

**YUMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**August 15, 2022**

**Minutes<sup>1</sup>**

On August 15, 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 Calhoon 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 approval the retail liquor license renewals for El Vaquero and Vernon Liquors and presented for approval the special events liquor permit for Vernon Fire Department. **Commissioner Weaver moved to approve the retail liquor license renewal for El Vaquero. Commissioner Bushner seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.**

**Commissioner Bushner moved to approve the retail liquor license renewal for Vernon Liquors as presented. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.**

**Commissioner Weaver moved to approve the special events liquor permit for Vernon Volunteer Fire Department as presented. Commissioner Bushner seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.**

Road and Bridge

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

- *Eckley Road* – Andersen provided a close-out report on the Eckley Road chip seal project following the completion of striping work over the weekend.
- *Pit Inspection* – Andersen reported that a community complaint had been filed with the Department of Mining and Reclamation that the mining plans were not being followed at the Smith Pit. The Department of Mining arrived last week to complete pit inspections on the Smith and Dreher pits during which no findings were reported.
- *Road Report* – Lorimer reported on work on County Roads 28, U, and T. Also discussed was the repair of flood damage from localized rains seen sporadically throughout the season.
- *Mowing Operations* – Andersen provided updates on the status of annual mowing operations including current work in the Armel area.
- *Financial Reports* – Andersen presented current financial reports for review. Andersen reported the plan to switch fleet management software programs from Fleet Intelligence to a system owned and operated by 4Rivers.
- *Gravel Purchase* – Andersen requested clarification on which land owners are eligible to remove gravel from County gravel pits. The Commissioners clarified that Yuma County landowners are eligible to purchase gravel from County pits but for personal use only, never for resale.

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



### Human Services

The Board of County Commissioners convened as the Board of Social Services at 9:30 a.m. Human Services Director Kara Hoover and Eligibility Supervisor Dalene Rogers 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 10:00 a.m.

### Representative Richard Holtorf

State Representative Richard Holtorf was hosted by the Commissioners at 11:00 a.m. to introduce himself and hear County priorities. Also present were County Treasurer Chrystal Hammond, County Clerk Bev Wenger, Commissioner Byron Pelton, Commissioner Candidate Adam Gates, and Commissioner Candidate Dwain Weinrich.

Among priority topics were the Republican River Restoration Project and the retirement of irrigated acres in the South Fork of the Republican River. Also discussed were financial concerns regarding the future funding of law enforcement body cameras now required for law enforcement agencies, organizations actively seeking and encouraging applications for economic assistance benefits, and concerns regarding potential imposition of State-defined environmental land use code requirements.

The group also discussed the challenges of administering elections in the current political environment and the impacts of recent legislation on election administration and Wenger provided input on some of the recent challenges.

### Land Use

County Land Use Administrator Andrea Calhoon was heard at 1:00 p.m. to review Land Use and GIS business.

- *Pending Land Use Applications* – Calhoon reported one application received for hearing in the month of August with one additional major land use permit for September.
- *Proposed Land Use Code Change* – The group discussed a proposed land use code received from a community group set for presentation later in the day.
- *Idalia Replat* – Calhoon provided updates on the proposed replat of the Town of Idalia.

### GIS

- *Current Projects* – Calhoon provided updates on recent GIS activities conducted by contracted GIS Coordinator Colten Yoast.

### County Treasurer, Chrystal Hammond

At 2:00 p.m., the Commissioners were joined by County Treasurer Chrystal Hammond to hear office updates. Recent foreclosure activities were discussed as well as current tax collection efforts including conversations with Omimex Petroleum regarding delinquent taxes. Hammond presented information regarding County-held liens and associated title applications.

### CSU Extension

At 2:30 p.m. the Commissioners met with the CSU Extension Officers Travis Taylor, Joy Akey, and JoLynn Midcap to debrief the 2022 Yuma County Fair and discuss potential staffing models for the Extension Office and the County Fair. The group reviewed job descriptions, the Fair Board MOU, and various prior experiences in staffing.

### 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 July 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:
    - No signatures were presented for consideration by the County Commissioners.
  - Grant Updates:
    - The Commissioners reviewed information regarding pending and submitted grant applications including the Eckley Road chip seal and the status of the second tranche of American Rescue Act funds.
- *Department Reports* – The Commissioners received various department reports including the second quarter monitoring reports for Seaboard Foods and Smithfield. Also reviewed were efforts underway with County Veteran's Service Officer to conduct a public educational campaign on veteran's benefits and suicide prevention and awareness.
- *Prior Meeting Follow-Up* – The group discussed project updates on the status of properties in Eckley.
- *Correspondence* – Calhoon presented correspondence received since the last meeting including a resignation letter from the RETAC board for Gary Baucke, a letter of interest to fill the RETAC board vacancy from Keriann Josh, an instance of resold concert tickets at the Yuma County Fair, and feedback received from Kit Carson County regarding the County Fair carnival contractor. **Commissioner Bushner moved to appoint Keriann Josh to the RETAC board to complete the term vacated by Gary Baucke ending in June 2023. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**
- *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 recently established with Northeastern Junior College.
- *IT Updates* – Calhoon 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.
- *Maintenance Updates* – Calhoon reported on various facilities maintenance topics. The Commissioners discussed a property neighboring the Yuma County Fairgrounds.
- *HR Updates* – Calhoon reported updates on county Human Resource topics including recruitment and retention, the 2022 employee BBQ, a recent request for leave under the Healthy Families and Workplaces Act, and the impending implementation of the Colorado FMLI Leave program. The Commissioners reviewed and discussed an exit interview under CRS 24-6-402(4)(f) for personnel matters.



There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m. The next regular meetings of the Board of County Commissioners will be on August 31, 2022 and September 14, 2022.

  
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Robin Wiley, Chairman

  
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Andrea Calhoon, Administrator

ATTEST:   
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Beverly Wenger, County Clerk

