

## YUMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

May 16, 2013  
Minutes<sup>1</sup>

At 8 a.m., the Yuma County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on the 16th of March, 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 Insurance –

Present: Debbie Logue, Edith McGinnis, Howard McGinnis, Vicky Southards.

Participating over the phone: Allan Chapman and Meredith Burcham representing County Health Pool (CHP).

Debbie Logue and Edith McGinnis stated that the Wray Hospital and Clinic are sending lab tests to North Platte Pathology, which is considered by the CHP to be out of network. The employee must pay the total invoiced amount. Logue said the doctor and nurse seemed confused with the paperwork when she had informed the doctor that the labwork needed to be done in Colorado with an Anthem Provider, as the insurance would not cover the cost when lab work is sent out of state. McGinnis said she took a bill from North Platte Pathology to the hospital's finance director. McGinnis was told that the bill was the employee's responsibility to pay.

Allan Chapman and Meredith Burcham from CHP said the Wray Hospital and Clinic had been informed that the North Platte Pathology Lab was no longer considered in the network as of October 15, 2012. They said if Yuma County employees and/or dependents have a claim that was sent to North Platte; a copy can be sent to CHP for payment as though it was in network. The health facilities in Wray would be contacted again to solve the problem.

### Road & Bridge -

In attendance from the Road and Bridge Department were: Supervisor Mark Shaw, Truck/Mining Foreman Howard McGinnis, Fleet Foreman Kent Twiss, and Office Manager Deborah Logue.

The following were discussed:

- The crusher will be moved to Idalia to crush the cement being collected due to demolition of the school after they are done at the Gelvin pit.
- Road R south of the Landfill is being improved. After this is finished, they will be moving north to repair the roads requested by Brinkama.
- The scraper will be moved to the Dreher pit once the work is finished at the Deterding pit.
- The pot-holes from Hwy 34 to Kamala were discussed. Shaw said the county is responsible for maintenance of the roads up to the stop sign. The Colorado State Highway Department is responsible from the stop sign to the pavement.
- Shaw knew there had been calls on Road 34 south of Yuma, as there is a windrow of weeds when the gravel is pulled out of the ditch. In the long term this will make a better road.
- Deborah Logue discussed the possibility of purchasing new software called Business Management Systems. She explained how the current software was modified to accommodate the payment authorization for the accounting department. When a payable is made, the purchase is added to the inventory. The big problem is that nothing is removed from inventory unless it is on a service order. Discussion centered on differences of the previous programs. Other Colorado counties would be

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

contacted to find out what programs are being used.

- Ergo Med will structure a fitness exam that would assess an applicant's physical fitness for doing the job for which they are being hired. The cost is \$90 for an hour examination. This is different than the pre-employment medical exam given by a doctor which would also be needed. The commissioners gave approval to check further into this type of employment screening.
- Western Sugar has requested two approaches to County Road J; one to enter the property and one to exit. Discussion centered on the likely hood of the pavement breaking where the gravel starts especially if trucks are turning on the pavement. Shaw recommended having Western Sugar pave the approach from the pavement to the edge of the right-of-way. This would save the roadbed from breaking away. Shaw said this would be part of the road access modifications requested.
- Shaw will contact Chris Geske, representing the Yuma Children's Academy, as she has asked for assistance in constructing a hard surface road to their day care facility.
- The department continues searching for good used pickups. At least three need replaced.

**Commissioner Bushner moved to approve the Underground and Utility Permits for the following:**

- **Alan Welp to install a water line under County Road DD at the intersection of County Road 28 and County Road DD.**
- **CenturyLink to install a 3pr telephone line along County Road PP.5 from Brandon St. to North Railroad Street in Laird.**

**Commissioner Wingfield seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

#### Art Reyes / Centennial Mental Health -

Art Reyes, Director of Centennial Mental Health, presented a Proclamation signed by Governor Hickenlooper declaring May as Mental Health Month and asked the commissioners to do the same in Yuma County.

**Commissioner Bushner made the motion to proclaim the month of May 2013 as Mental Health Month in Yuma County. Commissioner Wingfield seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

#### Treasurer's Report -

Dee Ann Stults presented the Treasurer's Report for the month of April, 2013. There were \$12,412,806.11 in taxes collected, and \$283,582.46 in fees collected.

Stults said software vendor Colorado CustomWare, Inc. (CCI) has downsized and let a lot of staff go. Yuma County now has one person for support.

#### Dennis Kaan and Michael Fisher / CSU Golden Plains Extension -

Kaan informed the commissioners of a tour being scheduled in Yuma County for the CSU Animal Science Department to visit several livestock producers such as a confined pig producing facility, feed lot, and dairy.

Michael Fisher informed the commissioners of his promotion to a Pueblo area director similar to Kaan's position. His last day here will be June 14th. Fisher stated he appreciated the support from the commissioners. The commissioners thanked Fisher for the service to the Golden Plains Extension.

Kaan said this opening will be filled as a state formula position. Kaan will not be chairing the selection committee so he will have a say in the selection. All felt the position should be advertised as soon as possible.

Yuma County Water Authority Public Improvement District -

At 1:00 p.m.; the commissioners adjourned to conduct business of the Yuma County Water Authority Public Improvement District.<sup>2</sup> The commissioner meeting resumed around 1:15 p.m.

Cliff Henry / Yuma County Landfill –

Present via the phone: Mark McMullin

Cliff Henry, Supervisor of the Yuma County Landfill, asked Mark McMullin, from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment Waste Management Division, to inform the commissioners of the regulations relating to electronics. Senate Bill 12-133 states that effective July 1, 2013 electronic devices will no longer be landfilled. McMullin reviewed the process by which the commissioners can exempt its residents from the ban.

Discussion pursued. Henry will send some information relating to the bill so a process of meeting the exempt requirement can be established.

George Henry / County Technical Services –

George Henry, Senior Loss Prevention Specialist for County Technical Services, Inc, presented and reviewed Yuma County's loss ratio for the Colorado Counties Casualty Property Pool and for the County Workers' Compensation Pool. Graphs showing 2012 data were presented showing the loss ratio for each pool. Claims data broken out by frequency, severity, and cost was reviewed. Based on the claims information, Henry recommended a driver safety class for the Sheriff's Office and the Road and Bridge Department.

Clerk Beverly Wenger -

Clerk Beverly Wenger said she has been talking to Sid Fleming, the new manager for the City of Yuma, about increasing the clerk's office space at the Yuma City Hall. The best option is to expand into the adjoining space previously held by the athletic director. Wenger presented two estimates from a contractor that has done work for the City of Yuma. There are two estimates depending on the scope of the work to be completed. The board asked that another quote be received for the improvements. Wenger will draft a bid document and get to interested contractors.

Wenger said most of the county clerks throughout the state supported SB 1303; as it contained a majority of the things they were wanting. She did not support the same day voter registration, but did not think voter fraud would be a problem in Yuma County.

Land Use –

A lot line adjustment was reviewed by the commissioners. **Commissioner Wingfield moved to approve Resolution # 05-16-2013 A/ADM an Administrative Permit for Ray and Amy Penny to add 2.75 acres to the 7.11 acres forming a parcel containing 9.86 acres more or less in the NE1/4 of Section 11, T1S, R48W. Commissioner Bushner seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.**

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Administrator's Report -

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

**Commissioner Wingfield moved to approve the minutes of April 30, 2013. Commissioner Wingfield seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

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<sup>2</sup> Minutes of the Yuma County Water Authority PID are done separately.

**Commissioner Wingfield moved to sign the document extending the lease agreement, relating to the Soehner water purchase, with Republican River Water Conservation District. Commissioner Bushner seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.**

Chairman Wiley signed the Veterans Report for April, 2013.

Briggs presented the Yuma Ethanol's fifth year letter of request for \$85,659.44 through the incentive policy. Briggs presented data showing Yuma Ethanol had not complied with the incentive policy, which states that the annual wage of the bottom 50% of the employees must be equal to or greater than the current average annual wage for all industries in Yuma County as documented by the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment. A letter denying the 2013 incentive request will be drafted for Chairman Wiley to sign.

A request to use the Yuma County Fair grounds and have Yuma County sponsor the benefit to assist with medical expense for Daisy Mosqueda. The board approved the request with the stipulation of no alcohol, and that areas cleaned up by the individuals making the request.

Certification of Accounts Payable for May 16, 2013, drawn on Yuma County Funds, with check #53901 through #54045 totaling the sum of \$270,782.45 and Fund 16 W-Y Combined Communications check #6588 through #6596, totaling the sum of \$4,278.37 were approved and signed by Chairman Robin Wiley.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m. The next meetings of the board will be May 31 and June 14, 2013.

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Robin Wiley, Chairman

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Linda Briggs, Administrator

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