

YUMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
January 30, 2023
Minutes¹

On January 30, 2023 at 8:00 a.m., the Yuma County Board of Commissioners met in regular session. Chairman Scott Weaver, Commissioner Mike Leerar, Commissioner Adam Gates, and Administrator Andrea Calhoon were present throughout the day.

The Commissioners initiated the meeting with the pledge of allegiance, reviewed and signed accounts payable, and discussed various meetings attended throughout the prior month.

Liquor Licenses

Deputy County Clerk Nancy Wright presented for signature the previously approved retail liquor license for Jo's Liquors.

Road and Bridge

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

- *Bucket Truck Estimate* – Lorimer presented an estimate following the annual inspection of the bucket truck. **Commissioner Leerar moved to approve the repair of the bucket truck by Aerial Equipment Specialists as presented. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**
- *Emergency Response Overtime* – Finance Officer Sarah Carwin joined the discussion to define parameters for paying overtime for emergency callouts and to discuss financial policies for when overtime would be paid in lieu of comp time. The Commissioners approved the payment of overtime for emergency response based on the recommendations made by Lorimer and Carwin.
- *Summer Schedule* – Lorimer reported the return to 4 10-hour days effective February 20th. The group discussed overtime management and reaffirmed that the 4 10-hour week does not have set days of the week and will flex based on environmental needs and blading conditions. **Commissioner Adam Gates moved to approve the summer Road & Bridge schedule to begin February 20th and end before Veteran's Day. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous vote.**
- *Road Report* – Lorimer discussed snow removal efforts and community response regarding weather response.
- *Public Comment* – Allen and Trevor Zuege joined the meeting to issue public comment regarding road maintenance including concerns over what material is being used, personal maintenance of public roadways, and County liability in road maintenance. **Commissioner Gates moved to approve Allen Zuege to lay down his own personally purchased material with his own equipment on the County Road near his house. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion. Following discussion, the motion failed with Commissioner Gates voting in the affirmative and Commissioners Weaver and Leerar voting in the negative.**

Human Services

The Board of County Commissioners convened as the Board of Social Services at 9:30 a.m. Eligibility Supervisor Dalene Rogers, Child Welfare & Adult Protection Supervisor Hollie Hillman, Bookkeeper Melanie Fisher and Human Services Director Kara Hoover were present. Detailed minutes of the Board of

¹ Minutes prepared by County staff are a summary of discussions, not a verbatim account.

Social Services are maintained separately by the Department of Human Services. The Board of County Commissioners reconvened at 11:00 a.m.

Deputy County Clerk & Recorder, Pam Zuege

Deputy County Clerk Pam Zuege joined the Commissioners at 11:00 a.m. to present information on the required upgrade to election equipment in 2023.

Wray Ballfield, Field of Dreams 2.0

At 1:30 p.m. the Commissioners met with Dave Wilson and Chad Godsey to discuss recent fundraising efforts to build new baseball/softball fields on the Wray High School campus through an organization called Field of Dreams 2.0. Status to date was given including updates on community meetings held, fundraising efforts, and community feedback received to date.

Property Taxation Bill Proposal, State Senator Byron Pelton

State Senator Byron Pelton cancelled attendance to discuss his proposed property taxation bill HB23-1054. The Commissioners met with County Assessor Cindy Taylor and Deputy County Assessor Carrie Sharp to discuss the bill's potential implications for Yuma County. Taylor and her team presented financial analyses of the bill's impact on revenues for Yuma County and for the taxing districts within Yuma County.

The group also briefly reviewed potential property tax implications for renewable energy projects in the County.

Executive Session

At 2:35 p.m. **Commissioner Gates moved to enter into executive session under CRS 24-6-402(4)(b) for legal advice on specific legal matters. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.** Present for executive session were Chairman Weaver, Commissioner Leerar, Commissioner Gates, Administrator Andrea Calhoon, and Compliance Clerk Brandi Ritchey. Executive session ended at 3:22 p.m. No action was taken following executive session.

GIS Data Presentation

Yuma County GIS Coordinator Colten Yoast joined the Commissioners virtually at 3:30 p.m. to present data reports from the 2020 census.

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 January 10, 2023 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 1-30-2023 A approving Yuma County's participation in the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade's Rural Jumpstart Program. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous vote.**




- Commissioner Gates moved to approve signature on Resolution 1-30-2023 B transferring \$4,110.00 Omimex Petroleum advertising overpayment from Fund 1 to Fund 33 for payment toward 2022 business personal property taxes. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- Commissioner Gates moved to approve signature on the 2023 COSI Scholarship letter of support with MCC. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous vote.
- Commissioner Leerar moved to approve signature on the 2023 County Health Pool Designee form as presented. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous vote.
- Commissioner Gates moved to approve signature on the 2023 Highway User Tax Fund Mileage Certification as presented. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- Commissioner Gates moved to approve the City of Wray Ambulance Service license as presented. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.
- Commissioner Leerar moved to approve signature on the EFT authorization form for American Fidelity. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- Commissioner Leerar moved to approve the credit application for up to \$1,000 at Tractor Supply in the name of the Yuma County Commissioners. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous vote.
- Commissioner Gates moved to approve the purchase of a new copier by the Yuma County Treasurer's Office as approved and budgeted. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion, which 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 on the CDL testing unit.
- *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* – Calhoon inquired as to training opportunity requests for the new Commissioners.
- *IT Updates* – Calhoon presented updates on various IT-related topics including the status of the VOIP phone transition.
- *Maintenance Updates* – Calhoon reported on various facilities maintenance topics. The group discussed the overall staffing model for the Facilities Maintenance team and goals for 2023.
- *HR Updates* – Calhoon reported updates on county Human Resource topics including recruitment and retention, Yuma County Ag Appreciation Week, and planning for interviews for the advertised position of Fairgrounds Event Manager. **Commissioner Leerar moved to approve the 2023 employee handbook updates. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.**

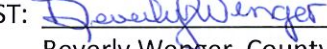
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m. The next regular meetings of the Board of County Commissioners will be on February 14, 2023 and February 28, 2023.



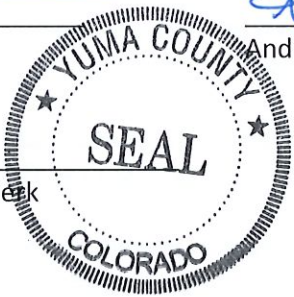
Scott Weaver, Chairman



Andrea Calhoon, Administrator

ATTEST: 

Beverly Wenger, County Clerk



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

RESOLUTION NO. 01-30-2023 A

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE COLORADO OFFICE OF
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE RURAL JUMPSTART
PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Yuma County, State of Colorado has convened a duly and lawfully called regular meeting on the 30th day of January, 2023, and;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners recognizes and fully supports economic development in Yuma County, and;

WHEREAS, the State of Colorado has enacted the Rural Jumpstart Zone program (CRS 39-30.5-106) for the express purpose of encouraging economic development in rural areas of Colorado, and;

WHEREAS, the Yuma County Board of County Commissioners has determined that it is in the best interest of the County to participate in the Rural Jumpstart program;

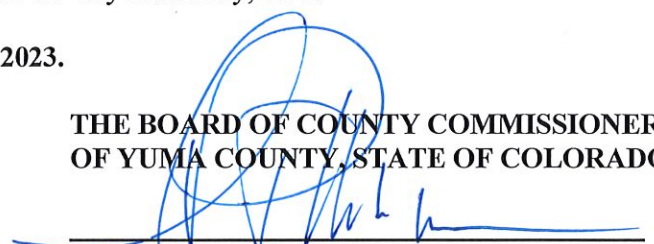
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Commissioners of Yuma County, State of Colorado, authorizes Yuma County's participation in the Rural Jumpstart Program, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in the course of this participation, Yuma County does hereby agree to provide incentive payments, exemptions, or refunds, as appropriate, for 100% of the county business personal property tax imposed on all new businesses that are approved by the Colorado Economic Development Commission to participate in the Rural Jumpstart program, for as long as the Colorado Economic Development Commission designates these new businesses as approved for the Rural Jumpstart program, understanding that such tax relief is limited by statute to eight years for each new business.

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 30th day of January, 2023.

ADOPTED THIS 30th DAY OF January, 2023.

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



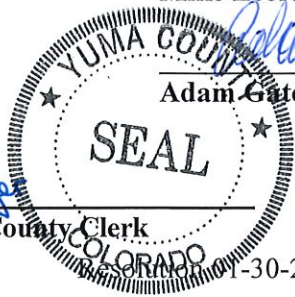
Scott Weaver, Chairman




Mike Leerar, Commissioner



Adam Gates, Commissioner



ATTEST: 

Beverly A. Wenger, County Clerk



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

RESOLUTION NO. 01-30-2023 B

**A RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING \$4,110 FROM THE YUMA COUNTY GENERAL FUND 1 TO
THE TREASURERS CLEARING FUND 33**

WHEREAS, Omimex Petroleum has consistently failed to pay personal property tax in a timely manner, and;

WHEREAS, in 2022 Omimex Petroleum was advertised for 2021 delinquent personal property taxes and subsequent seizure of assets, and;

WHEREAS, an overage of \$4,110 (four thousand one hundred ten dollars) remains after deducting real expenses following estimation of advertising costs per CRS 30-1-102(g), and;

WHEREAS, Omimex Petroleum has been required to make a deposit on 2022 personal property taxes due to prior year delinquencies and has, to date, failed to comply with required banking protocols for collection of delinquent taxes, and;

WHEREAS, the Yuma County Treasurer has requested the retention of the advertising overages to be applied toward the 2022 Omimex Petroleum personal property tax assessment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Commissioners of Yuma County, State of Colorado, approve the transfer of four thousand one hundred ten dollars from the Yuma County General Fund 1 to the Yuma County Treasurers Clearing Fund 33 to be retained and applied toward the 2022 Omimex Petroleum personal property taxes due.

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 30th day of January, 2023.

ADOPTED THIS 30th 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

