

YUMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
June 14, 2013
Minutes¹

At 8 a.m., the Yuma County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on the 14th of June, 2013 with Chairman Robin Wiley, Commissioners Dean Wingfield and Trent Bushner present.

Administrator Linda Briggs was present throughout the day.

The commissioners reviewed meetings that each attended within the last two weeks.

Health and Human Services -

The commissioners conducted business with Dave Henson, Director of the Department of Health and Human Services and Office Manager Dalene Rogers. Also present from Yuma Resource Center, Patricia Burester and Lucie Ebersole.

Road & Bridge -

In attendance from the Road and Bridge Department were: Supervisor Mark Shaw and Truck/Mining Foreman Howard McGinnis. Road and Bridge personnel updated the commissioners on road department activities.

The following were discussed:

- They will be working on Road FF from the Phillips County line south past Ballyneal. They will then be moving to the Southeast corner of the county. Road material is being stockpiled at the Dreher pit for use in that area.
- Road material has been delivered to the Tri State Rodeo Arena.
- A local resident near the Mek 1 pit has requested the barricade at Road M and 57 be removed. Shaw recommended keeping it in place as it would allow open access to the pit, which is a permitted area.
- A contracting company doing improvements on Hwy 385 and Hwy 36 have requested 54,000 yards of material from the Knodel pit. The board decided not to do this as it would cause a shortage for county use .
- Road side mowing is taking place where a lot of rye is showing up in the ditches.
- Shaw has had discussions with a representative from the Yuma Children's Academy about their access and parking area improvements. Once they determine what they want and time allows, the road and bridge department could assist with the dirt work needed.
- Testing of Kamala Street will be done by the engineers if their testing equipment is available. Shaw discussed options of other equipment if needed.
- The railroad will be improving the crossing on Kamala Street. Hopefully, this will be done prior to the county road project expected to take place in August.
- Shaw said Department of Transportation representatives will be reviewing at risk railroad crossings which include Road H, J, and M. Shaw would also like them to visit crossings on Roads PP and RR.
- Two used pickups have been purchased. The department has three to get rid of. Unit #'s:
- Shaw discussed equipment listed at various auctions that might be of use to the department.
- Mark confirmed the department could provide the additional dirt needed where the new arena rodeo office/concession building at the fairgrounds will be constructed.
- The department will install street signs in Laird.
- McGinnis said the Laird community says "Thank you" for assisting with the walking path at Laird. It has been completed.

¹ These minutes prepared by Linda Briggs are summarized discussions, not verbatim.

- Briggs informed everyone that the auditor said he could see improvements in the road and bridge parts inventory process.
- Part-time mower and equipment operation position will be re-opened.

Commissioner Wingfield moved to approve the Underground and Utility Permits for Augustus Energy Partners, LLC to install:

- A 4" poly gas line under County Road U at 40' north of County Road 55
- A 4" poly gas line under County Road T at 915' north of County Road 55

Commissioner Bushner seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Northeast Region Homeland Security -

Present: Jon Surbeck, Northeast Region Homeland Security Coordinator and Vicky Southards, Yuma County Finance Officer.

Jon Surbeck gave an update on the Homeland Security Grants and activities. The commitment made when Yuma County agreed to administrate the funds, which was to not have to expend county dollars until the grant funds are received from the State, has caused some friction at the state level. Staffing changes at the state have caused the situation. Surbeck is committed to continue with expending the funds after the funds are received by Yuma County.

There are two significant projects for Yuma County. One is for the ballistic shields for law enforcement and tire spikes, which often are used during high speed chases. Training funds are also available for the region.

Surbeck said future federal grant funding is uncertain. It is expected that the coordinator's position will be phased back. He will be trying to get the region in the strongest position when these changes happen.

The 2013 Homeland Security Grant application was presented for approval. **Commissioner Bushner moved to sign the 2013 Homeland Security Grant application through the State of Colorado, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management in the amount of \$ 278,763.80. Commissioner Wingfield seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.**

Treasurer's Report -

Dee Ann Stults presented the Treasurer's Report for the month of May, 2013. There were \$894,350.92 in taxes collected, and \$25,072.63 in fees collected.

Stults informed the commissioners of approximately \$5,000 in taxes due to Yuma County from Bella's Market which is in bankruptcy. She did not know how long before the bankruptcy court would decide on the tax obligation. An invoice from Stephen W. Monks, P.C. in the amount of \$ 710.35 is for filing documents to the bankruptcy court. This issue was referred by Attorney Michael Grinnan to Attorney Monks. These unexpected charges will put her over the budget amount for that line-item.

Stults informed the commissioners that the Minton deed issue has not yet been taken care of by the attorney.

The recent problem of not being able to get a program update from Colorado CustomWare, Inc. (CCI) was not the local internet provider's problem, but a problem with CCI's connectivity.

Stults stated her office has started a four ten-hour day work week for the summer with the office open from 8 am to 4 pm. This flex time schedule is being tried for the summer. The normal 8 hour day is worked during the week of a holiday.

Liquor License -

Nancy Wright presented a liquor license. Chairman Wiley signed the license for Papa's Bait Shop owned by Brenda Condrey. The application had been approved on May 31, 2013.

Yuma County Extension -

Judy Wilson and Sandy Juhnke presented quotes for cabinets, a sink and faucet plus plumbing costs to install in the Extension office meeting room. Following discussion of the project, **Commissioner Wingfield moved to approve spending \$3,350.00 to purchase a sink, cabinets, and the plumbing needed to make the upgrade in the Extension office meeting room. Commissioner Bushner seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.** Staff will get a bid for installing the cabinets.

Golden Plains Extension -

Via a phone call, Dennis Kaan, Area Director for Golden Plains Extension, discussed advertising for the open livestock agent position for the Golden Plains regions. Discussion centered on advertising, selection committee, and expected time frame of being able to fill the position. Kaan will keep the board updated.

Land Use -

Commissioner Bushner moved to approve Resolution 06-14-2013-A/ADM a line adjustment permit between Rosemary R. McMurray and Ryan W. Godsey and Susan K. Godsey in the Southeast ¼ of Section 9, Township 1 North, Range 45 West. *Resolution recorded under Reception No. 00557436.*

51st state -

The Board of County Commissioners discussed the pros and cons of forming a 51st state with several counties of Northern Colorado. No action was taken by the board.

Administrator's Report -

Administrator Linda Briggs reviewed calls, correspondence, and presented the following for action:

Chairman Wiley signed the Veterans Report for May, 2013.

Commissioner Wingfield moved to approve Resolution 06-14-13 A transferring \$10,000 from the General Fund #01 to the Separation of Employment Fund 22. Commissioner Bushner seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. [*Resolution #5-31-13C transferred \$40,000 from Fund #01 to Fund #22. This resolution brings the total amount transferred to \$50,000, which equals the amount approved in the 2013 budget.*]

Trent moved to pay \$450 to continue the NACO membership for 2014. The motion passed unanimously following a second by Commissioner Wingfield. These due fees will be paid January 2014.

Commissioner Wingfield moved to have Chairman Wiley sign the 2012 Yuma County's Cost Allocation Plan as received from the auditors, McMahan and Associates, LLC. Commissioner Bushner seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Bushner moved to sign the contract between the State of Colorado Department of Local Affairs and Yuma County, in order to receive \$445,000, for 2.25 miles of road improvements, on Kamala and Road 39 near the City of Yuma. Commissioner Wingfield seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote. Project/Award Number: EIAF 7115.

Certification of Accounts Payable for June 14, 2013, drawn on Yuma County Funds, with check #54128 through #54253 totaling the sum of \$208,987.33 and Fund 16 W-Y Combined Communications check #6616 through #6623, totaling the sum of \$2,691.62 were approved and signed by Chairman Robin Wiley.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

The next meeting of the board will be July 15 and July 31, 2013.

Robin Wiley, Chairman

Linda Briggs, Administrator

ATTEST: _____
Beverly Wenger, County Clerk