



YUMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

October 15, 2021

Minutes¹

On October 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.

Road and Bridge

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

- *Equipment Purchase* – Andersen presented updates on proposed 2022 equipment purchases as well as an update on the CAT blade on order, which is now scheduled for delivery in December. Lund also presented an update on increasing truck prices for 2022 due to ongoing supply chain issues. **Commissioner Wiley moved to purchase three John Deere 772G motor graders with packers from 4Rivers Equipment for 2022 for a total of \$653,200 to be paid from Fund 2. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.**
- *Training* – Lorimer reported on LTAP classes completed and scheduled for Road & Bridge staff this month including a Drainage class in Greeley attended by 3 blade operators and a grader class to be held in Phillips County next week that 3 veteran blade operators will attend.
- *Road Reports* – Lorimer provided reports on current road work throughout the County including NN between 17 and 18 and work on LL.5. Trucks are currently running out of the Deterding pit. The group also discussed mowing progress and efforts across the County including what went well this season and what changes will be made for next season.

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, Child Support Coordinator Brett Lebsack, 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 10:40 a.m.

Veteran's Service Officer

At 10:45 a.m. Veteran's Service Officer Ron Brown joined the Commissioners to present program updates. Brown presented the most recent veteran's geographic distribution expenditure report and discussed various changes occurring at the State Veteran's Office.

Sheriff's Office

At 11:00 a.m. Yuma County Sheriff Todd Combs met with the Commissioners to discuss office updates and current law enforcement issues and efforts. The group reviewed staffing for the upcoming year in light of an upcoming patrol retirement. Relations with WY Communications were discussed and the Commissioners heard suggestions and requests from Sheriff Combs on unmet needs and barriers to his operations. **Commissioner Weaver moved to approve the addition of an additional patrol position for**

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



the remainder of 2021 for purposes of training before the end of the year. Commissioner Wiley seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Weaver moved to approve the purchase of two police package Tahoes for 2022 as presented to be paid from F20. Commissioner Wiley seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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. Numerous members of the public were present for the hearing as well as Yuma County Sheriff Todd Combs.

- *Land Use Hearings* – Land use hearings opened at 1:00 p.m. Yoast presented the following tabled application for signature.
 - **DEV 0921-05 for Rick Perry** to run an auto parts junk yard business located in Laird, original block 3, lot 5 & 6.

Public comment was heard on the application including updated information regarding fluid storage, fencing specs and materials, noise control and mitigation, operating hours, weed and pest management, and the interplay between residential and business uses of property in Laird.

Land Use Hearings closed at 1:57 p.m.

Commissioner Wiley moved to approve Major Land Use permit DEV 0921-05 for Rick Perry to run an auto parts junk yard business located in Laird, original block 3, lot 5 & 6 with the following stipulations:

- The Applicant shall be responsible for complying with all Federal, State, and Local regulations, rules, codes, conditions, and design standards.
 - The Colorado Department of Transportation Junkyard Permit is filed by October 22, 2021 and an active permit is consistently maintained with the State unless deemed unnecessary by the state.
 - Screening approved by the Colorado Department of Transportation is fully constructed and compliant within 30 days of the issuance of a Junkyard permit or receipt of written confirmation from CDOT that no permit is required.
 - Motor vehicles and trailers parked on the street are licensed and plates are current
 - No parking in county road and/or other legally defined rights-of-way is permitted
 - No more than 6 salvage vehicles are permitted on the business premises at any given time.
 - There are no more than 55 gallons of oil, 5 gallons of gas, 5 gallons of antifreeze, 5 gallons of other combustibles stored on the property, or the EPA standard, whichever is less
 - Vehicles are drained of all fluids indoors and fluids and batteries are removed within 24 hours of reaching the facility.
 - Operational hours are permitted only between 7 am and 6 pm Monday through Saturday
 - No additional lighting is added without land use office approval
- Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous vote.
- *Land Use Updates* – Yoast reported one potential application for the month of October related to a road vacation.

- *Special Meeting* – Yoast requested the scheduling of a special meeting the week of November 22 to conduct November land use hearings due to the vacation of the end of month November Commissioners meeting.

GIS

- *Current Projects* – Yoast reported on various GIS topics including work with the WY Communications Center, work on the master map, work with the recently received census data, and a request for contracted GIS services from Phillips County, Colorado.

Economic Development, Phil Riggelman

At 2:30 p.m. the Commissioners were joined by Economic Development Director Phil Riggelman to discuss 2022 financials and give office updates. Riggelman discussed planning for his transition from office and presented statistical information for community growth rates and economic development.

Presentation of 2020 Audited Financial Statements

Paul Backes of McMahan & Associates joined the meeting remotely at 3:00 p.m. to present the 2020 audited financial statements. Finance Officer Sarah Carwin, Human Services Director Kara Hoover, Human Services Bookkeeper Melanie Fisher, and Finance & Compliance Clerk Brandi Ritchey were also present for the presentation. **Commissioner Wiley moved to accept the audited financial statements as presented. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.**

Yuma County Water Authority Public Improvement District

At 3:30 p.m. the Commissioners adjourned and convened as the Yuma County Water Authority Public Improvement District Board. Minutes for the Yuma County Water Authority Public Improvement District are kept separately.

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 September 30, 2021 regular meeting and the October 14, 2021 special 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:
 - **Commissioner Wiley moved to approve signature on the 2022 Morgan Community College COSI Scholarship letter. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**
 - **Commissioner Wiley moved to approve signature on the State of Colorado Opioid Settlement participation agreements, escrow agreement, and MOU. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion, which 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, 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 an update on the dissolution of the Northeast Colorado Bookmobile, updates on the WY Communications Center, research regarding a potential dangerous dog ordinance, various potential marketing opportunities for County tourism, the Q3 Public Trustee report, the August and September 2021 TV System maintenance logs, and the 2022 preliminary budget.
 - *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 various upcoming meetings and a request to host a carnival at the Vernon park. A special meeting was scheduled for November 23, 2021 at 8:30 am to conduct November land use hearings and meet with County Treasurer Dee Ann Stults.
 - *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, open enrollment, and various other Human Resources and staffing topics.
- Commissioner Weaver moved to purchase bouncy houses as presented for a total of \$11,660 to be paid from Fund 5. Commissioner Wiley seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous vote.**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. The next regular meetings of the Board of County Commissioners will be on October 29, 2021 and November 15, 2021.


Trent Bushner, Chairman


Andrea Calhoon, Administrator

ATTEST: 
Beverly Wenger, County Clerk

