

YUMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

June 30, 2009

Minutes¹

At 8:00 a.m., the Yuma County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on the 30th of June, 2009, with Chairman Trent Bushner, Commissioners Robin Wiley, and Dean Wingfield present.

Administrator Linda Briggs was present throughout the day.

The commissioners reviewed with each other on affiliated meetings that each attended within the last two weeks.

Health and Human Services -

The commissioners conducted business with Dave Henson, Director of the Department of Health and Human Services. Also present: Phyllis Williams and Micki White.

Road & Bridge -

In attendance from the Road & Bridge Department were: Supervisor Mark Shaw, Truck/Mining Foreman Howard McGinnis, and Administrative Assistant Ken Monk. Road & Bridge personnel updated the commissioners on road department activities.

The following were discussed:

- Chip seal of the 1.5 miles on Road 35 will be done the first half of July.
- First half of the chip rock hauls needed for the road projects proposed in the fall, will be completed next week.
- Mowing of roads was discussed. Mowing may need to start earlier this year to keep vision open at intersections. Shaw will get a cost to replace a mower and look at the capital acquisition plan to see if a tractor could also be purchased.
- Shaw looked at the drainage problem around the fire hall in Idalia and gave recommendations of improvement.
- Signs will be placed identifying school crossing areas in Idalia.
- High winds have caused trees to fall onto roads and/or right-of-ways throughout the county. At this point the trees have been cleaned up.
- Living snow areas have been fenced in.
- Purchase of a skid steer for use at Road and Bridge and at the fair grounds.
- Having a bid process for purchase of gas.

**Commissioner Wingfield moved to approve the Underground and Utility Permits for the following:
The CenturyTel Company submitted the following road crossing request:**

To install a telephone line 1742' along CR 40 at vicinity between CR C and CR D.

Commissioner Wiley seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

¹ These minutes prepared by Linda Briggs are summarized discussions, not verbatim.

Sheriff Sam McCoy -

Sheriff Sam McCoy and Detention Sergeant Rick Schorzman requested a building engineer look at the courthouse to see what and how improvements could be made for security purposes and address space needs. A call was made to Mike Langley from Durrant, an architect engineering firm. Langley was informed of what the county's needs were. Members of Durrant will meet with the County Court Security Team on the morning of July 8th to assess the security issues of the building.

Liquor License -

Pam Zuege presented two liquor licenses for signature. Chairman Bushner signed the license for the Hale Store owned by Lincoln Wilson (Application approved on April 30, 2009) and Papa's Bait Shop at 1844 Hwy 385, Burlington, Colorado (Application approved on May 29, 2009).

National Liberty Term Life -

Also Present: Vicky Southards

Geoff Craig and David Lang asked if Yuma County would be interested in offering a term life insurance to employees through the payroll deduction process. Discussion centered on the specifics of the life and supplemental insurances offered through National Liberty. The policy document and monthly premium amounts for the life insurance would be sent to the commissioners so the request can be considered.

Land Use -

At 1:10 p.m., Chairman Bushner opened the hearing for public comment on an Application for Exemption from Subdivision Regulations application as advertised for James P. Brophy Homeplace, LLLP.

Briggs said no written comments or calls had been received at the administrative office relating to this application. The staff report was presented. The Yuma County Planning Commission had reviewed the application and recommended approval with stipulations.

No one from the public was present to make comment.

The commissioners reviewed the application and the planning commission recommendations. Through a duly made motion, the hearing was closed at approximately 1:13 p.m.

Commissioner Wingfield moved to approve, as recommended by the YC Planning Commission, the Application for Exemption from Subdivision Regulations for James P. Brophy Homeplace, LLLP to divide 6.87 plus or minus acres from 160 plus or minus acres in the NW/4 of Section 11, T3N, R47W, for the future sale of the current home site. Commissioner Wiley seconded the motion, which passed unanimously .

Northeast Colorado Housing -

Sharon Helms, Executive Director at Northeast Colorado Housing, updated the commissioners on department activities. She is in the process of applying for stimulus funding. According to HUD, Yuma County has no risk factors; therefore no funding was allocated to Yuma County. Her office is purchasing foreclosures and abandoned property to do the rehabilitation needed, then rent or sell them. Through repayments, the organization's loan fund has provided the revenue for her department's operations. She has not applied for state funds for several years. In the time allowed, Helms reviewed specifics and requirements of the housing assistance program. The major renovations consist of roof repairs, insulation, siding and window installation.

Norm Hays –

Norm Hays said the Vernon Community was getting ready for Old Tyme Saturday to be held on August 14 & 15. He requested authority to put up No Parking signs around the parade route on Saturday and if needed, tow the vehicles out of the way. Following discussion, the commissioners voiced caution on relocating vehicles, but confirmed for safety purposes, the roads could be closed as they needed on that weekend.

Honeywell Building Solutions –

Present: Brad Stevens and Gary Bergard, from Honeywell Building Solutions; Stan Holmes, Manager for the City of Wray; Kara Hoover, Director of the WRAC; and Pat Duran, Director of Yuma County Economic Development.

Brad Stevens and Gary Bergard reviewed the updated “Energy Audit Preliminary Assessment Shopping List”, they had prepared for each of the entities involved with the New Energy Communities Initiative Grant through the Governor’s Energy Office (GEO). Bergard reviewed the three posts of money to which grants can be submitted. Bergard recommended doing a combined geothermal request with the Town of Fowler, a Fowler School District, Yuma County, and the WRAC to improve our chances of a successful application for a grant from the U.S. Department of Energy for geothermal (ground-source) heat pump ARRA grant funds.

Priorities of each entity were assessed and selected, followed by a discussion of how to package the list of needs to the funding sources. The next step is to schedule a meeting with Greg Etl from DOLA and a representative of the Governors Energy Office to confirm the selections made today are acceptable for the grants offered by their respective departments. This meeting was scheduled for July 10th.

Economic Development -

Pat Duran, Yuma County Economic Development Director, informed the commissioners of the need to fill the board position held by the late Phil Asmus. This position will be advertised.

Duran requested a letter of support be signed giving him the authority to represent Yuma County in the one-time application through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The Six Northeastern Colorado Economic Developers Organization are requesting \$217,000 for the joint benefit of the NE Colorado Region for economic growth. **Commissioner Wiley moved to sign a letter supporting the grant request for funds available to the Northeast Colorado Region for Economic Development. Commissioner Wingfield seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

Clerk Beverly Wenger –

Clerk Beverly Wenger said she has been awarded \$23,310.10 for interior improvements to the Election Center. Funding was not allowed for the building’s exterior. These HAVA Federal Grant funds through the State will be deposited to the Capital Acquisition Fund and expenses will then be paid from there. When the State election representative made a site visit to see the needs of the election building, they noticed the handicap ramp on the south side of the courthouse and they said it is out of compliance. Wenger has contacted contractors to see what it would cost to replace or repair. Once the cost is received, Wenger will submit a grant request for bringing the ramp into compliance.

Nicole Frank / Wauneta Fire Hall -

Nicole Frank said the GOCO grant had been received for the playground and picnic area at the Wauneta Fire Hall. She reviewed the options of payment and which plan would be the best for her. There was discussion of the cash flow process as Yuma County is the fiscal agent of the grant. Following the

discussion, Commissioner Wiley moved to select the option which will allow for 50% of the \$27,520 award to be received up front. Commissioner Wingfield seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Administrator's Report –

Administrator Linda Briggs reviewed calls, correspondence, and presented the following for action:

A motion was made by Commissioner Wiley and seconded by Commissioner Wingfield to approve the minutes of May 29 and June 15, 2009. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Wiley moved to approve Yuma County Permit Ordinance 1982-1 for the following:

McElvain Oil & Gas Properties, Inc. wells:

Massive 19-8

Massive 19-9

Commissioner Wingfield seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Quotes received for carpet and installation of the carpet in the main floor hall and in the Clerk, Assessor, and Treasurer offices was presented. Following review of the quotes, Commissioner Wiley moved to purchase the carpet from Wray Lumber with Steve Meier installing the carpet for a total of \$14,921.30. Commissioner Wingfield seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Wiley moved to hire Interior Detailing owned by Kathy Fonte to paint the Clerk, Assessor, and Treasurer Offices for \$4,564.00. Commissioner Wingfield seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Commissioners confirmed that Benjamin Moore paint could be used as preferred by the painter.

Commissioner Wingfield moved to approve Resolution #6-30-2009 A and sign the Intergovernmental Agreement for mutual aid and temporary assistance for Coroner services with Washington County. Commissioner Wiley seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Resolution attached.)

Commissioner Wingfield moved to loan \$5,000 to the Idalia Ambulance Service, Inc., being handled through the Idalia Fire Department. Repayment to Yuma County will be with MDU grant funds when received by the Idalia Fire Department. \$2,500 is to be repaid in the fall of 2009 and \$2,500 in the fall of 2010. Commissioner Wingfield seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Wiley moved to appoint Wilhelm Lippert to the East Yuma County Cemetery District for a term of six years. This appointment will terminate on May 1, 2015. Commissioner Wingfield seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Wingfield moved to adopt the proposal from Rockwell Construction for exterior repairs to the election center for the roof, west side, and north side of the building. The roof is to be Butler VSR galvanized panels with Butler 24 gauge wall panels on the two sides, for a total cost of \$38,846. Commissioner Wiley seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

A check was signed by the commissioners to transfer interest from the accounts payable and payroll clearing account in the amount of \$19.62 for the month of June, 2009.

A check was signed by the commissioners to transfer \$2,032.35 of CCOERA forfeiture dollars to the appropriate funds in Yuma County's chart of accounts.

Certification of Accounts Payable for June 30, 2009, checks #42752 through #42836 and checks #5290 through #5304, totaling the sum of \$499,947.03, were approved and signed by Chairman Trent Bushner.

Certification of Payroll for June 30, 2009, EFT system #28704 through #28834 / checks: #28567 through #28592 and EFT system #4339 through #4352 / checks: #4304 through #4305, totaling the sum of \$251,945.66, were approved and signed by Chairman Trent Bushner.

The commissioners made their routine inspection of the jail.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m. The next meeting of the board will be July 16 and July 31, 2009.

A listing of meetings attended by the commissioners during the month of June 2009 is attached.

Trent Bushner, Chairman

Linda Briggs, Administrator

ATTEST: _____
Beverly Wenger, County Clerk