



YUMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

November 30, 2022

Minutes¹

On November 30, 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 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 Licenses

Deputy County Clerk Nancy Wright presented for approval the retail liquor license renewal for Jo's Liquors and presented for signature the county license for Casa Tres Amigos LLC. **Commissioner Weaver moved to approve the retail liquor license renewal application for Jo's Liquors as presented. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion, which 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.

- *Staffing* – Andersen presented for approval new part-time equipment operator hire Mel Fisher for the winter with intention of transitioning to full-time this summer.
- *Surplus Equipment* – The group discussed the disposition of the department's D8H Dozer with an estimated revenue of \$70,000. The Commissioners reviewed the long-term equipment needs for the department as well as other County departments before ultimately declaring the dozer surplus and approving its disposition.
- *Fuel Pricing* – Andersen presented current fuel pricing and the group reviewed long-term strategy for fuel contracting and plans for contracting for 2023 Q2 fuel.
- *Mowing Updates* – Andersen reported the anticipated conclusion of mowing operations this week and reported the Maintenance Crew will transition to annual tree work.
- *Road Report* – Lorimer provided updates on current and future road projects including the completion of work on County Road 51 and the move to County Road G and 4 for the rest of this week. Next week's work will commence with approximately 4 miles of County Road 58.
- *Utility Permits* – Andersen presented for approval the underground utility permit for Cobalt Cattle to run a water line along County Road 42 north of Eckley to provide water for cattle. **Commissioner Weaver moved to approve the underground utility permit for Cobalt Cattle to install a water line along County Road 42 as presented. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

Human Services

The Board of County Commissioners convened as the Board of Social Services at 9:30 a.m. Human Services Director Kara Hoover was 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 10:25 a.m.

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



Fair Queens, Michelle Smith and Kaci Porter

Michelle Smith and Kaci Porter joined the Commissioners at 10:30 a.m. to provide annual Yuma County Fair Queen updates and make 2023 funding requests. Smith presented updates on the 2023 funding needs including the pickup lease and parade blankets/patches. The group also discussed program goals for 2023 as well as recruitment for future years. Smith provided insight on the recruitment and term structures of state and national rodeo queen programs and the group discussed the pros and cons of those structures in Yuma County.

CSU Extension, Dennis Kaan, Joy Akey, JoLynn Midcap

CSU Extension staff Dennis Kaan, Joy Akey, and JoLynn Midcap joined the Commissioners at 11:00 a.m. to present an updated 2023 funding model due to changes to salary structure at CSU. Kaan reviewed the salary compression review recently conducted at CSU and the updates to local Extension Agent salaries recommended based on that review. The Commissioners took the information under advisement and will issue a determination on affordability in the near future. Kaan also provided programmatic updates for CSU Extension.

Economic Development, Shelby Clark

Yuma County Economic Development Director joined the Commissioners at 11:30 a.m. to present 2023 funding requests and office updates. Clark submitted a flat funding request as compared to 2022 and reviewed 2022 office accomplishments as well as 2023 goals and planned projects. Clark discussed focused efforts on housing, tourism, and workforce attraction measures. Also discussed was a local scholarship offered to students studying trade work.

Land Use

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

- *Pending Land Use Applications* – Calhoun reported four exemption from subdivision applications scheduled for hearing in the month of December.
- *Staffing* – Commissioner Weaver moved to approve the salary authorization for new hire Land Use Administrator Greg Jones as presented. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- *Application Correction* – Commissioner Weaver moved to approve signature on Resolution 11-30-2022 A rescinding and replacing Resolution 10-31-2022 B for an approved alleyway vacation due to an incorrect legal description. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous vote.

GIS

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

Emergency Management, Jake Rockwell

At 1:30 p.m., Emergency Manager Jake Rockwell joined the Commissioners to provide department updates. Rockwell provided updates regarding meetings attended, state-wide bed shortages and staff shortages on the front range during flu season. Rockwell also discussed recent activity in avian flu, swine flu, Ebola, winter weather hazards, and seasonal scams. Also discussed were grant project updates including fencing around radio towers and a new response software app for local fire departments.



Yuma County Water Authority Public Improvement District

At 2:00 p.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.

Finance Officer, Sarah Carwin

Finance Officer Sarah Carwin joined the Commissioners at 3:30 p.m. to provide County financial updates. **Commissioner Leerar moved to approve the federal excise tax exemption form for Eagle Oil as presented. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

Commissioner Weaver moved to approve signature on the temporary counter replacement check for Trace Combs as presented and as approved by the County Auditor. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous vote.

Administrator's Report

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

- *Minutes* – The Commissioners reviewed the minutes from the previous BOCC meetings. **Commissioner Leerar moved to approve the minutes from the November 15, 2022 regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Weaver 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 approve funding request for the purchase of new radios by South YW Ambulance Service pending confirmation of competitive bids. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous vote.**
 - The Commissioners reviewed and amended the language in the draft loan agreement with the Yuma County Landfill for purchase of a new compactor.
 - **Commissioner Weaver moved to approve signature on the comment letter opposing COGCC Rulemaking regarding cumulative air quality impacts as presented. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**
 - **Commissioner Weaver moved to approve signature on the regional resolution and confirmation letter allowing the 13th Judicial District Attorney's Office to opt out of the Colorado FAMILY Leave Act. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous vote.**
 - **Commissioner Weaver moved to approve the salary authorization for 6 month review for Finance Clerk Jessica Lippert as presented. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**
 - **Commissioner Leerar moved to approve signature on the VALE and VOCA grant contracts for 2023 as recommended by Victim's Advocate Angela Witte. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous vote.**
 - The Commissioners resumed consideration of the definitely postponed motion by Commissioner Weaver to cancel the carnival for the 2023 Yuma County Fair. At the November 15, 2022 meeting, **Commissioner Weaver moved to cancel the carnival for the 2023 Yuma County Fair. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion. After**



consideration was resumed, the motion failed with Commissioner Weaver voting in the affirmative and Commissioners Leerar and Bushner voting in the negative.

- Commissioner Bushner moved to approve negotiated signature on the contract with Garry Moore Amusements for carnival services at the 2023 Yuma County Fair and to require Fair Board sponsorship of any carnival or replacement activity for the 2024 Fair forward. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion. It passed with Commissioners Bushner and Leerar voting in the affirmative and Commissioner Weaver voting in the negative.

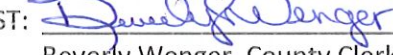
o Grant Updates:

- The Commissioners reviewed information regarding pending and submitted grant applications including a proposed grant for the Yuma golf course.
- *Department Reports* – The Commissioners received various department reports including a progress on Yuma County’s recent appointment as the administrative agent for the Eastern Transportation Planning Region with CDOT, updates on the 911 Authority, the September 2022 TV System Maintenance Log, and the November 2022 Veteran’s Service Officer Report.
- *Prior Meeting Follow-Up* – The group discussed project updates on the status of properties in Eckley and the discussion of sale of county-owned properties.
- *Correspondence* – Calhoon presented correspondence received since the last meeting including updates on various board vacancies. **Commissioner Leerar approved the requested waiver of fairgrounds facilities use fees for Angels for Life on the Plains annual fundraiser as requested. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion. It 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.
- *Maintenance Updates* – Calhoon reported on various facilities maintenance topics. The group discussed the overall staffing model for the Facilities Maintenance team and goals for 2023.
- *HR Updates* – Calhoon reported updates on county Human Resource topics including recruitment and retention, the impending implementation of the Colorado FAMLI Leave program, and the status of year-end policy work.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:15 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 December 15, 2022 and December 30, 2022.


Trent Bushner, Chairman


Andy Calhoon, Administrator

ATTEST: 
Beverly Wenger, County Clerk

