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### Departments and Offices Update Procedures for 2019 Changes

The new year brings with it a number of changes to which the staff of Yuma County are working to respond. Among the numerous changes faced by staff this year, the Road & Bridge Department has recently updated processes in response to new 811 Utility Locate legislation requiring locates be on file for County Roads before road graders can complete regular road

maintenance. The Human Services Department is working diligently to ensure that impacts of the Federal Government shutdown are mitigated for the citizens of Yuma County. The Clerk & Recorder's Office continues to adjust to new State-mandated software systems, the Assessor's Office is preparing for the review of property valuations within the county, the Finance and Treasurer's Office are closing out financial processes for the year and preparing for the annual financial audit, and the Sheriff's Office and Jail are entrenched in a leadership change. Transition from one year to another brings challenge and change to every area of the County and provides a great time to acknowledge the intricacies of the work done in each Office and Department and to recognize and support each other as we close out our accomplishments from 2018 and prepare for what 2019 brings.



#### Fourth Quarter New Employees

Ivan Rico, Human Services Jessica Bauer, Human Services Jessica Paz, Road & Bridge

## **2019 Budget Finalized**

After several months of research and collaborative effort amongst all Offices and Departments, the Yuma County 2019 Budget was finalized by the Board of County Commissioners in December. January budget activities include the distribution of approved budget documents to departments and external agencies and the publication of the budget for public reference. January 2019

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## **Elected Officials Sworn In**

On January 8, 2019 Yuma County Judge, the Honorable Kris Jones swore in six of eight Yuma County Elected Officials. The Yuma County Assessor, Clerk, Treasurer, Sheriff, Coroner, and one Commissioner were elected to terms to begin January 8, 2019, all for four-year terms. The remaining two Commissioners are mid-term on terms that began in 2017. Of the elected officials sworn in, the Assessor, Clerk, Treasurer, Coroner, and Commissioner were all re-elected to their roles and the Sheriff has begun his first term in office.

Sheriff Todd "TC" Combs is a recently retired Colorado State Trooper who has served the northeast Colorado area most recently. He assumes the duties of Sheriff after winning the election race against incumbent, Sheriff Chad Day, this past fall. Please join me in welcoming Sheriff Combs as well as in wishing Sheriff Day well in his transition out of his elected role.

Thank you to the remaining five elected officials, Assessor Cindy Taylor, Clerk and Recorder Bev Wenger, Commissioner Trent Bushner, Coroner Dan Bauke, and Treasurer Dee Ann Stults for your continued service to the people of Yuma County. All are long-time public servants and we greatly appreciate their continued interest in being part of the Yuma County Government Team.

Treasurer Dee Ann Stults was on deck for the swearing-in ceremony on January 8, however was sworn in on December 31 by Judge Jones due to her financial responsibilities to Yuma County and the necessity of being sworn in for the full 2019 year.

### National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day

January 9 marked National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day, giving Yuma County an opportunity to thank every member of the Yuma County Sheriff's Office for their dedication to the safety of our County.

While the nationally-recognized day afforded the opportunity to formally recognize the group, we appreciate our law enforcement professionals every day and thank them for their service to our community all year long.

#### **Dates to Remember:**

- 1-7 2018 Final Payroll Deadline
- 1-8 2018 Final Payables Deadline
- 1-8 Swearing In of Elected Officials
- 1-9 & 1-22 Payables Deadlines
- 1-15 BOCC Meeting
- 1-21 Payroll Deadline
- 1-31 BOCC Meeting

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