

YUMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

January 31, 2020

Minutes¹

On January 31, 2020 at 8:00 a.m., the Yuma County Board of Commissioners met in regular session. Chairman Dean Wingfield, Commissioner Trent Bushner, Commissioner Robin Wiley, 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.

Yuma Museum

At 8:15 a.m. Ms. Monica King met with the Commissioners representing Yuma Museum to make a request for match fund support for an upcoming grant application for building repairs and updates. The grant applied for would cover 75% of the anticipated project and the museum group is attempting to raise funds for the remaining 25%. **Commissioner Bushner moved to contribute \$10,000 toward local match funds for the Yuma Museum building restoration to be paid to the City of Yuma from Fund 6 GOCO lottery funds. Commissioner Wiley seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

Financial Reports

At 8:30 a.m. the Commissioners were joined by Finance Officer in Training Sarah Carwin to discuss financial reports and review County financial topics. Among items discussed were the completion of 2019 W2 forms and 1099s, updates on accounts payable and payroll processing in the current check runs, and updates on the implementation of Paycor payroll software.

Commissioner Wiley moved to enter into executive session at 8:35 a.m. under CRS 24-6-402(4)(f) for Personnel Matters. Commissioner Bushner seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Present for executive session were Chairman Dean Wingfield, Commissioner Trent Bushner, Commissioner Robin Wiley, and Finance Officer in Training Sarah Carwin. Executive session ended at 8:47 a.m. No action was taken following the conclusion of executive session.

Human Services

The Board of County Commissioners convened as the Board of Social Services at 9:00 a.m. Human Services Director Kara Hoover, Bookkeeper Melanie Fisher, and Receptionist Robin Newton 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 9:35 a.m.

Commissioner Bushner moved to enter into executive session at 9:35 a.m. under CRS 24-6-402(4)(f) for Personnel Matters. Commissioner Wiley seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Present for executive session were Chairman Dean Wingfield, Commissioner Trent Bushner, Commissioner Robin Wiley, and Director of Human Services Kara Hoover. Executive session ended at 9:59 a.m. No action was taken following the conclusion of executive session.

Road and Bridge

Road & Bridge Supervisor JR Colden joined the meeting via teleconference at 10:30 a.m. to provide department updates. Also in attendance were Fleet Foreman Sean Malay, Blade Foreman Mike Fonte, and Mining & Reclamation Foreman Don Marr.

- **Road Grading Updates** – Blade Foreman Mike Fonte updated the Commissioners on various blading practices and program updates for the road grading team. The group discussed the value of the 4-pass

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



blading program and the timeliness of being able to blade all of the road miles when conditions are prime as well as the road maintenance challenges associated with farming of crops into the road rights-of-way.

- *Pit Updates* – Mining and Reclamation Foreman Don Marr provided updates on gravel pit operations and exploration. Marr discussed water retention issues and the potential need to raise a gravel pit floor due to standing groundwater.
- *Fleet Updates* – Fleet Foreman Sean Malay provided updates and a status report on fleet and equipment topics. Malay reviewed reports on repairs and work orders that have occurred between Commissioner meetings.
- *Purchasing Limits* – Colden requested clarification on spending limits and the need for approval on expenditures for stock parts exceeding those limits.
- *Fuel Tanks* – Colden reported on fuel tank compliance issues in Yuma and Clarksville and the State requirement that the tanks be decommissioned. The tanks are farm tanks, not commercial tanks, and don't have proper venting to meet State compliance requirements. Colden is working on tank replacement bids and will bring them forward at a future meeting.
- *Fleet Use Policy* – The group discussed the current status and intended updates to the County fleet use policies.
- *New Hires* – Colden reported two potential new hires and discussed other promising applications received. Colden presented salary authorization requests for Oscar Mejia and Abel Delgado.
- *Mold Board Repair Updates* – Colden reported updates on the cost of repair of a road grader mold board damaged earlier in the month.
- *Road Access Permits* – Colden reported on three road access permits received for Don Rodgers on County Road 30, Mark Sievers on Stalker Road, and Taylor Implement on County Road D.
- *Road Crossing Permits:*
 - Colden presented a road crossing permit application for YW Electric to install electric line under County Road 33.6. **Commissioner Wiley moved to approve the road crossing permit for YW Electric to install electric line under County Road 33.6. Commissioner Bushner seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**
- *Special Transport Permits:*
 - Colden presented two special transport permit applications for Gerald Hostetler. **Commissioner Bushner moved to approve the special transport permit applications for oversize loads for Gerald Hostetler. Commissioner Wiley seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.**

Veteran's Service Officer, Ron Brown

At 11:30 a.m. the Commissioners met with Yuma County Veterans Service Officer Ron Brown to discuss updates on the Veterans Service program including changes at the State level. Brown presented correspondence from the new Director of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs regarding program updates expected over the course of the year. Brown expanded upon what he has learned about potential program changes that may impact local service provision. Brown also presented productivity reports between 2018 and current.

Land Use

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

- *Flood Plain Permits* – **Commissioner Wiley moved to approve signature on Resolution 01-31-2020 B approving the flood plain application for reconstruction of a bridge by CDOT on Highway 34 at mile marker 249.7. Commissioner Bushner seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**
- *Pending Land Use Activity* – Yoast reported on expected land use applications to be heard via hearing in February.



- *Procedural Clarification* – Yoast requested input on questions regarding limits on exemptions from subdivision per parcel and the intention of the related land use code as written.

GIS

- *Current Projects* – Yoast reported on various GIS topics and projects including updates on the master map, the status of the US Census Boundary Validation, the status of plat book work, as well as precinct and City of Yuma map work. **Commissioner Wiley moved to approve signature on the US Census Boundary Validation Report. Commissioner Bushner seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.**

Senator Cory Gardner's Office, Darlene Carpio

At 1:35 p.m. the Commissioners met with Mrs. Darlene Carpio of Senator Cory Gardner's Office to discuss legislative updates and local issues. Among topics of discussion were Senator Gardner's and general federal accomplishments for 2019 including various amendments to the appropriations bill, the permanent reauthorization of the Land and Water Conservation Fund, the relocation of the Bureau of Land Management office to Grant Junction, work on behavioral health legislation including the establishment of the "988" behavioral health hotline, and robo-call legislation.

Additional topics of conversation included the finalization of a trade deal, proposed updates to opportunity zone credits by topic that enhances former enterprise zone techniques, Waters of the US (WOTUS) that was formerly repealed that is proposed to be replaced by the Navigable Waters Protection Rule which would remove many agricultural water sources from federal control. The NWPR would remove rainfall, groundwater, ditches including most farm and roadside ditches, farm and stock watering ponds, and water treatment systems from under the purview of federal control. Carpio also discussed Senator Gardner's concern over lack of rural student applications to military academies.

The Commissioners discussed local issues including the Republican River South Fork Restoration project and an upcoming public meeting on the topic as well and operational and financial needs for future segments of the project, legislative updates on hemp including banking rules finalization, and the lack of federal financial investment in transportation infrastructure especially in rural areas.

Yuma County Clerk & Recorder, Bev Wenger

At 2:20 p.m. the Commissioners met with Yuma County Clerk and Recorder Bev Wenger to discuss a request for discounted access to recorded maps by a local surveyor.

Executive Session

Commissioner Wiley moved to enter into executive session at 2:32 p.m. under CRS 24-6-402(4)(f) for Personnel Matters. Commissioner Bushner seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous vote. Executive Session ended at 3:09 p.m. No action was taken following Executive Session.

Administrator's Report

Administrator Andrea Calhoun reviewed calls, correspondence, and presented the following for action:

- *Minutes* – The Commissioners reviewed the minutes from the previous BOCC meetings. **Commissioner Wiley moved to approve the minutes from the January 16, 2020 regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners and the minutes from the January 22, 2020 special 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 Wiley moved to approve signature on the confidentiality agreement with the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission to permit access to flowline GIS data as permitted under SB19-181 rulemaking. Commissioner Bushner seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**
 - **Commissioner Bushner moved to approve signature on the 2020 Highway User Tax Fund Road Inventory Report. Commissioner Wiley seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**
 - **Commissioner Wiley moved to approve signature on the surety bond application for the Yuma County CDL testing unit as required by the Colorado Department of Revenue DMV Driver's License Administration Department. Commissioner Bushner seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.**
 - **Commissioner Bushner moved to approve signature on Resolution 01-31-2020 A regarding Colorado Wolf Management. Commissioner Wiley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**
- Invoices/Finance Requests:
 - The Commissioners reviewed and signed signature cards for the newly established Yuma County Fair Queen bank account at Bank of Colorado.
- Grant Updates:
 - The Commissioners reviewed information regarding pending and submitted grant applications including various grants for the Ag Innovation Center and Landfill Feasibility Study as well as a request for reimbursement submitted for the Economic Development Feasibility Study DOLA grant and funding opportunity timelines for upcoming CDOT MMOV grant funds and DOLA EIAF grant funds.
- *Department Reports* – The Commissioners heard various department reports including the Seaboard Farms 2019 fourth quarter monitoring report, an update on the establishment of an inmate boarding contract with Sedgwick County, the January 2020 Veteran's Officer report, and various legislative updates.
- *Prior Meeting Follow-Up* – Calhoon provided updates on ongoing projects including the implementation of new accounting software and challenges with imbedded and supplemental payroll processing software and an update on a bill being run to update the categorization of Yuma County at the state level.
- *Correspondence* – Calhoon presented correspondence received since the last meeting including:
 - Additional information regarding the upcoming meeting regarding the C-PACE program.
 - An update on the way phones are billed for Golden Plains Extension.
 - Updates from the jail on Jail Based Behavioral Services funding.
 - Notification of a planned listening session for Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment scheduled for some time in May to be held in Ft. Morgan regarding landfill compliance.
 - A request from seniorlivinghelp.org to have their resources listed on the county website.
 - A property tax bill received from Washington County for property acquired in 2019.
 - A listing of board appointments made by the City of Wray.
 - A funding request from Yuma Ambulance Service.
- *CDL Testing Unit* – Calhoon presented updates on the status of establishment of the CDL testing unit for Yuma County, including the status of the agreement with the State of Colorado and a review of a meeting held with CDL examiner contractors in January.
- *Oil & Gas Updates* – Calhoon reported on oil and gas updates since the last meeting including updates on the regional coalition working on Senate Bill 19-181 related to oil and gas drilling permits.



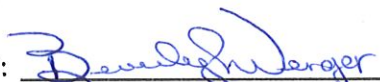
- *IT Updates* – Calhoon presented updates on various IT topics including a phone assessment completed by Granite, planned updates to Wi-Fi equipment, and an upcoming Department Head meeting to discuss IT communication and planning processes.
- *Maintenance Updates* – Calhoon reported on various facilities maintenance topics including equipment inventory processes, maintenance department structural updates, the timing of a bleacher replacement project at the fairgrounds, and discussion of a property adjacent to the fairgrounds.
- *HR Updates* – Calhoon reported updates on county Human Resource topics including policy updates, county vacancies, a salary authorization request for Amy West in the Treasurer's Office, and a request for exception to the funeral leave policy.

Commissioner Wiley moved to enter into executive session at 4:12 p.m. under CRS 24-6-402(4)(f) for Personnel Matters. Commissioner Bushner seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote. Present for executive session were Chairman Dean Wingfield, Commissioner Trent Bushner, Commissioner Robin Wiley, and Administrator Andrea Calhoon. Executive Session ended at 5:05 p.m. No action was taken following executive session.

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 February 14, 2020 and February 28, 2020.


Dean Wingfield, Chairman


Andrea Calhoon, Administrator

ATTEST: 
Beverly Wenger, County Clerk





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

RESOLUTION NO. 01-31-2020 A

**A RESOLUTION CONCERNING WOLF MANAGEMENT IN
COLORADO**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Yuma County, State of Colorado, has convened a duly and lawfully called regular meeting on the 31st day of January, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners (“Board”) has the authority to exercise all County powers within Yuma County pursuant to Section 30-11-103, C.R.S.; and

WHEREAS, Yuma County residents enjoy numerous outdoor recreational opportunities including but not limited to hiking, biking, hunting, and wildlife watching; and

WHEREAS, Yuma County residents and the Yuma County local economy depend heavily upon the production of domestic livestock; and

WHEREAS, predation and transmission of diseases by wolves would present a significant risk both for local wildlife populations and for domestic livestock operations and would pose additional risk to the physical health of household pets and people; and

WHEREAS, gray wolf reintroduction efforts in the northern Rocky Mountains have exceeded recovery goals, the historic range of the Mexican wolf did not include Colorado, and existing federal wolf recovery efforts do not include establishing populations of either the gray wolf or the Mexican wolf in Colorado; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission passed Resolution 16-01 opposing the intentional release of any wolves into Colorado;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Yuma County that:

- A. The Board opposes any efforts to introduce or expand wolf populations into Colorado; and
- B. The Board supports the recommendations of the Colorado Wolf Working Group, which were adopted by the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission in 2005 as well as the position taken by the Colorado Parks and Wildlife in its Resolution 16-01; and
- C. The Board supports delisting of all wolf species under the Endangered Species Act to allow management of wolves at the State and Local levels; and
- D. The Board requests that any Federal or State wolf management plans include funding to offset the negative impacts of wolves on livestock, wildlife management, hunting, and other adversely affected sectors of local economies; and
- E. The Board supports efforts to include a requirement that any publicly funded or sponsored wolf education programs include comprehensive and balanced discussions about the impacts of wolves on local economies, and include the perspective of livestock producers, hunters, and public health officials.

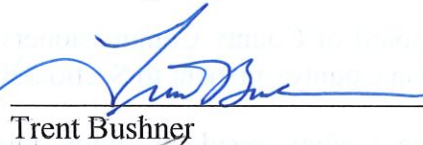
MOVED, READ AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Yuma, State of Colorado, at its regular meeting held on the 31st day of January, 2020. The above and foregoing Resolution was, on a motion duly made and seconded, adopted by unanimous vote of the Board of Yuma County Commissioners.

ADOPTED this 31st day of January, 2020.

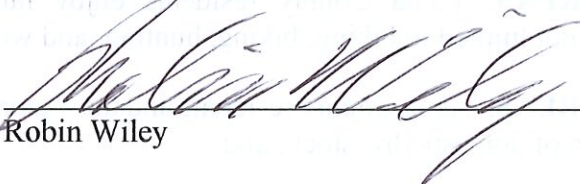
**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF YUMA COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO**



Dean Wingfield, Chairman

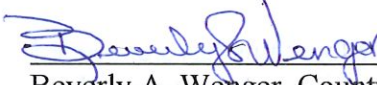


Trent Bushner




Robin Wiley

ATTEST:



Beverly A. Wenger, County Clerk

The seal is circular with a double-line border. The outer ring contains the text "YUMA COUNTY" at the top and "COLORADO" at the bottom, separated by two stars. In the center, the word "SEAL" is written in a bold, sans-serif font.


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**RESOLUTION OF
THE YUMA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Resolution # 01-31-2020 C

ACQUIRING SCANNED COPIES OF SURVEY and PLAT DATA BASES

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners of Yuma County, State of Colorado, at a duly and lawfully called regular meeting of said Board of County Commissioners, held on the 31ST day of January, 2020, and:

WHEREAS, the Yuma County Clerk has received requests to acquire copies of scanned copies of survey and plat data bases;

WHEREAS, if acquired individually, would be \$5 per survey resulting in well over \$10,000;

WHEREAS, these documents still fall under the custodianship and fees of the Yuma County Clerk;

WHEREAS, the Yuma County Clerk has required all requests be in writing;

WHEREAS, Yuma County Board of Commissioners should approve the request of a copy/convenience fee before collecting may begin, and:


WHEREAS, with the increase of expense of staff time and supplies to scan the surveys and plats,

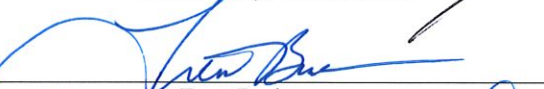
WHEREAS, the County Commissioners of Yuma County have determined to set the amount for this type of acquisition to be \$1.00 per scanned image of each survey or plat;

WHEREAS, the person receiving such images will sign a disclosure stating the acquisition of such data bases are to be used for their business only and are not for resale.

THEREFORE, be it resolved by the commissioners of the County of Yuma, State of Colorado the above-mentioned fees will be charged effective upon signature of the Yuma County Board of Commissioners.

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


Robin Wiley, CHAIRMAN


Trent Bushner


Dean Wingfield

ATTEST: 

BEVERLY WENGER, YUMA COUNTY
CLERK AND RECORDER



