

SAGUACHE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2020

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER:

The Meeting was called to order by Board Chair, Ken Anderson, at 9:10 A.M., with the Following members present:

Ken Anderson, Commissioner, Board Chair
Jason Anderson, Commissioner
Tim Lovato, Commissioner
Wendi Maez, 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. Dan Warwick will not be in attendance today.
- 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

Reorganization of the Board

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TIM LOVATO TO ASK COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON TO BE BOARD CHAIR FOR 2020

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 ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 17, 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: 01/07/2020

1. **Rio Grande Water Conservation District** sent a reminder for the Board of Directors Meeting scheduled on January 21, 2020 beginning at 10:00 A.M. at the Rio Grande Water Conservation Building located at 8805 Independence Way, Alamosa Colorado. (Received December 27, 2019)
2. **State Board of Equalization** sent a Public Service Announcement stating the State Board of Equalization will have a hearing on January 10, 2020 at 1:00 P.M. at 1313 Sherman Street, Room 419, Denver Colorado. (Received December 27, 2019)
3. **Colorado Counties, INC.** sent a 2019 Annual Report. (Received December 23, 2019)
4. **Town of Moffat** sent a Notice for the re-opened public hearing for Potch Annexation No. 3; the Town of Moffat Board of Trustees intends to reopen the eligibility hearing on January 21, 2020, for the sole purpose of allowing the County to provide input on the Potch Annexation No. 3. This hearing will commence at 6:30 P.M. at Moffat Town Hall, 401 Lincoln Ave. Moffat Colorado. (Received December 30, 2019)
5. **State of Colorado Division of Property Taxation** sent a notice of Forfeiture Rescinded for Namu Buddha Seminar. (Received December 30, 2019)
6. **CCI Public Lands** sent an approved 2020 Public Lands budget and dues structure. (Received December 30, 2019)
7. **Colorado State Land Board** sent an invitation to attend the "Three Secrets of Increasing Profit" seminar presented by Dallas Mount on Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at 8:30 A.M. at the Trinidad State Junior College Sullivan Center, Pioneer Room, 600 Prospect Street Trinidad Colorado. (Received January 2, 2020)
8. **Colorado State Land Board** sent an Annual Report for 2018 – 2019. (Received January 2, 2020)
9. **Gunnison County Metropolitan Recreation District** sent an annual report on their service plan that is to be provided to the Saguache Board of County Commissioners. (Received January 3, 2020)

Introduction of Guests:

Sandia Belgrade
Randy Arredondo
Connie Trujillo
Tony Jennings
Robert Tafoya
Rebie Hazard
Hank Day
Daniel Otero
Kelly Michelle
Sarah Duncan-Pearson
Della Veiria

Public Comment:

Robert Tafoya asked the Board who is going to give responses to the issues that he has brought up in the past; Highway 17 issue. Robert stated that over the Holiday weekend they got a lot of snow and the roads didn't get cleaned up until after Christmas.

Tony Jennings stated that no one has come out to his property for the blight order. People are now stealing stuff from the property. Commissioner Jason Anderson suggested talking with the Sheriff's Office.

Hank Day stated he has attended most of the Town Meetings in Moffat; the Town passed a motion requesting assistance in legal funds to move forward with the Annexation. They have asked for assistance in cleaning up the mess from the fire. The thousands of dollars they are going to spend on a private corporation to help them with a legal fight, what are they doing with the county funds to clean up the fire. Where is our tax money going?

The Board stated Hank needs to speak with the Town of Moffat on where the tax money is being spent.

Rebie Hazard thanked the Commissioners for the donation for the Wreaths Across America. Hazard came before the Board regarding the wolf introduction. It will not only affect cattlemen, it will affect tourism, as well as wildlife. Commissioner Jason Anderson stated he would vow that Saguache County Commissioners will stand with the Counties of the Western Slope and other rural Counties on this issue.

Department and Board Appointments

2020 Board Chairman

Jason Anderson

STAFF Appointments

Blue Peaks Development – 3-year term

Budget Officer – Wendi Maez

SLV Community Action Agency - Wendi Maez, Evan Samora and Pam Williams

County Administrator – Wendi Maez

County Attorney – Ben Gibbons

County Emergency Manager – Robert “Bobby” Woelz

Regional Emergency Trauma Advisory Council Designee – Robert “Bobby” Woelz

All Hazards – Robert “Bobby” Woelz

Public Information Officer – Robert “Bobby” Woelz

County Weed Coordinator – Randal Arredondo

Environmental Certifying Official – Lynette Grant

Health Department Designee for Land Use Issues – Acting Interim Amber Wilson

Health Department Designee for Public Health Issues – Lynette Grant

Housing Director – Evan Samora

Landfill Supervisor – Randal Arredondo

Land Use Administrator – Acting Interim Amber Wilson

Local Board of Health, Medical Director – Dr. Eli Walker

Human Resources Director – April Quintana

Road and Bridge Supervisor – Randal Arredondo

Public Health and Nursing Services Director – Lynette Grant

SLV GIS/GPS Reps – Wendi Maez, Connie Trujillo and Kaye Maez

SLV Housing Coalition – Evan Samora

Social Services Director – Linda Warsh
Veterans Services Officer – Jim Sheeran
Gunnison Basin Weed Commission – Randal Arredondo
Saguache County Weed Board – Randal Arredondo
SLV Development Resources Group Citizen Appointment –
Saguache County Airport Manager – Wendi Maez
County Auditors – 2019 Audit – Hinkle and Company
Official Newspaper – Saguache Crescent
Official Publication Site – Saguache County Website - www.saguachecounty.net
Gunnison Basin Roundtable – Kathleen Curry
SLV Fair Board Representative – Nicole Rockey
Colorado River Water Board Representative – Rebie Hazard
Gunnison River Water Basin Board Representative – Rebie Hazard
Upper Arkansas Conservancy District Roundtable Representative – Tom Goodwin

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TIM LOVATO TO HAVE DISCUSSION IN
EXECUTIVE SESSION DURING BEN GIBBONS TIME FOR LEGAL COUNSEL
SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON**

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO AMEND THE AGENDA
SECOND BY COMMISSIONER TIM LOVATO**

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO APPROVE REBIE HAZARD
FOR THE COLORADO RIVER DISTRICT BOARD SAGUACHE COUNTY
REPRESENTATIVE**

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER TIM LOVATO

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Board of County Commissioners Roles

Administration – Jason Anderson
Land Use – Ken Anderson
Airport – Ken Anderson
Department of Social Services – Jason Anderson
Road and Bridge/Landfill – Ken Anderson
Public Health – Tim Lovato
Veteran’s Office – Tim Lovato
Attorney General Office/SLV Trails Coalition – Jason Anderson
All Hazards – Tim Lovato

BOCC Chair – Jason Anderson
CCI Legislative Committee Designee – Jason Anderson
County Designated Health Officer/County Quarantine Officer – Tim Lovato
Courthouse Security Team, Commissioner Representatives – Tim Lovato and Sheriff Dan Warwick
Emergency Management/Homeland Security Executive Board – Tim Lovato
Gunnison Sage Grouse Strategic Conservation Committee – Ken Anderson, Wendi Maez/Elinor Laurie
County Coalition for Gunnison Sage Grouse – Ken Anderson
Local Board of Health Chair – Jason Anderson
RAC (Rocky Mountain RAC) – BLM Front Range RAC – Jason Anderson
REACT Board - Jason Anderson
Senior Citizens Liaison – Ken Anderson
Saguache County Museum Rep – Tim Lovato
SLV Council of Governments, Executive Board – Ken Anderson
SLV Development Resources Group (DRG) – Ken Anderson
SLV Regional Transportation Commission / STAC Committee – Ken Anderson
SLV Regional Emergency Trauma Advisory Council ad hoc – Tim Lovato
State Health Department Designee – Tim Lovato
Tourism Council Liaison – Ben Gerade
Veterans Task Force (Valley Commissioners/Valley Veterans) – Tim Lovato
SLV Broadband Representative – Ken Anderson
SLV Habitat Conservation Plan Steering Committee – Ken Anderson and Wendi Maez
BLM Cooperating Agency Rep – Jason Anderson and Wendi Maez
Communities That Care Designee – Tim Lovato
UAS/COAA County Rep – Ken Anderson and Wendi Maez
US Forest Service RAC - Jason Anderson

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TIM LOVATO TO APPROVE THE
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE STAFF APPOINTMENTS AND THE BOCC ROLES
SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON**

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

Jason Anderson

Went to the landfill and did a check. I was impressed, the new cell and fence looked good. My only concern is that it seems like some vehicles are being left on site. Attended a New Year's gathering for Neighbors Helping Neighbors. Spoke with Wendi Maez concerning sending flowers for a couple of losses that we had over the holidays. One was for the Treasurer and the other was for Teresa Benns. Attended office hours. One person came through to talk about affordable housing in the County.

Tim Lovato

12/23 – Met and spoke with Hal Hewett in Alamosa about the Census Count. I drove County Road G and County Road 53.

12/27 – Spoke with Kathleen Curry about legislation that will possibly be proposed in the upcoming year, she will be coming to give the Commissioners an update on the Round Table of which she represents Saguache County.

Spoke with Rebie Hazard about the wolf introduction as well as stock water issues.

12/30 – Spoke with several constituents about the Moffat Annexation and they thanked the Commissioners on their decision on County Road 59.

1/2/ – I met with Peggy Godfrey and we discussed the information that she has researched about Stage 4 & 5 and the impact the Closed Basin may have on the Saguache Creek and San Luis Creek Drainages.

1/6 – Spoke with a constituent from the Sargents area about the wolf proposal and whether Saguache County will have a resolution about the reintroduction of wolves to our County.

Ken Anderson

Attended multiple Christmas Parties before the 19th.

12/19 – Attended the 4-H Foundation for the Hudson Ranch.

Had discussion with multiple people about roads and water.

Had a person contact me about the VSO, he had tried to contact Jim Sheeran and there wasn't an answering machine.

On the 9th the Rio Grande Water Conservation will have a get together to talk about water in the San Luis Valley.

Returned from break at 10:32 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 KEN ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON TO SIGN THE YOUTH TIMESHEET GUIDELINES BEGINNING JANUARY 7, 2020

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER TIM LOVATO

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Grant stated that the Office of Behavioral Health grant will not be renewed for 20/21. They are currently working on the job descriptions for youth positions for CTC. Grant is considering implementing a program called Y Time for hours worked in each program. Grant wants to get into the Medicaid program.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TIM LOVATO TO COME OUT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3
MOTION CARRIED

VOTES AGAINST: 0

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

JIM SHEERAN, VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER

Sheeran presented the report for the grant money that was distributed. The first grant was in March for \$2,500, the second grant was in September for \$1,000 and the third grant was for \$2,000. This was all a result of Sheeran not filling out an application for the Veterans Assistance Grant.

RANDAL ARREDONDO, ROAD AND BRIDGE SUPERVISOR

Arredondo sent the bill to the gentleman who cut the road. Arredondo received a bill from the gentleman in the exact amount, for repairing his fence.

Arredondo will be doing evaluations on the 24th and 25th of January.

An Employee recently got hurt and is on workman's comp. Another employee will be leaving at the end of the month, which brings Road and Bridge down 5 employees.

Della Veiria, Alamosa County Public Health – Options for Long Term Care

Veiria stated that about three years ago the department that governs the single point entry approached several agencies in the state to let us know that because we had our Options Programs and our Personal Care Provider Programs under the same governing body, we were considered to be in the conflict of interest situation. Our options were either shutting down shop completely or getting rid of either the Options Program or the Personal Care Provider Program. We started meeting as a region so that we can work through it together. Single Entry Point means that if someone is in need of support services at home to remain there safely rather than going to a nursing home, you should be able to come into an agency and get information and once the financial piece is taken care of then a home visit will be done to show what that person is eligible for.

Returned from lunch at 1:00 P.M.

AMBER WILSON, INTERIM LAND USE ADMINISTRATOR, Report Attached

1. Crestone End of Life Project Three Year Review

The Saguache County Land Use Office has not received any letters of complaints within the last 3 years.

CEOLP has been in compliance with the State and County Regulations.

They are allowed to have 8 cremations per year and not to exceed 24 cremations in a 3 Consecutive year period.

They will attend the meeting to present to you what has happened in the last 3 years

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TIM LOVATO TO APPROVE THE 3 – YEAR REVIEW FOR THE END OF LIFE PROJECT

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

2. 1-11, LLC Yearly Review

Facility has been up and running with them paying their monthly marijuana excise tax.
Buildings are in the correct location according to the sketch plan.
No letters of concern within the last 12 months.
Water meters are installed and are in compliance with the Division of Water Resources.
Security and DVR rooms are installed and working.
Lighting (shading) is installed.
Adequate telephone and internet services are installed and working.
Parking is in the correct location.
Septic is County approved.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO ACCEPT THE YEARLY REVIEW OF 1-11 LLC

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER TIM LOVATO

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

3. Planning Commission Board Appointments

Saguache County Planning Commission
Jeff Shook – member – reappointment
Bill McClure – member – reappointment
Richard Drake – member – reappointment
Nick Huffman – alternate member – reappointment

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO ACCEPT THE REAPPOINTMENT FOR JEFF SHOOK, BILL MCCLURE, RICHARD DRAKE, AND NICK HUFFMAN

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER TIM LOVATO

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Commissioner Jason Anderson stated the Board is very satisfied with Code Enforcement Officer Alejandro Heredia’s work; as a result, the board is exploring the idea of expanding his job. The board asked if Heredia would take over the Airport Manager position.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO APPOINT ALEJANDRO HEREDIA TO BE THE AIRPORT MANAGER

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER TIM LOVATO

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

WENDI MAEZ, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, Report Attached

1. Alamosa County has sent a letter written to Governor Polis concerning Single Entry Point Services for Alamosa and Saguache County through the Alamosa Public Health Department, with concerns on regards to HCPF Office of Community Living. Alamosa County feels that OCL fails to show transparency in decision making, communications and general duties. Email received has been forwarded to commissioners with the letter attached.

2. A discussion concerning CSU Extension Services will be discussed sometime in January with the Valley County Administrators. Maez would like to have a list of concerns from the Board to discuss at this meeting.
3. Email has been received from Christy Doon, DOLA concerning the possibility of working towards abandonment of the Town of Bonanza once again. It has been five years since the Secretary of State concluded abandonment because of the 2009 Election referred in the local newspaper and has now been an additional five years since that conclusion and no election has been held. Ms. Doon would like to know if the commissioner would like to discuss the possibility again.
4. CCI has sent the Public Lands invoice for 2020, the Board has made the decision not to pay the Public Lands dues this year.

5. Comment letter concerning the Closed Basin Project, requested by Peggy Godfrey.
MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TIM LOVATO TO ALLOW THE BOARD TO EDIT A LETTER TO BE GIVEN TO PEGGY GODFREY AS THE NORTHERN SAGUACHE COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE AND TO BE COMPLETED AT THE NEXT WORK SESSION

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

6. Auditors will be in on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week to work in distributions for 2019.

BEN GIBBONS, COUNTY ATTORNEY

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

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER TIM LOVATO

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Back in Session from Executive Session at 2:35 P.M.

Seeing no further business, Commissioner Jason Anderson adjourns the meeting at 2:45 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

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DOMINIQUE WHITE FOR
TRISH GILBERT, CLERK & RECORDER

DATE MINUTES APPROVED: January 21, 2019

Jason Anderson

JASON ANDERSON,
COMMISSIONER, BOARD CHAIR



Ken Anderson

KEN ANDERSON, COMMISSIONER

Tim Lovato

TIM LOVATO, COMMISSIONER

Jane Whitten

ATTEST *Deputy*
TRISH GILBERT
CLERK & RECORDER