

YUMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
June 16, 2014
Minutes¹

At 8 a.m., the Yuma County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on the 16th of June, 2014 with Chairman Dean Wingfield, Commissioners Trent Bushner and Robin Wiley present.

Administrator Linda Briggs was present throughout the day.

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

Marty Greek dropped in to find out what the board had determined about space for the probation department. The board asked that he draw up plans for making the current space being used in the courthouse for a new probation officer.

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 Robin Barnhart.

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:

- The contractor doing the work for expanding the substation north of Yuma for Tristate Generation and YW Electric will have topsoil they need to move out and asked if the county could use the material. Mark said it could be used for top cover when they close gravel pits needing reclaimed.
- Large tree limbs are being removed from roads because of strong winds. Around Hale, a large tree was across the road.
- McGinnis reviewed the recent gravel pit inspection by the State. The inspection went well with no major findings. Water was in one pit due to a recent rain.
- Mowing of the roads has been started. Six New Holland tractors have been rented for 6 months. There have been some incidental repairs to the mowers. The current mowers will need replaced next year.
- A request has been made to allow an entrance to Siever's trailer park onto the road heading to Stalker Lake. Following the discussion, the entrances to the trailer park are to remain as they are currently.
- A Yuma County Road Access was approved for Jim Hendrix at CR 54 and LL.25.

Dean Koenig dropped in and presented a letter that had been left in the electrical panel of an irrigation pivot. Koenig said he did not think the letter was sanctioned by Yuma County, but wanted the commissioners to know of what was happening. The letter stated action would be taken if the irrigation sprinkler continued to water the road. The commissioners confirmed that they were not involved with nor were aware of the letter. (See letter attached.)

The two contractors bidding the Kamala/Road 39 project have considered options for reducing the cost. This will not be possible without impacting the reliability of the road bed. Via a phone call to Greg Etl, the Regional Representative from DOLA, the county can send a letter requesting supplemental funding of the project. Following a discussion of what needed to be included in the letter, **Commissioner Wiley moved to apply to DOLA for supplemental funds because the road improvement to Kamala/Road 39 project will cost \$300,166 more than projected when the grant was submitted in November of 2012. The supplemental budget will show that the additional funds will be split between Yuma County and DOLA. Commissioner Bushner seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

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

Commissioner Bushner moved to approve the Underground and Utility Permits for YW Electric Association, Inc. to install a UG 7.2 KV under County Road 33.6 at approximately 830' East of County Road JJ (Olive Creek). Commissioner Wiley seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Attorney Michael Grinnan –

Via a phone call, Attorney Michael Grinnan discussed the agreement pertaining to tax deeds relating to mineral interests in the NW/4 of Section 24, T4N, R47W. Grinnan said he has consulted with Attorney Loren Brown. The agreement sent for approval is acceptable with all parties and he recommended it be signed. Following the discussion, **Commissioner Wiley moved to sign the, Confidential Settlement Agreement and Release between Walker Energy, LLC, the Yuma County Elected Officials, and the “Day Parties”. Commissioner Bushner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

Treasurer's Report -

Dee Ann Stults presented the treasurer's report for the month of May, 2014. There were \$1,676,045.96 in taxes collected, and \$38,279.18 in fees collected.

Stults said because of the computer program change, a different provider for processing the credit and debit card payments is needed. This involves a one-time \$199 set up fee, plus a yearly \$89 security charge. Customer charges will be 2.5% added on to payment with a credit card with a \$1.50 charge through E-Check.

Commissioner Bushner moved to approve signing the Payment Service Network, Inc (PSN) Service Agreement for credit card processing in the treasurer's office. Commissioner Wiley seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Stults gave an update on the new computer program installation purchased from Harris.

Rich Birnie / GIS –

GIS Coordinator Rich Birnie informed the commissioners that his server quit and it has been replaced. Birnie has been training to process Yuma County Land Use applications. He handed out the packet sent to the planning commission and reviewed expected applications for July. The meeting concluded discussing how Birnie is getting along with his newly assigned duty of taking over the Land Use Process.

Liquor License -

Nancy Wright presented a liquor license for signature. Chairman Wingfield signed the license for Papa's Bait Shop located at 1844 Hwy 385, Idalia CO, 80735. The application had been approved on May 30, 2014.

Assessor Cindy Taylor –

Assessor Cindy Taylor said she found out at conference that the State will no longer be evaluating the Bells Assessment list. This will be going out for bid which may cost the county \$5,000, if it is done jointly with the counties.

Taylor presented and recommended signing the contract with Harris. This is only for support which they are providing. They have been providing support since the first of the year. Following the discussion, **Commissioner Wiley moved to sign the agreement with Harris for the period of January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014 for a fee of \$ 21,120 to be paid the from assessor's budget. Commissioner Bushner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

Taylor concluded the discussion by updating the board on value considerations for special properties including Runaway Inn. Taylor presented the listing of tax payers that have appealed value changes this last month. These parties have the right to protest the assessed value to the Board of Equalization.

Department of Transportation -

Dawn Walker and Jerry Buchanan met and told the commissioners that Wes Templeton had been promoted to a position out of the office in Greeley. Walker is taking over the position for Region 4 that opened up with Templeton leaving the Brush office. She has been with CDOT for 15 years and lives in Wiggins. The projects in line for this summer were reviewed. The \$50,000 project limit does not go as far as it used to; it covers approximately 3/10 of a mile. This limit has not been increased for many years. The mile markers are now being installed on both sides of the highways. Mowing needs to be done in areas where wildlife crosses the road. Walker and Buchanan encouraged the commissioners to contact them if something needs done.

Administrator's Report -

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

Commissioner Wiley moved to approve the minutes of May 15, 2014. Commissioner Bushner seconded the motion; which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Bushner moved to approve Resolution 06-16-2014 A which transfers \$239,523.00 from the General Fund to Fund 20 for future capital purchases. Commissioner Wiley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Wiley moved to approve Resolution #6-16-2014 B, which amends the IRC Section 125 Flexible Benefits Plan beginning July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015. Commissioner Bushner seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**Commissioner Bushner moved to approve the Ordinance 1982-1 gas drilling permits from Omimex Petroleum, Inc for the following wells: Bledsoe 7-14-5-45 Bledsoe 6-14-5-45 Bledsoe 1-14-5-45
Bledsoe 6-28-5-44 Bledsoe 4-20-5-44 Bledsoe 9-35-5-45**

Commissioner Wiley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Wiley made the motion to have Chairman Wingfield sign the Consolidated Cost Allocation Plan and Indirect Cost Rate for the year ending December 31, 2013, as submitted by Auditors McMahan and Associates, LLC.

Commissioner Bushner moved to support Northeast Colorado Association of Local Governments to retain a consultant to pursue broadband connectivity throughout the region. Commissioner Wiley seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Certification of Accounts Payable for June 16, 2014, drawn on Yuma County Funds, with check #56875 through #56980 totaling the sum of \$267,395.66 and Fund 16 W-Y Combined Communications check #6945 through #6952, totaling the sum of \$3,031.64 were approved and signed by Chairman Dean Wingfield.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m. The next meeting of the board will be June 30th and July 15th, 2014.

Dean Wingfield, Chairman

Linda Briggs, Administrator

ATTEST: _____
Beverly Wenger, County Clerk