

SAGUACHE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 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. Commissioner Lovato requested the MOU for West San Luis Valley Transit be presented during Ben Gibbons time.
- 2.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TIM LOVATO TO ACCEPT 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
OCTOBER 1, 2019 REGULAR SESSION MEETING AS AMENDED
SECOND BY COMMISSIONER TIM LOVATO**

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Review of Mail and Other Correspondence: 10/15/2019

1. **Colorado River District** sent a Proposed Amended 2019 Budget Summary for the Colorado River Water Conservation District. (Received October 4, 2019)
2. **Crestone Food Bank** sent a Thank You Letter for the support of the Crestone Food Bank, and donations for the SLV Food Bank Network. (Received October 1, 2019)
3. **San Luis Valley Development Resources Group** sent the San Luis Valley Council of Governments Assessment dues for 2020. (Received October 2, 2019)

4. **Veterans Coalition** sent a letter regarding the September 30th deadline to opt-out of the VA Electronic Health Records. (Received October 3, 2019)
5. **Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment** sent a letter with a report of the September 25, 2019 Landfill Inspection. (Received October 3, 2019)
6. **Office of the State Auditor** sent a letter stating they have not received an Audit Report for the year ending: December 31, 2018. (Received October 4, 2019)
7. **Upper Arkansas Water Conservancy District** sent an agenda for their October 10, 2019 Enterprise Committee Meeting at 1:00 P.M. 81201 339 E. Highway 50. (Received October 9, 2019)
8. **Colorado Counties Inc.** sent the CCI Proposed Budget and Dues Schedule for the 2020 Counties Budgeting Process. (Received October 9, 2019)
9. **Arkansas Basin RoundTable** sent a letter requesting updated contact information for their records. (Received October 9, 2019)
10. **Union Pacific** sent a letter in response to supplemental comments in request for additional stakeholder comments. (Received October 9, 2019)
11. **The United States District Court Northern District of Ohio** sent a notice in regards to a National Prescription Opiate Litigation as well as an Exclusion Request Form for Saguache County to not be a member of the Negotiation Class certified in the National Prescription Opiate Litigation. (Received October 9, 2019)
12. **San Luis Valley Rural Philanthropy Days** sent a Thank You Letter for the generous donation of \$2,500.00 that will allow SLV Rural Philanthropy Days continue to help rural nonprofits and communities connect with statewide and front range funders, while developing local organizational capacity and collaboration skills, and encouraging cross-sector communication and engagement. (Received October 14, 2019)

Introduction of Guests:

Sandia Belgrade
 Tony Jennings
 Robert Tafoya
 Lynne Thompson, ScSEED
 Liza Marron, ScSEED
 Berry Vansant, West SLV Transit
 Dawn Bolani
 Tristram Post, US Forest Service

Public Comment:

Tony Jennings requested the Board give him a refund for his Conditional Use Permit that was never completed.
 Robert Tafoya presented his concerns about blight as well as County Road conditions, and the washboards.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

Jason Anderson

10/2 – Spoke with Sheriff Dan Warwick and Commissioner Lovato about if the conditions in the County were threatening enough to impose a fire ban.

10/3-4 – Attended the Colorado Outdoor Industry Leadership Seminar focused on how to develop a Recreation Industry in Colorado.

10/7 – Attended office hours in Crestone at the new sheriff's annex building.

10/8 – Attended the Saguache County Preliminary Budget Meeting.

10/11 – Attended via phone the CCI Legislative Conference for the 2020 Legislative Session.

Received daily updates on the status of the Decker Fire in Saguache, Chaffee and Fremont Counties.

Tim Lovato

10/2 – Received a call from Commissioner Jason Anderson in regards to implementing a fire ban for Saguache County, due to the extreme dry conditions or as what they are calling a “flash drought.” Received a call from Social Service Director, Linda Warsh, inviting me to a meeting on October 3rd with the State Director from the Department of Social Services and her staff.

10/3 – Attended the meeting with the State Director for the Department of Social Services, Michelle Barns and Saguache County Social Service Director, Linda Warsh as well as several members of her staff. Topics that were discussed were some of the changes to Federal Funding, 4-E Waiver States, the need for Backfill Funding and Saguache County plan and progress. Michelle Barns is willing to send a team down to help in cross training and team building.

10/8 – Attended the Work Session for the 2020 Budget Presentation from the Elected Officials and Department Heads.

10/9 – Received a call from a Lazy KV Resident on how the issue with blight and lack of septic tanks is being addressed. Received a call from Land Use on where the illegal grow was east of County Road 62 and north of County Road AA.

10/10 – Took in my mapping program to Land Use for the Code Enforcement Officer to use in locating the legal locations for the violations, since there are not addresses on every household.

Spoke with Ben Gibbons about policy regarding an employee purchasing County Owned Property.

Ken Anderson

10/1 – Confirmed the County fire ban.

Attended the SRS Meeting in Center. They discussed the budget.

Attended the football game in Del Norte. Spoke with Jed Ellithorpe about the airport.

Attended the Work Session for the 2020 budget.

Attended Board Meetings in Denver. We discussed the two state issues on the ballot.

Barry Vansant, West San Luis Valley Transit

Vansant stated that they are looking at completing another MOU for the West San Luis Valley Transit Committee. The bus runs every Tuesday and goes to Salida for four hours.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TIM LOVATO TO ENTER INTO THE MOU WITH THE WEST SAN LUIS VALLEY TRANSIT COMMITTEE FOR THE 2020 YEAR WITH MONEY COMING FROM THE COMMISSIONERS CONTRIBUTION FUND OR A NEW LINE ITEM, CONTINGENT ON THE OTHER PARTNERS CONTRIBUTING

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

LYNETTE GRANT, PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR

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

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Grant has one active TB that has direct observation therapy. Gloria Quintana has taken over the STEPP and OBH Programs. Grant stated that Public Health owes DSS \$2,690 for invoices for the utilities backdating to the beginning of the year, because Public Health was never invoiced.

Grant requested a Finance/Accounting person. The Board directed her to advertise for a full-time person with experience. The PCP is doing good as far as getting applicants. There are currently 16 PCP's.

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

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER TIM LOVATO

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

RANDAL ARREDONDO, SUPERVISOR, ROAD AND BRIDGE

Arredondo presented the Notice of Completion on the Compliance Order from the Department of Health, for the Landfill.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON FOR THE COUNTY TO FORWARD THE
LETTER TO MR. SMITH, SIGNED BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON, CONFIRMING
THE COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS WERE MET**

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER TIM LOVATO

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Gibbons received a phone call from a surveyor regarding road work on County Road 25-TT. Arredondo said he would look into it.

Commissioner Jason Anderson requested that Arredondo look into pricing for solar speed signs.

BEN GIBBONS, COUNTY ATTORNEY

Gibbons stated there have been issues with a lady by the name of Ms. Houston, who had lost a piece of property due to nonpayment of taxes. The property was deeded and lot consolidated by the county, she was given a different lot. She now doesn't want the lot and wants to deed it back to the County.

Gibbons stated that three names have been forwarded to the Governor for the replacement of Judge Pattie Swift. The Governor has until the 22nd to select.

Gibbons has received hemp policies from other counties to review.

TRISH GILBERT, COUNTY CLERK & RECORDER, Report Attached
LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL, TOMICHI CREEK TRADING POST

- Application has been received

- No violations per Sheriff's Report
- Required fees have been paid

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON TO APPROVE THE LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL FOR TOMICHI CREEK TRADING POST

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER TIM LOVATO

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON TO APPROVE THE LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE CLERK FOR THE ELECTRONIC RECORDING TECHNOLOGY BOARD GRANT

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER TIM LOVATO

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON TO SIGN THE LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE COLORADO STATE FOREST SERVICE GRANT IN THE NAME OF THE KUNDALINI FIRE MANAGEMENT

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER TIM LOVATO

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Returned from lunch at 1:00 P.M.

WENDI MAEZ, LAND USE ADMINISTRATOR, Report Attached

1. There are no active applications at this time.
2. Bloomin Budz yearly review will be held on November 5, 2019, as the owner had a scheduling conflict and will not be able to attend today's meeting.

County Owned Lot Bids

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TIM LOVATO TO ACCEPT THE BID FROM ROY GEORGE STOYUNOV IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,101 FOR LOT 12, BLOCK K, LAZY KV ESTATES

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Jennings paid a total of \$737.34 for his Conditional Use request several years ago and is now requesting a refund of the fee or partial fees as this CUP process has not been completed.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TIM LOVATO TO REIMBURSE MR. JENNINGS \$600.00 OF HIS \$734.34 FEES PAID

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

WENDI MAEZ, ACTING COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, Report Attached

1. Saguache County Sales Tax Grant request to purchase AEDs, batteries and pads.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON FOR THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO GRANT AN EMERGENCY SALES TAX GRANT TO SAGUACHE COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,659.00 FOR THE PURCHASE OF 3 COMPLETE AEDS AND 4 SETS OF BATTERIES AND PADS FOR THE OUTDATED AEDS
SECOND BY COMMISSIONER TIM LOVATO
VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 VOTES AGAINST: 0
MOTION CARRIED**

2. Roof Bids

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TIM LOVATO TO TAKE \$30,000 FROM THE FUND BALANCE AND OFFER THE CONTRACT TO DNR CONSTRUCTION FOR REPLACEMENT OF THE SHINGLES ON THE COURT HOUSE ROOF
SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON
VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 VOTES AGAINST: 0
MOTION CARRIED**

3. Tyler Financial System Discussion.

The Board agreed to get the Administration Department in order before they purchase the Tyler System.

4. SRTS Proposal from Center Schools provided a letter showing where they are in the process of obtaining a grant.

Lynne Thompson & Liza Marron, ScSEED Update:

Marron stated that the purpose of ScSEED is to work together as a community to develop a sustainable economy that builds on our existing strengths, contributes to a strong integrated community, and protects the environment, rural lifestyle and character of Saguache County.

Marron shared that they are working on education and youth in the three school districts with HEART. They are also doing a Highway 285 safety project through the town of Saguache.

Tristram Post, Public Lands Monthly Discussion:

Post stated that she has still been busy with the Decker Fire. They will be bringing in a new team from Nevada.

There are two timber sales going to bid today.

The campgrounds in the Forest will now actually be closing on the 31st of October.

Seeing no further business, Commissioner Ken Anderson adjourns the meeting at 2:49 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

DWhite

DOMINIQUE WHITE FOR
TRISH GILBERT, CLERK & RECORDER

DATE MINUTES APPROVED: November 5, 2019

Ken Anderson

KEN ANDERSON, COMMISSIONER,
BOARD CHAIR



Jason Anderson

JASON ANDERSON, COMMISSIONER

Tim Lovato

TIM LOVATO, COMMISSIONER

Trish Gilbert

ATTEST
TRISH GILBERT
CLERK & RECORDER