

# YUMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

August 15, 2013

## Minutes<sup>1</sup>

At 8 a.m., the Yuma County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on the 15 of August, 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. Also present: Hollie Hillman, Phyllis Williams, and Dalene Rogers.

### 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:

- Shaw said the renters at the Armel house need to clean up the grounds. He had made a recent visit to the property.
- The commissioners from Washington County had been asking about striping the Lonestar Highway. Shaw stated a safety survey would need to be done to identify where the no passing area would be located.
- The compacted clay base flow-pan on Road D has been finished.
- Currently the road crew is working on Road FF north of Road 54. When finished there, they will be moving to the southern portion of the county.
- When moving road material from the pit to the intersections on Hwy 385 and Hwy 36, Simon Contractors will be staying on one road which they will be maintaining.
- Phillips County has asked if they could purchase gravel to construct a road to a pipeline compressor station to be located just north of the county line west of Hwy 385. Discussion ensued. Shaw will get additional information.
- The subgrade engineering has been received for the Kamala project, but not the asphalt engineering.
- Seven mowers are out covering the county. There have been more repairs on the mowers. Several seals have been replaced along with one gear box.
- Six to eight inches of rain in some areas have caused road problems and work delays.
- The commissioners thanked the road and bridge department for the work done at the fairgrounds.

**Commissioner Bushner moved to approve two Special Transport Permits for Energy Transportation Inc. to haul a transformer to a substation located on County Road 48 one mile west of Hwy 59 and the other was to haul a transformer to the Tri-State Generation substation located on the east side of County Road FF, .7 miles north of Hwy 34. Yuma County will be reimbursed for road damages. Commissioner Wingfield seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

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<sup>1</sup> These minutes prepared by Linda Briggs are summarized discussions, not verbatim.

Liz Hickman / Centennial Mental Health -

Liz Hickman, Executive Director of Centennial Mental Health, presented a handout showing the number of clients and types of services provided in the counties along with revenue sources and expenditure types. Hickman discussed the response times and assessment times; both of which has been an issue. A new tracking form is being used to better track the steps on interaction when calls for service come to Centennial Mental Health. Other areas where improvements are being made were reviewed. They are trying to get people into active treatment sooner. Hickman requested a letter supporting an application to the Colorado Department of Human Services to provide a crisis stabilization service, mobile crisis service and crisis residential/respite service in the 12-county region. The board said they would sign a letter of support. Hickman will be sending a draft letter for Chairman Wiley to sign.

Max Shively -

Max Shively voiced his position on the Invenergy Wray Wind Project. His concern is with his family's property on which an additional power line is proposed adjacent to the current line. The family had been contacted about allowing a second line across their property. There have been power poles there for years and he does not want another set of poles. He would have no problem if the current line could be upgraded to handle the need. Shively said that at the hearing Invenergy stated Tri-State had not been contacted about using the current line. The contract they presented to him stated that the easement could be fenced off, which he did not want to happen.

Gary Earl -

Gary Earl asked the commissioners to close a road going through his property in Sections 33 and 34, T1S, R42W. Richard Banister, owner of the property adjoining his property to the north and east, wants to have a hunting reserve. Earl was clear that he did not object to Banister accessing his property, but did not want additional traffic through his property. Earl said he did not want a parking area adjacent to the property he owns. The commissioners said the Division of Wildlife has worked out an agreement with Banister for designating this property as a wildlife easement reserve. The Division of Wildlife is expecting this section of County Road 24.5 as access to the wildlife easement area. Commissioner Wingfield stated, if feasible, a county road could be located on the section line.

Treasurer's Report -

Dee Ann Stults presented the Treasurer's Report for the month of July 2013. There were \$348,501.49 in taxes collected, and \$12,479.43 in fees collected. Yuma County's taxes are 97% collected.

Stults said she had seen the treasurer/assessor computer program from Pueblo County. She felt it was good for the treasurer's information, but not a good assessor's system. The status of CCI is uncertain, as no information has been received. She presented a cost comparison between Tyler, Pueblo County, and CCI.

Stults said she would be getting a bid to run electrical and internet connections from in the ceiling down into the area where the desks are located. Following discussion, the commissioners asked for a cost for installing the electrical in the floor instead. The ceiling tile in the inter office hall is starting to fail. The commissioners went to the office to see first-hand the work that is being discussed.

Dan Simon from Northeast Revolving Loan Fund –

Present: Dan Simon, Director of the Northeast Revolving Loan Fund, and Valerie Hibbert, administrative assistant, for NRLF.

At 1:00 pm, Chairman Wiley opened the public hearing to accept comment on the performance of Yuma County in carrying out their Northeastern Colorado Revolving Loan Fund (NECRLF) project which was financed with federal Community Development Block Grant funds provided by the State of Colorado. Dan Simon said he was present to answer questions from anyone attending the advertised hearing and that this hearing is required prior to closing a CDBG Loan. No one from the public was present to make comment. Commissioner Wiley closed the hearing at 1:04 pm.

**Commissioner Wingfield moved to sign the Project Completion Report and the addendum to de-obligate a portion of the CDBG funds. Commissioner Bushner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

Assessor Cindy Taylor –

Assessor Cindy Taylor discussed the following:

- Changes in the gas value increased the county's value by 3.2 million dollars. The estimated additional taxes will be \$64,000.
- The Sunrise Inn has missed the deadline for submitting a protest to the Board of Equalization. The protest was sent to the State, not the county, and needed to have been received by July 15<sup>th</sup>. It was received at the state on July 24<sup>th</sup>. Taylor said the appraisers had tried to contact the owner several different times and requested additional information. There was no response from the property owners. The property owners will be notified that they can protest in May of 2014.
- Taylor said she does not know what is happening with CCI. The program from Pueblo County has been demonstrated. It is not a good program for the assessor's data, but would work for the treasurer. This would not be a program she would want.
- There have been problems in contacting the sheriff's office. The phone will not be answered when referring phone calls. The door is locked to the hallway when the public wants into the sheriff's lobby.

Clerk Beverly Wenger –

Clerk Beverly Wenger presented and discussed the agreement needed for having a question on the ballot. Following the discussion, **Commissioner Bushner made the motion to have Chairman Wiley sign the agreement between the Yuma County Clerk and Recorder and the Yuma County Board of Count**

**y Commissioners outlining the process and duties of each entity for having a question on the November 5<sup>th</sup> ballot. Commissioner Wingfield seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.**

Clerk Beverly Wenger gave an update on renovation to the Yuma Office.

Executive Session –

Present: Dave Henson.

**Through a duly made motion made by Commissioner Bushner, seconded by Commissioner Wingfield, and passing unanimously, the board entered into executive session under CRS 24-6-402(3)(a)(II) personnel matters.** At 2:57 pm, Commissioners Wiley, Wingfield, and Bushner with Dave Henson, director of Human Services, entered into executive session. Executive session ended at approximately 3:45 p.m.

**Commissioner Bushner moved to adjust the salary for David Henson, Director of the Human Services Agency, to \$65,500 effective August 1<sup>st</sup> with the understanding they will consider an additional adjustment the first of January. Commissioner Wingfield seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.**

Administrator's Report -

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

Certification of Accounts Payable for August 15, 2013, drawn on Yuma County Funds, with check #54593 through #54728 totaling the sum of \$250,717.86 and Fund 16 W-Y Combined Communications check #6662 through #6672, totaling the sum of \$ 2,222.50 were approved and signed by Chairman Robin Wiley.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

The next meeting of the board will be August 30 and September 16, 2013.

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Robin Wiley, Chairman

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Linda Briggs, Administrator

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Beverly Wenger, County Clerk