

YUMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

March 31, 2022

Minutes¹

On March 31, 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.

Liquor License

At 8:15 a.m. Deputy County Clerk Nancy Wright presented an appeal letter and petition from Kirk Super's for the previously denied liquor license application. The Commissioners read and considered information presented. **Commissioner Bushner moved to approve the retail liquor license as appealed based on the introduction of additional community comment and input from the Kirk area. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

Road and Bridge

Road & Bridge Supervisor Tom Andersen, Blade Foreman Justin Lorimer, and Truck Foreman Jeremy Lund joined the meeting at 8:30 a.m. to provide department updates.

- *Gravel Sale* – Andersen discussed a request from a citizen to purchase material from the Dreher pit to put in a spray plane runway in Kirk. The group discussed the policy for selling gravel to citizens and limits on the amount that can be removed and confirmed that the maximum allowable is 200 yards.
- *Chip Seal* – Andersen confirmed that no chip seal projects were scheduled for this summer and that the fog coat on the Eckley Road is still planned for May.
- *Staffing* – Andersen provided a report on the interviews conducted for department vacancies.
- *Cutting Edges* – The group discussed the potential use of specialized cutting edges for washboards. Lorimer discussed the road grading strategy that would be deployed in the usage of the cutting edges and the potential impacts and challenges of usage. Lorimer proposed acquiring one set of cutting edges that would be shared by the blade team and used on a project basis. The group discussed the benefits of rotating the equipment around versus having one specifically trained operator to test the equipment effectiveness on behalf of the team. **Commissioner Bushner moved to approve the purchase of one specialized cutting blade as requested. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous vote.**
- *Internal Position Transfers* – Andersen presented internal transfer requests for Allen Davisson, Rod Prather, Steven Nichley, and Peter Martinez. The group discussed the transfers with respect to the current salary structure. **Commissioner Weaver moved to approve the internal transfer requests for job title change only as presented. Commissioner Bushner seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**
- *Personal Leave Usage* – The group reviewed a report of personal leave and comp balances as well as the 2022 first quarter no-pay report. Personal leave usage policy was discussed and reviewed.
- *Permits* – Andersen presented for approval a road access permit for Viaero Wireless to bore along County Road 13 and County Road RR for purposes of installing utility line. **Commissioner Bushner**

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



moved to approve the road access permit for Viaero Wireless as submitted. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous vote.

- **Executive Session – Commissioner Bushner moved to enter into executive session under CRS 24-6-402(4)(f) for personnel matters at 9:29 a.m. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous vote.** Present for executive session were Chairman Wiley, Commissioner Bushner, Commissioner Weaver, Administrator Calhoon, Road & Bridge Supervisor Andersen, Blade Foreman Lorimer, Truck Foreman Lund, Finance Officer Carwin, and Finance Clerk Ritchey. Executive session ended at 9:51 a.m. No action was taken following executive session.

County Clerk, Bev Wenger

Yuma County Clerk and Recorder Bev Wenger joined the Commissioners at 10:30 a.m. to discuss current election progress and requirements. Wenger provided updates on election security measures, requirements, and pending legislation.

Human Services

The Board of County Commissioners convened as the Board of Social Services at 11:00 a.m. Human Services Director Kara Hoover, Eligibility Supervisor Dalene Rogers and Administrative Assistant Asalea 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 12:00 p.m.

Land Use

County Land Use Administrator Colten Yoast was heard at 2:30 p.m. to review Land Use and GIS Business.

- **Pending Land Use Activity –** Yoast reported no land use hearings for the month of March and currently no applications received for consideration in the month of April.
- **Land Use Code –** Yoast reported on land use code changes to be considered and reviewed by the Planning Commission at the next meeting.

GIS

- **Current Projects –** Yoast reported on various GIS topics including work on the master map, emergency dispatch maps, and general maps for upload to the County website.

Work Session

At 3:00 p.m. the Commissioners recessed to conduct a work session with various members of the Yuma County Planning Commission to discuss and review Land Use Code.

Senator Hickenlooper's Office, Kari Linker

At 4:00 p.m. the Commissioners met with Kari Linker of Senator John Hickenlooper's office to hear federal legislative updates and discuss county activities and priorities. The group discussed Yuma County's Ag Appreciation Week and the community education that resulted, the status of compact compliance work by the Republican River Water Conservation District, Senator Hickenlooper's work on CREP program updates, challenges with response to annual ag surveys,

Administrator's Report

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

- **Minutes –** The Commissioners reviewed the minutes from the previous BOCC meetings. **Commissioner Bushner moved to approve the minutes from the March 15, 2022 regular meeting**



of the Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Weaver 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 Region 4 Opioid Council contract amendment with OMNI Institute pending approval by the Region 4 Opioid Council. Commissioner Bushner seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.
 - Commissioner Bushner moved to approve signature on Resolution 03-31-2022 A approving the abatement of uncollectable taxes as reported by the County Treasurer. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.
 - Commissioner Bushner moved to approve the contribution of \$15,000 to the Republican River Water Conservation District River Restoration project manager costs to be shared with Kit Carson County. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
 - Commissioner Bushner moved to rescind Resolution 08-30-2019 C related to the abatement of taxes on wind turbines manufactured in place. 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 received and reviewed the March 2022 Veteran's Service Officer Report.
- *Prior Meeting Follow-Up* – Finance and Compliance Clerk Brandi Ritchey provided project updates on the status of properties in Eckley. The group also discussed the status of a recent application to host a horse race at the Yuma County Fairgrounds.
- *Correspondence* – Calhoon presented correspondence received since the last meeting including an update on Yuma County Ag Appreciation Week, a photography proposal for Yuma County Fair from Shelby K Marketing, a request to use portable bleachers from the fairgrounds by Rhonda Pletcher, a request for donation for an Easter Egg Hunt in Yuma, and summer conference attendance plans. **Commissioner Weaver moved to approve the donation of 4 fair ticket vouchers to each high school for student donations. Commissioner Bushner seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**
Commissioner Bushner moved to approve the rental of the Yuma County Fairgrounds for Yuma High School Prom. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion and 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 including updates on the transition to VOIP phones for County operations. **Commissioner Bushner moved to approve the purchase of a mobile workstation laptop and monitor as presented. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.**
- *Maintenance Updates* – Calhoon reported on various facilities maintenance topics.



- *HR Updates* – Calhoon reported updates on county Human Resource topics including recruitment and retention, employee training offerings, follow-up on the recently held Emergency Manager interviews, various staffing structure updates, and the status of various County vacant positions. **Commissioner Bushner moved to approve the salary authorizations for volunteer Victim's Advocates Brandi Ritchey and Kate George as presented. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

Commissioner Bushner moved to approve the job description for Fairgrounds Manager as presented and approve the posting of the position. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous vote.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m. The next regular meetings of the Board of County Commissioners will be on April 15, 2022 and April 29, 2022.



Robin Wiley, Chairman



Andrea Calhoon, Administrator

ATTEST: 

Beverly Wenger, County Clerk



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

RESOLUTION NO. 03-31-2022 A

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE TREASURER TO REMOVE \$10,401.92 FROM THE TAX ROLLS

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Yuma County, State of Colorado has convened a duly and lawfully called regular meeting on the 31st day of March, 2022, and;

WHEREAS, CRS 39-10-114(F)(2)(a) states “any taxes levied on personal property, including but not limited to mobile homes, which are determined to be uncollectable after a period of one year after the date of their becoming delinquent may be cancelled by the Board of County Commissioners,” and;

WHEREAS, the Yuma County Treasurer has presented a detailed listing and of \$10,401.92 in total tax from the tax rolls, and;

WHEREAS, the Yuma County Treasurer has recommended the listing for removal of said reported taxes in compliance with statutory requirements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Commissioners of Yuma County, State of Colorado, approve the removal of \$10,401.92 from the Yuma County Tax Rolls as reported and requested by the Yuma County Treasurer in compliance with CRS 39-10-114(F)(2)(a).

The above and foregoing Resolution was, on motion duly made and seconded, adopted by unanimous vote of the Yuma County Board of Commissioners on the 31st day of March, 2022.

ADOPTED THIS 31st DAY OF March, 2022.

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




Robin Wiley, Chairman



Scott Weaver, Commissioner



Trent Bushner, Commissioner

ATTEST: 

Beverly A. Wenger, County Clerk

