

YUMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

March 28, 2019

Minutes<sup>1</sup>

On March 28, 2019 at 8:00 a.m., the Yuma County Board of Commissioners met in regular session. Chairman Robin Wiley, Commissioner Trent Bushner, Commissioner Dean Wingfield, and Administrator Andrea Calhoon were present throughout the day.

The Commissioners reviewed and signed accounts payable and payroll and discussed various meetings attended throughout the prior month.

Department of Human Services

The Board of County Commissioners convened as the Board of Social Services at 8:30 a.m. Human Services Director Kara Hoover, Eligibility Supervisor Dalene Rogers, Bookkeeper Melanie Fisher, and Receptionist Robin Barnhardt were present.

**Commissioner Bushner moved to approve the 2019 CCCAP Fiscal Agreement and Rate Schedule as presented. Commissioner Wingfield seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

**Commissioner Wingfield moved to approve the contract with Jennifer Higgins DBA Lifeline for Freedom for provision of core services. Commissioner Bushner seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.**

**Commissioner Bushner moved to approve the Parent Fee Hardship Policy as presented. Commissioner Wingfield seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

The Board of County Commissioners reconvened at 9:35 a.m.

Road and Bridge

Road & Bridge Supervisor JR Colden joined the meeting at 9:37 a.m. to provide the department updates.

*Current Projects*

- *Current Road Work* – Colden reported on current road work on County Roads SS and CC
- *Truck Trades* – Colden presented trade offers on trucks in consideration of the ongoing discussion of fleet updates.
- *Blade Trade* – Colden reviewed with the Commissioners a potential plan to replace an additional motor grader this fiscal year in exchange for the replacement of fewer trucks. The group compared the plan to the proposed Road & Bridge capital acquisition plan and long-range fleet planning.
- *Wauneta House Improvements* – Colden requested consideration of improvements to the Wauneta house including the addition of egress windows in the basement and a bathroom update. **Commissioner Bushner moved to approve the bid from Howard's Tri-State Construction for addition of a basement egress window and remodel of the basement bathroom for an amount not to exceed \$6,000 to be paid from Fund 2. Commissioner Wingfield seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**
- *Gravel Exploration* – Colden reported on current gravel exploration activities including a State Land Board lease location off of Highway 385 at County Roads 19 & 20 and on the Wudtke property.

Windlab Technologies, Monica Jensen

Monica Jensen of Windlab technologies joined the meeting at 10:30 a.m. to discuss wind farm project and industry updates and their impact on Yuma County. Jensen discussed relationship management between her organization and the County as potential future projects are assessed and researched. Jensen reported challenges with

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<sup>1</sup> Minutes prepared by Andrea Calhoon are a summary of discussions, not a verbatim account.





transmission for construction of wind farms in Yuma County as the primary barrier to construction of facilities within the County.

#### Pioneer Irrigation Ditch, Curt Soehner

At 11:30 a.m. the Commissioners were joined by Curt Soehner of the Pioneer Irrigation Ditch to discuss an update to the agreement between the two organizations. Soehner discussed operational issues with the Pioneer Irrigation Ditch continuing down its historical path, primarily related to the limited pool of available board members due to Nebraska laws on irrigation ditch board management. Soehner discussed potential resolution options including the pros and cons of each. The group discussed potential solutions and outcomes of the situation. The conversation was tabled for further assessment of options by the Pioneer Irrigation Ditch board.

#### Land Use

Yuma County Land Use Administrator/GIS Coordinator Colten Yoast was heard at 1:00 p.m. to review Land Use and GIS business and to conduct Land Use Hearings.

- *Land Use Hearings* – Land Use Hearings were opened at 1:01 p.m. Yoast presented the following for signature.
  - **EFS0319-03 for Boyd Arnold** to divide a parcel of 10.04 acres, more or less, from 47.8 acres, more or less, in the N ½ of S 2, T1N, R43W for purpose of resale.

Land Use Hearings closed at 1:11 p.m.

**Commissioner Bushner moved to sign Resolution 03-28-2019 A approving the exemption from subdivision application EFS0319-03 for Boyd Arnold to divide a parcel of 10.04 acres, more or less, from 47.8 acres, more or less, in the N ½ of S 2, T1N, R43W for purpose of resale with the stipulation that the permit complies with EPA 404 permit criteria, if applicable. Commissioner Wingfield seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

- *Pending Land Use Activity* – Yoast reported no permit applications received to date for April.
- *Floodplain Update* – Yoast reported on his attending a floodplain training in Colorado Springs on Monday, March 18. Yoast will continue work on a proposed floodplain permit that will be presented to the Planning Commission and the Board of County Commissioners at future respective meetings.
- *Land Sales* – Yoast reported on proposed dates for the closing on a parcel of land sold to Schaffners. The originally scheduled closure for March 26 did not occur. Yoast requested additional dates of availability for April to schedule with the landowner.
- *Correspondence* – Yoast reported on correspondence received and discussed with the group.

#### GIS

- *Mapping* – Yoast reported working on updates for the master map and continues work on Road & Bridge and Emergency Management maps.
- *Conference Attendance* – Yoast reported on attending an ESRI professional mapping conference in Colorado Springs March 25-27.

#### Washington County Commissioners Teleconference

At 3:00 p.m., the Commissioners met via teleconference with the Washington County Board of County Commissioners for a review of operations of the WY Communications Center. The group discussed perspectives of each respective County and the results of each County's local review of operations with local responding agencies

as well as the long-term financial outlook for overall operations. The Commissioners of both counties will aggregate their evaluative comments for presentation at the next WY Communications Board meeting April 18, 2019.

#### Ag Innovation Center

At 4:00 p.m. the Commissioners heard updates from Dave Blach, Curt Fix, JoLynn Midcap, and Jed Gleghorn on grant application statuses and proposed construction plans for the Yuma County Fairgrounds prepared by the Ag Innovation Center, LLC. The group reviewed proposed building plans and various associated considerations.

#### Administrator's Report


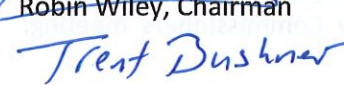
Administrator Andrea Calhoon reviewed calls, correspondence, and presented the following for action:


- **Minutes** – The Commissioners reviewed the minutes from the previous BOCC meeting. **Commissioner Bushner moved to approve the minutes from the March 15, 2019 Board of County Commissioners meeting. Commissioner Wingfield seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**
- **CAPP Report & Claim Review** – The Commissioners heard information on pending CAPP and workers' compensation claims.
- **Signatures and Ratifications** –
  - Resolutions/Ordinances/Signatures:
    - No resolutions or ordinances were presented for signature.
  - Invoices/Finance Requests:
    - **Commissioner Bushner moved to approve the 2018 property tax reimbursement request for the WRAC for a total of \$313.79. Commissioner Wiley seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**
  - Grant Updates – The Commissioners reviewed information regarding pending and submitted grant applications. **Commissioner Bushner moved to approve signature on the GOCO grant contract for \$350,000 in matching grant funds for the construction of an expansion to the Yuma County Fairgrounds beef barn and the addition of restrooms and a new wash rack. Commissioner Wingfield seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.**
- **Department Reports** – The Commissioners reviewed the Landfill Board's intention to advertise for a market analysis and feasibility study for landfill operations and discussed potential grant funding opportunities to assist in the cost, reviewed the Landfill 5-year air pollution emission notice, and reviewed the March 2019 Veteran's Service Officer report.
- **Prior Meeting Follow-Up** – Calhoon provided updates on ongoing projects including the implementation of new accounting software.
- **Correspondence** – Calhoon presented correspondence received since the last meeting including:
  - Various legislative bills and proposals from the State legislative session.
- **Oil & Gas Updates** – Calhoon reported on oil and gas updates since the last meeting including the rejection at the state level of a local drilling permit and Senate Bill 19-181 related to oil and gas drilling.
- **IT Updates** – Calhoon presented updates on various IT issues.
- **Maintenance Updates** – Calhoon reported on various facilities maintenance topics. Including the a recent inspection of the courthouse boiler system.

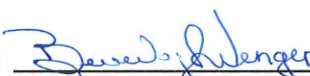


- **HR Updates** – Calhoon reported updates on County Human Resource topics including recruitment efforts for County employment vacancies and pending HR issues.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m. The next regular meetings of the Board of County Commissioners will be on April 15, 2019 and April 30, 2019.

  
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 Robin Wiley, Chairman  


  
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 Andrea Calhoon, Administrator

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 Beverly Wenger, County Clerk

