

YUMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

July 31, 2013

Minutes¹

At 8:00 a.m., the Yuma County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on the 31st of July, 2013, with Chairman Robin Wiley, Commissioners Dean Wingfield and Trent Bushner present.

Administrator Linda Briggs was present throughout the day.

The commissioners reviewed with each other on affiliated meetings that each attended within the last two weeks.

Custodian Daryl and Sandy Juhnke –

Daryl informed the commissioners of the following building maintenance needs:

- A leak in west entrance to the basement; would have come from rain water in front of the main west entrance which is above the leaking area. He could not find where the water might be entering the building so the carpet will need to be removed. They would like to also replace the carpet on the north steps and into the east door to the extension office. The commissioners asked for bids for replacing the carpet.
- The exterior base of the courthouse needs re-caulked where it joins the cement pad around the building. Some of the cement has tipped toward the building so water does not drain away.
- Staff in the clerk's office have smelled something stinking. A sewer pipe in the basement had been left open when a sink had been removed quite some time ago.
- The chilled water pipes need insulated also.
- The pilot lights on the stove at the HHS building are still going out. A technician from Wern Air will look at the stove.

Health and Human Services -

The commissioners conducted business with Dave Henson, Director of the Department of Health and Human Services. Also present: Dalene Rogers.

Road & Bridge -

In attendance from the Road and Bridge Department were Supervisor Mark Shaw and Truck/Mining Foreman Howard McGinnis. The following were discussed:

- Roads in the Northeast portion of the county have flooded due to recent rains. A dirt flow-pan will be installed; which should keep the road from washing out completely.
- They are currently working on Road FF north to the Phillips County line. The material is coming from the Deterding pit.
- Patching is taking place in different areas as needed. The rain has delayed some of the road work.
- As soon as the engineering report is received on the Kamala/ Road 39 project, it will go out for bid. Shaw felt the project will take 10 to 15 days to complete.
- In preparation for the Fair, the commissioners requested two loads of material at the fairgrounds.
- Shaw listed problems with the bucket truck. They are to have a yearly inspection of the lift which would mean replacing the hoses and rebuilding the cylinders. This may cost more than what the machine is worth. The trees on West 7th Street need removed. Shaw will get some costs for contracting this out to others in that line of work.
- A vandal broke a window in one of the mower tractors.

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

- Shaw said he would like approval to purchase a packer if he finds one of value at an auction or on the internet. He has found some, but they are gone by the time he makes calls to get approval. Following a discussion of the need, **Commissioner Bushner moved to spend up to \$20,000 to purchase a roller packer attachment for a grader. Commissioner Wingfield seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.** To be paid from road and bridge lines.
- The commissioners were informed that the Godsey pit is depleted, but there is potential of a pit across the road which is owned by Dean Wingfield. Commissioners Wiley and Bushner said the county is in need of gravel and had no problem pursuing a possible pit on Wingfield's property. The department has not yet tested for gravel on the Shively property.

Commissioner Wingfield moved to approve the Underground and Utility Permits for the following YW Electric Association to install an electric line under CR H at approximately 495 feet South of County Road 28, and YW Electric Association to install an electric line under and across County Road T at approximately 1,380 feet South of County Road 43.

and

Two Yuma County Transport Permits for Western Sugar to move a 1) beet piler from Road M and Hwy 34 to 38729 Road JJ and 2) a beet piler from Road 36 and E to 28729 Road JJ.

Commissioner Bushner seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Wray Community District Hospital –

Ed Finley, Director of the Wray Community District Hospital, informed the commissioners of the proposal for consolidating Hillcrest and Renotta Health Care Systems Inc. into a new entity called the Wray Community Long Term Care Inc. under governance of the Wray Community Hospital District Board. Finley explained the history and reasoning behind the decision to combine these entities under one board elected by residents of the district. A letter of support to USDA for funding the merger was requested from the commissioners. **Commissioner Bushner moved to sign a letter endorsing the grant application to USDA for funding to facilitate the agreement between the entities involved. Commissioner Wingfield seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.**

CSU Golden Plains Extension -

Present: Dennis Kaan, and Bill Nobles, Regional Director

Bill Nobles said he was glad to be here representing the region as the director for six months. He reviewed the changes being made within CSU Extension.

Discussion pursued on the process for selecting a person to fill the open livestock position in the Golden Plains Extension area. The position education requirements will be for a BA with a masters required within five years. The position will be posted next week and close in the first week of September. Commissioner Wingfield and/or Commissioner Bushner will be part of the selection and interview process.

Kaan and Nobles voiced the importance of 4-H in the region and want to continue to providing the current programs.

Board of Equalization -

At 11:30 am, the commissioners adjourned their meeting and reconvened as the Board of Equalization to hear a request to change property value as presented by Assessor Cindy Taylor. Taylor said, in reviewing with the State the process of valuing property, some of the gas property had not been included in the 2013 assessment. According to the Assessor's Reference Library, the condition of the additional installed and/or stored equipment at the lease sight should be determined independently from the condition of the equipment listed in the Basic Equipment List.

If the Yuma County Board of Equalization approves, Taylor can adjust the 2013 value on the gas property. New notices of determination would need to be sent to each affected owner. Following the discussion, Assessor Taylor commented this could make several million dollars difference in the assessed value. **Commissioner Wingfield made a motion to direct the Assessor to send new notices of determination which will include the additional installed and/or stored equipment not included in the previous notices of determination. Commissioner Bushner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

The commissioners recommended giving property owners a courtesy call when making a site visit, especially where homes are located. Property owners like to know when others are on their property.

Land Use –

Around 1:00 p.m., Chairman Robin Wiley opened the hearing for public comment on the following activities as advertised one Applications for Exemption from Subdivision Regulation and one Major Land Use Permit.

Present: John Pinello representing Simon Contractors, John Cure, and Mark Shaw.

Simon Contractors / Development Permit :

Briggs presented the staff report on Simon Contractors Development Permit for excavation of a temporary borrow material pit to be used in the construction of Colorado Department of Transportation road project to improve intersections of US 385 and US 36.

Mark Shaw asked which roads were going to be used for the roads that are not in good shape. He recommended making a circle so the trucks would not need to meet on some of the problem areas. Discussion of the road conditions and being able to withstand the heavy weights ensued. Chairman Wiley recommended having a representative from Simon and Mark look at the roads to decide the best roads to use.

Laurence Freytag, Shirley Freytag / Exemption from Subdivision:

Briggs presented her staff report on the Freytag's request to divide 9.54 acres into a two parcels as shown on the survey dated June 20, 2013, from Dickinson Land Surveyors, Inc. Tract 1 contains 5 acres. Tract 2 contains 4.54 acres. Briggs said no written comments or calls were received at the administrative office relating to this request.

The commissioners reviewed the planning commission recommendations on the applications. Through a duly made motion at 1:29 p.m. the hearing was closed.

Commissioner Bushner moved to approve Resolution # 07-31-2013 B / DEV a Major Land Use permit for Simon Contractors to open a temporary gravel pit for extracting road material to improve intersections of U.S. 385 and U.S. 36. The permitted acreage is for 4.16 acres located in the NW/4 of Section 3, T5S, R43W with conditions. Commissioner Wingfield seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Resolution attached. Recorded under Reception No. 00557954

Commissioner Wingfield moved to approve Resolution 07-31-2013 A/EFS a Minor Land Use permit for Lawrence Freytag and Shirlie Freytag to divide 9.54 plus or minus acres into two parcels in the NE 1/4 of Section 34, T3n, R48W, for change of ownership on Tract 1. Tract 1 will be 5 plus or minus acres, and Tract 2 will be 4.54 plus or minus acres. Commissioner Bushner seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote. Resolution attached. Recorded under Reception No. 00557979

Assessor Cindy Taylor and Treasurer Dee Ann Stults -

Present: Rich Birnie

Cindy Taylor and Dee Ann Stults said they had viewed the assessor/treasurer programs recently demonstrated Tyler Eagle. If the county should be interested, it will take \$50,000 down with an additional \$120,000 to follow. This would include the GIS and web payment components. Tyler Eagle would not be able to get to working on the request for 18 months. The monthly cost and financing options of the software and hardware were reviewed.

Rich Birnie said he has talked to Sidwell about connecting the GIS to Tyler Eagle. These two companies have never worked together, but the Sidwell representative thought they could make the data connections needed with cooperation from Tyler Eagle.

Liquor License -

Nancy Wright presented the special event liquor application. **Commissioner Bushner moved to approve the application for a special event permit for the Vernon Fire Department to have beer during Vernon Days on August 17th.** Commissioner Wingfield seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Paul Appelhans -

Paul Appelhans, Owner of CWC Commercial Window Cleaning LLC., presented a cost for cleaning windows of the Health and Human Services Building and the Courthouse. The commissioners said they would consider this when preparing the 2014 budget.

Sheriff Chad Day -

Sheriff Chad Day discussed the following:

- Travis Dinsmore is to establish trustee levels so inmates can be allowed to do simple duties such as shoveling snow.
- Day felt the semi purchased earlier in the year would not need to be licensed as he plans on having it located permanently at the shooting range.
- He has been on a waiting list for an armored vehicle for a long time. He has been told additional units were being moved out of the service. He may be having the opportunity to get one. There have been two times he had been looking for one to execute search warrants. Officers can hide behind them to get closer to a location. They are landmine resistant. The commissioners questioned the cost of repairs and parts, if needed, and asked that Day check into the liability cost of acquiring an armored vehicle.
- Day informed the commissioners of staff changes in the Jail.
- The commissioners asked if an undersheriff had been selected. Day said not at this point. No one wants to have an undersheriff more than he does and he is looking. Day confirmed the statute says having an undersheriff is a requirement but there are no consequences for not having an undersheriff.

Closing of sale of property -

The commissioners went to the Yuma County Abstract office to close on the sale of property to Mark Campbell. The motion to sale the property was made on June 28, 2013.

Administrator's Report -

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

A check was signed by the commissioners to transfer interest from the accounts payable and payroll clearing account in the amount of \$11.62 for the months of May (5.50) and June (6.12), 2013.

The Veterans Service Officers monthly report for the month of July was signed by Chairman Wiley.

Certification of Accounts Payable for July 31, 2013, drawn on Yuma County Funds, with check #54492 through #54592 totaling the sum of \$434,657.03 and Fund 16 W-Y Combined Communications check #6645 through #6661, totaling the sum of \$29,955.76 were approved and signed by Chairman Robin Wiley.

Certification of Payroll for July 31, 2013, drawn on Yuma County Funds, EFT system #35070 through #35092 and checks #29777 through #29799 totaling the sum of \$228,593.12 along with Fund 16 W-Y Combined Communication EFT system number #5032 through #5045, totaling the sum of \$29,282.96 were approved and signed by Chairman Robin Wiley.

The commissioners made their routine inspection of the jail.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m. The next meeting of the board will be August 15 and August 30, 2013.

A listing of meetings attended by the Commissioners during the month of July 2013 is attached.

Robin Wiley, Chairman

Linda Briggs, Administrator

ATTEST: _____
Beverly Wenger, County Clerk