

**YUMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**November 13, 2013**

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

At 8 a.m., the Yuma County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on the 13th of November, 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.

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 Dalene Rogers.

Ron Gallegos –

Also present: Howard McGinnis and Casey Stults

Ron Gallegos, maintenance director for the Hospital, asked if the road and bridge department would be able to supply non-potable water should their facilities lose water supply. This water would be used for bathing and house cleaning purposes. The drinking water would come from a different source. Following a review of two agreements, **Commissioner Wingfield moved to sign the agreements for delivering non-potable water to The Wray Community District Hospital and to Hillcrest Care Center & the Towers. Commissioner Bushner seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

Road & Bridge -

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

The following ideas were discussed:

- The road crew is improving Road 54 with material from the Wise Pit. Road 16 will be improved with material from the Dreher Pit.
- The mowers are finishing roadsides that were missed and areas less traveled.
- The hydrant at the Armel house was replaced. A company from Colby has been contacted about cleaning the house.
- Stults stated the importance of keeping the farmers from farming the ditch or too close to the road bed.
- The commissioners were informed of Shaw wanting to increase the step and grade for some employees within the department.

Darlene Carpio –

Darlene Carpio, Yuma County Economic Development Director, dropped in to update the board on what is being done to receive improved internet service in Yuma County. Residents are being asked to fill out the survey on the current internet service. The results of the survey and study will hopefully encourage internet providers to expand their services. Several businesses have indicated the need for high speed access which is not yet available in many areas. It is important that everyone fill out the survey. Each internet provider has been asked to provide the area of coverage, which will then be mapped. The board was reminded of the Economic Development meeting on Monday, November 18 at the Joes Fire Hall.

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<sup>1</sup> These minutes prepared by Linda Briggs are summarized discussions, not verbatim.

Jo Clemons –

Jo Clemons, Clerk to the District and County Courts, voiced concerns over the lock boxes proposed for individuals to keep their cell phones in while in the secured area. One location considered was close to the court clerk's office.

Clemons said an explosive could be placed in the box and set off later. Discussion ensued. The commissioners said this would be discussed with the sheriff, if the grant is received for the lock boxes.

Colorado Department of Transportation -

Representatives from the Department of Transportation, Karen Schneider and Brett Lock, participating via phone, discussed the RAMP grant process and requirements. The scope of work, schedule, and cost estimate is to be submitted to the department by January 6<sup>th</sup>. Schneider and Locke reviewed the process and requirements. The process and expenditures are to be tracked in detail, as these are federal funds with specific requirements. Schneider said the DOT could assist in the process with county approval. The commissioners confirmed the intent to proceed with the projects by **Commissioner Bushner moving to sign the letter with the Colorado Department of Transportation. Commissioner Wingfield seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.**

Sid Fleming –

Also present: Yuma County Clerk Beverly Wenger

Sid Fleming, Manager for the City of Yuma, was present to discuss the county clerk's renovated and increased office space in the Yuma City Hall. The commissioners said the proposed rent was a shock. The original intent of the office being in Yuma was to better serve the citizens in the West half of the county and they weren't expecting the rent to go from \$125 to \$600. The commissioners reviewed the original thinking behind having a satellite office in Yuma. The board acknowledged there are costs to the City of Yuma along with additional costs on the county's side such as travel to keep the office open. Fleming said his board set a fee of 50 cents per square foot for those renting space in the building. Discussion ensued, followed by a recommendation from the commissioners. The county would pay more for the upfront remodeling costs than what was first agreed upon, with the rent being increased to \$375 per month instead of \$600. Fleming said he would take this proposal to the council.

The landfill 2014 budget contribution was discussed. The expected revenue increase to the cities and county will be 3% over last year's budgeted amount. The volume of trash from each entity is being tracked for future consideration.

Dean Koenig –

Also present: Sid Fleming, Manager for the City of Yuma.

Koenig said he wanted to follow up on the discussion from October 31<sup>st</sup>. He has taken Sid Fleming around the City of Yuma to show where trash is being burned. When they were making the tour, one of the businesses was burning a pit with the smoke being carried across town. Koenig said he would be going to the city and county planning commissions with his concerns. The commissioners stated the City of Yuma should be the party to make a request for a buffer zone around the city.

Treasurer's Report -

Dee Ann Stults presented the Treasurer's Report for the month of October 2013. There were \$49,831.07 in taxes collected, and \$4,106.67 in fees collected. There are only 79 parcels on the tax sale taking place November 19<sup>th</sup>.

Treasurer Dee Ann Stults and Assessor Cindy Taylor -

Treasurer Dee Ann Stults and Assessor Cindy Taylor informed the commissioner they are gathering prices for

hardware, and other computer systems available. They are considering all options, so when a decision needs made, relating to the Colorado Customware, Inc. bankruptcy, they will have the information.

Liquor License -

Nancy Wright presented a liquor license. Chairman Wiley signed the license for Jo's Liquor located in Joes Colorado owned by Dorothy Meade. The application had been approved on October 31, 2013.

2014 Budget Hearing -

At 1:30 p.m., Chairman Wiley opened the hearing to accept public comment on the proposed 2014 Budgets for the Yuma County Water Authority Public Improvement District, Yuma County Landfill, and Yuma County Water Authority. Administrator Briggs and Finance Officer Vicky Southards reviewed the budget documents. No one from the public was present to make comments. The commissioners voiced acceptance of the budgets although each entity would be able to make adjustments if needed. Formal resolutions will be approved at a subsequent meeting. The hearing was closed at approximately 1:40 pm.

Yuma County Water Authority Public Improvement District -

At 1:45 p.m.; the commissioners adjourned to conduct business of the Yuma County Water Authority Public Improvement District.<sup>2</sup> The commissioner meeting resumed around 2:00 p.m.

Administrator's Report -

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

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

Certification of Accounts Payable for November 13, 2013, drawn on Yuma County Funds, with checks #55307 through #55443 totaling the sum of \$249,245.54 and Fund 16 W-Y Combined Communications checks #6754 through #6763, totaling the sum of \$3,700.04 were approved and signed by Chairman Robin Wiley.

Certification of Payroll for Fund 16 W-Y Combined Communications Check #4342 totaling the sum of \$730.64 was approved and signed by Chairman Robin Wiley.

**Commissioner Bushner moved to sign the Capital Credit Assignment from Highline Electric Association for the previously owned county property at 58650 County Road H, Haxtun Colorado 80731. Commissioner Wingfield seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.** This assignment transfers capital credits from the County to Mark Campbell beginning January 1, 2013.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned around 3:30 p.m. The next meeting of the board will be November 27 and December 16, 2013.

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Robin Wiley, Chairman

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Linda Briggs, Administrator

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Beverly Wenger, County Clerk

<sup>2</sup> Minutes of the Yuma County Water Authority PID are done separately.