

YUMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
August 30, 2019
Minutes¹

On August 30, 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 discussed various meetings attended throughout the prior month.

Road and Bridge

Road & Bridge Supervisor JR Colden joined the meeting at 9:45 a.m. to provide department updates.

- *39-H-J Project* – Colden reported on the completion of the repave of County Roads 39, H, and J. The group discuss striping for the roads.
- *Washouts* – Colden discussed significant efforts over the last two weeks to repair washouts that occurred after the last series of severe storms. Colden’s team continues work on repair efforts.
- *Road Access Public Notice* – Colden discussed a marketing plan to increase public awareness of the road access permitting and fee process. The group discussed the fee structure and policies related to construction of road accesses. Colden will present a formal proposal at an upcoming meeting.
- *Godsey Pit Release* – Colden provided a report on the final release of the Godsey pit effective September 29, 2019. Colden reported that the reclamation efforts occurred faster than originally projected and that vegetative regrowth was exceptional.
- *John Deere Fuel Bonus Expenditure* – Colden presented a request to utilize the recently received John Deere fuel bonus gift card to purchase three riding mowers for area shops. **Commissioner Bushner moved to approve the purchase of 3 John Deere E150 mowers at a price of \$2150 each with the fuel bonus gift card. Commissioner Wingfield seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.**
- *Culvert Project* – Colden discussed his plan to begin a culvert project on County Road PP.5 at the end of September.
- *New Hires* – Colden presented salary authorization requests for new hire Accounting Clerk Leslie Laird and new hire Truck Driver/Equipment Operator Shawn Apodaca. **Commissioner Wingfield moved to approve the salary authorization requests for Leslie Laird and Shawn Apodaca. Commissioner Bushner seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

CDL Testing Unit, CHS Agronomy Internal Partnership

At 9:27 a.m. the Commissioners met with Jason Hovey, Todd Workman, and Josh Young of CHS Agronomy Internal Partnership to discuss the establishment of a Yuma County CDL Testing Unit in light of the recent decommission of the Yuma County CDL testing site by the Phillips County testing unit. Also present for the meeting was Road & Bridge Supervisor JR Colden. An MOU between the entities will be researched and drafted for the next meeting.

County Clerk & Recorder, Bev Wenger

At 10:06 a.m. the Commissioners were joined by County Clerk & Recorder Bev Wenger to discuss recorded document digitization quotes and grants. **Commissioner Bushner moved to approve expenditure of \$76,844 for the digitization of historical Board of County Commissioner documents to be paid entirely by ERBT Grant funds. Commissioner Wingfield seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.**

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



County Attorney, Ken Fellman

At 10:28 a.m. the Commissioners met with County Attorney Ken Fellman. **Commissioner Bushner moved to enter into executive session under CRS 24-6-402(4)(b) for legal advice on specific legal matters. Commissioner Wingfield seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.** Present for executive session were Chairman Robin Wiley, Commissioner Trent Bushner, Commissioner Dean Wingfield, Sheriff Todd Combs, and Administrator Andrea Calhoon. Executive session ended at 11:26 a.m. No action was taken following executive session.

Land Use

Land Use Administrator Colten Yoast was heard at 1:25 p.m. to review Land Use and GIS business and conduct Land Use hearings.

- *Land Use Hearings* – Land use hearings opened at 1:26 p.m. Yoast presented the following for signature.
 - **EFS 0819-13 for Tyson Brown** to divide 1.48 acres, more or less, from 10.83 acres, more or less in the Sec 34, T2N, R47W for purpose of resale.
 - **EFS 0819-14 for Gary Newton** to divide 5.14 acres, more or less, from 316.16 acres, more or less, in the Sec 4, T2N, R45W for purpose of resale.

Land Use Hearings closed at 1:35 p.m.

Commissioner Bushner moved to approve signature on Resolution 08-30-2019 A approving exemption from subdivision EFS 0819-13 for Tyson Brown to divide 1.48 acres, more or less, from 10.83 acres, more or less in the Sec 34, T2N, R47W for purpose of resale. Commissioner Wingfield seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Commissioner Bushner moved to approve signature on Resolution 08-30-2019 B approving exemption from EFS 0819-14 for Gary Newton to divide 5.14 acres, more or less, from 316.16 acres, more or less, in the Sec 4, T2N, R45W for purpose of resale. Commissioner Wingfield seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

- *Republican River Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR)* – Yoast presented a conditional letter of map revision from Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions, Inc. on behalf of CDOT for floodplain mapping prior to bridge construction on Highway 34. The Commissioners took the information under advisement and tabled the discussion to the next meeting.

GIS

- *Parcel Book & Master Map Work* – Yoast reported his planned work on updating the parcel book and master map.

Exit Interview

Commissioner Bushner moved to enter into executive session at 2:00 p.m. under CRS 24-6-402(4)(f) for Personnel Matters to conduct an exit interview. Commissioner Wingfield seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Present for executive session were Chairman Robin Wiley, Commissioner Trent Bushner, Commissioner Dean Wingfield, Ana Baucke, and Administrator Andrea Calhoon. Executive session ended at 3:07 p.m. No action was taken following executive session.

Human Services

The Board of County Commissioners convened as the Board of Social Services at 3:10 p.m. Human Services Director Kara Hoover, Bookkeeper Melanie Fisher, and Receptionist Robin Barnhardt were present. Detailed minutes of the Board of Social Services are maintained separately by the Department of Human Services.

The Board of County Commissioners reconvened at 4:08 p.m.



Public Comment, Greg Brophy

At 4:30 p.m. the Commissioners met with Mr. Greg Brophy to discuss 2019 ballot Referendum DD related to a 10% sports wagering tax with revenue to be used to fund a variety of water-related projects for which no other funding stream exists. Mr. Brophy requested a vote of support for Referendum DD from the Board of County Commissioners. The group discussed potential impacts statewide and locally, including the local Republican River Restoration project.

Ag Innovation Center, Kenny Rogers & Duane Brown

At 5:00 p.m. the Commissioners heard from Kenny Rogers and Duane Brown representing High Plains Events Center DBA Ag Innovation Center to discuss funding updates on the beef barn expansion project. The group reviewed project costs and current fund balances as well as project timelines.

Administrator's Report

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

- **Minutes** – The Commissioners reviewed the minutes from the previous BOCC meeting. **Commissioner Wingfield moved to approve the minutes from the August 14, 2019 Board of County Commissioners meeting. Commissioner Bushner 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:**
 - **Commissioner Bushner moved to approve signature on Resolution 08-30-2019 C exempting wind turbines manufactured at the site of placement from business personal property tax. Commissioner Wingfield seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.**
 - A contract with Gary Moore Amusements for carnival services for the 2020 Fair was reviewed tabled for a future meeting to research comparative vendors.
 - **Invoices/Finance Requests:**
 - The Commissioners received notice that the additional HUTF monies from SB18-001 were received this month.
 - The Commissioners received the 2018 WY Communications Center audit report.
 - **Grant Updates:**
 - The Commissioners reviewed information regarding pending and submitted grant applications including the DOLA Administrative Planning Grant for the Ag Innovation Center and the DOLA Administrative Planning Grant application for a Landfill Feasibility Study.
Commissioner Bushner moved to support the 2020 Grey- and Black-Market Marijuana Grant application being submitted by the Yuma County Sheriff's Office. Commissioner Wingfield seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Commissioner Wingfield moved to change the VALE/VOCA grant signature authority to Chairman Robin Wiley for the current year. Commissioner Bushner seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.
- **Department Reports** – The Commissioners heard various department reports including the Murphy Brown Q1 and Q2 2019 monitoring reports, the Seaboard Q1 and Q2 2019 monitoring reports, the August 2019 Veteran's Service Officer report, and heard an update on the graduation of the South YW Ambulance



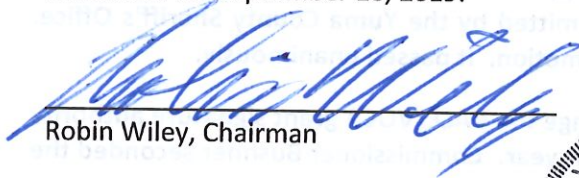
Service's Chris Monahan from a paramedic program funded through the CREATE grant and a contribution from Yuma County.


Commissioner Bushner moved to approve the IGA between the Yuma County Jail and Yuma County ambulance services for provision of mental health transport services for an amount not to exceed \$2,000 per transport with all other payors billed first. Commissioner Wingfield seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Wingfield moved to donate \$250 to Foundation1023 on behalf of Yuma County first responding agencies for mental health services recently donated during a debrief provided. Commissioner Bushner seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

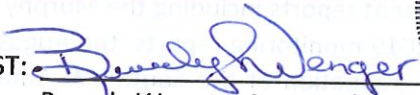
- *Prior Meeting Follow-Up* – Calhoon provided updates on ongoing projects including the implementation of new accounting software and challenges with imbedded and supplemental payroll processing software.
- *Correspondence* – Calhoon presented correspondence received since the last meeting including:
 - A letter sent to Kevin Shively regarding a hemp processing facility under construction, and
 - A letter of interest for the previously posted vacancy on the Planning Commission from Jeff Wingfield. **Commissioner Bushner moved to appoint Jeff Wingfield to the existing vacancy on the Yuma County Planning Commission for a term to end December 31, 2020. Commissioner Wiley seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with Commissioner Wingfield abstaining.**
- *Oil & Gas Updates* – Calhoon reported on oil and gas updates since the last meeting including updates on the regional coalition working on Senate Bill 19-181 related to oil and gas drilling permits and the status of notification of two oil well drilling permits that have been submitted to the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission.
- *IT Updates* – Calhoon presented updates on various IT issues including a recent conversation with Mr. Matt Vincent regarding the use of his photos on County websites. The Commissioners approved purchase of photos for \$50 each for images used on the Yuma County website and spinoff websites.
- *Maintenance Updates* – Calhoon reported on various facilities maintenance topics.
- *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 5:56 p.m. The next regular meetings of the Board of County Commissioners will be on September 16, 2019 and September 30, 2019 with a budget work session scheduled for September 10, 2019.


Robin Wiley, Chairman


Andrea Calhoon, Administrator



ATTEST: 
Beverly Wenger, County Clerk



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF YUMA, STATE OF COLORADO

RESOLUTION NO. 08-30-2019 C

**A RESOLUTION TO EXEMPT FROM PROPERTY TAX
BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY USED TO MANUFACTURE
WIND TURBINES AT THE SITE WHERE THE WIND
TURBINES WILL BE PLACED INTO SERVICE**

WHEREAS, C.R.S. §30-11-101, provides that the powers of a county as a body politic and corporate shall be exercised by a board of county commissioners; and

WHEREAS, tall wind turbines capture more wind energy and produce more electricity than shorter wind turbines because wind speed increases at greater heights; and

WHEREAS, as the height of the tower of a wind turbine increases, the diameter of the tower must also increase to give the tower sufficient structural strength to safely support the wind turbine; and

WHEREAS, until recently, physical limits on the diameter of wind turbine towers that can be transported over state highways have limited the height of wind turbines placed into service at Colorado wind farms; and

WHEREAS, new technology that allows wind turbine towers to be manufactured at the site where wind turbines will be placed into service allows taller wind turbines that produce more electricity and are worth more money to be placed into service at Colorado wind farms; and


WHEREAS, in order to allow Colorado wind farms to produce more electricity, earn more money, and provide larger amounts of property tax and land lease revenue to taxing jurisdictions and landowners for the duration of the operating lives of the wind farms, it is necessary, appropriate, and in the best interest of the county to encourage the on-site manufacture of wind turbine towers by temporarily exempting from property taxation for ten years of business personal property used to manufacture wind turbines and components of wind turbines at the site where the turbines will be placed into service;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Yuma County that for property tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2020, but before January 1, 2030, all business personal property used to manufacture wind turbines or components of wind turbines at the site where the wind turbines will be put into service is exempt from the levy and collection of property tax so long as the property is used exclusively for that purpose.

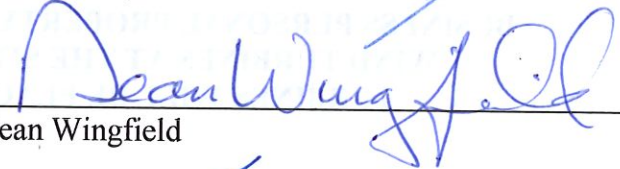
MOVED, READ AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Yuma, State of Colorado, at its regular meeting held on the 30th day of August, 2019. The above and foregoing Resolution was, on a motion duly made and seconded, adopted by unanimous vote of the Board of Yuma County Commissioners.

ADOPTED this 30th day of August, 2019.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF YUMA COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO



Robin Wiley, Chairman

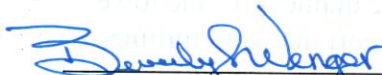


Dean Wingfield



Trent Bushner

ATTEST:



Beverly A. Wenger, County Clerk



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