YUMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS August 20, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes¹

On August 20, 2020 at 9:00 a.m., the Yuma County Board of Commissioners met for a special meeting as members of the local Yuma County COVID Task Force. Chairman Dean Wingfield, Commissioner Trent Bushner, Commissioner Robin Wiley, and Administrator Andrea Calhoon were present throughout the meeting with meeting members joining via teleconference. Also in attendance were various municipal and hospital officials as well as Northeast Colorado Health Department Director Trish McClain.

COVID Task Force – The group discussed current COVID case activity in the county and hospitals reported no current active cases, putting us in the "green" categories for all assessments. The group also discussed the status of the Protect Your Neighbor application and the pending waiver application. After discussion, group consensus was that we would submit both the variance and the Protect Your Neighbor application. Further information will be gathered by County Administrator Andrea Calhoon after a call scheduled with Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment on Monday, August 24. The group also reviewed criteria for the local grant program to be funded with federal Coronavirus Relief Funds. Guidelines for local grant programs have been updated and the group discussed the impacts and the best ways to award funds without creating unnecessary financial risk for local governments. It was decided that rolling out the grant program would be postponed briefly while further direction is sought from the State.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m. The next COVID Task Force meeting will be set for the week of August 24, 2020 based on group availability.

Dean Wingfield, Chairman

Andrea Calhoon, Administrator

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

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