



YUMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

May 16, 2022

Minutes¹

On May 16, 2022 at 8:00 a.m., the Yuma County Board of Commissioners met in regular session. Chairman Robin Wiley, Commissioner Trent Bushner, Commissioner Scott Weaver, and Administrator Andrea Calhoun were present throughout the day.

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

Human Services

The Board of County Commissioners convened as the Board of Social Services at 8:30 a.m. Human Services Director Kara Hoover, Eligibility Supervisor Dalene Rogers, Bookkeeper Melanie Fisher, new Eligibility Technician Molly Brug, and Administrative Assistant Asalia Bencomo 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 9:05 a.m.

Yuma County Water Authority Public Improvement District

At 9:10 a.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.

Road and Bridge

Road & Bridge Supervisor Tom Andersen, Blade Foreman Justin Lorimer, and Truck Foreman Jeremy Lund joined the meeting at 9:30 a.m. to provide department updates.

- *Financials* – Andersen presented financial reports and operational reports of equipment usage for consideration. The group discussed various expense items including utilities and fuel and discussed the projection of expenditure over the remaining course of the year.
- *Gravel Sale* – Andersen presented a request for gravel purchase of 200 yards from the Deterding pit for \$9.00 per yard for personal use. **Commissioner Weaver moved to approve the sale of 200 yards of Deterding material to Jed Schneider for \$9.00 per yard as requested. Commissioner Bushner seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**
- *Landfill Work* – Andersen reported on material usage and time spent improving a road inside the Yuma County Landfill.
- *Idalia House* – Andersen reported on the lease of the Idalia House to a Road & Bridge mechanic. The lease will be reviewed and considered during the Administrator's Report. Terms of the lease including pets and pet deposits were reviewed.
- *Eckley Road* – The agreement for the fog coat of the Eckley Road, scheduled for later this month by Cobitco for a total of \$61,803 including materials and application was presented. **Commissioner Weaver moved to approve signature on the contract with Cobitco for fog coat of the Eckley Road in May of 2022 for a total of \$61,803 including materials and application. Commissioner Bushner seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**
- *Pickup pricing* – Lund presented pricing for pickups requested for purchase in Spring of 2023. **Commissioner Weaver moved to approve the purchase of three Ford pickups as presented for**

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



delivery in 2023 as presented. Commissioner Bushner seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous vote.

- *Truck Report* – Lund provided a report on the delivery of the remaining 2022 trucks ordered. Lund reported the trucks are built and are being finalized for delivery later this summer.
- *Road Issues* – Lorimer provided road updates including issues on County Road 26. The group discussed the blade rotation and strategy for CR 26 west of the church at Vernon.
- *Mower Pricing* – Andersen presented pricing for the purchase of new mowers from Central Plains Equipment. The Commissioners took the pricing under advisement for the 2023 budget.

Public Comment

Mr. Robert West was heard at 10:30 a.m. to issue public comment on the efficacy of investigation occurring in the 13th Judicial District Attorney's Office and to request the Commissioners require a Wray-based, Wray-exclusive investigator in response to the additional funding request issued by the District Attorney's Office for the 2022 Fiscal Year.

Mr. West requested information regarding the status of mental health diversion programs through Centennial Mental Health and issued the opinion that an increase in active prosecution efforts is necessary in Yuma County. West provided various statistical data sets to the Commissioners. Mr. West expressed appreciation and respect for the work of the Yuma County Jail and Sergeant Joe Wells for their efforts in professionally and effectively accommodating mental health issues presenting through the criminal justice system in Yuma County.

13th Judicial District Attorney, Travis Sides

District Attorney of the 13th Judicial District Travis Sides joined the Commissioners at 10:35 a.m. to provide office updates and discuss funding. Sides provided updates on casework and case disposition in Yuma County since his last meeting with the Commissioners. Sides reported approximately 55 felony cases in Yuma County in 2021 and almost 35 so far this year. Sides did note a corresponding decrease in misdemeanor cases in the area. Also provided were updates on staffing for Yuma County as well as staffing for the office overall.

Executive Session

At 11:30 a.m. **Commissioner Weaver moved to enter into executive session under CRS 24-6-402(4)(f) for Personnel to conduct an exit interview. Commissioner Bushner seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous vote.** Present for executive session were Chairman Robin Wiley, Commissioner Trent Bushner, Commissioner Scott Weaver, Land Use Administrator Colten Yoast, and Finance and Compliance Clerk Brandi Ritchey. Executive session ended at 11:50 a.m. No action was taken following executive session.

Land Use

County Land Use Administrator Colten Yoast was heard at 1:00 p.m. to review Land Use and GIS Business.

- *Pending Land Use Activity* – Yoast reported two land use hearings for the month of May; one exemption from subdivision and one hearing on updates to land use code.
- *Renewable Energy Meetings* – Yoast provided updates on recent informational meetings with renewable energy companies including NextERA and ENGIE.
- *Staffing* – Yoast provided updates on the planning and transition for the upcoming staffing changes in his office.



GIS

- *Current Projects* – Yoast reported on various GIS topics including work on wrapping up mapping projects currently underway.

Niyol Solar, NextERA Energy

At 1:50 p.m., the Commissioners received a virtual informational presentation from NextERA Energy regarding a proposed solar farm north of Yuma called the Niyol solar project. The Commissioners heard a project outline and basic project goals, strategies, and estimated timelines. Jennifer Herron, Chris Haas, and Natalie Graves of NextERA presented information and answered questions regarding the proposed 200MW solar project, which is anticipated to begin permitting this summer or fall and break ground in the third quarter of 2024.

County Treasurer, Chrystal Hammond

At 3:00 p.m. Yuma County Treasurer Chrystal Hammond met with the Commissioners to provide office updates. Among topics discussed were the current investment market, status of Yuma County investments, and the future protocols for investing County funds.

Executive Session

At 4:00 p.m. **Commissioner Bushner moved to enter into executive session under CRS 24-6-402(4)(f) for personnel to conduct an employee evaluation. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.** Present for executive session were Chairman Robin Wiley, Commissioner Trent Bushner, Commissioner Scott Weaver, and Human Services Director Kara Hoover. Executive session ended at 5:10 p.m. No action was taken following executive session.

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 April 29, 2022 regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Bushner 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 Weaver moved to ratify Commissioner Bushner's signature on the previously approved contract for the 2022 Yuma County Fair Night Show act. Commissioner Bushner seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.**
 - **Commissioner Weaver moved to approve signature on the June renewal of the CDL Testing Unit Land Use Agreement. Commissioner Bushner seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**
 - The Commissioners reviewed and signed the updated agreement with OMNI Institute for completion of the Region 4 Opioid Council 2-Year Study as approved and ratified by the Region 4 Opioid Council.
 - **Commissioner Bushner moved to approve signature on Resolution 05-16-2022 A updating the 2021 Amended Budget for additional information received from the State of Colorado. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous vote.**



- Grant Updates:
 - The Commissioners reviewed information regarding pending and submitted grant applications including the Eckley Road chip seal, American Rescue Act funds, and the CDPHE recycling grant.
- *Department Reports* – The Commissioners received and reviewed the March 2022 and April 2022 TV System Maintenance Logs and various County Fair reports.
- *Prior Meeting Follow-Up* – Finance and Compliance Clerk Brandi Ritchey provided project updates on the status of properties in Eckley. The group also discussed the status of a recent application to host a horse race at the Yuma County Fairgrounds.
- *Correspondence* – Calhoon presented correspondence received since the last meeting including an update on Yuma Life Care Center, a request for interview from the Colorado Sun regarding renewable energy in Yuma County, and an updated event plan from Knights of Columbus regarding the previously conditionally approved beer garden hosting at the upcoming June 4 tractor pull to be held at the Yuma County Fairgrounds. The Commissioners reviewed and accepted the beer garden plan as presented.
- *CDL Testing Unit* – Calhoon provided updates on the status of the Yuma County CDL testing unit and the planning of an Entry Level Driver Training community education program currently being developed with the Yuma Campus of Northeastern Junior College.
- *IT Updates* – Calhoon presented updates on various IT-related topics including updates on the transition to VOIP phones for County operations.
- *Maintenance Updates* – Calhoon reported on various facilities maintenance topics including a potential partnership with the City of Wray Parks Department for mowing services.
- *HR Updates* – Calhoon reported updates on county Human Resource topics including recruitment and retention, various staffing structure updates, and the status of various County vacant positions.

Commissioner Weaver moved to approve the salary authorizations for new Emergency Manager Jake Rockwell, new Fairgrounds Manager Mike Criswell, and new Detention Deputy Kyle Brown as presented. Commissioner Bushner seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Bushner moved to approve signature on the lease agreement for the Idalia House with Road & Bridge Mechanic Jose Maldonado-Bustillos. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

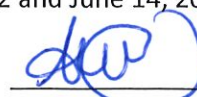
Commissioner Bushner moved to approve signature on the lease agreement for the Wauneta House with Detention Deputy Kyle Brown. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.



There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m. The next regular meetings of the Board of County Commissioners will be on May 26, 2022 and June 14, 2022.



Robin Wiley, Chairman



Andrea Calhoon, Administrator

ATTEST: 

Beverly Wenger, County Clerk



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

RESOLUTION NO. 05-16-2022 A

**A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL SUMS OF MONEY AND REVISING THE PREVIOUSLY
ADOPTED AND AMENDED 2021 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET**

WHEREAS, Yuma County is authorized by CRS 29-1-109 to establish and amend its annual budget and to make transfers and supplemental appropriations of budgeted funds, and;

WHEREAS, Yuma County desires to amend its 2021 budget and approve supplemental budget appropriations from the Grant Fund 9 and the Human Services Fund 3 as set forth in this Resolution in order to fund unanticipated operating expenditures, and;

WHEREAS, additional expenditures are being funded by reimbursement through the Federal American Rescue Act Plan and by Federal Human Services economic support pass-through funds, and;

WHEREAS, additional information has been received from the State of Colorado regarding 2021 expenditures through the Human Services Fund 3 requiring additional amendment to the 2021 fiscal year budget;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Commissioners of Yuma County, State of Colorado, approve the amendment of the 2021 budget expenditures as follows:

	Original	Adjustment	Final
Human Services Fund:	\$4,944,449	\$1,250,000	\$6,194,449
Grant Fund:	\$695,777	\$400,000	\$1,095,777

The above and foregoing Resolution was, on motion duly made and seconded, adopted by unanimous vote of the Yuma County Board of Commissioners on the 16th day of May, 2022.

ADOPTED THIS 16th DAY OF MAY, 2022.

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




Robin Wiley, Chairman



Scott Weaver, Commissioner



Tren Bushner, Commissioner

ATTEST: 

Beverly A. Wenger, County Clerk

