

**YUMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**February 18, 2014**  
**Minutes<sup>1</sup>**

At 8 a.m., the Yuma County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on the 18 of February, 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: Hollie Hillman, and Robin Barnhart.

Road & Bridge –

In attendance from the Road & Bridge Department were: Supervisor Mark Shaw, Truck/Mining Foreman Howard McGinnis, and Grader Foreman Casey Stults. Road & Bridge personnel updated the commissioners on road department activities.

The following were discussed:

- A bridge west of Laird needs repairs. They may have to work with the Army Core of Engineers with this project.
- Trees and beaver ponds have caused some problems at the Lindsay Bridge.
- The snows have caused few problems. Some secondary roads were cleared prior to a few major roads. Part of this was new employees did not know how they should be working the areas.
- Roads 5 and 4 in the southeast are being improved.
- Three and possibly all four of the new graders will be delivered this week.
- A demo John Deere dozer is being used while the county's is getting repaired.
- The department needs to test the Cure Pit permitted by Simon, to see if there is adequate material for the County to take over the permit.
- Locates have been made at the intersection of Hwy 34 and Road H to start the process of installing a passing lane.
- There was discussion of getting concrete crushed. Consideration will be given to the cost to contract the work or moving the crusher and having the work done by staff.

Mark Shaw requested executive session to discuss personnel. **Commissioner Wiley moved to enter executive session as outlined in CRS 24-6-402 (4)(f) for personnel matters. Commissioner Bushner seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.** At 10:11 a.m., Commissioners Wingfield, Wiley, and Bushner with Mark Shaw, Howard McGinnis, Casey Stults, and Linda Briggs entered into executive session. Through a duly made motion executive session ended around 10:25 a.m.

Treasurer's Report -

Dee Ann Stults presented the Treasurer's Report for the month of January, 2014. There were \$747,031.06 in taxes collected, and \$33,346.84 in fees collected.

Due to programing problems, tax notices had to be resent to the oil & gas operators as the first notice was wrong.

The payroll clearing account was in the negative because of entity reimbursements not coming in prior to

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

disbursements. Month of January payment is also made for workman's compensation insurance.

The new treasurer clerk Lisa Walters started her position today. The commissioners confirmed that this position could start at grade 5/step 5 on the 2014 salary scale.

Surplus office chairs from the treasurer's office can be advertised and sold, with a minimum 50 dollars each.

Stults reviewed items noted in the 2012 Auditor's Management Letter:

- She has changed the process of accounting for the investments to include unrealized gains or losses due to market value and not just when cash is received.
- Stults stated, as treasurer, her name is to be on all accounts. She was not aware of the 4-H Junior Livestock account. The board asked that she talk to JoLynn Midcap.
- Other topics in the letter mentioned by Stults were the computer backup for all systems and a program to record employees' time worked.

Marvin Southards and Justin Peterson -

Marvin Southards and Justin Peterson informed the commissioners of their business which was started two years ago called Black Wolf Emergency Prep. They promote emergency preparedness for small businesses and individuals. They support long term food storage and some of the items they sell are crank radios, water filters, and sand bags. They have attended meetings in the state supporting emergency preparedness for individuals. Yuma County is well prepared through Roger Brown's position. They promote private and public sectors working together. They have talked to the cities, fire departments and wanted to make sure the commissioners were aware of what they were doing. On Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, they are holding an Emergency Preparedness Workshop for the local residents and businesses that will focus on individual, vehicle, and family preparedness for weather, power, and many other emergency situations. This workshop will be in conjunction with the American Red Cross. The commissioners were invited to attend.

Land Use -

Briggs presented resolutions for consideration. **Commissioner Wiley moved to approve Resolution 1-31-2014 A/EFS vacating an Exemption from Subdivision for Richard Nelson and Resolution 1-31-2014 B/EFS approving an Exemption from Subdivision for Richard Nelson. Commissioner Bushner seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote. Recorded under Reception No. 00559791 and 00559792.**

Attorney Stephen Monks -

At 2:05 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 2:20 p.m.

Assessor Cindy Taylor -

Assessor Cindy Taylor informed the commissioners that she would be doing an abatement of approximately \$2,500 to McAlaine Gas for pumping units that were taxed in error. It will amount to approximately \$100 per well.

Vonie Weaver and Maggie Freeman -

Vonie Weaver and Maggie Freeman of Encore Life Inc., updated the commissioners on their plans to implement

an electronic recycling program. A USDA grant request of \$65,081.80 has been submitted to start the project. This grant will provide funds for educating the public, salaries, and processing fees. The processing fees include \$25 for each large television, computers, faxes, and copiers. Other electronics such as phones have a smaller fee. A portion of the grant will cover processing fees until that portion of grant is expended. Education will take place in the newspapers and fliers with utility bills or bank statements. They want to educate the youth through school assemblies. E-cycle-a-thons will be held at different locations within the county. These will be staffed with senior volunteers and high school students. Cornerstone will allow space for gathering the recycle items. They will be bundled and picked up by the Urban Mining<sup>2</sup>, an R-2 certified recovery facility, located in Frederick, Colorado. The commissioners confirmed they would provide an enclosed container at the Landfill to store the electronics. Encore will be notified on the USDA grant in April. Weaver and Freeman will keep the board updated.

Administrator's Report -

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

**Commissioner Bushner moved to approve the minutes of January 31, 2014. Commissioner Wiley seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

**Commissioner Wiley moved to sign the residence lease between Yuma County and Christian J. Fell for renting the house at 5981 County Road M, Kirk, Colorado. Commissioner Bushner seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.**

**Commissioner Wiley moved to approve Yuma County Drilling Permit under Ordinance 1982-1 for Augustus Energy Resources LLC well number 43-21 1S 44W on property owned by Stephen L. Allison. Commissioner Bushner seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.**

A check was signed by the commissioners to transfer \$1,193.25 of CCOERA forfeiture dollars to Fund 1.

A check was signed by the commissioners to transfer interest from the accounts payable and payroll clearing account in the amount of \$27.78 for the months of September, October, November, and December of 2013.

Certification of Accounts Payable for February 18, 2014, drawn on Yuma County Funds, check #56036 through #56158 totaling the sum of \$158,625.34 and Fund 16 W-Y Combined Communications accounts payable checks #6844 through #6853, totaling the sum of \$3,371.83, were approved and signed by Chairman Dean Wingfield.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

The next meeting of the board will be February 28 and March 12, 2014.

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Dean Wingfield, Chairman

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Linda Briggs, Administrator

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

