

YUMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
December 30, 2022
Minutes¹

On December 30, 2022 at 8:00 a.m., the Yuma County Board of Commissioners met in regular session. Chairman Trent Bushner, Commissioner Scott Weaver, Commissioner Mike Leerar, 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 Licenses

Deputy County Clerk Nancy Wright joined the Commissioners at 8:15 a.m. to present for signature the previously approved retail liquor license renewal for Milan Liquors. The license was signed by Chairman Bushner.

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.

- *County Houses* – Andersen presented a recommendation for rent rates and lease terms for county-owned houses for blade operators in 2023. **Commissioner Weaver moved to update County House rent rates to \$650/month for non-area operator renters and \$200/month for area operator renters effective July 1, 2023. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.**
- *Equipment Sales* – Andersen presented an updated listing of unused equipment and a request for the equipment to be designated as surplus.
- *CDL Truck Rental* – Andersen reported on the rental of Road & Bridge trucks by Northeastern Junior College for use in regional CDL Entry-Level Driver Training courses.
- *Road Report* – Lorimer provided updates on current and future road projects including the completion of work on County Road 51 and the move to County Road G and 4 for the rest of this week. Next week's work will commence with approximately 4 miles of County Road 58. The group discussed recent efforts in road management due to inclement weather.

Human Services

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

Yuma County Sheriff Todd Combs joined the Commissioners at 10:30 a.m. to review 2023 budgetary information and operational planning. The Commissioners reviewed the 2023 budget approvals and requested an update on Sheriff Combs's plans to reopen the jail. The Yuma County Jail has been funded for full operations in 2023 including an 8% salary increase from 2022 levels and an increased starting wage including retention bonus structure identical to neighboring counties. The Commissioners requested

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





significant efforts toward recruitment and Sheriff Combs committed to substantial and active hiring practices with a follow-up meeting to be held in 3 months.

Commissioner Weaver moved to enter into executive session at 11:15 a.m. under CRS 24-6-402(4)(b) for legal advice on specific legal matters. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous vote. Present for executive session were Chairman Trent Bushner, Commissioner Scott Weaver, Commissioner Mike Leerar, Sheriff Todd Combs, Administrator Andrea Calhoon, and Finance Clerk Brandi Ritchey. Executive session ended at 11:55 a.m. No action was taken following executive session.

Land Use

County Land Use Administrator Greg Jones 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. Jones presented the following applications for signature.
 - **EFS 1222-08 for Curtis Gardner** to subdivide a 7.00-acre parcel, more or less, from a 143.95-acre parcel, more or less in the SW ¼ of Section 30, Township 2 North, Range 45 West.
 - **EFS 1222-09 for Christian Weber** to subdivide a 5.95-acre parcel, more or less, from a 154.05-acre parcel, more or less in the SW ¼ of Section 33, Township 5 North, Range 47 West.

No members of the public were present for the hearings.

Land Use Hearings closed at 1:04 p.m.

Commissioner Weaver moved to approve signature on Resolution 12-30-2022 A approving Exemption from Subdivision Application EFS 1222-08 for Curtis Gardner to subdivide a 7.00-acre parcel, more or less, from a 143.95-acre parcel, more or less in the SW ¼ of Section 30, Township 2 North, Range 45 West. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Weaver moved to approve signature on Resolution 12-30-2022 A approving Exemption from Subdivision Application EFS 1222-09 for Christian Weber to subdivide a 5.95-acre parcel, more or less, from a 154.05-acre parcel, more or less in the SW ¼ of Section 33, Township 5 North, Range 47 West. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.

- *Pending Land Use Applications* – Jones reported no applications for hearing in the month of January.
- *Fees* – Jones reported current research work by the Planning Commission on increasing activity notice fees. Jones will report back on future recommendations by the Planning Commission.

GIS

Current Projects – Jones provided updates on recent GIS activities conducted by contracted GIS Coordinator Colten Yoast.

Republican River Water Conservation District, Deb Daniel and Rod Lenz

At 2:00 p.m. Republican River Water Conservation District Manager Deb Daniel and members of the Republican River Water Conservation Commission Fee Evaluation Committee met with the



Commissioners to provide a presentation regarding the 2023 fee change proposal for the District. The Committee reviewed various fee structures and presented thought processes to-date.

Emergency Management, Jake Rockwell

At 3:30 p.m. Yuma County Emergency Manager Jake Rockwell presented office and programmatic updates. Among topics discussed were recent adverse weather conditions, anticipated state-wide needs related to a recent influx of migrants, environmental elements, and recent reports submitted. Rockwell presented the bid for the I Am Responding dispatch program for local firefighters. **Commissioner Weaver moved to ratify Rockwell's signature on the I Am Responding joint agreement with Washington County to acquire software to support first responder dispatching and communication. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

County Coroner, Javan Jones

At 4:00 p.m. County Coroner-elect Javan Jones joined the Commissioners to provide legal and legislative updates for the Coroner's Office for 2023. Jones reported on recent statutory changes for Coroner salaries and work on private burial guidance for the Commissioners.

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 December 15, 2022 regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Leerar 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 Resolution 12-15-2022 C adopting the 2022 supplemental budget. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous vote.**
 - **Commissioner Weaver moved to approve the Yuma County Secure Transport Licensure regulations and forms as presented. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**
 - **Commissioner Weaver moved to approve signature on the Landfill Loan Agreement as presented. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous vote.**
 - **Commissioner Leerar moved to approve signature on the inmate boarding contract with the Kit Carson County Jail. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous vote.**
 - Grant Updates:
 - The Commissioners reviewed information regarding pending and proposed grant applications. Commissioner Bushner signed the grant application documents for the County Clerk and Recorder's CESA Grant Award as previously discussed.
- *Department Reports* – The Commissioners received various department reports including the December 2022 Veteran's Service Officer Report, an update on the administration of the Eastern Transportation Planning Region, and discussion of business undertaken by the 911 Authority Board. **Commissioner Weaver moved to appoint Mike Leerar and Adam Gates to the 911**



Authority Board to fill vacancies as of January 1, 2023. Commissioner Bushner seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

- *Prior Meeting Follow-Up* – The group discussed project updates on the status of properties in Eckley and the discussion of sale of county-owned properties.

Correspondence – Calhoon presented correspondence received since the last meeting including updates on various board vacancies. **Commissioner Weaver moved to appoint Bruce Mann, Dana Shaw, and Ron Blach to the Weed & Pest Board and Jessie Vance to the Eckley Cemetery Board as advertised. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous vote.**

- *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 recently established with Northeastern Junior College.
- *IT Updates* – Calhoon presented updates on various IT-related topics including the status of the VOIP phone transition.
- *Maintenance Updates* – Calhoon reported on various facilities maintenance topics. The group discussed the overall staffing model for the Facilities Maintenance team and goals for 2023.
- *HR Updates* – Calhoon reported updates on county Human Resource topics including recruitment and retention and the status of year-end policy work. **Commissioner Leerar moved to approve the 2023 salary schedule as presented. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

Commissioner Weaver moved to approve the job description for the Fair Events Manager as presented. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous vote.


There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m. and the Commissioners entered into a 2023 budget work session. The next regular meetings of the Board of County Commissioners will be on January 10, 2023 and January 31, 2023.



Scott Weaver, Chairman



Andrea Calhoon, Administrator

ATTEST: 
Beverly Wenger, County Clerk



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

RESOLUTION NO. 12-30-2022 C

**A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL SUMS OF MONEY AND REVISING THE PREVIOUSLY
ADOPTED 2022 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET**

WHEREAS, Yuma County is authorized by CRS 29-1-109 to establish and amend its annual budget and to make transfers and supplemental appropriations of budgeted funds, and;

WHEREAS, Yuma County desires to amend its 2022 budget and approve supplemental budget appropriations from the Fiscal Agency Fund 13 as set forth in this Resolution in order to fund unanticipated operating expenditures, and;

WHEREAS, additional expenditures are being funded by reimbursement through the federal opioid settlement funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Commissioners of Yuma County, State of Colorado, approve the amendment of the 2022 budget expenditures as follows:

	Original	Adjustment	Final
Fiscal Agency Fund:	\$0	\$665,000	\$665,000

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 30th day of December, 2022.

ADOPTED THIS 30th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2022.

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



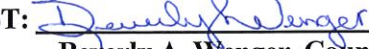
Trent Bushner, Chairman



Scott Weaver, Commissioner



Mike Leerar, Commissioner

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