



YUMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

February 15, 2022

Minutes¹

On February 15, 2022 at 8:00 a.m., the Yuma County Board of Commissioners met in regular session. Chairman Robin Wiley, Commissioner Trent Bushner, Commissioner Scott Weaver, 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 Tom Andersen and Blade Foreman Justin Lorimer joined the meeting at 8:30 a.m. to provide department updates.

- *Permit Interpretation* – Andersen requested interpretation of the intention of road crossing permits. The Commissioners clarified that each road crossed is intended to include a separate fee, not that each project is considered to be one individual fee.
- *Brand Pit Status* – Andersen reported on exploration of remaining material in the Brand pit including unexpected additional material.
- *Road Report* – Lorimer provided updates on current road work including the rebuild project on County Road LL.5.
- *Mek 1* – Andersen reported on the usable material in the Mek 1 pit including recommendations for usable surface rights by the landowner per the lease agreement.

Human Services

The Board of County Commissioners convened as the Board of Social Services at 9:30 a.m. Human Services Director Kara Hoover, Child Welfare and Adult Protection Supervisor Hollie Hillman, and Administrative Assistant Asalia Bencomo 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 10:15 a.m.

County Sheriff, Todd Combs

At 10:30 a.m. County Sheriff Todd Combs, Jail Sergeant Joe Wells, and Jail Corporal Levi Witte joined the Commissioners to discuss staffing strategy. The group discussed long-term staffing considerations, immediate staffing needs, and the overall competitiveness of the job market. The group discussed different hiring protocols and strategies and how the overall economic situation is impacting current hiring processes.

Land Use

County Land Use Administrator Colten Yoast was heard at 1:00 p.m. to present Land Use and GIS business.

- *Land Use Code* – Yoast reported on the status of research regarding changes in land use code currently under review. The Planning Commission has taken the proposed changes under review.
- *Anaerobic Digester* – Yoast provided updates on a previously approved anaerobic digester including a new location, current site plan, and daily procedures updates scheduled for land use hearing at the end of the month.

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



- *Pending Land Use Applications* – Yoast reported three exemptions from subdivision expected for hearing at the end of the month.
- *Idalia Lot Lines* – Yoast provided updates on the status of the proposed replat of a portion of the unincorporated community of Idalia.

GIS

- *Current Projects* – Yoast reported on various GIS topics including work on the master map, emergency dispatch maps, Plat Book, and wall maps.

County Treasurer, Chrystal Hammond

At 2:00 p.m. the Commissioners met with County Treasurer Chrystal Hammond to discuss monthly reports. Hammond reviewed the status of the transition of bank account updates following the retirement of former Treasurer Dee Ann Stults as well as the intended training process for the newly hired Treasurer's Clerk including cross-training in the Assessor's Office. **Commissioner Weaver moved to approve the salary authorization for new hire Treasurer Clerk Kimberly Gaul as presented. Commissioner Bushner seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.**

County Assessor, Cindy Taylor

At 2:30 p.m. County Assessor Cindy Taylor met with the Commissioners to present the annual PILT application and discuss the fiscal impact of the new assessment rates on Yuma County. Taylor reviewed the impact of the change of assessment rate for agricultural properties to the various taxing districts within the County. Yuma County lost approximately \$7 million in assessed valuation due to the decision having an estimated approximately \$160,000 negative impact to the County's budget.

Taylor also discussed the potential future impact of residential and commercial property rates and the 2023 revaluation year.

Fairgrounds Maintenance, Jaden Campbell

At 3:00 p.m. the Commissioners heard report from Yuma County Fairgrounds Maintenance Jaden Campbell regarding upcoming seasonal planning and staffing. The group reviewed the staffing model for the 2022 fair season and potential alternate structures.

Administrator's Report

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

- *Minutes* – The Commissioners reviewed the minutes from the previous BOCC meetings. **Commissioner Weaver moved to approve the minutes from the January 31, 2022 regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners. 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 Weaver moved to approve signature on the 2022 Eckley Law Enforcement contract as presented. Commissioner Bushner seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.**



- **Commissioner Bushner moved to oppose any local government collective bargaining legislative mandates from the Colorado State Legislature. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.**
- **Commissioner Bushner moved to approve the 2022 PRCA contract as presented. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous vote.**
- Grant Updates:
 - The Commissioners reviewed information regarding pending and submitted grant applications including the Eckley Road chip seal, American Rescue Act funds, and the CDPHE recycling grant.
- *Department Reports* – The Commissioners heard various department updates including updates to the review of Landfill administrative processes and attendance at the upcoming Oil & Gas Symposium.
- *Prior Meeting Follow-Up* – Calhoon provided project updates on the status of properties in Eckley.
- *Correspondence* – Calhoon presented correspondence received since the last meeting including letters regarding local use of the Region 1 Translator Association TV system and recent legislation related to ambulance service licensure. **Commissioner Weaver moved to reappoint the following board members as advertised: Gary Baucke – RETAC, Delbert Liming – Kirk Cemetery, Willie Williams – Eckley Cemetery, Mike Leerar and Dan Seedorf – Economic Development, Butch Wudtke – East Yuma County Cemetery, Roc Rutledge and Don Brophy – Weed & Pest Control, and Ron Oestman – WY Authority Board. Commissioner Bushner seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous vote.**
- *CDL Testing Unit* – Calhoon provided updates on the status of the Yuma County CDL testing unit.
- *IT Updates* – Calhoon presented updates on various IT-related topics.
- *Maintenance Updates* – Calhoon reported on various facilities maintenance topics. The group had a strategic planning conversation related to fairgrounds maintenance and capital planning. **Commissioner Bushner moved to approve the VOIP phone bid for an updated phone system at the Yuma location of the County Clerk's Office. Commissioner Weaver seconded the bill. It passed unanimously.**

Commissioner Bushner moved to approve the bid for purchase of insulation materials for the County Maintenance Shop as presented with work to be done by Road & Bridge employees as scheduled with the Road Boss. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Weaver moved to approve the contract for establishment of broadband infrastructure and services to include Yuma County Fair Sponsorship with Viaero Wireless as amended. Commissioner Bushner seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Bushner moved to approve the bid for removal and replacement of the Yuma County Fair grandstand bleachers by CEW Enterprises as presented. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

- *HR Updates* – Calhoon reported updates on county Human Resource topics including recruitment and retention and the current rulemaking related to the State of Colorado FAMLI Act. **Commissioner Bushner moved to approve the salary authorization requests for Patrol Deputy Trevor Buchanan, Detention Deputy Cody Gudgel, Extension Support Staff Angie Weathers,**



Road & Bridge Maintenance Worker Clinton Jesse, and Deputy Treasurer Britney Riley as presented. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.

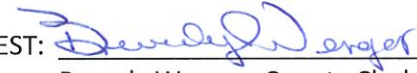
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m. The next regular meetings of the Board of County Commissioners will be on February 28, 2022 and March 15, 2022.



Robin Wiley, Chairman



Andrea Calhoon, Administrator

ATTEST: 

Beverly Wenger, County Clerk

