

YUMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

November 20, 2020

Special Meeting Minutes¹

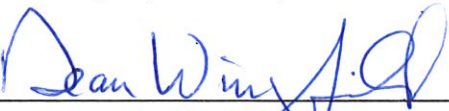
On November 20, 2020 at 10:00 a.m., the Yuma County Board of Commissioners met for a special meeting as members of the local Yuma County COVID Task Force. Chairman Dean Wingfield, Commissioner Robin Wiley, and Administrator Andrea Calhoun were present throughout the meeting with meeting members joining via teleconference. Also in attendance were various municipal and hospital officials. The administrators of the four Yuma County school districts joined the meeting as guests.

COVID Task Force – Commissioner Wiley provided updates on various COVID-related meetings attended and the status of COVID dial metrics for the rest of the counties in the region. The group discussed current local metrics and case counts. The two hospitals provided updates on cases and testing seen at their respective facilities. The hospitals specifically discussed test types and testing rates including the impacts of the new antigen testing protocols being utilized by both hospitals. Also discussed were the medical surge plans being worked on between the hospitals and the state. The hospitals reviewed the data points being reported by our local hospitals to the state including bed capacity and staffing capacity and the impact on elective protocols permitted based on availability of resources at each facility. The group inquired as to flue activity and the potential impact on COVID care. The hospitals explained the protocols for testing for influenza and COVID and trends being reported in the healthcare industry as well as the various types of testing offered and the benefits and uses of each.

The school administrators provided updates regarding active cases and quarantines of students within their respective districts. The schools also reported on the status of communication between the Governor’s office and school districts and recent information exchanged between the two. The schools discussed the State’s reported intention of continuing to allow each local school district to determine the status of necessary restrictions in cooperation with the local Task Force, but that priority is being placed on in-person learning whenever safe and appropriate. The group discussed the varying challenges in offering in-person learning, especially those associated with quarantined staff limiting the ability to offer in-person learning.

Commissioner Wiley discussed the various information received from other counties regarding the challenges associated with restrictions in the red level on the COVID dial, specifically the impact on restaurants and the imposed limitations to their service.


The meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m. The next COVID Task Force meeting will be set for the week of November 30, 2020 based on group availability.



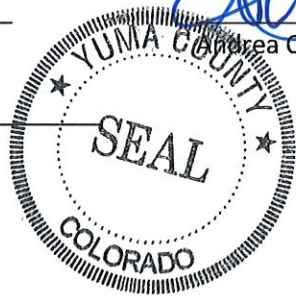
Dean Wingfield, Chairman



Andrea Calhoun, Administrator

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Beverly Wenger, County Clerk



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