

YUMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

July 15, 2013

Minutes¹

At 8 a.m., the Yuma County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on the 15th of July, 2013 with Chairman Robin Wiley, Commissioners Dean Wingfield and Trent Bushner present.

Yuma County Clerk Beverly Wenger 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: 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 working road Roads FF and HH.
- An unmarked fiber optic line was cut on Road 9 west of KK.
- They have been working on roads that need some filling.
- The engineer information has not yet been received for Kamala and Road 39. Shaw hopes to have the project out for bid by July 24th.
- Representatives from the Department of Rural Affairs, Railroad, and the Department of Transportation assessed rail road crossings on Roads H, J, K, L, PP, and RR. The railroad representative said the railroad crossing at H is scheduled. Signing for the railroad crossing has to go through the PUC.
- A call was made to Cory Stuart from CDOT about the Ramp Grants. The commissioners were informed that the state could proceed with one, two, or all three of the ramp projects in 2014, if that would work with the county. The commissioners said that due to the work load and cost there needs to be one project each year with the last scheduled for 2016. The passing lanes at the intersection of Hwy 34 and County Road H will be scheduled for early spring of 2014.
- The Idalia School would like some recycled asphalt.
- The postmaster at Kirk would like the draining improved at the post office building.

Dennis Kaan / CSU Golden Plains Extension -

Dennis Kaan discussed the open livestock agent position. The commissioners were told the job description would be emailed for their review. Notice of the opening will go out in August with interviews scheduled around October 7th. Kaan said the salary for Area Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences out of Wray is low. This position received the maximum increase from CSU this year. Kaan recommended the commissioners consider this position in next year's budget as the area pays one-half of this salary.

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

Treasurer's Report -

Dee Ann Stults presented the Treasurer's Report for the month of June, 2013. There were \$1,612,260.26 in taxes collected, and \$36,107.86 in fees collected.

The commissioners were invited to a computer presentation from Tyler Eagle as an alternative to the CCI Program being used by the Assessor and Treasurer offices.

Stults said she had submitted a request for gas reimbursement and mileage reimbursement, but was told that had not been the practice and would need to discuss this with the commissioners. Stults said several treasurers from the region traveled with her. Those treasurers have paid their prorated portion of the gas bill to Yuma County with a check. Because the county cars are either in use or are not trustworthy to travel that far, Stults takes her own vehicle. Stults said that she should be paid the mileage reimbursement of 42 cents and also be reimbursed for the gas. The commissioners said they would pay the 42 cents for the miles traveled. This payment includes the cost of gas. Stults restated that gas should be paid in addition to the 42 cents. Following the dispute, Stults said she would write a check for her portion of the gas. Stults left the room and returned directly with a check, which she left with the commissioners.

The public trustee request for the second quarter payment of \$3,364.06 was signed by Chairman Wiley.

Liquor License -

Nancy Wright presented a liquor renewal application. **Commissioner Bushner moved to approve the Colorado Liquor or 3.2 Beer License Renewal Application from Ballyneal Golf LTD. Commissioner Wingfield seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

Bookmobile -

Rhonda Gronewold, Director of the Northeast Colorado Bookmobile, along with board members Roberta Helling and Joan Pearson discussed funding for the bookmobile. The commissioners were informed that 2013 revenue was going to be \$12,000 less than the requests to the counties. Logan County committed \$10,000 but the request was just over \$32,000. Discussion centered on the effect of operations with reduced revenue and how to present the funding request to the contributing counties in September. A listing of the books in the library will be on line so people can access the information early.

Department Head Meeting -

In addition to the commissioners, the following department heads were present: Cindy Taylor, Chad Day, Dee Ann Stults, Beverly Wenger, Mark Shaw, David Henson, Cliff Henry, and Vicky Southards.

- Wenger handed out information on Workers Compensation and Casualty & Property Pools claims data.
- Assessor Cindy Taylor passed out assessed value estimate showing the county value will be at least 41 million dollars less than the 2012 value. For budget purposes, the commissioners said the salary scale can be adjusted for a \$25 a month cost of living; with employees moving only one step and there might be a possible reduction in work force or freeze on new hires. The health insurance is estimated to increase ten percent.
- Stults presented and discussed a budget system format for consideration. This is titled "County Cooperative Budget System."
- Taylor recommended implementing random drug testing for all employees. Discussion ensued.
- Janitorial services were discussed with consideration given listing the duties and putting custodial services out to bid.
- Department Heads were passed out Employee Notification Regarding Use of Personal Vehicle Forms.

Employees are to fill out and return to the administration office if they use personal vehicles in the line of work.

Clerk Beverly Wenger –

Clerk Beverly Wenger discussed the remodel and enlarging of the Yuma branch office. Bids had been advertised but only one bid was received in the amount of \$8,685. Following review of the bid and discussion, **Commissioner Bushner moved to approve paying one-half of the renovation cost. The motion passed unanimously following a second by Commissioner Wingfield.** Wenger will contact Yuma City Manager Sid Fleming to see if the city would pay for half. This renovation project will be paid through Fund 20.

Administrator's Report -

The commissioners were presented with correspondence received since the last meeting, and took action on the following:

Commissioner Wingfield moved to approve the minutes of June 14, 2013. Commissioner Bushner seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Bushner moved to reappoint Gary Baucke to the Northeastern Colorado Regional RETAC to a two year term which will expire June 30, 2015. Commissioner Wingfield seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chairman Wiley signed the Veterans Report for June, 2013.

Commissioner Wingfield moved to sign the request for an extension of time to submit the Yuma County 2012 audit to the Office of the State Auditor. Commissioner Bushner seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Certification of Accounts Payable for July 15, 2013, drawn on Yuma County Funds, with check #54346 through #54487 totaling the sum of \$513,547.91 and Fund 16 W-Y Combined Communications check #6639 through #6644, totaling the sum of \$1,463.53 were approved and signed by Chairman Robin Wiley.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30p.m.

The next meeting of the board will be July 31st and August 15th, 2013.

Robin Wiley, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Beverly Wenger, County Clerk

