

**SAGUACHE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**REGULAR SESSION MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 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  
Wendi Maez, Acting 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. Wendi Maez stated that item #2 under Land Use will be rescheduled for the October 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- 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 ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE  
SEPTEMBER 17, 2019 REGULAR SESSION MEETING AS PRESENTED**

**SECOND BY COMMISSIONER TIM LOVATO**

**VOTES IN FAVOR: 3**

**VOTES AGAINST: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Review of Mail and Other Correspondence: 10/01/2019**

1. **Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District** sent an agenda for their Monday, September 23, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting. It will take place at 210 West Spencer Avenue, Suite B, Gunnison Colorado 81230, at 5:00 P.M. (Received September 23, 2019)
2. **Attorneys for the Division of Local Government** sent a petition for order and certification of dissolution of special district. (Received September 17, 2019)
3. **Wild Rouse Appraisal Incorporated** sent a Property Assessment Study. (Received September 17, 2019)

4. **Rio Grande Water Conservation District** sent a reminder of their next scheduled Board of Directors Meeting of the Rio Grande Water Conservation. It will be held on October 15, 2019. The Meeting will be located at 8805 Independence Way, Alamosa CO 81101 and will begin at 10:00 A.M. (Received September 19, 2019)
5. **Colorado Department of Transportation** sent a letter at the request of Mr. David Pickren; a Traffic Engineering Study was conducted on State Highway 112A, from MP 15.73 to 16.40. (Received September 23, 2019)
6. **Town of Moffat** sent a letter regarding a Resolution of Petition concerning the Annexation to the Town of Moffat territory therein described. (Received September 23, 2019)
7. **Crestone Artists** sent a Thank You Letter for the generous support of their 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Crestone Artists Studio Tour. Crestone Artists would also like to invite the Board to their Preview Reception on October 11, 2019, from 5 to 7 P.M., held in the Rainbow Room at the Crestone Charter School. (Received September 25, 2019)
8. **Nadine and Alton Abercrombie** sent a Petition to State Board of Assessment Appeals to the Board of Commissioners; Abercrombie is appealing the Board of Equalization's decision. (Received September 25, 2019)
9. **The State Board of Equalization** sent notice of a Public Hearing and Agenda to be held on October 8, 2019. (Received September 26, 2019)

Introduction of Guests:

Sandia Belgrade  
 Robert Tafoya  
 Tony Jennings  
 Carna Anderson

Public Comment:

Robert Tafoya asked the Board if they had done anything regarding the traffic in Moffat. Tafoya also asked Commissioner Jason Anderson if the rumor is true that he has moved to Salida. Commissioner Anderson stated that he lives on Spanish Creek, and has since 1996, where he educates his children is nobody's business, but his own. Tafoya made it clear that Tony Jennings and himself were not the ones that started the rumor.

**COMMISSIONER REPORTS:**

**Jason Anderson**

**9/18** – Spoke with Commissioners from Alamosa and Costilla Counties at Rural Philanthropy Days concerning the state of the Counties and how funders, nonprofits and local government can best work together.

**9/20** -- Spoke with CCI.

No later than November 22, 2019, all Colorado Counties and Municipalities will need to decide whether or not to opt-in or opt- out of the Negotiation Class. No action means your county has opted-in. opting-out will require action on your part. You will soon be receiving a copy of the Court Approved Negotiation Class Notice, which includes more information about this November 22<sup>nd</sup> deadline. Information, including an interactive damages tool, can also be found on the Negotiation Class Website:

<https://www.opioidsnegotiationclass.info.com/>. Commissioners and Council Members should consult their attorney on this matter.

**9/23** – Attended a meeting for Saguache Seniors sponsored by ScSeed. Topic of conversation was planning for the section of Highway 285 that runs through Saguache. Spoke with Liza Marron concerning the Board of County Commissioners questions about the present state of the ScSeed Organization.

**9/24** – Contacted by Brenda Femlee concerning the Scenic Byways Bill signed into law. Was wondering if we still wanted to apply for the Scenic Byway Loop on Highway 114.

Attended the Saguache Commissioners Work Session. Topics included presentations from Tyler Software and Sidwell Mapping. Also went on a site visit to County Road 52.5.

**9/25** – Met with members of the Crestone Freedom Project concerning their plans for an Adult Treatment Center in Saguache County, as well as their attempts to purchase the J Kyle Braid Ranch and assemble a Board.

**9/26** – Wrote Comments for the Public Utility Commission Comments Request concerning Tri-State Generation and their rate structure.

Received the Final Agenda for the Colorado Outdoor Leader's Seminar in Glenwood Springs.

**9/27** – Spoke with Akia Tanara of the Living Wisdom Project about a funding opportunity with a senior's initiative.

#### **Tim Lovato**

**9/19** – Attended the CTC Meeting at the Moffat School. Gloria Quintana is the CTC Coordinator and is working on rebuilding the program. There were five students, six adults/ parents and one community leader attending the meeting. Next meeting is set for October 19, 2019 in Saguache.

**9/23** – Attended the San Luis Valley All Hazards Meeting in Alamosa; once again there were not enough members present to have a quorum to approve the minutes. Discussion was held on training for schools on active shooters and applications that have been received for the 2019 Grand Cycle. The status of grants that have been awarded in 2016, 2017 and 2018.

**9/24** – Attended the Work Session, with a presentation from Tyler Financial for the Treasurer's Office. Also had a presentation from Sidwell, a GIS/ Data Program that the Assessor's Office is looking at. In the afternoon, the commissioners conducted a site visit on County Road 52.5. The issue at hand is access to County Road 52.5 and where it crosses BLM property, and the erosion through private property to gain access to Forest Service Land. The Commissioners met with officials from the BLM, US Forest Service, Colorado Division of Wildlife and several landowners that would be affected by County Road 52.5.

**9/26** – Received several calls from residents that travel County Road AA east of Highway 17 and County regarding wash boards, as well as the status of County Road T

**9/28** – Attended the class reunion celebration for the past graduates from Saguache/ Mountain Valley. The oldest graduate that was present was from the class of 1952. After the parade I attended the football game between Mountain Valley Indians and Sierra Grande Panthers. Mountain Valley won by one point. There were around 400 people present at the game. (Which is an estimate).

**9/30** – Met with a constituent about their culvert which was installed on County Road T; they were inquiring if they had to add an extension to the end of it since they had been told they were causing erosion to Road T.

#### **Ken Anderson**

**9/18** – Attended the Open House for the Center School.

**9/20** – Went to Monte Vista Chamber of Commerce building, we had a meeting for the Extension Service.

9/24 – Attended the Work Session. Presentations were given from Tyler Technologies, Sidwell and Pete Magee. Did a site visit to County Road 52.5.

9/26 – Attended the South-Central Seniors in Alamosa.

A lot of rumors are going around about the Hemp, they have a bug problem and are spraying oil on it.

Spoke with the superintendent of Center Schools about SRS funds.

Attended the Saguache Fall Festival.

**Returned from break at 10:07 A.M.**

LINDA WARSH, DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES, Report Attached

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TIM LOVATO TO GO INTO THE BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

**SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON**

**VOTES IN FAVOR: 3**

**VOTES AGAINST: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Linda presented the reports that the state sends on behalf of Saguache County. Linda stated that they will have a full building inspection before they turn on any heat.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT BETWEEN ALAMOSA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES AND SAGUACHE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES FOR THE COLLABORATIVE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

**SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON**

**VOTES IN FAVOR: 2**

**VOTES AGAINST: 1**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TIM LOVATO TO COME OUT OF THE BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

**SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON**

**VOTES IN FAVOR: 3**

**VOTES AGAINST: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

DAN WARWICK, SHERIFF, Report

Warwick stated that they have hired four new deputies, 2 females and 2 males. All four will be road deputies. Warwick requested the purchase of five pack sets, 3 radios for the vehicles, nine computers with Windows 10 and two more trucks from Crowley County. The Board stated they would have a decision by the end of the day.

LYNETTE GRANT, PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR, Report Attached

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO GO INTO THE BOARD OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

**SECOND BY COMMISSIONER TIM LOVATO**

**VOTES IN FAVOR: 3**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**VOTES AGAINST: 0**

Grant presented a contract to be signed.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON TO AUTHORIZE KEN ANDERSON TO SIGN CONTRACTS ON BEHALF OF SAGUACHE COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH, WHICH ARE BINDING; WITH BOARD APPROVAL**  
**SECOND BY COMMISSIONER TIM LOVATO**

**VOTES IN FAVOR: 3**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**VOTES AGAINST: 0**

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TIM LOVATO TO COME OUT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC HEALTH**  
**SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON**

**VOTES IN FAVOR: 3**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**VOTES AGAINST: 0**

EVAN SAMORA, HOUSING DIRECTOR, Report Attached

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TIM LOVATO TO GO INTO THE BOARD OF HOUSING**  
**SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON**

**VOTES IN FAVOR: 3**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**VOTES AGAINST: 0**

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON TO COME OUT OF THE BOARD OF HOUSING**

**SECOND BY COMMISSIONER TIM LOVATO**

**VOTES IN FAVOR: 3**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**VOTES AGAINST: 0**

RANDAL ARREDONDO, SUPERVISOR, ROAD AND BRIDGE, Report Attached

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PERSONNEL PER CRS 24-6-402(4)(f)(I)**  
**SECOND BY COMMISSIONER TIM LOVATO**

**VOTES IN FAVOR: 3**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**VOTES AGAINST: 0**

Commissioner Anderson asked Arredondo about getting pricing on speed traffic signs. Anderson also stated that the County cars aren't in good shape when people pick them up. If a department returns them in bad shape, do we need to clean them and charge the department?

Arredondo stated that they had an inspection of the Landfill on the 25th, he was really happy with everything out there.

BOBBY WOELZ, OEM, Report Attached

Woelz gave an update of the Decker Fire, stating that it grew 600 acres and is currently 5% contained. Woelz stated that he has been nominated for Vice Chair of the SLV Regional EOC Committee. Woelz Thanked the Board of the Sales Tax Grant. Bobby has completed issuing Salamander Credentialing for the Town of Moffat, Center Fire and EMS, and most of the Baca Grande Emergency Services. Woelz requested the Boards consideration of an OEM vehicle for the next fiscal year. He requested Mr. Gibbons assistance finalizing MOA with Moffat School and the approval to sign a MOU with Mountain Valley School.

**Returned from lunch at 1:00 P.M.**

WENDI MAEZ, LAND USE ADMINISTRATOR, Report Attached

1. Conditional Use yearly review for Field of Green, Carna Anderson.

Code Enforcement Officer, Alejandro Heredia stated that Field of Green was installing security when he arrived, and everything was where it was supposed to be. No plants were in production.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TIM LOVATO TO APPROVE THE CONDITIONAL USE REVIEW FOR FIELD OF GREEN**

**SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON**

**VOTES IN FAVOR: 3**

**VOTES AGAINST: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

2. Ownership License Change Request. Mei Li Real Estate Holdings, LLC/ JFD, LLC. 61997 County Road G. This is 100% ownership change.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION FOR MEI LI REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT SE1/4NE1/4 33-42N-10E 61997 COUNTY ROAD G**

**SECOND BY COMMISSIONER TIM LOVATO**

**VOTES IN FAVOR: 3**

**VOTES AGAINST: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

3. Ownership License Change Request for Southwestern Solutions, LLC 54094 County Road T. This will change 99% of Ownership to Spring Grow Concepts, LLC and 1% to Jacob Baer.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON TO APPROVE THE SOUTHWESTERN SOLUTIONS OWNERSHIP CHANGE REQUEST**

**SECOND BY COMMISSIONER TIM LOVATO**

**VOTES IN FAVOR: 3**

**VOTES AGAINST: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

4. Code Enforcement update on "Red Tag" properties.

Code Enforcement Officer, Alejandro Heredia, stated that there are a lot of issues but it is going really well. Heredia presented a list of all "Red Tagged" properties that have been cited.

County Owned Lot Bids

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TIM LOVATO TO ACCEPT THE LOT BID FOR LOT 372C CHALET UNIT I SUBMITTED BY SHANE ANDIS IN THE AMOUNT \$7,037  
SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON**

**VOTES IN FAVOR: 3**

**VOTES AGAINST: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON TO APPROVE THE LOT BID FOR LOT 140 CHALET UNIT I CAMINO BACA GRANDE FOR CHRISTINE MADDINE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,051**

**SECOND BY COMMISSIONER TIM LOVATO**

**VOTES IN FAVOR: 3**

**VOTES AGAINST: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

WENDI MAEZ, ACTING COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, Report Attached

1. 2018 Audit update. Jim Kinkle has informed me that they will not have the audit completed for 30 days. As soon as I can get a firm date, I will schedule a time with the Board for presentation of the audit to accept.
2. Financial system request for Administration and Treasurer's office. Administration fee with on site server will be \$129,102 with an estimated travel expense of \$11,160 to set up, recurring fees will be \$16,163. Treasurer fees will be \$124,000 and a recurring fee of \$31,784 if they host server and recurring fee if we host the server of \$13,472.
3. AED purchase request. 4 sets of batteries and AED paid will be \$106 each for a total of \$424 and a new unit for the R&B Shop will be \$1745. Would you like these purchased and if so, out of what fund would you like them to be purchased from? Janet Beiriger is willing to conduct monthly checks of the AED's and also give training classes for 2 people in each county department to train on the usage of the AED's.
4. A Sales Tax Grant for the Saguache County Clerk & Recorder was put in for the fall cycle but was not found in the Admin office until after the grants were approved. This grant is for \$5000 and was in before the required turn in time. How would the board like me to handle this grant request? The Board agreed to have Ms. Beiriger fill out an Emergency Sales Tax application.
5. Will the Board be attending the Winter CCI Conference in Colorado Springs? Yes, all 3 will be attending.
6. Brian Bresser of Crestone would like to give a presentation to the Board at a future meeting/work session to offer his services to help this organization for cost reductions in each department. Would the board like for me to schedule Mr. Bresser on a future agenda? The Board advised Maez to have Mr. Bresser present something in writing.
7. Presentation of 2020 budget. Maez presented the Board with the 2020 Budget requests

OLD BUSINESS

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TIM LOVATO TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF FIVE PACK SETS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,000, THREE RADIOS FOR THE VEHICLES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,325, NINE COMPUTERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000, AND TWO**

**VEHICLES TO BE PURCHASED FROM CROWLEY COUNTY IN THE AMOUNT \$32,000 NOT TO EXCEED \$75,000 AND COMING FROM THE SALES TAX FOR PUBLIC SAFETY**

**SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON**

**VOTES IN FAVOR: 3**

**VOTES AGAINST: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON TO REFUSE THE WAIVER OF THE IMPACT STUDY FOR THE MOFFAT ANNEXATION**

**SECOND BY COMMISSIONER TIM LOVATO**

**VOTES IN FAVOR: 3**

**VOTES AGAINST: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO GIVE A TWO DOLLAR AN HOUR RAISE FOR THE PROBATION PERIOD (90 DAYS) FOR ROAD AND BRIDGE**

**SECOND BY COMMISSIONER TIM LOVATO**

**VOTES IN FAVOR: 2**

**VOTES AGAINST: 1**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Seeing no further business, Commissioner Ken Anderson adjourns the meeting at 3:20 P.M.

The Meeting was called to order by Board Chair, Ken Anderson, at 3:38 P.M.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON FOR THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO SIGN THE COMMENTS LETTER FOR THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION CONSIDERING TRI STATE GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION RULEMAKING**

**SECOND BY COMMISSIONER TIM LOVATO**

**VOTES IN FAVOR: 2**

**VOTES AGAINST: 1**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON TO ADJOURN**

**SECOND BY COMMISSIONER TIM LOVATO**

**VOTES IN FAVOR: 3**

**VOTES AGAINST: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Seeing no further business, Commissioner Ken Anderson adjourns the meeting at 3:47 P.M.





RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

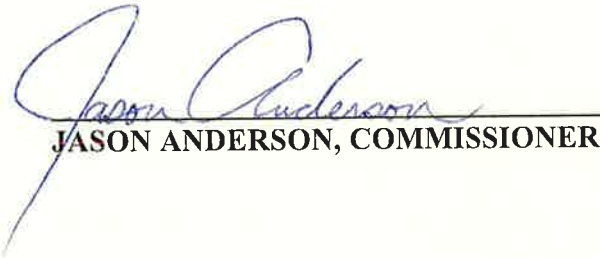


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TRISH GILBERT, CLERK & RECORDER

DATE MINUTES APPROVED: October 15, 2019



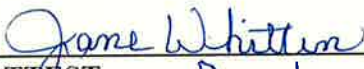
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BOARD CHAIR



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