

## YUMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

June 15, 2021

### Minutes<sup>1</sup>

On June 15, 2021 at 8:00 a.m., the Yuma County Board of Commissioners met in regular session. Chairman Trent Bushner, Commissioner Robin Wiley, Commissioner Scott Weaver, and Administrator Andrea Calhoon were present throughout the day. The meeting was open to the public via teleconference due to the COVID19.

The Commissioners reviewed and signed accounts payable and discussed various meetings attended throughout the prior month.

#### Liquor License Renewal

Deputy County Clerk Pam Zuege joined the Commissioners at 8:15 a.m. to present the retail liquor license renewal for Papa's Bait Shop.

**Commissioner Wiley moved to approve the retail liquor license renewal for Papa's Bait Shop as presented. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.**

#### Human Services

The Board of County Commissioners convened as the Board of Social Services at 9:00 a.m. Human Services Director Kara Hoover, Child Welfare and Adult Protection Supervisor Hollie Hillman, and Receptionist Robin Stich were present. Detailed minutes of the Board of Social Services are maintained separately by the Department of Human Services.

The Board of County Commissioners reconvened at 9:50 a.m.

#### Road and Bridge

Road & Bridge Supervisor Tom Andersen, Blade Foreman Justin Lorimer, and Truck Foreman Jeremy Lund joined the meeting at 10:00 a.m. to provide department updates.

- **Brand Pit Lease Agreement – Commissioner Wiley moved to approve the renewal lease agreement for the Brand pit as presented. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.**
- *Mowing* – The group discussed mowing efforts around the county.
- *Road Reports* – Blade Foreman Justin Lorimer provide updates on road maintenance projects and priorities for the current period. Lorimer reported work on County Roads RR and SS and in Abarr. The group also discussed the upcoming Eckley Road Chip Seal project scheduled to start Monday, June 21. The group also discussed the challenges with road maintenance following the excessive rains received in April and May.
- *Material Hauling* – The group reviewed material hauling statistics for the first quarter of 2021 as compared to prior years.
- *Staffing* – Commissioner Weaver moved to approve the job description and salary authorization for new hire Peter Martinez. Commissioner Wiley seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- *Permits* – Andersen presented for approval two road crossing permits. Commissioner Weaver moved to approve the road crossing permit for Viaero Wireless to run new fiber optic line along: Blake Street, CR 33, CR JJ, CR 30, CR HH, CR 26, CR 31, and CR PP. Commissioner Wiley seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**Commissioner Weaver move to approve the road crossing permit for Great South Western Construction to bore under CR E south of CR 48. Commissioner Wiley seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous vote.**

#### McMahan & Associates

The Commissioners met with Paul Backes and Billi Lewis of McMahan & Associates at 11:00 am to conduct introductions with Commissioner Weaver and discuss audit planning and structure. The group discussed the audit process and goals.

<sup>1</sup> Minutes prepared by Andrea Calhoon are a summary of discussions, not a verbatim account.



### Land Use

The Land Use meeting for June 15, 2021 was vacated.

### WY Comm Director, Don Nadow

At 2:00 p.m. the Commissioners received a report from WY Comm Director Don Nadow. Among topics discussed were staffing models, training for the Director, and the ongoing review of job descriptions.

### Public Comment, Lori Reed Marr

At 3:00 p.m. the Commissioners heard public comment from Ms. Lori Reed Marr regarding access issues on the Laird Ditch. The Commissioners provided their input and suggested Ms. Marr contact the Board or the Ditch Rider for further assistance.

### Administrator's Report

Administrator Andrea Calhoon reviewed calls, correspondence, and presented the following for discussion and action:

- *Minutes* – The Commissioners reviewed the minutes from the previous BOCC meetings. **Commissioner Weaver moved to approve the minutes from the May 28, 2021 regular meeting and the June 10, 2021 special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Wiley seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with Commissioner Bushner abstaining due to absence from the meetings.**
- *CAPP Report & Claim Review* – The Commissioners heard information on pending CAPP and workers' compensation claims.
- *Signatures and Ratifications* –
  - Resolutions/Ordinances/Signatures:
    - **Commissioner Weaver moved to approve Resolution 06-15-2021 A regarding Congressional Redistricting. Commissioner Wiley seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**
    - **Commissioner Wiley moved to approve signature on the updated domain registration request. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous vote.**
  - Grant Updates:
    - The Commissioners reviewed information regarding pending and submitted grant applications including: DOLA energy impact funds for chip sealing of the Eckley Road, a proposed Landfill recycling grant application, and a status update on Coronavirus federal funds.
- *Department Reports* – The Commissioners heard various department updates including updates on the transition of the WY Communications Center, updates on the dissolution of the Northeast Colorado Bookmobile, the May 2021 TV System Maintenance Log, bids received for new equipment for the Landfill, and application documents for the previously approved County Clerk's document digitization grant application.
- *Prior Meeting Follow-Up* – Calhoon provided project updates on the status of properties in Eckley.
- *Correspondence* – Calhoon presented correspondence received since the last meeting including a requested meeting with the City of Wray regarding maintenance of CR 35 through the school zone, the Smithfield and Seaboard Q1 2021 monitoring reports, and the establishment of a CCI Eastern District Meeting on September 10 in Akron.
- *CDL Testing Unit* – Calhoon provided updates on the status of the Yuma County CDL testing unit.
- *IT Updates* – Calhoon presented updates on various IT-related topics.
- *Maintenance Updates* – Calhoon reported on various facilities maintenance topics.
- *HR Updates* – Calhoon reported updates on county Human Resource topics including recruitment and retention, various job description updates, and potential changes to the CRA retirement agreement.



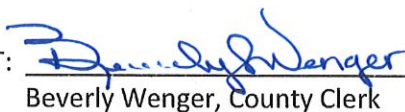
Commissioner Weaver moved to approve the job description and salary authorization for Part Time Extension Support Angie Weathers as presented. Commissioner Wiley seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.

The Commissioners attended a community meeting in Yuma regarding the impending closure of the local nursing home.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m. The next regular meetings of the Board of County Commissioners will be on June 15, 2021 and June 30, 2021.

  
Trent Bushner, Chairman

  
Andrea Calhoun, Administrator

ATTEST:   
Beverly Wenger, County Clerk





**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
COUNTY OF YUMA, STATE OF COLORADO  
RESOLUTION NO. 06-15-2021 A**

**A RESOLUTION CONCERNING CONGRESSIONAL  
REDISTRICTING AND THE DRAWING OF TWO RURAL  
DISTRICTS IN COLORADO**

**WHEREAS**, Every ten years the State of Colorado needs to redraw all of the congressional districts to equalize population between them; and

**WHEREAS**, rural Colorado has unique interests that are sometimes contrary to the interests of Front Range communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Colorado is expected to receive an eighth congressional district through the reapportionment process; and

**WHEREAS**, the Western Slope has historically been considered a community of interest; and

**WHEREAS**, the Eastern Plains and Southern Colorado is an easily defined community of interest; and

**WHEREAS**, agriculture is a primary driver of the economy in many rural counties; and

**WHEREAS**, energy production is a primary driver of the economy in many rural counties; and

**WHEREAS**, both agriculture and energy are historically considered a community of interest; and

**WHEREAS**, rural communities' water interests sustaining agriculture and recreation are often counter to the water interests of urban/suburban communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Western Slope counties are often over 50% made up of publicly owned lands, with some approaching 90% publicly owned; and

**WHEREAS**, Rural communities have unique infrastructure needs, including telecommunications, public transportation and utilities; and

**WHEREAS**, tourism is a primary driver of the economy in many rural counties; and

**WHEREAS**, roughly one fourth of the population of the State of Colorado lives in these rural counties that rely on agriculture, energy production, and tourism to drive their economy; and

**WHEREAS**, drawing two rural districts allows the Congressional Redistricting Commission to better meet Constitutional requirements for compact districts with the remaining six congressional districts

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF YUMA, STATE OF COLORADO:**

- That the Western Slope of Colorado is a community of interest that deserves to be made whole with one congressional district;
- That the Eastern Plains and Southern Colorado is a community of interest that deserves its own congressional district; and
- That we, the Commissioners of Yuma County, encourage the Congressional Redistricting Commission to ensure Colorado's rural population is effectively represented through the creation of two fully rural (or near as possible) districts.

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**MOVED, READ AND ADOPTED** by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Yuma, State of Colorado, at its regular meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021. The above and foregoing Resolution was, on a motion duly made and seconded, adopted by unanimous vote of the Board of Yuma County Commissioners.

**ADOPTED this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021.**

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF YUMA COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO**

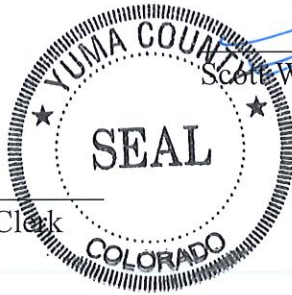
  
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Trent Bushner, Chairman

  
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