

YUMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

March 14, 2023

Minutes¹

On March 14, 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 License

Deputy County Clerk Nancy Wright joined the Commissioners at 8:15 a.m. to present for consideration the updated retail liquor license for Kirk Supers. **Commissioner Gates moved to approve signature on the updated retail liquor license for Kirk Supers as presented. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

Executive Session

At 8:20 a.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 Weaver, Commissioner Leerar, Commissioner Gates, and Administrator Andrea Calhoon. Executive session ended at 8:30 a.m. No action was taken following executive session.

Road and Bridge

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

- *Paved Roads* – Andersen presented a listing of paved road miles in the County and the group discussed an overall paved roads maintenance schedule including potential future grant fund opportunities.
- *Landfill Dirt Work* – Andersen reported that contracted dirt work for the Yuma County Landfill has commenced as of March 13. Dirt work is associated with State-required drainage mitigation efforts.
- *HUTF Road Classifications* – Andersen and Lorimer discussed the various types of road classifications under the Highway User Tax Fund reports.
- *Road Damage* – Andersen and Lorimer discussed challenges with large trucks and equipment, especially equipment with tracks, turning around on County Road intersections.
- *Road Report* – Lorimer provided the road report including the planned reopening of County Road 48 tomorrow, March 15. The group discussed work on improved departmental efficiencies, equipment rotations, and general road maintenance program updates.

Human Services

The Board of County Commissioners convened as the Board of Social Services at 9:30 a.m. Bookkeeper Melanie Fisher, Administrative Assistant Lori Summers, and Human Services Director Kara Hoover were present. Detailed minutes of the Board of Social Services are maintained separately by the Department of Human Services. The Board of County Commissioners reconvened at 10:30 a.m.

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



Sun Daisy Enterprises, Christy Eichorn

At 10:45 a.m. the Commissioners met with Christy Eichorn of Sun Daisy Enterprises to complete introductions. Sun Daisy was recently contracted to provide Land Use consulting services for renewable energy development applications. Eichorn introduced herself and her organization and the group discussed the process and the expected path for renewable energy applications in Yuma County.

Land Use

County Land Use Administrator Andrea Calhoon was heard at 11:00 a.m. to review Land Use and GIS business.

- *Pending Land Use Applications* – Calhoon reported on applications scheduled for hearing in the month of March as well as upcoming applications.
- *Staffing* – Calhoon reported on recruiting efforts for the vacant position of Land Use Administrator.

Emergency Management, Jake Rockwell

At 1:00 p.m. the Commissioners heard a department update from Yuma County Emergency Manager Jake Rockwell. Among topics discussed were recent and upcoming weather trends, upcoming first responder trainings hosted as part of Yuma County Ag Week, Avian Flu updates, and upcoming Weather Spotter training. Rockwell provided updates on his training completions and information on software evaluations being conducted through the WY Communications Center for emergency alerts.

Carbon America, John Brown

John Brown, representing Carbon America, joined the Commissioners at 1:30 p.m. to provide an overview of the planned Yuma Ethanol pipeline project. Brown reviewed the project outline and discussed an upcoming public meeting. The Commissioners asked questions about the project plan and timing as well as environmental and landowner impacts.

County Treasurer, Chrystal Hammond

Yuma County Treasurer Chrystal Hammond joined the Commissioners at 2:00 p.m. to provide office updates. Hammond reviewed investment status in light of recent reported bank failures and discussed first-half tax payments collected as well as foreclosure activity in Yuma County and the surrounding area.

DOLA Regional Manager, Greg Etl

At 3:00 p.m. Greg Etl, DOLA Regional Manager, met with the Commissioners to introduce himself and discuss current DOLA programming and recent changes to the Energy Impact Assistance Fund. The group discussed the County's paved roads maintenance plan as well as the potential regional broadband projects.

Administrator's Report

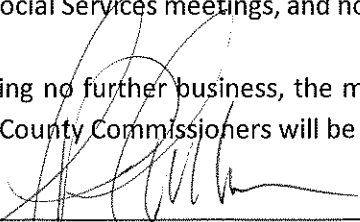
Administrator Andrea Calhoon reviewed calls, correspondence, and presented the following for discussion and action:

- *Minutes* – The Commissioners reviewed the minutes from the previous BOCC meetings. **Commissioner Leerar moved to approve the minutes from the February 28, 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* –

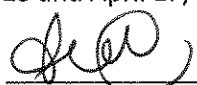


- o Resolutions/Ordinances/Signatures:
 - Commissioner Gates moved to approve signature on the Sun Daisy Land Use Consulting Agreement as presented. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous vote.
 - Commissioner Leerar moved to approve signature on the CDL Testing Unit performance bond issued by Arthur Gallagher for the period of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
 - Commissioner Gates moved to approve the 2023 PRCA rodeo application as presented. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous vote.
 - Commissioner Leerar moved to approve the ProGreen service agreement for spraying services at the Yuma County Fairgrounds for 2023. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous vote.
- o Grant Updates:
 - The Commissioners discussed and reviewed a request to contribute to a broadband project being spearheaded by PC Telcom in Holyoke.
- *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. Calhoon provided an update on the 2022 Cost Allocation Report.
- *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* – The Commissioners received request for opposition to HB23-1215 impacting the billing options for local hospitals, were notified of a legal executive session to be held at the March 31 meeting, received a request for the donation of 2 fair tickets to the Yuma Chamber fundraiser, and reviewed the CTSI Annual Loss Ratio Reports. **Commissioner Gates moved to approve the donation of two fair tickets to the Yuma Chamber of Commerce fundraiser. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.**
- *IT Updates* – Calhoon presented updates on various IT-related topics including the status of the VOIP phone transition and electronics recycling options.
- *Maintenance Updates* – Calhoon reported on various facilities maintenance topics. Among topics discussed were various requests issued by Fairgrounds Maintenance staff, notification of upcoming building appraisals conducted by CTSI, and finalization of building security conversations for the Department of Human Services.
- *HR Updates* – Calhoon reported updates on county Human Resource topics including Yuma County Ag Appreciation Week, policy review work, a location/timing change for future Board of Social Services meetings, and notification of the resignation of the Road & Bridge Inventory Clerk.

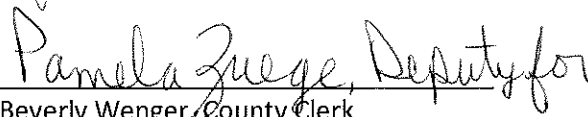
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m. The next regular meetings of the Board of County Commissioners will be on March 28, 2023 and April 17, 2023.



Scott Weaver, Chairman



Andrea Calhoon, Administrator

ATTEST: 

Beverly Wenger, County Clerk

