

**YUMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**June 30, 2022**

**Minutes<sup>1</sup>**

On June 30, 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.

- *Trailers* – Andersen reported two belly dump trailers not being used and requested putting them up for sealed bid. **Commissioner Weaver moved to declare the 2003 Landoll drop deck trailer as surplus and advertise it for sale by sealed bid. Commissioner Bushner seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.**
- *Truck Foreman Staffing* – The group discussed the truck foreman position. Andersen and Lorimer recommended Andy Hagemeyer for permanent placement as truck foreman. **Commissioner Bushner moved to appoint Andy Hagemeyer as permanent truck foreman as presented. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.**
- *Foreman Pickup Assignment* – The Commissioner requested an evaluation of the value of vehicle assignment as a financial benefit and determined only the Road Supervisor and the Blade Foreman would be assigned vehicles for personal use moving forward.
- *2023 Blade Purchases* – Andersen presented timing and pricing for 2023 blade purchases. Andersen will obtain pricing on trades so that the Commissioners can consider ordering of next year's blades at an upcoming meeting.
- *Truck Contracting Bids* – Andersen presented bids received on contract gravel hauling as advertised. One bid was received from Agserv Corporation with a proposed start date of July 12 at \$125 per hour for truck operation time only, no travel, including fuel. The Commissioners requested an evaluation of the per hour cost of running Road & Bridge trucks for gravel hauling. **Commissioner Bushner moved to approve the bid from Agserv Corporation as presented pending confirmation of an at-will contract and proof of insurance. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous vote.**
- *Seasonal Mowers* – The group discussed planning for seasonal mowers based on blade operators taking over mowing of their areas given the dry season and the lack of effectiveness in blading in many areas. Part-time, seasonal mowers will be used as floaters to fill in as blade operators fluctuate back to blading as needed.
- *Bleacher Removal Costs* – Andersen presented an operational report demonstrating the cost of staffing inputs for the removal of the old bleachers at the Yuma County Fairgrounds earlier this month. The Commissioners will review the report and determine a compensation amount.
- *Staffing* – Andersen requested input on the hire of a previously employed blade operator. **Commissioner Bushner moved to make an exception to the non-rehirability employment policy and approve the rehire of Gary Brandner as requested. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

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



- *Road Report* – The group discussed the paved road maintenance program and the variation between various paved roads in the County and their longevity. Lorimer reported on work on County Road DD following recent flooding in the area as well as finalization of base work on County Road 54. The group also discussed recent complaints received and resolution efforts.
- *Departmental Reports* – Andersen presented departmental financial and operational reports.
- *Eckley Road Chip Seal* – Andersen discussed the costs and timing of striping the Eckley Road to finalize the DOLA-funded chip seal project completed earlier this year. **Commissioner Bushner moved to approve the striping bid from American Striping Company pending confirmation that the grant deadline of October 1 could be met. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.**
- *Fuel Contracting* – Andersen presented pricing for fuel contracting through November 2022 with the low bid being from Stratton Equity Co-op for \$4.38.

#### Human Services

The Board of County Commissioners convened as the Board of Social Services at 9:35 a.m. Human Services Director Kara Hoover, Bookkeeper Melanie Fisher, 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 10:30 a.m.

#### Financial Reports

County Finance Officer Sarah Carwin joined the Commissioners at 10:30 a.m. to present financial reports and topics including work on the Sheriff's Office Body-Worn Camera grant, the transfer of assets between the Yuma County Landfill and Yuma County Road & Bridge in exchange for labor, a funding request for parade awards from the Parade Committee, and fair bookkeeping practices. The Commissioners met briefly with Sheriff Todd Combs to discuss the plan for the body worn camera grant and funding.

**Commissioner Weaver moved to approve the funding request from the County Fair Parade Committee for a \$250 contribution toward parade prizes. Commissioner Bushner seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.**

#### Emergency Manager, Jake Rockwell

At 11:00 a.m. the Commissioners received an operational report from Yuma County Emergency Manager Jake Rockwell. Rockwell provided updates on his initial assessments of the office, training and introductions completed, grant reporting, and his upcoming plans. The group discussed the recent dry weather and the County controlled burn protocols. The Commissioners provided historical education on how the County has approached COVID response over the last few years.

#### County Assessor, Cindy Taylor

County Assessor Cindy Taylor joined the Commissioners at 11:30 a.m. to present the property tax appeals ahead of the convening of the County Board of Equalization. The group reviewed the list and Taylor answered questions on various adjustments and denials issued.

#### Land Use

County Land Use Administrator Andrea Calhoon was heard at 1:00 p.m. to review Land Use and GIS Business and conduct Land Use Hearings.

- *Land Use Hearings* – Land use hearings opened at 1:00 p.m. Calhoon presented the following applications for signature.



- **EFS 0622-05 for Chase Beckner** to divide a 12.52-acre parcel from a 20.43-acre parcel in Section 15, Township 2 North, Range 45 West and a 7.91-acre parcel from a 20.43-acre parcel in Section 2, Township 2 North, Range 45 West.

No members of the public were present to issue public comment.

Land Use Hearings closed at 1:09 p.m.

**Commissioner Bushner moved to approve signature on Resolution 06-30-2022 A approving Exemption from Subdivision EFS 0622-05 for Chase Beckner to divide a 12.52-acre parcel from a 20.43-acre parcel in Section 15, Township 2 North, Range 45 West and a 7.91-acre parcel from a 20.43-acre parcel in Section 2, Township 2 North, Range 45 West. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.**

- *Administrative Permits* – Calhoon presented for approval 2 Administrative Land Use Permits for ENGIE North America to install meteorological towers for purposes of exploring potential wind energy farm locations.

**Commissioner Weaver moved to approve signature on Resolution 06-30-2022 B approving the administrative land use permit for ENGIE North America to construct a meteorological tower in Section 28, Township 5 South, Range 48 West. Commissioner Bushner seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

**Commissioner Weaver moved to approve signature on Resolution 06-30-2022 C approving the administrative land use permit for ENGIE North America to construct a meteorological tower in Section 20, Township 4 South, Range 47 West. Commissioner Bushner seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous vote.**

- *Pending Land Use Applications* – Calhoon reported no applications received for hearing in the month of July.
- *Laird Complaint* – Calhoon discussed a complaint received regarding nuisance vegetation in the town of Laird. The Commissioners recommended the landowners consider establishing an overlay district to address the specific issues seen in their area.
- *Application Inquiry* – Calhoon presented a request from NextERA Energy regarding whether the Commissioners would require the standard 500-foot buffer for mineral owner notification on their planned solar farm land use application or whether the additional 1-mile buffer would be invoked. Based on the scope and scale of the project, the Commissioners determined they were likely to invoke the 1-mile buffer.

#### GIS

- *Current Projects* – Calhoon provided updates on the functioning of the GIS contract services provided by prior GIS Coordinator Colten Yoast.

#### Fair Manager, Kim Latoski

At 2:15 p.m. Yuma County Fair Manager Kim Latoski joined the Commissioners to provided Fair planning updates and receive direction and instruction regarding cleaning and maintenance expectations for the custodial contractor. Also present were Renee Taylor and Jocelyn Hammer of Liberty School District representing the contracted custodial crew for this year's fair. **Commissioner Bushner moved to approve**



**the agreement with Lone Star School for provision of custodial services during Yuma County Fair for \$5,000 as requested. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous vote.**

Golden Plains Extension Livestock Agent, Travis Taylor

At 3:40 p.m., Golden Plains Extension Agent Travis Taylor met with the Commissioners to request feedback and input on poultry show guidance related to the recent Avian Flu outbreak as well as a demonstration grazing project being planned at Bonny Reservoir funded by a grant through the Bureau of Reclamation.

Administrator's Report

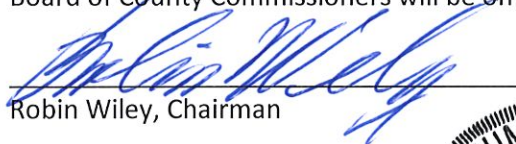
Administrator Andrea Calhoun reviewed calls, correspondence, and presented the following for discussion and action:

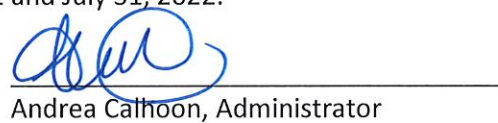
- *Minutes* – The Commissioners reviewed the minutes from the previous BOCC meetings. **Commissioner Weaver moved to approve the minutes from the June 14, 2022 regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Bushner seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**
- *CAPP Report & Claim Review* – The Commissioners heard information on pending CAPP and workers' compensation claims.
- *Signatures and Ratifications* –
  - Resolutions/Ordinances/Signatures:
    - **Commissioner Weaver moved to approve ratification of Commissioner Bushner's signature on the contract for 2022 Yuma County Fair concert opener Brandon Jones. Commissioner Wiley seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous vote.**
    - **Commissioner Bushner moved to approve Yuma County's signature addition to the Prowers County letter opposing the closure of VA Clinics throughout the state. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**
  - 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 various department reports including the May 2022 TV System Maintenance Log, the June 2022 Veteran's Service Officer report, a discussion of the estimate of funding required for the Republican River restoration project, a letter from County Treasurer Chrystal Hammond regarding unpaid taxes by Omimex Petroleum, and an update on the status of the Region 4 Opioid Council planning grant document submission. **Commissioner Weaver moved to approve the radio advertising bid from Medialogic Radio for Yuma County Fair radio advertising as presented. Commissioner Bushner seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous vote.**
- *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. Calhoun presented a draft lease for a clean concrete storage property adjacent to the Yuma County Landfill. **Commissioner Bushner moved to approve signature on the land lease agreement with Dave McCall for storage of clean concrete on a property adjacent to the Yuma County Landfill. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**



- *Correspondence* – Calhoon presented correspondence received since the last meeting including a request for funding contribution to Yuma Ambulance Service as budgeted and a fairgrounds use request from the County Commissioners Staff.
- *CDL Testing Unit* – Calhoon provided updates on the status of the Yuma County CDL testing unit and the planning of an Entry Level Driver Training community education program currently being developed with the Yuma Campus of Northeastern Junior College as potential staffing updates for the unit.
- *IT Updates* – Calhoon presented updates on various IT-related topics.
- *Maintenance Updates* – Calhoon reported on various facilities maintenance topics. The Commissioners approved the waiver of fees for a fairgrounds use request for the County Commissioner's Office staff on July 16 for use of the grassy area and bathrooms at the Yuma County Fairgrounds. **Commissioner Bushner moved to approve a contribution of 10% of the actual costs of construction of the Darcy Stallings Memorial Stage at the Yuma County Fairgrounds up to \$1,500 to be paid from Fund 6. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous vote.**
- *HR Updates* – Calhoon reported updates on county Human Resource topics including recruitment and retention, various staffing structure updates, and scheduled time off for County Commissioner staff.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m. The next regular meetings of the Board of County Commissioners will be on July 15, 2022 and July 31, 2022.

  
Robin Wiley, Chairman

  
Andrea Calhoon, Administrator

ATTEST:   
Beverly Wenger, County Clerk

