



## YUMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

October 31, 2022

Minutes<sup>1</sup>

On October 31, 2022 at 8:00 a.m., the Yuma County Board of Commissioners met in regular session. Chairman Trent Bushner, Commissioner Scott Weaver, Commissioner Mike Leerar, and Finance Clerk Brandi Ritchey were present throughout the day.

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

### Liquor License

Deputy County Clerk Nancy Wright presented for signature the previously approved retail liquor license renewal for Millan Liquors, LLC and a new license for Kirk Supers. **Commissioner Weaver moved to approve both Liquor Licenses as presented. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.**

### Road and Bridge

Road & Bridge Supervisor Tom Andersen joined the meeting at 8:30 a.m. to provide department updates.

- *Landfill Scraper* – The group discussed coordinating moving the scraper to the Landfill to start working on a drainage project.
- *Scheduling* – Andersen presented a change to the current time schedule to allow an extension of two more weeks of working 4, 10-hour days. **Commissioner Weaver moved to approve the Road and Bridge Department to start working 5, 8-hour days starting on November 21<sup>st</sup>. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**
- *Miller and Associates Auction* – Andersen recommended taking unused equipment to Miller and Associates Auction in Brush to be sold. Andersen is going to gather a list of the equipment and present it to the Commissioners at the next meeting.
- *Road Report* – Andersen provided updates on upcoming work to County Road 51 and repairing holes on County Road 26. Andersen reported that they will be doing repairs to a culvert on County Road CC where a Beaver Dam has been taking over the culvert.
- *Financials* – Andersen presented current departmental financials and the group discussed the various financial pressures for the department including flat revenues as well as increased fuel and equipment prices.

### 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 and Bookkeeper Melanie Fisher 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.

### CSU Office of Engagement and Extension, Ginger Williams

At 10:30 a.m., Ginger Williams joined the Commissioners to give an update on the Expanded Rural Engagement Initiative, a new program through CSU and discuss how it can help residents engage with Improved Health and Healthy Aging, Vibrant Communities, Accessible Education and Thriving Economies.

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



The group conversed areas where Yuma County needed help and how these programs would be beneficial to Yuma County residents.

Congressman Ken Buck's Office, Darlene Carpio

Darlene Carpio of Congressman Ken Buck's office joined the Commissioners at 11:30 a.m. to provide federal legislative updates. Amongst those updates was the passing of H.R. 3843, the Merger Filing Fee Modernization Act of 2022 and discussion of other federal legislative bills and efforts. The Commissioners requested continued federal support on the Republican River Compact Compliance various water management issues and concerns.

Land Use/GIS

Finance Clerk, Brandi Ritchey was heard at 1:00 p.m. to review Land Use and GIS business.

- *Land Use Hearings* – Land use hearings opened at 1:00 p.m. Calhoon presented the following applications for signature.
  - **EFS1022-07 for Exemption from Subdivision for Kevin Dresen** to divide a .87-acre parcel from a 4.56-acre parcel located in Section 21, Township 2 North, Range 48 West for purpose of resale.
  - **RVA1022-01 for Alley Vacation for Kent Reiman** for the purpose of a Road Vacation Permit Application along a tract of land located in Campbell's 2<sup>nd</sup> resubdivision, Wray, Yuma County, Colorado being more particularly described as the alley between Elm Court and Grove Street South of lots 2 and 12, Campbell's 2<sup>nd</sup> resubdivison, Wray, Yuma County.

Land Use Hearings closed at 1:07 p.m.

**Commissioner Weaver moved to approve signature on Resolution 10-31-2022 A regarding the Exemption from Definition of Subdivision Permit Application for Kevin Dresen to divide a .87-acre parcel from a 4.56-acre parcel located in Section 21, Township 2 North, Range 48 West for purpose of resale. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.**

**Commission Weaver moved to approve signature on Resolution 10-31-2022 B for Kent Reiman regarding the Road Vacation Permit Application along a tract of land located in Campbell's 2<sup>nd</sup> resubdivision, Wray, Yuma County, Colorado being more particularly described as the alley between Elm Court and Grove Street South of lots 2 and 12, Campbell's 2<sup>nd</sup> resubdivison, Wray, Yuma County. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.**

- *Pending Land Use Applications* – Ritchey reported there was an official application for development for the Niyol Solar Facility. Niyol has requested no hearing earlier than January. There will be no hearings taking place in November.

Emergency Management, Jake Rockwell

Yuma County Emergency Manager Jake Rockwell met with the Commissioners at 1:30 a.m. to provide department updates. The group discussed fire ban protocols and recent meetings attended as well as upcoming planning and training efforts currently under review.

**Commissioner Weaver moved to approve signature on the 2022 Emergency Management Performance Grant Program Letter Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.**



Yuma County 4-H, JoLynn Midcap

At 2:00 p.m. JoLynn Midcap joined the Commissioner's to give numerous departmental updates. Midcap discussed her current efforts in recruiting to get more children involved in 4-H.

**Commissioner Weaver moved to approve the annual \$300 contribution to 4H shooting sports travel costs and the \$5 per enrollment fee match for Yuma County 4H enrollees. Commissioner Learer seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.**

Public Comment

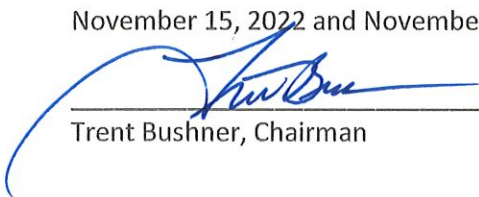
- At 3:00 p.m. Kenny Helling was heard to discuss his transition from the Republican River Water Conservation District Board.

Administrator's Report

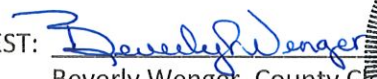
Finance Clerk Brandi Ritchey reviewed calls, correspondence, and presented the following for discussion and action:

- *Minutes* – The Commissioners reviewed the minutes from the previous BOCC meetings. **Commissioner Weaver moved to approve the minutes from the October 14, 2022 regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Learer 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: None presented.
  - Grant Updates:
    - The Commissioners reviewed information regarding pending and submitted grant applications including a proposed GOCO Grant for the Yuma golf course.
- *Prior Meeting Follow-Up* – The group discussed project updates on the status of properties in Eckley.
- *Correspondence* – Ritchey presented correspondence received since the last meeting including various board vacancies.
- *CDL Testing Unit* – Ritchey provided updates on the status of the Yuma County CDL testing unit and the planning of an Entry Level Driver Training community education program recently established with Northeastern Junior College.
- *IT Updates* – Ritchey presented updates on various IT-related topics including the status of the VOIP phone transition and an assessment of security options for remote system access, both of which will be assessed during 2023 budget planning efforts.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m. and the Commissioners entered into a 2023 budget work session. The next regular meetings of the Board of County Commissioners will be on November 15, 2022 and November 30, 2022.

  
Trent Bushner, Chairman

  
Andrea Calhoon, Administrator

ATTEST:   
Beverly Wenger, County Clerk

