

YUMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
February 15, 2013

Minutes¹

At 8 a.m., the Yuma County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on the 15th of February, 2013 with Chairman Robin Wiley, Commissioners Dean Wingfield and Trent Bushner present.

Administrator Linda Briggs was present throughout the day.

The commissioners reviewed meetings that each attended within the last two weeks.

Travis Dinsmore and Angel Earl -

Travis Dinsmore joined by Angel Earl discussed the county owned house at 311 Blake. Angel Earl has been renting the house but has moved out. She presented a printout of the utilities paid to the City of Wray. She pointed out that the last month exceeded \$600. Travis Dinsmore said he would like to rent the house, but could not afford the utilities, if they run that much in the winter. Discussion centered on improvements to the house to lower the utility costs. Travis will get some costs for making the home more energy efficient which includes new windows, insulating the walls, insulation in the ceiling, and an alternative source of heating to replace the current all-electric heat. The commissioners said Dinsmore will need to sign the lease. The monthly rent will be \$350 and he is to pay the utilities, but the rent can be reduced by Dinsmore making some of the improvements.

Assessor Cindy Taylor-

Assessor Cindy Taylor presented the Impact Assistance Grant Application to the Colorado Parks and Wildlife requesting funds equal to the amount of property taxes on the land owned in Yuma County.

Commissioner Bushner moved to sign the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Impact Assistance Grant Application requesting \$3,278.78. This is the amount of taxes on 2,475 acres owned by the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Agency. Following a second by Commissioner Wingfield, the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Taylor presented a petition for abatement for refund of taxes from James Powell. She explained that staff from Colorado CustomWare changed the value of this property when they were on the county's server. This error caused the actual value to be overstated by \$300,000. Therefore, this abatement request is being submitted for approval. **Commissioner Wingfield moved to approve Resolution 2-15-2013 A an abatement of \$6,314.60 for James R. and Cristi L. Powell under schedule number Y004707 . Commissioner Bushner seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

Taylor stated that there continues to be problems with the Colorado CustomWare program. The oil and gas tax statements are not correct and the program did not add the total due. The Weed and Pest District should not be listed on the oil and gas personal property statement. The office cannot start working on the reappraisal as the Marshall and Swift information cannot be downloaded. The commissioners stated the need to document the notifications to Colorado CustomWare.

A full time data entry clerk is being advertised for her office. The current part-time employee is stepping down.

Custodian Daryl Juhnke –

Custodian Daryl Juhnke, joined by Brian Crownover from TCC, briefly discussed the exterior courthouse improvements that need made. This includes the fascia, soffits, gutters and metal trim around the upper exterior of the building. Crownover said he would send the commissioners a report with the scope of work and cost.

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

Road & Bridge -

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

The following were discussed:

- Road 23 west of Hwy 59 will be finished in two weeks.
- The Knodel gravel needs to be blended with other road material before they finish the work on Roads 9 and LL.5.
- Crack sealing has been completed on the roads around Wray, the Eckley Highway, and a good part of Road 35. The weather has turned colder so the crack sealing machine has been returned.
- The used oil being gathered is not enough to heat the shops that burn used oil. Oil heat is the only source of heat in the Yuma shop. The previous sources of used oil have put in their own oil-burning heaters, or they are selling the oil for 70 to 75 cents per gallon. The department is looking at converting to a different source of heat or will be paying for the oil to burn.
- McGinnis said they will do some core drilling for gravel on the Shively property. He has looked at the location.
- The Dreher pit application should be approved by the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety at their March meeting.
- Mark said some employees were having trouble with having medical procedures being covered with the insurance. The employees having problems will contact the administration office for assistance.
- The new graders are due in Denver the first part of March.
- The East Yuma Cemetery District has asked for assistance with preparing the road base in the Vernon Cemetery.
- The cemetery district wants to cement the roads within the cemetery. They would need a grader, packer, and water truck. The commissioners said they had no problem with the county assisting if it works into the work schedule.
- Via the phone, Greg Etl, Regional Representative from the Department of Local Affairs, reviewed the application for the road improvements on Kamala and County Road 39 near Yuma. The grant budget was changed to include the road testing, design, and quality testing. Additional discussion centered on gas industry impacts to the county. The hearings are scheduled to start in Brighton on March 20th.
- The board approved of getting a \$150.00 gift certificate for Jon Harouff, as he is retiring after being with the county 26 years.

Commissioner Bushner moved to approve the following Underground and Utility Permits for Augustus Energy Partners, LLC :

- To install a 3" water line under County Road 27 at approximately 50' east of County Road X
- To install a 3" steel line under County Road U at County Road 54.5
- To install a 3" steel line under County Road S at County Road 54.5

Commissioner Wingfield seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report -

Dee Ann Stults presented the Treasurer's Report for the month of January, 2013. There were \$262,088.83 in taxes collected, and \$15,183.23 in fees collected. Stults said, from a daily basis view, that the Colorado CustomWare program is good. She sent a letter to CCI to bring their attention to the deadline issue as it took too long for the tax notices to be produced. She received a prompt response to the letter. She is confident that the tax notices are OK. There were some problems with the pre-pay notices; but every treasurer has had problems with them.

Stults said she is going to the State Capital as a member of the Salary Commission to support their recommendation; which is a 10% across the board increase for elected officials. If the legislature approves, it will become effective in 2015. This will be the first increase in a 12 year period.

Clerk Beverly Wenger -

Clerk Beverly Wenger said there have been problems with the mercury sable car. The office puts on less than 7,500 miles annually. Discussion centered on the possibility of reimbursing employees for using their own vehicles. The insurance company will be contacted to find out what types of coverage there would be for the employees.

Brandi Ritchey is the new employee working in the motor vehicle section.

Wenger informed the board that space in the Yuma Office is not sufficient. A floor plan of the City of Yuma Building was presented which showed the current space and what area she would like to request from the City. Following the discussion, the commissioners said it would be fine to enter into discussions with the city about the proposed location.

Richard Birnie -

Richard Birnie, GIS Coordinator, presented the contract for the new program. **Commissioner Bushner moved to sign the contract with The Sidwell Company to provide Geographic Information System services for Yuma County's GIS department at a cost of \$68,615.00, to be paid over two years. Commissioner Wingfield seconded the motion which passed unanimously. This will be paid from Fund 20.**

Ed Berry -

Fair Board member Ed Berry wanted to confirm the structure of the fair board organization and felt that unless the schedule could be adjusted a new fair manager is needed. The commissioners confirmed that the fair board serves at the pleasure of the Board of County Commissioners and that the Fair Manager serves at the pleasure of the Fair Board. Discussion centered on the schedule of events for Tuesday of the fair. The rodeo could start earlier and the night show later which would allow for the horse races and allow for time to move the stage into place for the night show. Possibly everyone could work with this change.

Marijuana Ordinance # 02-15-2013-01 -

Commissioner Wingfield made the motion to adopt Marijuana Ordinance # 02-15-2013-01, which prohibits the operation of marijuana cultivation facilities, marijuana testing facilities, marijuana product manufacturing facilities, or retail marijuana stores, within the unincorporated boundaries of Yuma County. Commissioner Bushner seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote. This resolution will be published in the Wray Gazette and Yuma Pioneer within the next two weeks, for it had been published in its entirety the week of January 31, 2013. Marijuana Ordinance #2-15-2013-01 will become effective March 31, 2013.

Administrator's Report -

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

Commissioner Bushner moved to approve the minutes of January 31, 2013. Commissioner Wingfield seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Wingfield moved to reimburse Travis Dinsmore \$472.87, Kelli Wakefield \$255.98, Tiffany Sprouse \$500.00 and Maribel Bustillos \$500.00, as documentation has been provided that the 2012

deductible has been paid to the County Health Pool/Anthem Blue Cross. Commissioner Bushner seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Bushner moved to approve the Ambulance Service License for South Y-W Ambulance Service to operate an ambulance in Yuma County from the first day of January, 2013 to the first day of January, 2014 pursuant to the provisions of CRS 25-3.5-301 and Resolution #01-09-07C. Commissioner Wingfield seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

A letter from Kara Hoover, Director for the WRAC, requesting a donation equal to the 2012 county property taxes paid on the non-profit Wray Rehabilitation and Activities Center, Inc., was presented. **Commissioner Wingfield moved to contribute \$312.77 to the WRAC. Commissioner Bushner seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.** This will be paid from the Recreation Fund upon notice from the Treasurer that the tax payment has been received.

Commissioner Bushner moved to contribute to the Town of Eckley \$1000.00 for use of the Eckley Community Center during 2012. Commissioner Wingfield seconded the motion which passed unanimously. This building is used as a monthly meeting location for the Yuma County Landfill, the Yuma County Planning Commission, and the Yuma County Water Authority. Other county related agencies use the facility on an as-needed basis.

Commissioner Bushner moved to donate to the four area high school proms: 8 tickets to the night show at the Fair in August. Each night show ticket may be exchanged for 2 rodeo tickets. Commissioner Wingfield seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Wiley signed the Veterans Report for January, 2013.

Certification of Accounts Payable for February 15, 2013, checks #53264 through #53374, totaling the sum of \$186,537.14 and December 31, 2012 checks #53375 through #53380 totaling \$ 2,186.44; WY Combined Communications accounts payable checks # 6511 thru 6516 totaling the sum of 1,340.09 , were approved and signed by Chairman Robin Wiley.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

The next meeting of the board will be Februarys 28 and March 18, 2013.

Robin Wiley, Chairman

Linda Briggs, Administrator

ATTEST: _____
Beverly Wenger, County Clerk

