

YUMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

March 12th, 2014

Minutes¹

At 8 a.m., the Yuma County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on the 12 of March, 2014 with Chairman Dean Wingfield, Commissioners Trent Bushner and Robin Wiley 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: 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:

- The road crew is currently on Road KK. Road 9 is being improved with material stored near the Cure pit. Material from the Knodel pit will be used to finish the work of Road 9.
- Testing on the Cure pit has not been completed. When the sate intersection project on Hwy 385 and Hwy36 is complete the county will need to decide if transferring the pit to Yuma County would be feasible.
- Trees are being removed from the right-of-ways near creeks.
- Work on Road M will start when the roads in the south are finished.
- There was discussion on Schramm Feedlot's expansion to the west side of County Road M and how approaches to the road should be constructed to keep the road bed from collapsing. Shaw will contact the manager to confirm the crossing location and how wide the approach should be.
- Shaw had contacted the school about the road request from Karen Nelson. Shaw will notify the property owner, who first put in road, that the county will grade the road a couple of times a year.
- Shaw has talked to Greg Etl about requesting an extension on the Kamala/Road 39 project. The railroad was later than expected in finishing the railroad crossing. Time is needed to finalize the contractor bid process and getting chip rock delivered from west of Cheyenne. Shaw said the cost of trucking has doubled.
- A notice will be placed in the paper for the three open positions in the department.
- Parts for the scraper are hard to find. There was a discussion of what it would take to replace the scraper.
- Shaw presented a project sheet showing a cost of 1.79 million to asphalt the four miles of road from Hwy 34 to the Landfill location. The commissioners asked Shaw to get costs for a less expensive option such as a chip seal application.

Treasurer's Report -

Dee Ann Stults presented the Treasurer's Report for the month of February 2014. There were \$2,794,360.15 in taxes collected, and \$64,793.23 in fees collected.

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

Assessor Cindy Taylor and Treasurer Dee Ann Stults –

Treasurer Stults said she likes the Computer Information Concept Program as they have a proven product and will schedule a demonstration of the program. Assessor Cindy Taylor stated Eagle was her preference for the assessor program. The commissioners were told that Harris has changed their email and have a different ticket request process. The cost of Harris's program is still unknown. Taylor reviewed what programs other assessors have been purchasing. There have been no invoices from Harris or CCI for several months. Taylor and Stults will be here for the call with Attorney Stephen Monks later in the day.

Golden Plains Extension –

Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Science Joy Akey, 4-H Youth Development Coordinator JoLynn Midcap; and Area Extension Agent for Livestock Chris Shelley, all from the Golden Plains Extension Wray office, presented an overview of their respective programs, events scheduled, and meetings or trainings attended.

Veterans Officer -

Veterans Officer Ralph Spellman said Hospice has asked if he would help with locating veterans to give them a Certificate of Service. This would also be in Washington and Phillips Counties. There would be no additional cost to Yuma County for contacts made in the other counties. The commissioners thought that would be a great project.

Land Use -

A motion was made by Commissioner Bushner and seconded by Commissioner Wiley to approve the following resolutions:

- 1. Resolution # 3-12-2014 A/ an EFS approving an Exemption from Subdivision Permit for Marie L. Degering (Einfield) Johnson, Donald A. Degering, Debra A. Degering, Dustin A. Degering and Scott E. Degering to divide 32, plus or minus, acres from 160 acres in Section 15 in T1N, R48W. Recorded under Reception No. 00559911**
- 2. Resolution # 03-12-2014 B/ an EFS approving an Exemption from Subdivision Permit for Donald A. and Deborah A Godsey, and Ryan W. and Susan K. Godsey to divide 2.51 acres from 313.5 acres in Section 35 in T2N, R46W. Recorded under Reception No. 00560217.**
- 3. Resolution #03-12-2014 C/ an EFS approving an Exemption from Subdivision Permit for LeAnn Spellman and Evelyn Peters to divide 157.97 acres into three parcels located in Section 15, T2N, R48W. Recorded under Reception No.00559912.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Wiley and seconded by Commissioner Bushner to approve two Major Land Use Permit Resolutions.

- 1. Resolution # 03-12-14 D (Permit # DEV 0114-02) establishing an agricultural based business owned by Chad Godsey called Godsey Precision Ag. LLC. This business will provide agronomic consulting services and seed sales located in Section 35, T2N, R46W. Recorded under Reception No.00560218.**
- 2. Resolution # 03-12-14 E (Permit # DEV 0114-01) approving Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association expanding the Substation referred to as the Deering Lake Substation in Section 15, T2N, R48W. Recorded under Reception No. 00559913.**

Sid Fleming -

Sid Fleming, Manager for the City of Yuma, met with the commissioners. Fleming and Commissioner Bushner reviewed a recent meeting at the communications center with Walt Hardesty and staff. Fleming said the cost for

relocating the police to the city hall is approximately \$100,000. The cost for renovating the current police station into the communications center has not been established.

Walt Hardesty, W-Y Communications Director, and Tony Wells, W-Y Communications Board Member, joined the discussion. Hardesty stated the dispatchers want to move, as they are tired of the constricted space and of being in the basement. Discussion centered on renovation costs and sufficient space of the Otis School. The upper floor of the current communications center, where the City Police Station is located, is much smaller.

The commissioners agreed improvements are needed and all options should be considered.

Fleming stated the City of Yuma would have an economic impact by losing 13 employees from the workforce. Employees spend money for lunch and purchase other items as they go to and leave work. It is important for the city to help keep employees here.

Communications board member Tony Wells stated they would like a state of the art facility. The W-Y Communications Board needs to look at what is best for the taxpayers. He felt the Otis school building would work the best for the center and allow for expansion. Yuma County puts in 2/3 of the funding and Yuma County uses 2/3 of the resources. The decision should be based on what is best for the 911 center.

The commissioners reiterated that Yuma County is paying 2/3 of the operating costs of the 911 center and they do not want it to leave Yuma County.

The commissioners asked that Walt look at the blue prints of the current location to see what can be done with the upper level space. The City of Yuma has indicated they would work with the county on this project.

Laurence Freytag –

Laurence Freytag acts as a consultant for Yuma County's Information Technology (IT) connectivity. Freytag said a fiber optics line is being installed from the Wray schools to City of Wray buildings, leaving a drop at the Yuma County Courthouse and ending at Rural America Town. This drop will allow offices in the courthouse to connect to the internet through the fiber optic cable which is high capacity and high speed. Internet wiring infrastructure within the courthouse would not need to change. The cost for the county to use the cable is not known, as quotes to connect have not yet been received. A general discussion centered on the broadband being supported throughout the region. The commissioners requested that Freytag help analyze the county's options once the vendors sort out the broadband network for the region.

Walt Hardesty -

Walt Hardesty, Director of the 911 Communications Center, reviewed a list of needs for the W-Y Communications Center. Updating the CAD program has been removed from the list as it has been purchased. Four consoles need to be purchased prior to the state making their communications upgrade. The total cost of consoles will be near \$600,000. Upgrading the microwave hop will be \$65,000. Relocating the center to a larger space above ground is the last need. Which projects would be eligible for an Energy Impact Grant was discussed. Hardesty will get the cost information to Briggs for writing the grant.

Department Head Meeting -

In addition to the commissioners, the following department heads were present: Cindy Taylor, Dee Ann Stults, Beverly Wenger, Mark Shaw, David Henson, Cliff Henry, Linda Briggs and Vicky Southards. Dave Henson recommended changes to the Employee's Handbook relating to the personal leave section, where an employee may not take personal leave during the first six months of employment. He supported the position that if leave is earned it can be used within the first six months of employment. Following a discussion and consensus of

the department heads, Henson said he would draft a form which would need to be signed by the employee and department head allowing use of accumulated leave within the first six months of employment.

Clerk Beverly Wenger -

Clerk Beverly Wenger informed the commissioners that her office would be closed April 9th and 11th to allow staff to attend classes in Sterling. Wenger will advertise and post notices of the office being closed.

Wenger said there are some HAVA grant funds available to cover the cost of fixing the north door on the Election Center Building. The commissioners voiced support for Wenger's recommendation.

Attorney Stephen Monks -

At 4:10 p.m., **Commissioner Wiley moved to enter into executive session under CRS 24-6-402(4)(e) with Attorney Stephen Monks for discussion of matters that may be subject to negotiations; developing strategy for negotiations; and instructing negotiators. Commissioner Bushner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.** Participating in the executive session relating to bankruptcy of Colorado Customware, Inc. were: Attorney Stephen Monks (via the phone), Commissioners Wingfield, Wiley, and Bushner, Assessor Cindy Taylor, Treasurer Dee Ann Stults, and Linda Briggs. The executive session ended at approximately 4:24 p.m.

Administrator's Report -

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

Commissioner Wiley moved to approve the minutes of February 28, 2014. Commissioner Bushner seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Bushner moved to approve Resolution 03-12-2014 F establishing the Commissioner Salary at \$42,245 per year, which this is 85% of the statutory salary \$49,700 under CRS 30-2-102. This is effective for the commissioner taking office in January 2015. Commissioner Wiley seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Certification of Accounts Payable for March 12, 2014, drawn on Yuma County Funds, with check #56240 through #56363 totaling the sum of \$408,750.30 and Fund 16 W-Y Combined Communications accounts payable check #6873 through #6880, totaling the sum of \$2,186.42 were approved and signed by Chairman Dean Wingfield.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

The next meeting of the board will be March 28 and April 15, 2014.

Dean Wingfield, Chairman

Linda Briggs, Administrator

ATTEST: _____
Beverly Wenger, County Clerk