

YUMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
January 10, 2023
Minutes¹

On January 10, 2023 at 8:00 a.m., the Yuma County Board of Commissioners met in regular session. Chairman Trent Bushner, Commissioner Scott Weaver, Commissioner Mike Leerar, Commissioner Adam Gates, and Administrator Andrea Calhoon were present throughout the day.

The Commissioners reviewed and signed accounts payable and discussed various meetings attended throughout the prior month.

Road and Bridge

Road & Bridge Blade Foreman Justin Lorimer joined the meeting at 8:30 a.m. to provide department updates.

- *Equipment Sales* – Lorimer reported on the previously approved sale of the D7 Dozer.
- *Snow Removal* – Lorimer provided updates on snow removal efforts following recent snow storms. Lorimer reported that all roads have been opened up and that current work is focusing on widening out passages through large drifts. The group discussed public feedback on snow removal efforts and Lorimer reported on changes to operational strategies for future similar weather events.
- *Road Report* – Lorimer discussed snow removal efforts on County Road 37 that has significant drifting and efforts to negotiate the piling of snow on private property.

Swearing-In Ceremony

The Commissioners recessed at 9:00 a.m. for the conduction of the annual swearing-in ceremony of County Officials.

County Sheriff, Todd Combs

Yuma County Sheriff Todd Combs joined the Commissioners at 9:30 a.m. to review the 2023 Eckley Law Enforcement contract. Combs expressed concern over code enforcement responsibilities included in the contract and the group discussed the structural responsibilities under the contract and the contract value. The Commissioners approved signature on the agreement pending negotiation of removal of any code enforcement requirements.

County Treasurer, Chrystal Hammond

At 10:00 a.m. County Treasurer Chrystal Hammond joined the Commissioners to review Office business and present the annual investment authorization and authorized bank signatories for 2023. Hammond presented the semi-annual investment report and reviewed the County investment policy. The Commissioners reviewed and approved the Treasurer's semi-annual report and reviewed the annual uncollectable tax listing.

Commissioner Leerar moved to approve signature on Resolution 1-10-2023 D Authorizing the Yuma County Treasurer to Deposit and Invest Funds. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous vote.

¹ Minutes prepared by Andrea Calhoon are a summary of discussions, not a verbatim account.



Commissioner Leerar moved to approve signature on Resolution 1-10-2023 E Approving Authorized Signors on All Accounts. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Leerar moved to approve signature on Resolution 1-10-2023 F Approving Removal of Uncollectable Taxes from the Tax Roll. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Leerar moved to approve signature on the 2022 fourth quarter Public Trustee Report as presented. Commissioner Gates seconded the motions, which passed by unanimous vote.

Rural Jumpstart Program, Morgan Vankat

Morgan Vankat of the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade joined the Commissioners at 1:00 p.m. to provide an overview of the Rural Jumpstart Program. Also present was Yuma County Economic Development Director Shelby Clark. Vankat presented an outline of the Rural Jumpstart program including program requirements and next steps for implementation in Yuma County. The Commissioners issued clarifying questions and took the information under advisement.

Administrator's Report

Administrator Andrea Calhoon reviewed calls, correspondence, and presented the following for discussion and action:

- *Minutes* – The Commissioners reviewed the minutes from the previous BOCC meetings. Commissioner Leerar moved to approve the minutes from the December 31, 2022 regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- *CAPP Report & Claim Review* – The Commissioners heard information on pending CAPP and workers' compensation claims.
- *Signatures and Ratifications* –
 - Resolutions/Ordinances/Signatures:
 - Commissioner Leerar moved to approve signature on Resolution 1-10-2023 A approving the annual reorganization. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous vote.
 - Commissioner Leerar moved to approve signature on Resolution 1-10-2023 B transferring \$29,412.50 Soehner Water Rights payment from Fund 10 to Fund 1 for 2022. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
 - Commissioner Leerar moved to approve signature on Resolution 1-10-2023 C transferring \$5,000 from Fund 11 to Fund 21 for Landfill Post Closure costs for 2022 as presented. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous vote.
 - Commissioner Leerar moved to approve signature on the 2023 Fair Queen pickup lease with Bonanza Ford. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous vote.
 - Grant Updates:
 - The Commissioners reviewed information regarding pending and proposed grant applications.
- *Department Reports* – The Commissioners received various department reports including an update on the administration of the Eastern Transportation Planning Region, discussion of business undertaken by the 911 Authority Board, and updates from Emergency Manager Jake Rockwell.



Commissioner Gates moved to approve signature on the updated Yuma County Emergency Operations Plan as presented. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Gates moved to approve the consulting agreement with Sun Daisy Consulting for support in reviewing renewable energy land use applications. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

- *Prior Meeting Follow-Up* – The group discussed project updates on the status of properties in Eckley and the discussion of sale of county-owned properties.
- *Correspondence* – Calhoun presented correspondence received since the last meeting including updates on various board vacancies. The Commissioners set upcoming meeting dates of January 30, February 14 and 28, March 14 and 31, April 17 and 27, May 16 and 26, and June 14 and 30.
- *CDL Testing Unit* – Calhoun provided updates on the status of the Yuma County CDL testing unit and the planning of an Entry Level Driver Training community education program recently established with Northeastern Junior College.
- *IT Updates* – Calhoun presented updates on various IT-related topics including the status of the VOIP phone transition.
- *Maintenance Updates* – Calhoun reported on various facilities maintenance topics. The group discussed the overall staffing model for the Facilities Maintenance team and goals for 2023. The group also reviewed fairgrounds improvements and strategic planning. **Commissioner Gates moved to approve the bid from Kinnon Entertainment for the installation of additional audio equipment at the Yuma County Fairgrounds. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous vote.**
- *HR Updates* – Calhoun reported updates on county Human Resource topics including recruitment and retention and the status of year-end policy work.

At 4:10 p.m. **Commissioner Leerar moved to enter into executive session under CRS 24-6-402(4)(b) for legal advice on specific legal matters. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.** Present for executive session were Chairman Scott Weaver, Commissioner Mike Leerar, Commissioner Adam Gates, and Administrator Andrea Calhoun. Executive session ended at 4:40 p.m. No action was taken following executive session.

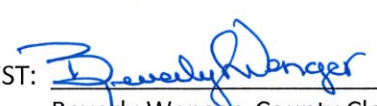
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m. The next regular meetings of the Board of County Commissioners will be on January 31, 2023 and February 14, 2023.



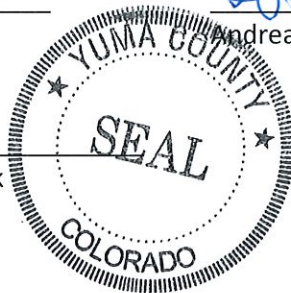
Scott Weaver, Chairman



Andrea Calhoun, Administrator

ATTEST: 

Beverly Wenger, County Clerk



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF YUMA, STATE OF COLORADO

RESOLUTION NO. 01-10-2023 A

**A RESOLUTION ORGANIZING COUNTY OPERATIONS,
ESTABLISHING OFFICIAL HOLIDAYS, AND ESTABLISHING
REGIONAL BOARD APPOINTMENTS FOR 2023**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Yuma County, State of Colorado, has convened a duly and lawfully called regular meeting on the 10th day of January, 2023; and,

WHEREAS, the Board desires to establish official holidays, designate representatives to regional boards, and set administrative duties to ensure adequate operations for Yuma County throughout the 2023 calendar year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF YUMA, STATE OF COLORADO:
That the Board hereby reorganizes Yuma County operations by approving the following appointments, holidays, board representatives, and administrative actions:

The Chairman of the Board of Yuma County Commissioners for 2023 is Commissioner Scott Weaver. In the absence of the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners, any Commissioner may act in the capacity as Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners.

To best serve the residents of Yuma County, the Board of County Commissioners appoint individuals to operate specific sectors of Yuma County operations. These appointees are:

Kara Hoover is appointed as the Human Services Director.
Tom Andersen is appointed as the Road and Bridge Supervisor.
Andrea Calhoon is appointed as the County Administrator.

The Board hereby approves the following list as the official designated holidays for Yuma County Government in 2023:

<u>Holidays for 2023</u>		
New Year's Day*	Monday	January 2
Presidents' Day	Monday	February 20
Memorial Day	Monday	May 29
Independence Day	Tuesday	July 4
Labor Day	Monday	September 4
Columbus Day**	Monday	October 9
Veterans Day	Friday	November 10
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday	November 23
Day after Thanksgiving	Friday	November 24
Christmas Day	Monday	December 25
Day After Christmas	Tuesday	December 26

*The first Holiday for 2024 is New Year's Monday, January 1, 2024.

**Columbus Day will be a holiday for all employees except the Road and Bridge Department. The Road & Bridge department receives 10 hours off per holiday during the year when they work four 10-hour days. The Department of Human Services may float the Columbus Day holiday at the discretion of the Director of Human Services dependent upon Human Services court docket requirements.



Official Bonds

Pursuant to Colorado Revised Statutes, Section 24-13-105 the Yuma County Board of County Commissioners is satisfied that purchased crime insurance coverage meets the sufficiency of the official bond requirements of the County Commissioners C.R.S. 30-10-311, 312, and 313, Clerk and Recorder C.R.S. 30-10-401(2), Registrar of Titles C.R.S. 38-36-109 and 110, Sheriff C.R.S. 30-10-501(2), Coroner C.R.S. 30-10-601(b)(1.5), Treasurer 30-10-701(2), Public Trustee 38-37-102(4) and County Assessor 30-10-801(2); and approves and authorizes the purchase of insurance coverage in lieu of bonds of the respective County Officials.

Administration Organization

The County Administrator and/or Finance Officer may use the Chairman of the Board's signature stamp for emergency checks with authorization of the Chairman.

The Yuma County Administrator is designated to prepare and present the 2024 budget draft to the Board of County Commissioners on or before October 15, 2023 and the 2024 final budget on or before December 15, 2023.

The official posting location for meeting dates, agendas, public notices, and information relating to Commissioner activities shall be the bulletin board located outside the Commissioners' chambers in the Yuma County Courthouse.

The Yuma Pioneer is designated as THE official newspaper for Yuma County for 2023 and the Wray Gazette is designated an official newspaper for Yuma County. The Yuma Pioneer is designated as THE official newspaper and the Wray Gazette is designated an official newspaper for Yuma County delinquent property tax advertising per CRS 39-11-105.

Fifty-two cents (\$.52) per mile is established as the mileage reimbursement rate for 2023 for Yuma County. Let it be known that this may be changed by the Board at any time during the year.

MOVED, READ AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Yuma, State of Colorado, at its regular meeting held on the 10th day of January, 2023. The above and foregoing Resolution was, on a motion duly made and seconded, adopted by unanimous vote of the Board of Yuma County Commissioners.

ADOPTED this 10th day of January, 2023.

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF YUMA COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO**



Scott Weaver, Chairman



Mike Leerar

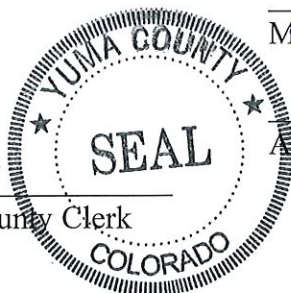


Adam Gates

ATTEST:



Beverly A. Wenger, County Clerk





**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF YUMA, STATE OF COLORADO**

RESOLUTION NO. 01-10-2023 B

**A RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING \$29,412.50 FROM THE YUMA COUNTY WATER
AUTHORITY FUND 10 TO THE GENERAL FUND 1**

WHEREAS, Surplus fund balance and revenues in the Water Authority Fund 10 are available and will be used for this interfund transfer, and;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners purchased Soehner water rights on December 30, 2009 in the amount of \$739,469.96, and;

WHEREAS, Soehner water rights were leased to the Republican River Water Conservation District in 2022 producing \$29,412.50 in revenue, and;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners are the only entity that held interest in the Soehner Water rights, therefore it is decided the lease revenue should be transferred to the Yuma County General Fund, and;

WHEREAS, this transfer is in the amount of revenue received for leasing the Soehner water rights in 2022;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Commissioners of Yuma County, State of Colorado, approve the transfer of twenty-nine thousand four hundred twelve dollars and fifty cents from the Yuma County Water Authority Fund 10 to the Yuma County General Fund 1.

The above and foregoing Resolution was, on motion duly made and seconded, adopted by unanimous vote of the Yuma County Board of Commissioners on the 10th day of January, 2023.

ADOPTED THIS 10th DAY OF January, 2023.

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF YUMA COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO**



Scott Weaver, Chairman



Mike Leerar, Commissioner



Adam Gates, Commissioner

ATTEST: 

Beverly A. Wenger, County Clerk



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF YUMA, STATE OF COLORADO**

RESOLUTION NO. 01-10-2023 C

**A RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING \$5,000 FROM THE YUMA COUNTY LANDFILL FUND 11
TO THE LANDFILL POST CLOSURE FUND 21**

WHEREAS, the annual contribution of \$5,000 to the Yuma County Landfill Post Closure has been recommended for transfer as budgeted by the Yuma County Landfill Board, and;

WHEREAS, surplus revenues in the Landfill Fund 11 are available and will be used for this interfund transfer, and;

WHEREAS, this transfer will increase the balance in the Post Closure Fund for future reclaiming costs associated with the operation of the Yuma County Landfill for the 2022 fiscal year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Commissioners of Yuma County, State of Colorado, approve the transfer of five thousand dollars from the Yuma County Landfill Fund 11 to the Yuma County Post Closure Fund 21.

The above and foregoing Resolution was, on motion duly made and seconded, adopted by unanimous vote of the Yuma County Board of Commissioners on the 10th day of January, 2023.

ADOPTED THIS 10th DAY OF JANUARY, 2023.

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF YUMA COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO**



Scott Weaver, Chairman



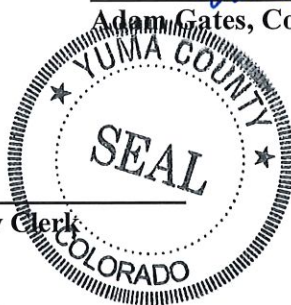
Mike Leerar, Commissioner



Adam Gates, Commissioner

ATTEST: 

Beverly A. Wenger, County Clerk



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF YUMA, STATE OF COLORADO**

RESOLUTION NO. 01-10-2023 D

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE YUMA COUNTY
TREASURER TO DEPOSIT AND INVEST FUNDS**

WHEREAS, the County of Yuma, State of Colorado is charged with the responsibility of depositing public funds which come into its possession; and

WHEREAS, CRS 30-10-708 mandates a written resolution setting forth eligible financial institutions in which the Treasurer shall deposit funds and monies of whatever kind that may come into the Treasurer's possession; and

WHEREAS, Colorado Revised Statutes, Sections 11-10.5-101 to 11-10.5-111 and Sections 11-47-101 to 11-47-120 requires the deposit of public funds and monies in eligible state and national banks and savings and loan associations; and

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners desire the Treasurer to deposit such funds and monies in financial institutions located in the County; and

WHEREAS, CRS 24-75-601 to 24-75-603 provide for the investment of public funds and monies;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF YUMA, STATE OF COLORADO:

1. The County Treasurer is hereby authorized to deposit County funds and monies in the following qualified local banks:
 - a. Bank of Colorado
 - b. Equitable Savings and Loan Association
 - c. First National Bank – Kirk
 - d. First Pioneer National Bank of Wray
 - e. Wray State Bank
 - f. ColoTrust
 - g. CSafe
 - h. First Farm Bank

2. The County Treasurer is hereby authorized to invest County funds pursuant to the Treasurer's Investment Policy. The primary objectives of such investments shall be the safety of the invested funds and the liquidity of the invested funds for the timely payment of County obligations. The secondary objective shall be the achievement of a market average yield on the invested funds.

3. The Treasurer shall invest County Funds only in the following securities:
 - a. Money Market accounts and certificates of deposits issued by banks located in the County and collateralized under applicable Colorado statutes.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF YUMA, STATE OF COLORADO

RESOLUTION NO. 01-10-2023 E

A RESOLUTION UPDATING AUTHORIZED SIGNERS FOR ALL
ACCOUNTS HELD AT FIRST PIONEER NATIONAL BANK,
WRAY STATE BANK, AND BANK OF COLORADO

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Yuma County, State of Colorado, has convened a duly and lawfully called regular meeting on the 10th day of January, 2023; and,

WHEREAS, the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-134) and Yuma County Financial Auditor McMahan and Associates, LLC require; and,

WHEREAS, First Pioneer National Bank, Wray State Bank, and Bank of Colorado were designated as a depository for various accounts with authorized signers updated via varied resolutions; and,

WHEREAS, a comprehensive record of authorized signers for all accounts held is desired by the County and the Bank alike,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF YUMA, STATE OF COLORADO:

That the Board hereby recognizes the attached list of Yuma County employees as authorized to withdraw funds on deposit at First Pioneer National Bank, Wray State Bank, and/or Bank of Colorado as delineated as per the attached list, considered Appendix A to this Resolution.

MOVED, READ AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Yuma, State of Colorado, at its regular meeting held on the 10th day of January, 2023. The above and foregoing Resolution was, on a motion duly made and seconded, adopted by unanimous vote of the Board of Yuma County Commissioners.

ADOPTED this 10th day of January, 2023.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF YUMA COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO



Scott Weaver, Chairman

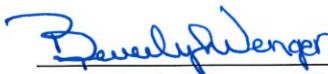


Mike Leerar



Adam Gates

ATTEST:



Beverly A. Wenger, County Clerk





**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF YUMA, STATE OF COLORADO**

RESOLUTION NO. 01-10-2023 F

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE TREASURER TO REMOVE \$670.94 FROM THE TAX ROLLS

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Yuma County, State of Colorado has convened a duly and lawfully called regular meeting on the 10th day of January, 2023, and;

WHEREAS, CRS 39-10-114(F)(2)(a) states “any taxes levied on personal property, including but not limited to mobile homes, which are determined to be uncollectable after a period of one year after the date of their becoming delinquent may be cancelled by the Board of County Commissioners,” and:

WHEREAS, the Yuma County Treasurer has presented a detailed listing and of \$670.94 in total tax from the tax rolls, and;

WHEREAS, the Yuma County Treasurer has recommended the listing for removal of said reported taxes in compliance with statutory requirements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Commissioners of Yuma County, State of Colorado, approve the removal of \$670.94 from the Yuma County Tax Rolls as reported and requested by the Yuma County Treasurer in compliance with CRS 39-10-114(F)(2)(a).

The above and foregoing Resolution was, on motion duly made and seconded, adopted by unanimous vote of the Yuma County Board of Commissioners on the 10th day of January, 2023.

ADOPTED THIS 10th DAY OF January, 2023.

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF YUMA COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO**



Scott Weaver, Chairman

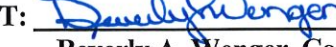


Mike Leerar, Commissioner



Adam Yates, Commissioner



ATTEST: 

Beverly A. Wenger, County Clerk