

SAGUACHE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2019

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER:

The Meeting was called to order by Board Chair, Ken Anderson, at 9:00 A.M., with the following members present:

Ken Anderson, Commissioner, Board Chair
Jason Anderson, Commissioner
Tim Lovato, Commissioner
Glen Simpson, County Administrator
Ben Gibbons, County Attorney
Dominique White for Trish Gilbert, Clerk to the Board

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda:

1. Remove the second Round Table Discussion from under the Administration Report
- 2.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TIM LOVATO TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED
SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON**

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Reading and Approval of Minutes:

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE
JULY 16, 2019, REGULAR SESSION MEETING AS AMENDED**

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER TIM LOVATO

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE
AUGUST 1, 2019, BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING AS PRESENTED**

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER TIM LOVATO

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Review of Mail and Other Correspondence: 08/06/2019

1. **SLV Development Resource Group** sent an invitation to attend their meet and mingle with guest, Alice Jackson, President of Xcel Energy, on Thursday, August 8, 2019 at 11:30 A.M., at the Vistas Restaurant on 77 Stadium Dr. Alamosa, Colorado. (Received July 19, 2019)
2. **Adams State University** sent a Thank You Letter for partnering with Adam State University to make a difference in the lives of the students through the recent contribution of \$14,472.00 to the COSI- County Fund. (Received July 19, 2019)
3. **Alamosa County** sent a letter regarding the yearly stats of the Veteran Transportation Network for the grant year 2018 - 2019. (Received July 19, 2019)
4. **United States Department of the Interior** sent a letter regarding their Draft Environmental Assessment (EA), which addresses Land Health Standards and to increase flexibility and consistency in management and landscape level for the renewal of 18 livestock grazing permits across 24 allotments. (Received July 22, 2019)
5. **State of Colorado Division of Property Taxation** sent a letter regarding the eligibility for property tax exemption of La Puente Housing Corporation. 350 S Worth Street, Center Colorado. (Received July 24, 2019)
6. **La Puente** sent a letter informing about their non-profit organization in the San Luis Valley. (Received July 29, 2019)
7. **Congress of the United States** sent a letter regarding the draft discussion of the Colorado Recreational Enhanced and Conservation Act (Colorado REC Act), a Public Lands Proposal that would designate new wilderness within the Third Congressional District. (Received July 29, 2019)
8. **Michael Bennet, U.S. Senator for Colorado** sent an invitation to meet with his Senior Advisor on Rural Affairs and Regional Representative, Erin Minks, on Thursday, August 8 in Saguache County. Erin will be meeting one on one with constituents at the Saguache Public Library at 9:30 A.M. (Received July 31, 2019)
9. **Rio Grande National Forest** sent a letter regarding the Rio Grande National Forest Release of Forest Plan. (Received July 31, 2019)
10. **Rio Grande National Forest** sent a letter regarding the Rio Grande National Forest Revised Land Management Plan. (Received August 1, 2019)

Introduction of Guests:

Sandia Belgrade

Kathleen Curry – Gunnison Basin Roundtable

Dan Geddes – Land Use Issue

Public Comment:

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

Jason Anderson:

7/18 – Held an Open House for the Gunnison, Grande Mesa Uncompahgre (GMUG) National Forest Plan in Gunnison. We supplied food. We are a partner with that program, it leaves a lot of leeway for comments, which is very valuable.

7/19 – Attended job interviews for the Code Enforcement Officer, we had a very short successful hire. However, he had a change of heart at the last minute, so the Board is looking at hiring one of the other candidates.

7/24 – Attended the Eastern San Luis Trails Coalition Meeting. We continued to work on getting Federal Funds together.

7/30 – Received my invitation to attend the Colorado Outdoor Recreation Conference in Glenwood Springs, in October. If the Board is willing to pay for lodging.

8/1 – Met as the Board of Equalization

Received the Rio Grande Land Management Plan as published; it looked pretty good.

8/2 – Had a conference call with CCI to set the District meetings.

8/3 – Received an article from CNN on the disparity of health in Colorado.

8/5 – Was asked to speak Rural Philanthropy Days on the topic of how nonprofits can be effective with local government in today's day and age.

Met with the CCI Board of Executives, regarding Governor Polis. Polis wanted to reach out to the Counties and get some direction.

Tim Lovato:

7/16 – Attended the Open House for the GMUG Presentation on their Forest Plan in Gunnison.

7/19 – Attended the interviews for the Code Enforcement and the Courthouse Security Meeting was canceled.

7/23 – Signed the Resolution for the Senior Center that has been approved at the last Regular Board Meeting.

7/24 – Spoke with Erin Minks about the CORE Legislation that Senator Bennett is proposing, regarding the Wilderness in the Ragged Mountains and some portions of Saguache County.

7/25 – Received a call from Dr. Arnett informing me that Heart of the Rockies Board is proceeding with the purchase of his practice. The Heart of the Rockies will keep the service available in Saguache. The Commissioners should have a conversation with the hospital director to get a clear understanding on both parts of what is expected and to be provided to the area.

Received a call from Mr. Garcia about the rock on County Road D.5.

Received a call from Emergency Manager, Robert Woelz, notifying me that Casita Park residents were out of water, he placed a Boil Water Advisory in effect. A water main break was along County Road T and old valves are breaking in Casita Park. Public Health was contacted.

7/26 – Attended the Court House Security Meeting in Saguache. I was informed that the Sheriff's Office is in need of a secure place to house the Hum V that was acquired two years ago from the military.

7/27 – Mr. Woelz notified me that the Boil Advisory has been cancelled for Casita Park, and the EOC was standing down.

7/30 – Received a call from the Land Use Administrator, she was unable to contact Mr. Alejandro Heredia on the position that he had accepted. I was able to contact Mr. Heredia and he would be available to meet with the Commissioners on Thursday after the Commissioners sat as the Board of Equalization. Virginia Adams has resigned from the Code Enforcement position and will be staying at her old position.

7/31 – Received a call from a constituent regarding the sales tax grant application.

8/1 – Attended the Board of Equalization Hearing on protests that were given to the Saguache County Clerk.

8/3 – Received a call from the Emergency Manager, needing the contact information for the Saguache County Road and Bridge Supervisor, as flooding had occurred several places on Camino Baca Grande and Brookview in the Baca Grande Subdivision.

Received a complaint about County Road AA

Ken Anderson:

7/15 – Attended the DRG Meeting

8/1 – Attended the Board of Equalization Meeting, which lasted till about 4:00 P.M.

Had discussion about the Code Enforcement Officer position
Drove multiple roads; County Road 45 is looking good. County Road G needs a lot of work, because it's a mess.
Looked at the Hemp, some of it looks really good. I hope the hemp works, because there are a lot of people employed.
Been working with Sarah Stober, with DRG. On the 23rd of November, they will have a former Navy Seal speak about suicide.
Had a meeting with "Group of Fellows" on Saturday.

Back in session from break at 10:05 A.M.

LYNETTE GRANT, PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR, Report Attached
MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TIM LOVATO TO GO INTO THE BOARD OF PUBLIC HEALTH
SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON
VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 **VOTES AGAINST: 0**
MOTION CARRIED

Grant stated that they had one prairie dog that was tested for the bubonic plague, it came back negative. They have had three clinical diseases, but no outbreak. Grant worked with OEM Bobby Woelz for the water break in Casita park. There are currently 26 PCP clients and 17 PCP's.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TIM LOVATO TO ENTER INTO THE AGREEMENT WITH RIO GRANDE COUNTY ON PUBLIC HEALTH FOR THE ROLE OF THE HEALTH FIRST COLORADO AND CHILD HEALTH PLAN PLUS
SECOND BY JASON ANDERSON
VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 **VOTES AGAINST: 0**
MOTION CARRIED

Dr. Ely Walker spoke on the Mobile Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) for Saguache County. He stated that this is the standard mobile care center for Opioid Use Disorder.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TIM LOVATO TO COME OUT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH
SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON
VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 **VOTES AGAINST: 0**
MOTION CARRIED

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

BEN GIBBONS, COUNTY ATTORNEY

Gibbons is working on a resolution for the abandonment of a portion of County Road 42 and the exchange. We have to do condemnation of some property which will be discussed during Land Use time. The Assessor's Office understood that the Board of Equalization directed them to return everybody to agricultural status, which was not discussed during the Board of Equalization Meeting.

DAN WARWICK, SHERIFF

Warwick stated that revenues are up right now, low on traffic code. There have been multiple calls to the jail. An inmate is required to be on crutches, another inmate took the crutches and knocked out one of the brick windows in the front of the cell. Road and Bridge will be fixing the window by putting in a steel plate. The jail is at a max capacity of 19 inmates.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL FROM F&D INTERNATIONAL FOR THE JAIL ASSESSMENT AND MASTER PLAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$36,760.00, COMING FROM THE PUBLIC SAFETY FUND
SECOND BY TIM LOVATO
VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 VOTES AGAINST: 0
MOTION CARRIED**

RANDAL ARREDONDO, SUPERVISOR, ROAD AND BRIDGE, Report Attached

Arredondo presented the SRTS IGA to be signed.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON TO ENTER INTO THE STATE OF COLORADO AND GOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH SAGUACHE COUNTY, CRESTONE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROJECT
SECOND BY COMMISSIONER TIM LOVATO
VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 VOTES AGAINST: 0
MOTION CARRIED**

Arredondo stated that the paint striper has arrived, they are going to do training once the paint comes in. Randy has three applications for CDL training. Road and Bridge is down to four operators, they are hoping for more applications. Regarding the landfill, they are completely done with the recycling clean up and will start to put the fence up today.

KATHLEEN CURRY, SAGUACHE COUNTY APPOINTEE TO THE GUNNISON ROUND TABLE
**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TIM LOVATO TO APPROVE KATHLEEN CURRY TO THE GUNNISON ROUND TABLE
SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON
VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 VOTES AGAINST: 0
MOTION CARRIED**

Back in session from Lunch at 1:00 P.M.

WENDI MAEZ, LAND USE ADMINISTRATOR, Report Attached

1. Joanne S. Boyce. Subdivision Exemption Request to create a tract of land containing twenty acres within a tract of land that contains 1,180 acres. If approved the remaining tract with contain 1,160 acres. This request is to create a tract where the existing gravel pit is located.

The Saguache Planning Commissioner recommended unanimous approval of this request during their Regular Meeting held on August 1, 2019.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TIM LOVATO TO INCLUDE THE RASADO RANCH GRAVEL PIT DIVISION OF LAND, SEPARATION OF 1180 ACRES AND THE REMAINING TRACT CONTAINING 1160 ACRES
SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON
VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 VOTES AGAINST: 0
MOTION CARRIED**

County Owned Lot Bids

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON TO ACCEPT THE BID FROM TERRY KENNON, MOBILE HOME ESTATES LOT 375 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,500
SECOND BY COMMISSIONER TIM LOVATO
VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 VOTES AGAINST: 0
MOTION CARRIED**

Maez asked for a directive from the board about property Baca Grande Grants, Lot 1190, as it needs to be condemned as a health hazard. The board directed Maez to let Public Health handle it.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TIM LOVATO TO OFFER ALEJANDRO HEREDIA THE POSITION OF CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER AT \$14.50 AN HOUR WITH BENEFITS OFFERED BY SAGUACHE COUNTY
SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON
VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 VOTES AGAINST: 0
MOTION CARRIED**

County resident Dan Geddes was in attendance to present his concerns about the Land Use Office. He stated that he called Wendi about two properties with blight. There hasn't been any communication from the Land Use Office.

GLEN SIMPSON COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, Report Attached

Simpson presented the County Treasurer Report from January 2019 – June 2019

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 01/01/19 THROUGH 06/30/19
SECOND BY COMMISSIONER TIM LOVATO
VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 VOTES AGAINST: 0
MOTION CARRIED**

Simpson stated that there are no new bids for the courthouse roof. The sewer line is completed and Road and Bridge will fix the sidewalk. Budget packets will go out no later than Thursday. WSB wants the courthouse to switch over to Ciello fiber optic internet which is a cheaper option. Regina Swartz and Glen presented a new software option for both the Treasurer's Office and the Administration Office. The Treasurer's Office had received written notification from Pueblo County Shared Services, that their current contract of the treasures software system will be terminated. The Administration and Treasurer's Office met with Tyler Technologies, about the packages that they can offer.

Regina Swartz presented a cancelation of taxes that had been abated by the Assessor for two years but not for the third year. It was moved to Costilla County.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TIM LOVATO TO CANCEL THE TAXES AS THEY ARE DETERMINED TO BE UNCOLLECTIBLE ON A 1986 AJAX MOBILE HOME LOCATED ON SECTION 8 TOWNSHIP 43 RANGE 11

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Back in session from break at 2:40 P.M.

TRISH GILBERT, COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER, Liquor Licenses

SPECIAL EVENT LIQUOR LICENSE, SLV DIRT WORX

- One day, Special Event Permit for September 14, 2019 in Penitente Canyon.
- Application has been received
- No violations per Sheriff's report
- Notice will be posted on premise for 10 day prior
- Notice has been posted in the newspaper
- Required feed have been paid

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON TO APPROVE THE RETAIL SPECIAL EVENT LIQUOR LICENSE FOR SLV DIRT WORX FOR THE PERIOD BETWEEN 12 P.M. AND 11 P.M. ON SEPTEMBER 14, 2019 IN PENITENTE CANYON, SAGUACHE COUNTY

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER TIM LOVATO

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL, SAND DUNES RECREATION

- Application has been received
- No violations per Sheriff's report
- Required feed have been paid

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON TO APPROVE THE LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL FOR SAND DUNES RECREATION LLC

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER TIM LOVATO

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL, GUNBARREL STATION

- Application has been received
- No violations per Sheriff's report
- Required feed have been paid

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TIM LOVATO TO APPROVE THE LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL FOR THE GUNBARREL STATION

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TIM LOVATO TO ACCEPT THE RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE SAGUACHE COUNTY TO ABANDON AND TRADE A PORTION OF COUNTY ROAD 42 TO S&T FARMS, LLC. THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION IS DESCRIBED ON PAGE 1 OF THE RESOLUTION

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TIM LOVATO TO AUTHORIZE BOARD CHAIR, KEN ANDERSON, TO SIGN THE QUITCLAIM DEED ON CLOSING DAY, AUGUST 14, 2019, AT 1:00 P.M. AT THE SAGUACHE ABSTRACT

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR LEGAL COUNCIL PER C.R.S 24-6-402(4)(b)

SECOND BY TIM LOVATO

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Seeing no further business, Commissioner Ken Anderson adjourns the meeting at 3:06 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



**DOMINIQUE WHITE FOR
TRISH GILBERT, CLERK & RECORDER**

DATE MINUTES APPROVED: August 20, 2019



**KEN ANDERSON, COMMISSIONER,
BOARD CHAIR**



JASON ANDERSON, COMMISSIONER



TIM LOVATO, COMMISSIONER



**ATTEST
TRISH GILBERT
CLERK & RECORDER**