Vanessa Conway (Temporary)

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Sent:	Sunday, January 26, 2014 3:55 PM
To:	████████████████████████ Linda Joseph; ███████████████████ ████████████████████ Vanessa Conway (Temporary); Suzanne Staiert; Lisa Cyriacks
Subject:	Requested Meeting to Discuss Abandonment Proceedings for the Town of Bonanza

Dear Saguache County Commissioners,

My name is Jim Shepherd, we own property on Bonanza Road, and have recently become involved with the issue regarding the abandonment procedures underway for the town of Bonanza. In talking with my neighbors in the Bonanza area, it is nearly unanimous that all are opposed to seeing this historic town abandoned and would like to work with you in this regard.

During the hearing on January 7th I testified, submitted documents and entered a statement. If at all possible I believe it would be in everyone's best interest to prevent this issue from becoming a divisive and adversarial issue between the county and the property owners in the Bonanza area. Rather, it seems to me that it would be beneficial for all parties to work together, with the goal in mind of arriving at an agreement, as to the best way for us to resolve this issue in a manner that would serve everyones needs and best interests. We have many questions regarding the county's position, needs, concerns and desires in this matter while having concerns, ideas and proposals of our own. It is our hope that by working together, we will be able to arrive at a solution that will meet the needs of all parties, including that of the county. We would like an opportunity to speak with you, our county commissioners, regarding ideas that might save the township, make retaining the township an advantage to both the county as well as the local residents in the area while ameliorating any of the concerns the county may have. Accordingly, we request that a meeting be scheduled to discuss this issue before any further action is taken by the county to abandon the Bonanza township.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter and I look forward to hearing back from each of you.

Kind Regards,

-Jim Shepherd-