

YUMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

December 30, 2008

Minutes¹

At 8:00 a.m., the Yuma County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on the 30th of December 2008, with Chairman Dean Wingfield, Commissioners Robin Wiley, and Trent Bushner 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.

Social Services -

The commissioners conducted business with Dave Henson, Director of the Department of Social Services.

Also present: Phyllis Williams.

Road & Bridge -

In attendance from the Road & Bridge Department were: Supervisor Mark Shaw and Administrative Assistant Ken Monk. Road & Bridge personnel updated the commissioners on road department activities.

The following were discussed:

- Shaw said he was checking into the price to do the 2009 chip-seal projects. Andesite has some stockpiled rock, but they will not be mining more. Shaw discussed an option of trading crusher use for rock. Following discussion of the issue, the commissioners wanted to first explore mining the material from the Mec 1 pit. They asked Shaw to find out what it would take to mine with a drag-line.
- Shaw will get an estimate of the amount of rock needed for chip sealing the Vernon and Lone Star highways. Vendors are not giving expected cost of the emulsion, because the market is so volatile.
- Three trucks were recently rotated through Hays Mac. While at Hays, Shaw had discussions with the vendor about the truck problems. Company recalls have been some of the problem, with the emission controls contributing other problems. Shaw reviewed the problems relating to the emission control.
- Eagle Oil is the only vendor to give a contract quote of \$2.16 for fuel delivered to the Wray Shop, with a higher cost to the outlaying shops. Shaw will again talk to other vendors.
- There is a need to be able to get water for road construction. It is unlikely that water will be allowed from the irrigation water wells due to the new regulations. Options were discussed. In some areas, there are commercial wells which the owners will allow the county to use. Water supply can be increased by keeping a tanker near the site. The county has a small older tanker. If this was used, a poly tank would need to be taken from location to location.
- An equipment replacement policy was presented and discussed. This will be sent on to Greg Etl at DOLA in order to continue receiving grant funds.
- The contractor getting water from the county for the sewer lagoon in Idalia is continuing. They may consider piping the water instead of trucking.
- Road requests from the public were discussed.

Commissioner Bushner moved to approve the Underground and Utility Permits for the following:

- **The Y-W Electric Association, Inc. submitted the following road crossing request:**
 1. To install an underground electric line across CR R at approx. 1500' south of CR 33.

Commissioner Wiley seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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

Mark Shaw requested executive session to discuss personnel. **Commissioner Wiley moved to enter executive session as outlined in CRS 24-6-402 (4)(f) for personnel matters. Commissioner Bushner seconded the motion.** At 10:18 a.m., Commissioners Bushner, Wingfield, and Wiley, along with Mark Shaw, Ken Monk, and Linda Briggs entered into executive session. Through a duly made motion executive session ended at 11:35 a.m.

Northeast Colorado Health Department -

Thaine Kramer, Environmental Health Representative for Northeast Colorado Health Department, gave an update on his activities in Yuma County.

- There were 24 septic permits in 2008, which is down from last year. They were split with 12 new permits and 12 repairs.
- The state is still working with the Runaway Inn. The bed and breakfast can open, but the chlorinated community water system needs installed before the cantina can be opened.
- The department is no longer collecting water samples at the schools and cities. Water samples that are still required of the schools, cities, and other agencies, will be delivered to a specific location for pickup by NCHD staff.
- The state is talking about raising fees for septic systems. Currently the state gets \$230 of the \$400 fee charged by NCHD.
- There are new regulations that apply to hotels that provide continental breakfasts.

Roger Brown –

Roger Brown, Yuma County Emergency Management Officer, reviewed Emergency Management activities and what he hopes to get completed in 2009. The following were discussed:

- Radios, purchased through grant funds, have been received. These are for the sheriff's office and fire departments of Yuma and Washington counties.
- On the 8th of January, a meeting will be held with officials from Colorado, Kansas, and Nebraska to discuss what is needed to improve communications when agencies from the three states need to communicate during an emergency. Grant funds have been approved by Colorado for improving the radio communications.
- The need to improve radio communications in the Hale area was stated by the commissioners.
- Debris Management Plan is being completed with the Northeast Colorado Health Department. This will outline how materials would be sorted, land filled, and disposed of at the appropriate location.
- Brown has identified Golden Plains Extension office as the contact to address disposing of animals should there be a large number of animal deaths.
- Brown is working on a Yuma County Wildfire Protection Plan. This will be proposed in association with the rural fire departments. This is more of a mitigation plan where tumble weeds get removed from trees and fences. Brochures will be handed out with information relating to fire prevention.
- Spotter training will take place in March and April with some classes in Spanish.
- Brown will be attending Volunteer Medical Reserve Mobilizer Training, Ag Terrorism Class, and Terrorism Liaison Office Training.
- Specific credentialing is in the process at the federal and state level. Specific training and education will be required for positions that are filled, should there be a major incident.

Sheriff Sam McCoy –

Three contract agreements approved each year were presented for approval. Following discussion on each one, the following motions were made:

Commissioner Bushner moved to sign the Law Enforcement Agreement between the Town of Eckley and Yuma County. This agreement is for one year commencing the 1st day of January 2009. Commissioner Wiley seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Bushner moved to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the Hale Fire & Rescue and Yuma County Sheriff Office effective the 1st day of January, 2009 and continuing until the 31st day of December, 2009. Commissioner Wingfield seconded the motion. Commissioner Wiley abstained for he is part of the Hale Fire & Rescue team. Commissioners Bushner and Wingfield voted, Yea. The motion passed.

Commissioner Wiley moved to approve the Service Agreement between Deann Knapp and Yuma County, effective the 1st day of January 2009 and continuing for one year. Commissioner Bushner seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. This agreement outlines nurse consulting services provided by Knapp for the inmates of the jail.

McCoy said they have had 44 inmates in jail. Discussion pursued on the reasons for this high number of inmates.

Additional storage is needed for records in Sam's department. The car in storage at the Road and Bridge department needs to be retained, but the trailer in which it is currently located is falling apart. Other storage needs were discussed. The commissioners said they would purchase some more trailer boxes to put into the dock building.

Assessor Cindy Taylor -

Assessor Cindy Taylor informed the commissioners she felt that the GIS Coordinator should be justly compensated so he would want to stay with the county.

Cindy presented the agreement to retain the commercial auditor, Value West, Inc. at \$2000 a month. She supported continuing with this company for valuing the commercial property within Yuma County. They are working on finding a new value for the ethanol plant. Following the discussion, **Commissioner Wiley moved to sign the one year agreement with Value West, Inc. with the Contractor Administrator John Zimmerman. Commissioner Bushner seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.**

Cindy gave an update on the time clock search. She, along with the Clerk and the Assessor, have discussed where it should be located, for staff does not want to walk to the end of the hall to clock in. Options of where it could be located were discussed.

Administrator's Report -

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Bushner and seconded by Commissioner Wiley to approve the minutes of November 14 and November 26, 2008. The motion passed unanimously.

Certification of Accounts Payable for December 30, 2008, systems/warrants #41345 through #41397 totaling the sum of \$72,303.35 were approved and signed by Chairman Dean Wingfield.

Certification of Accounts Payable for December 31, 2008, systems/warrants #41398 through #41599 and systems/warrants #5026 through #5057, totaling the sum of \$973,558.11 were approved and signed by Chairman Dean Wingfield.

Certification of Payroll for December 31, 2008, systems/warrants #27932 through #28058 and systems/warrants #4255 through #4268 totaling the sum of \$242,800.20 were approved and signed by Chairman Dean Wingfield.

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

1 Petroleum Development Corporation wells:

Wudtke 12-23

Wudtke 33-23

Wudtke 34-23

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

Commissioner Wiley moved to reimburse Nicole Mast \$500, for documentation has been provided that the yearly deductible amount to both CEBT/PacifiCare and to County Health Pool/Anthem Blue Cross has been paid for her. Commissioner Bushner seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.²

Commissioner Wiley moved to have Chairman Wingfield sign the agreement to provide non-potable water for the Wray Community District Hospital should there be an emergency. Commissioner Bushner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The TEFAP – CSFP food disbursement program through USDA will be transferred effective January 1, 2009 from the Administration Department to the Human Services Department with Dave Henson being the primary contact for Yuma County.

The commissioners made their routine inspection of the jail.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m. The next meeting of the board will be January 15 and January 30, 2009.

A listing of meetings attended by the commissioners during the month of December 2008 is attached.

Dean Wingfield, Chairman

Linda Briggs, Administrator

ATTEST: _____
Beverly Wenger, County Clerk

² See related motion in April 30, 2008 minutes.