

YUMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
July 15, 2021
Minutes¹

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

County Treasurer, Dee Ann Stults

Yuma County Treasurer Dee Ann Stults joined the Commissioners at 8:30 a.m. to discuss unpaid property taxes and unfiled annual reports for oil and gas producers Omimex Petroleum and Revive Resources. Stults discussed statutory protocol she has followed to date including notification to first purchasers of applicable statutory responsibility to withhold payment to operators and what statute prescribes moving forward. The group discussed the County's approach to the unpaid taxes.

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, Eligibility Supervisor Dalene Rogers, 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. and attended a department staff meeting.

Road and Bridge

Road & Bridge Supervisor Tom Andersen, Blade Foreman Justin Lorimer, and Truck Foreman Jeremy Lund joined the meeting at 11:00 a.m. to provide department updates.

- *Safety Officer* – Andersen reported on the appointment of a new safety officer, Peter Martinez.
- *Staffing* – Andersen reported the resignation of blade operator Travis Wiltfang.
- *Road Reports* – Lorimer presented road reports and updates on road maintenance projects. Maintenance efforts are currently focused on roads PP, 7, AA, and MM. The group also discussed managing roads during harvest.
- *Eckley Road Chip Seal* – Andersen reported on the delay in the fog coat for the Eckley chip seal project due to the unavailability of oil nation-wide.
- *CR 35 School Zone* – The group discussed the prior request of the City of Wray to move the CR 35 school zone following the construction of the new school. The group also discussed the identified traffic flow issues at the new school
- *Permits* – Andersen presented for approval a special transport permit. **Commissioner Wiley moved to approve the special transport permit for Gerald Hostetler of Star Moving as presented. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

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



Land Use

Land Use Administrator Colten Yoast was heard at 1:00 p.m. to review Land Use and GIS business and conduct Land Use Hearings.

- *Land Use Applications* – Yoast reported one application received for hearing in August and no land use hearings for July. Yoast also reported on potential future applications anticipated.
- *Land Use Code* – Yoast reported updates on research conducted regarding a community request in Laird and the replat of the unincorporated community of Idalia.

GIS

- *Current Projects* – Yoast reported on various GIS topics including work with the WY Communications Center and annual software renewals.

WY Communications, Don Nadow

At 1:47 p.m. the Commissioners met with WY Communications Director Don Nadow. At 1:48 p.m. **Commissioner Weaver moved to enter into executive session under CRS 24-6-402(4)(f) for personnel matters. Commissioner Wiley seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.** Present for executive session were Chairman Bushner, Commissioner Wiley, Commissioner Weaver, Administrator Calhoun, and Director Nadow. Executive session ended at 1:50 p.m.

Region 1 Tower Association, Ed Lake

At 2:55 p.m. the Commissioners heard a report from Ed Lake of Region 1 Translator Association to hear updates on the television system maintenance and planning. Lake provided updates on current and planned infrastructure including signal routing. The group discussed community feedback received regarding signals and service as well as challenges and barriers with technology in providing local service.

OWN Resources, Niels Phaf

The Commissioners were joined by Niels Phaf and Greg Jones of OWN Resources at 4:00 p.m. to discuss the impacts of Senate Bill 19-181, including completed and pending rulemaking, on the oil and gas industry. The group discussed the detrimental impact of SB19-181 on Yuma County specifically and what partnership options are available to advocate for the landowners, constituents, and producers in Yuma County.

Administrator's Report

Administrator Andrea Calhoun 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 June 30, 2021 regular meeting and the July 8, 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:
 - The Commissioners signed the previously submitted 2020 annual financial audit extension.



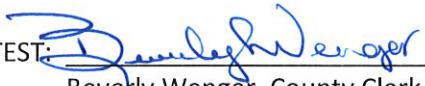
o Grant Updates:

- The Commissioners reviewed information regarding pending and submitted grant applications including: DOLA energy impact funds for chip sealing of the Eckley Road, a submitted Landfill recycling grant application, and a status update on Coronavirus federal funds. **Commissioner Weaver moved to approve signature on the 2021 EMPG grant acceptance letter as presented. Commissioner Wiley seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**
- *Department Reports* – The Commissioners heard various department updates including WY Comm financial and personnel updates, updates on the dissolution of the Northeast Colorado Bookmobile, the current list of delinquent possessory interest accounts, and the June 2021 TV System Maintenance Log.
- *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 report of no correspondence received for the County Board of Equalization, which convened effective June 30.
- *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 including the commencement of the VOIP phone system transition.
- *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.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m. The next regular meetings of the Board of County Commissioners will be on July 30, 2021 and August 16, 2021. The Commissioners attended the WY Communications Center Board meeting in Yuma following the meeting.


Trent Bushner, Chairman


Andrea Calhoon, Administrator

ATTEST: 
Beverly Wenger, County Clerk



