



**YUMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**September 16, 2021**  
**Minutes<sup>1</sup>**

On September 16, 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.

Road and Bridge

Road & Bridge Supervisor Tom Andersen, Blade Foreman Justin Lorimer, and Truck Foreman Jeremy Lund joined the meeting at 8:30 a.m. to provide department updates.

- *County Road 1 Bridge Repair* – Andersen presented costs for lumber to repair the bridge on County Road 1.
- *CR 39 Repair* – Andersen discussed his efforts and pricing received to date on the repair of County Road 39 from Highway 59 to County Road L. The group discussed various repair options and the tradeoffs between cost and longevity.
- *County Road 56.5* – Andersen presented information on County Road 56.5 and its category on the Highway User Tax Fund Road Inventory. The road passes through open range and the grazing of cattle is causing soft spots in the road.
- *County Road Move Request* – The group discussed a request to review the moving of County Road 39 off the Eckley Highway where it jogs into a pasture. After review, it was determined that the road runs around a hill and was constructed approximately 70 years ago.
- *Road Reports* – Lorimer provided reports on the completion of work on County Road PP as well as current work on L, M, P, and 13. Lorimer also discussed challenges at Abarr pit with the lack of access routes and the damage caused by trucks going in and out of the pit as well as the strategy for addressing the issues.
- *Equipment Availability* – The group discussed the scheduling of equipment orders for 2022 including wait times on blade ordering and the benefit of ordering packers with blades at purchase versus purchasing them individually after the fact.

Human Services

The Board of County Commissioners convened as the Board of Social Services at 9:30 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 10:15 a.m. and Director Hoover presented a draft 2022 budget proposal.

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.

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

- *Land Use Activity* – Yoast reported on one anticipated application for the month of September. Yoast also reported on the status of a replat discussion for the unincorporated community of Idalia as well as a request to run a pipeline through the County Road right-of-way, which was denied.

#### GIS

- *Current Projects* – Yoast reported on various GIS topics including work with the WY Communications Center and census data availability.

#### 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 August 31, 2021 regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Wiley seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**
- *CAPP Report & Claim Review* – The Commissioners heard information on pending CAPP and workers' compensation claims.
- *Signatures and Ratifications* –
  - Resolutions/Ordinances/Signatures:
    - No resolutions were presented for consideration.
  - Grant Updates:
    - The Commissioners reviewed information regarding pending and submitted grant applications including: DOLA energy impact funds for chip sealing of the Eckley Road, the approval of the CDPHE recycling grant for the Yuma County Landfill, updates on the American Relief Plan funding, and discussion regarding potential private grants for the fairgrounds.
- *Department Reports* – The Commissioners heard various department updates including updates on the dissolution of the Northeast Colorado Bookmobile, the current delinquent possessory interest tax listing, and updates on research for a potential nuisance dog ordinance at the request of the Sheriff.
- *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 visit to Yuma County by the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, updates on the Yuma Life Care Center, the designation of Commissioner Weaver as the CCI Legislative Designee for 2022, and upcoming board vacancies. **Commissioner Wiley moved to approve 2022 employee benefit selections consistent with current elections. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**
- *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 and salary authorizations for new hire Patrol Deputy Don Nadow and Detention Deputy Andrew Sabin. The Commissioners also reviewed a memo from Sheriff Todd Combs regarding the addition of a patrol deputy position due to an impending retirement. **Commissioner**



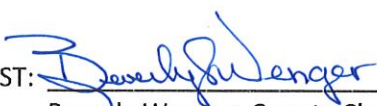
**Wiley moved to approve the salary authorization for new hire Detention Deputy Andrew Sabin as submitted. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous vote.**

**Commissioner Wiley moved to approve the salary authorization for new hire Patrol Deputy Don Nadow as submitted. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion. It passed with Commissioner Bushner voting in the negative.**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m. and the Commissioners entered into a 2022 budget work session. The next regular meetings of the Board of County Commissioners will be on September 30, 2021 and October 15, 2021.

  
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Trent Bushner, Chairman

  
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Andrea Calhoon, Administrator

ATTEST:   
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Beverly Wenger, County Clerk

