

# YUMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

April 30, 2014

## Minutes<sup>1</sup>

At 8:00 a.m. the Yuma County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on the 30th of April, 2014, with Chairman Dean Wingfield, Commissioners Trent Bushner and Robin Wiley present.

Administrator Linda Briggs was present throughout the day.

The commissioners reviewed with each other about affiliated meetings that each had attended within the last two weeks.

### Health and Human Services -

The commissioners conducted business with Dave Henson, the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services. Also present: Hollie Hillman and Robin Barnhart.

### Road & Bridge -

In attendance from the Road and Bridge Department were: Supervisor Mark Shaw and Truck/Mining Foreman Howard McGinnis; who updated the commissioners on road department activities.

The following was discussed:

- Mark said the scraper in the Dreher Pit was shut down because it was causing too much dirt to cross the road to the Liberty School.
- Several locations have sand blowing across roads and filling ditches.
- The department is currently on Road 59 installing an approach.
- The Godsey Pit needs reclaimed.
- 20 loads of sandy material have been hauled to the fairgrounds arena and 10 loads were taken to the track in front of the grandstand.
- Shaw presented and reviewed a revised Special Transport Permit; which included a \$250 fee.
- Shaw discussed a request for signage information on Road FF and Road 25.
- The bid document for the Kamala/Road 39 project was reviewed. A call was made to DOLA Representative Greg Etl to discuss what bonds would be required. Etl will be emailing the recommended wording for the bid document.

**Commissioner Wiley moved to approve the Yuma County Transport Permits to transport over-width items on county highways for the following:**

- **Higginbotham Trucking LTD to transport a building on April 23, 2014.**
- **5J Oilfield Services LLC to transport a compressor on May 2, 2014.**

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

### Greg Etl, Regional Representative from DOLA -

A phone call was made to Greg Etl. In addition to the road and bridge discussion, Etl requested time with the commissioners to meet Chantal Unfug and other staff from of the Division of Local Governments. The commissioners confirmed a lunch meeting in Wray on May 13<sup>th</sup>.

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

John Surbek –

John Surbek, Regional Coordinator for Department of Homeland Security, informed the commissioners that the Homeland Security Grants for 2011 will be closed by May 31, 2014, and 2012 year by August 31, 2014. The 2012 grant has planning and training dollars remaining and the 2013 grant has planning, training and exercise dollars remaining. Surbek informed the commissioners of his effort to keep rural areas included as part of the state discussion. This has become more difficult as the state's philosophy has been that the dollars should follow the population. Surbeck referred to a meeting recently attended and his efforts to support rural counties.

Following the discussion, the 2014 Homeland Security Grant Application was presented for approval and signature. **Commissioner Bushner moved to have Chairman Wingfield sign the State Homeland Security Program Grant 14SHS15NER application requesting \$340,847 for the Northeast Region. Commissioner Wiley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

Yuma County Economic Development -

Sid Fleming and Brian Cunningham, both representing Yuma County Economic Development, updated the commissioners on the effort to have broadband service available to all locations in Yuma County. Meetings with representatives from providers, the county commissioners, and the Cities of Wray and Yuma have been taking place to consider how to best provide the high-speed internet access. Discussion focused on what had been considered and to what will be the next step. Economic Development would like to hire an engineer that has the technical knowledge to plan how and where access vaults could be used to connect the fiber optic line and allow high speed connectivity to vendors. Following the discussion, **Commissioner Wiley made a motion that Yuma County would split the cost for hiring the consultant with Economic Development. Yuma County will pay up to 50% of \$10,000. Commissioner Bushner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

CSU Extension -

Linda Langelo, Joy Akey, and Dave Henson, asked if the ground to the east and south of the two parking garages could be used for members of a community garden. Three families have volunteered to do the gardening. If a garden gets started, it is hoped that interest will grow. Water can be used from the courthouse. Langelo said the ground would need improving and asked if the county could provide some topsoil. She will get the dimensions of the area. Akey and Henson stated their programs support and encourage gardening as a good and inexpensive source of food. The commissioners approved of the area being used for a community garden.

Land Use –

At 1:00 p.m.; Chairman Dean Wingfield opened the hearing for public comment on two Applications for Exemption from Subdivision Regulations. No one from the public was present.

Larson Land Company, LLC / Exemption from Subdivision:

Briggs presented her staff report on Larson Land Company's request to separate 2.5 acres from the surrounding property for change of ownership. Briggs said no written comments or calls were received at the administrative office relating to this request.

Don C. Andrews., Myrna K. Andrews, and Nathan W. Andrews / Exemption from Subdivision:

Briggs presented her staff report for the Andrews' request to separate 4.17 acres from the surrounding property for change of ownership. Briggs said no written comments or calls were received at the Administrative office relating to this request.

The commissioners reviewed the planning commission recommendations on the applications. Through a duly made motion at 1:11 p.m., the hearing was closed.

**Commissioner Bushner made a motion to approve; which Commissioner Wiley seconded, the following Application for Exemption from Subdivision Regulations:**

- **Larson Land Company, LLC to divide 2.5, plus or minus acres, from 320, plus or minus, acres in the SW1/4 of Section 13, Township 5 North, Range 47 West to change ownership for residential use.** *Recorded under Reception No. 00560347.*
- **Don C. Andrews., Myrna K. Andrews, and Nathan W. Andrews to divide 4.17 plus or minus acres from 160 plus or minus acres in the NE1/4 of Section 35, Township 4 South, Range 44 West, for change of ownership.** *Recorded under Reception No. 00560348.*

**The motion passed by unanimous vote.**

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**Sheriff Chad Day –**

Via a phone call, Sheriff Chad Day discussed the possibility of offering the current opening on the officers' side to employees of the jail. The commissioners stated this has been done in the past and supported this process. Day reviewed the training location and cost for the new hire. The county may need to cover some of the training expense. Relating to a potential agreement with the employee, the county would pay for part of the cost with the assurance that the employee returns to Yuma County for a period of time following the training.

Day stated he has decided to keep the pickup previously owned by the Eastern Colorado Plains Drug Task Force.

Day confirmed the SCAAP funds are to be in the county general fund, whereas at a previous meeting he said they were to be accounted for separately.

The commissioners were informed that legislation may shorten the current 48-hour period of time individuals can be held in jail for Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to pick up.

**Clerk Beverly Wenger and Rich Birnie -**

Clerk Beverly Wenger and GIS Coordinator Rich Birnie reviewed problems with the scanner which is 14 years old. The scanner is used by the clerk's office for scanning surveys and larger documents. Birnie reviewed replacement costs. Printouts from a Canon and an HP were compared. Wenger is willing to use funds from the Clerk's Grant Tech Funds to cover the expenditure. The scanner was not an anticipated expenditure; therefore, it was not requested by either department as part of the 2014 budget. Following the discussion, **Commissioner Bushner made the motion to purchase a thirty-six inch color Canon iPF760 plotter to be paid out of the Clerk's Grant Fund. Quote for the Canon iPF760 \$ 6,499 with a trade of XE Scan machine. The extended maintenance agreement of \$ 2,350 will be paid from the GIS department. Commissioner Wiley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**South Y-W Ambulance -**

Over the phone, Mary Jane Idler and Bruce Mann discussed replacement of the South Y-W Ambulance involved in an accident on April 2, 2014. The commissioners were informed that the emergency grant had \$69,446.00 available to contribute toward purchasing the new ambulance, costing \$163,000.00. Idler said South Y-W has \$13,000.00 saved it is willing to contribute towards replacing the ambulance. After considering the funds plus the insurance reimbursement, Yuma County would need to contribute over \$60,000.00 for this purchase. The board said this was higher than initially anticipated. Discussion centered on options for reducing the county's expenditure and concluded with the commissioners asking South Y-W representatives to search for a used ambulance.

Cliff Henry Landfill Supervisor-

Cliff Henry, Supervisor for the Yuma County Landfill, dropped in to request attending a recycling meeting in Colorado Springs on June 9th and 10th. The commissioners approved the request.

Administrator's Report -

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

**A motion was made by Commissioner Wiley and seconded by Commissioner Bushner to approve the minutes of April 15, 2014. The motion passed unanimously.**

Chairman Wingfield signed the Veterans Report for April, 2014.

**Commissioner Wiley moved to approve paying \$810 to the West Yuma County Chamber of Commerce for membership dues from May 2014 to May of 2015. Commissioner Bushner seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

Certification of Accounts Payable for April 30, 2014, drawn on Yuma County Funds, with check #56577 through #56669 totaling the sum of \$393,094.19 and Fund 16 W-Y Combined Communication EFT systems, payable for April 30, 2014, check #6904 through #6919, totaling the sum of \$ 29,969.39 were signed by Chairman Dean Wingfield.

Certification of Payroll for April 30, 2014, drawn on Yuma County Funds, EFT system #36148 through # 36275 and checks # 30035 through #30061 totaling the sum of \$219,635.28, and along with Fund 16 W-Y Combined Communication EFT system number # 5156 through # 5169 totaling the sum of \$31,337.31 were approved and signed by Chairman Dean Wingfield.

The commissioners made their routine inspection of the jail.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m. The next meeting of the board will be May 15th and May 30, 2014.

A listing of meetings attended by the Commissioners during the month of April 2014 is attached.

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Dean Wingfield, Chairman

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Linda Briggs, Administrator

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