents and electric bills.

Commissioner Ken Anderson questions if they started doing work on the property before it was approved. They explained they had to work on the road just to be able to access the property. Commissioner Ken Anderson addresses a septic system and a cement pad that was poured. The representative explains those were things they were building regardless of the grow approval and were in no way trying to assume they would be approved.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO TO APPROVE THE CONDITIONAL USE REQUEST FOR SUMMIT RESOURCES, LLC AND OTTOCANNA, LLC AT SE1/4SW1/4 28-43-9, WITH SAGUACHE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS.
SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON
VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 VOTES AGAINST: 0
MOTION CARRIED**

4. Set minimum bid amounts for County Owned Lots.

Maez explains to Commissioners that Mattie Belle Lakish is here to discuss these lots as well. Commissioner Chair Jason Anderson comments he would like to deal with the pricing of the lots first and then can speak with Lakish. Maez advises Commissioners that they had budgeted revenue of \$20,000 for County Owned Property and in fact brought in \$60,531, tripling the projected amount. After asking the dimensions of the lots in the Town of Moffat, Commissioner Lovato expresses he feels those lots should be raised. It is also discussed that a motion is not necessary to leave the minimum bids the same, just a directive.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO TO RAISE THE MINIMUM BID FOR THE TOWN OF MOFFAT LOTS FROM \$60 TO \$100.
SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON
VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 VOTES AGAINST: 0
MOTION CARRIED**

Mattie Belle Lakish of the Crestone/Baca Planning Commission was present to request that the County Owned Lots commonly referred to as the Scott Johnson lots remain off the list of lots for sale, as there are several groups brainstorming ideas of what can be done with them, and the Planning Commission would love to see them go so use other than be sold off individually. One group according to Lakish was looking at the possibility of senior housing in that area, or low-income housing. Attorney Gibbons warned about going down that path and having multiple groups request certain lots be put on hold. Lakish requests the Commissioners put these lots on hold for six months to see if anything can pan out. Commissioner Lovato postpones the discussion until the next meeting on July 3 to get more information.

WENDI MAEZ, SAGUACHE COUNTY AIRPORT MANAGER REPORT:

1. Decision concerning clean-up of wind damaged hangars.
Maez questions Commissioners about what they would like to do regarding the damaged hangars at Leach Airport. Commissioners agree to put out to bid for someone to tear them down with the understanding they receive the salvage materials to do it.
2. Sales from fuel at Leach Airport for period 5/1-5/31 - \$3077.66
3. Fuel will be ordered prior to the UAS field day on July 14th.

WENDI MAEZ, ADMINISTRATOR – ADMINISTRATIVE

1. AED's have been ordered for an amount of \$203.
2. Firewall subscription for the Courthouse has been ordered with a 3-year subscription in the amount of \$1680. Travel, installation, etc., will be paid from the WSB contract, only expense will be the purchase of the subscription.
3. Discussion concerning the proposal for the creation of a 2.5% sales tax for the funding of an adequate detention and law enforcement operations center will be discussed during Sheriff Time.

Sheriff Warwick discussed this ballot measure during his time, however, he and jail manager Ken Wilson returned at the end of the meeting with Commissioner suggested revisions, so they could obtain approval for it to be placed on the ballot and move forward in the process. Commissioner Lovato questions if they should break out the % of funds going to the Sheriff budget and the jail budget, and Warwick comments he wants to keep that aspect of it open. Commissioner Chair Jason Anderson comments the measure should be simple and easy to digest.

Commissioner Lovato also questions Sheriff Warwick, should the ballot measure pass if he would increase his budget or return those funds to the general fund. Warwick explains the increase to his budget wouldn't happen right away as sales tax is only paid on a quarterly basis, and this sales tax is to help increase his budget, so he doesn't have to tap out the general fund and still be short on items. Commissioner Chair Jason Anderson clarifies stating it wasn't to keep the Sheriff status quo, it was to bring him to a position to offer services and fill needs the citizens of the County are asking for. Sheriff Warwick expresses again that he works hard to stay within budget and won't spend frivolously just for the sake of spending.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO ALLOW THE SALES TAX INCREASE
BE ADDED TO THE BALLOT FOR 2018
SECOND BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO
VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 VOTES AGAINST: 0
MOTION CARRIED**

PUBLIC LANDS MONTHLY DISCUSSION, SCOTT ARMENTROUT/CHAD STUART:

Armentrout informs Commissioners the recent rains have helped the forest conditions; however, he feels they will not last. Armentrout introduces Chad Stuart who joined his team a few weeks ago. Armentrout gives updates regarding the forest plan revision process and informs Commissioners there is still time for them to comment. Commissioner Chair Jason Anderson asks that Armentrout inform Commissioners should there be another multi-County meeting.

Yon Iaccio and Jim Kint from the Sargents area were at the meeting to discuss an access issue at Milk Creek where the forest service has locked a gate due to a condemned bridge across Marshall Creek. Armentrout advised there had been discussions of doing a land swap with the private owners who have shut off access, and or diverting traffic around the private land altogether. Iacco explains that road and access are the only way to access a memorial at the top of Sargents Mesa, and just last weekend he had a Vietnam paraplegic staying who was trying to access the memorial and couldn't. Armentrout agreed to look further into the situation and solutions and report back to Iaccio as well as the Commissioners regarding the outcome.

NATIONAL FOREST SERVICE, TRISTRAM POST:

Tristram comments Armentrout touched on several things she was also going to discuss, forest conditions, fire restrictions, drought, and informed Commissioners one of her rangers moved over to Gunnison, so she will be looking to fill that position. Tristram also informed Commissioners that they have seen an uptick in visitors due to the closing of the San Juan National Forest. Tristram shares the Forest Service is disseminating good fire prevention tactics, which is an ongoing project. The bear lockers were also installed in the North Crestone Campground and Tristram reports, campers she interacted with were happy to see them.

SENATOR BENNETT REPRESENTATIVE, ERIN MINKS:

Minks informed Commissioners she joined Senator Bennett's team about a month ago, after leaving her role as a forest planner with the Rio Grande Forest Service. Minks advised she will be covering the valley and Saguache will still be one of her Counties, should the Commissioners need anything. Minks is excited to be back doing this kind of work again.

OAKLEAF ENERGY PARTNERS, JOHN HEREFORD:

Hereford gave the Commissioners the background on his solar development firm located out of Denver, as well as his background as the previous executive director of GOCO, informing Commissioners his company has completed 13 solar garden projects across the state.

Hereford explains in the old days everyone wanted to put solar panels on the roof of the facility, but then if that facility was torn down it became an issue. Hereford explains the solution is a solar garden where there are subscribers to the program who reap the benefits, as solar gardens are cheaper to install and operate. Hereford also explains the County would pay his company for energy it subscribed to, and then get a bill credit back from Xcel Energy.

Hereford also explains to Commissioners that they would be looking to rent County owned land to put the solar garden on so that would be income to the County as well. Commissioner Lovato questions how many subscribers the solar garden would need, and Hereford states ideally at least 3, he also explains that 5% must be allocated to the housing authority in town. Commissioner Chair Jason Anderson questions what the savings to the County would be, and Hereford explains it is typically 3-4%. The Commissioners agreed to allow Chair Jason Anderson to continue to work on this and ask Supervisor Arredondo to show Hereford the Coleman Pit, where there might be room to place the solar garden.

OLD BUSINESS:

Maez questioned Commissioners about the storage containers they were to look into for the Sheriff's Department. Maez explained she would have to extend her permit with the Town of Saguache if a decision was not made. Commissioner Lovato explained he was unable to get a quote and would like this postponed until the July 3 meeting.

Commissioner Lovato questioned if everyone had a chance to review the Administration job description. Maez asked Commissioners the dates they would like the ad to run, and Commissioners confirmed from June 20 to July 20. Maez confirmed she would add to the website right away.

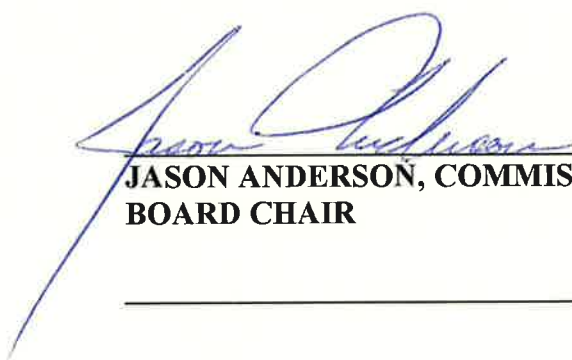
BILL PAYING:

Commissioner Chair Jason Anderson adjourned the meeting seeing no further business at 4:08P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

**RHIANNON CURRY FOR
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DATE MINUTES APPROVED: July 3, 2018


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