

**YUMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**December 31, 2013**

**Minutes<sup>1</sup>**

At 8:00 a.m., the Yuma County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on the 31st of December, 2013, with Chairman Robin Wiley, Commissioners Dean Wingfield and Trent Bushner present.

Administrator Linda Briggs was present throughout the day.

The commissioners reviewed with each other on affiliated meetings that each attended within the last two weeks.

Health and Human Services -

The commissioners conducted business with Dave Henson, Director of the Department of Health and Human Services.

Darlene Carpio –

Economic Development Director Darlene Carpio updated informed the commissioners of some upcoming broadband meetings important to Yuma County. Funds available for providing internet access to the rural areas will be discussed. In our area, the middle mile distribution has been met. Funds for the last mile are important to us. It is expected that the discussion will be on where the broadband network needs financial support to finish.

Meetings have taken place with most of the providers to find out what their needs are and where improvements need to be. Carpio said the cost of the last mile is a big challenge. One example of the need for having high speed available to each rural residence is to enable a cattle buyer to make a bid over the internet.

Carpio recommended establishing policies to make sure the service provider covers the need of Yuma County and not allowed to pick and choose whom they connect.

With several issues coming before the next legislative session, it was recommended having CCI lobby for broad-band needs on behalf of the rural counties. This will be discussed with CCI.

Road & Bridge -

In attendance from the Road and Bridge Department were: Supervisor Mark Shaw, Truck/Mining Foreman Howard McGinnis, updated the commissioners on road department activities.

- Shaw informed the board of where the road crew is working and that they will be hauling material to KK and N from material piled near the Cure pit.
- The new packer will be mounted on Casey's grader to test.
- No one has been found to clean the Armel house. Shaw will inquire with a different company.
- During cold weather, they have had time to do some repairs.
- A list of contents held in south dock area was presented for liquidation. The commissioners recommended checking with the city and school to see if we could combine items for an auction. The commissioners supported letting the road and bridge department use the grasshopper mower and fix the snow blower for use at the courthouse. The air conditioners may be used at the fairgrounds.
- Six of the thirteen areas have done a sign assessment. Approximately \$16,000 of signs will be purchased for the needed replacements.
- A road request from Karen Nelson was considered. Following discussion, the commissioners were in favor of grading the road a couple of times a year as it is currently on the school bus route and if the property owner that originally constructed the road had no objections.

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<sup>1</sup> These minutes prepared by Linda Briggs are summarized discussions, not verbatim.

John Westerberg -

Also present: Greg Brueggeman was present during the last half of the discussion. John Westerberg informed the commissioners that a lot of equipment, tools, large compressor, trailers, a camper and one-of-a-kind items had been stolen from different locations, after he moved into Yuma, four years ago. Damage was done to the buildings. Westerberg said some individuals were charged. He has had no restitution from anyone. The District Attorney has released one trailer to Yuma County, because it has been considered abandoned. He would like that trailer but there is a \$15,000 storage bill on the trailer. Westerberg said he does not have \$15,000 to get the trailer. He felt the county should get the trailer and give it to him. The sheriff said he did not have the funds to pay the storage fee. Westerberg said he was here as a last resort. He cannot get justice from the courts or the sheriff's department. Westerberg stated he would be willing to construct a yard for storage fees like this.

The commissioners said they would talk to the sheriff about the trailer.

Fred Raish -

Fred Raish dropped in to say goodbye to the commissioners as he has resigned his eleven year position as Supervisor of the Yuma County Pest Control District.

Sheriff Chad Day -

Sheriff Chad Day said John Westerberg had 3 burglaries at 3 different locations. There were four arrested for these burglaries. Restitution is not high on the priority list. The District Attorney has deemed a pickup and trailer located at JR's as abandoned, which then gets returned to Yuma County. The storage fee is around \$15,000 each. Usually vehicles are left at JR's only long enough to get a search warrant and then removed. When there is a high fee against an item, the lot owner receives the item in storage in lieu of the fee. These two items have been in storage for three and a-half years. The commissioners recommended other options for storing long term items, with the road and bridge grounds being one.

Day presented two items for action.

**Commissioner Wingfield moved to approve the Law Enforcement Agreement between the Town of Eckley and Yuma County. Eckley will pay the Yuma County \$400 for services during 2014. Commissioner Bushner seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.** This agreement is the same as last year.

**Commissioner Bushner moved to approve the Food Service Contract between Yuma County and CBM Managed Services for providing food to inmates at the Yuma County Jail at a fee of \$4.15 per meal. Commissioner Wingfield seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

Day presented prices on vehicles for comparison and consideration later on. The commissioners asked that he get a quote from a dealer that may be considerably lower on the government bid. Day said one fleet car needs replaced soon and asked if it might be traded in instead of selling through the bid process.

Day stated he had received the approved 2014 budgeted positions in the jail and sheriff's department. One of the positions was removed for which he felt he had been approved. Day restated his previous position on staffing needs from increased court security and transports. Day handed out an inmate roster for 2013. Because of not receiving the staff as requested, Day requested moving some of the salary lines from the jail budget to the sheriff's budget; as he can give up salaries in the jail easier than a patrol position. The commissioners said they would need to talk it over and would let him know.

The commissioners said it is time to look at the 1.6 million dollars the county spends along with what the Cities of Wray and Yuma spend. Some sort of restructuring needs to take place for there is a lot of money spent for on

a population of 10,000.

[Later in the day, after discussing the Sheriff's request, the commissioners decided the salary lines should remain as first approved with no reallocation of funds between the two departments, as additional costs would need be occurred such as a vehicle and fuel.]

Assessor Cindy Taylor –

Taylor presented a contract for services to continue the services with John Zimmerman. Taylor said the contract is the same as last year. Following discussion, **Commissioner Wingfield moved to approve the two year contract with Value West, Inc. for Commercial Reappraisal Project for the Yuma County Assessor's Office in the amount of \$2,000 per month for calendar year of January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2015. Commissioner Bushner seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

Taylor said the acquisition of CCI by Harris Company, as approved by the bankruptcy court, took place last Friday. A contract with Harris should have been already received, but it was sent to Yuma, Arizona not to us. They have confirmed there would be a hardware refresh as in the agreement with CCI.

Sheriff Day reentered the meeting.

Taylor stated that on Friday she thought she would have to use the panic button because of a resident being in the office four hours each day for three days wanting his legal description reviewed. On Friday when he left at 10 minutes to 4 in the afternoon, she went to the sheriff's office to see if anyone was there to help with this person. No one was in the reception area. It took a long time for a response from the intercom to her and to a delivery from the drug store. Sheriff Day named several people that were in the department but did not hear the bell. Day told Taylor that the panic button should be used if she feels there is a need and there would be an immediate response.

Land Use –

At 1:09 p.m., Chairman Robin Wiley opened the hearing for public comment on the following activities as advertised two Applications for Exemption from Subdivision Regulations.

*Byron and Kim Kramer/ Exemption from Subdivision:*

Briggs presented her staff report on Kramer's request to separate the 4.58 acre home site from the surrounding agriculture land. Briggs said no written comments or calls were received at the administrative office relating to this request.

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*Bruce and Diane Mann / Exemption from Subdivision:*

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No public attended the hearing to make to make comments.

The commissioners reviewed the planning commission recommendations on the applications. Through a duly made motion at 1:34 p.m. the hearing was closed.

**Commissioner Wingfield moved to approve the two Applications for Exemptions from Subdivision Regulations for:**

**Byron and Kim Kramer to divide a 4.58 acre tract from 160 acres in the Northwest quarter of Section 31, Township 5 North, Range 42 West for a home site. Recorded under Reception No 0059372.**

**and**

**Bruce and Diane Mann to divide 7.63 acres from 320 acres in the West half of Section 22 in Township 4 South, Range 46 West for the 7.63 acre home site to be sold. Recorded under Reception No. 00559373. Commissioner Bushner seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.**

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A call was made to Clerk Beverly Wenger to discuss the lease agreement for space in the Yuma City Hall as the lease does not state the dollar amount for the improvements. Wenger will discuss this with the Yuma City Manager.

Travis Dinsmore / House at 311 Birch –

Travis Dinsmore presented the quotes received for replacing windows in the house. The commissioners approved of purchasing one window for Dinsmore to install. Dinsmore will then decide if he wants to install the remaining windows. **Following the discussion, Commissioner Bushner moved to approve doing away with the window in the pantry and to purchase windows for 311 Birch from Wray Lumber. Commissioner Wingfield seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.**

The drain in the west bedroom is not working property. The commissioners agreed to have the plumber see where the problem is by using a camera.

Board Appointments –

**Commissioner Wingfield moved to reappoint the following:**

- **Ross Tuell to the Yuma County Planning Commission. This is a three-year appointment scheduled to expire January 1, 2017.**
- **Ron Blach, Bruce Mann, and Dana Shaw to the Weed & Pest Control District. These are three year terms expiring on January 1, 2017.**
- **Daryl Eggers to the Eckley Cemetery District Board. This is a three-year appointment expiring on November 1, 2016.**
- **Ron and Cindy Richards to the Kirk Cemetery District Board. These are six-year appointments expiring on November 1, 2019.**
- **Robert Harding to the Revolving Loan Fund. This is a three-year term expiring on December 31, 2016.**
- **Jonnie Owens and Brian Cunningham to the Economic Development Board. These are four-year appointments expiring on December 31, 2017.**
- **Julie Rus and Roger Brown to the W-Y Authority Board. These are three-year appointments expiring on December 31, 2016.**

**Commissioner Bushner seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.**

Administrator's Report -

Administrator Linda Briggs reviewed calls, correspondence, and presented the following for action:

Certification of Accounts Payable for December 30 and 31, 2013, drawn on Yuma County Funds, with check #55671 through #55851, #55918 through #55930, #55932 through #55954, #56159 through #56163, #56238, #56239, and #56436 through #56440 totaling the sum of \$597,308.42 and Fund 16 W-Y Combined Communication EFT systems, payable for December 31, 2013, check #6794 through #6818 and check #6842 through #6843, totaling the sum of \$35,567.72 were signed by Chairman Robin Wiley.

Certification of Payroll for December 31, 2013, drawn on Yuma County Funds, EFT system #29911 through #29937 and checks #35623 through #35753 totaling the sum of \$228,302.47, and along with Fund 16 W-Y Combined Communication EFT system number # 5102 through # 5114 totaling the sum of \$34,597.50 were approved and signed by Chairman Robin Wiley.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Bushner and seconded by Commissioner Wingfield to approve the minutes of December, 16, 2013. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Commissioner Wingfield moved to join the Wray Chamber of Commerce for 2014 by paying the dues of \$360. Commissioner Bushner seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.**

Chairman Wiley signed the Veterans Report for December, 2013.

**Commissioner Bushner moved to approve the Ambulance Service License for the Wray Ambulance Service starting the first day of January 2014 to the first day of January 2015. Commissioner Wingfield seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

The commissioners made their routine inspection of the jail.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m. The next meeting of the board will be January 14 and January 31, 2014.

A listing of meetings attended by the Commissioners during the month of December 2013 is attached.

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Robin Wiley, Chairman

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Linda Briggs, Administrator

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Beverly Wenger, County Clerk