



## YUMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

May 16, 2023

### Minutes<sup>1</sup>

On May 16, 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 Brandi Ritchey were present throughout the day.

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

#### Yuma County Water Authority Public Improvement District

At 8:15 a.m. the Commissioners adjourned and convened as the Yuma County Water Authority Public Improvement District Board. Minutes for the Yuma County Water Authority Public Improvement District are kept separately.

#### 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.

- **Financials – Commissioner Leerar moved to approve the Salary Authorization for the Parts Clerk position at \$17.50 per hour. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**
- **Commissioner Gates moved to approve the Salary Authorization for the Mechanic position at \$19.00 per hour. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**
- **County Rental Inspections –** Road and Bridge Supervisor and the County Administrator conducted inspections on County Rental Houses to determine what kind of repairs and updates need to be made for upkeep. Andersen and Ritchey also got updated leases from tenants. The group discussed the current budget and what repairs were most prominent.
- **Road Report –** Currently Road and Bridge is working on Count Roads 42 and 43, re-basing the stretch from County Road AA to County Road W. The moisture the County has experienced lately slowed the process of re-basing the roads down but the crew was able to start back up this week.
- **Employee Appreciation-** After such a harsh Winter, the Road and Bridge department is hosting a Employee Picnic on June 22<sup>nd</sup> and would like to invite County Employees out for lunch.

#### Human Services

The Board of County Commissioners convened as the Board of Social Services at 9:30 a.m. Human Services Director Kara Hoover, Eligibility Supervisor Dalene Rogers and Administrative Assistant Lori Summers 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 11:05 a.m.

#### Yuma County Clerk, Public Hearing

Deputy Yuma County Clerk, Nancy Wright was heard at 11:05 a.m. to conduct a Public Hearing on a Cancellation of Liquor License for Millans Liquors. **Commissioner Gates moved to cancel the Liquor License for Millans Liquors and sign Affidavit for Surrender of Liquor License. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous vote.**

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



### Liquor License

Deputy County Clerk Nancy Wright joined the Commissioners at 11:09 a.m. to present for signature the previously approved retail liquor license renewal for Papa's Bait Shop and a new liquor license for La Grange LLC doing business as The Grainery.

**Commissioner Gates moved to approve the retail liquor license renewal for Papa's Bait Shop. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.**

**Commissioner Gates moved to approve the retail liquor license for La Grange dba The Grainery. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion. It passed by a unanimous vote.**

### Yuma County Sheriff

At 11:25 Yuma County Victim's Advocate, Angela Witte, Sheriff's Office Manager, Stacy Zink and Undersheriff Larry Gilliland joined the Commissioners to present the board with a request for a replacement vehicle for the Victim's Advocate Department. The Commissioners reviewed the vehicle history of the current Durango that is in use and discussed all of the options presented for a new vehicle. The Commissioners requested Witte get bids with a trade in value of the current vehicle and present it to them at the next BOCC meeting for discussion.

### Public Comment

At 1:00 the Commissioners held Public Comment to discuss the Commissioners Redistricting Maps. Following the receipt and processing of comment, the final public hearing on the selected redistricting plan will be held virtually in May with intended adoption of the new districts at the final regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners on May 26, 2023.

### Knights of Columbus

Knights of Columbus Representative, Marty Stratman was heard at 1:30 p.m. to discuss his request for a Beer Garden and Concessions with the Board of County Commissioners. Stratman presented his safety plan between the Knights of Columbus and the Sheriff's Department. **Commissioner Gates moved to approve the Knights of Columbus hosting a beer garden for the Tractor Pull to be held Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion which passed by a unanimous vote.**

### Yuma County Assessor

At 2:00 Yuma County Assessor, Cindy Taylor and Yuma County Treasurer Chrystal Hammond came to give the Commissioners a department update. Taylor and Hammond gave an update on the ongoing issues and frustrations with Omimex getting shut down. Taylor is still going to assess the sights as a BIA. Discussion also took place about getting bids with mapping companies to keep the counties GIS map up to date. Taylor will work with Ritchey to get more bids to present to the BOCC at a future meeting.

### Emergency Preparedness Manager

At 3:30, Emergency Manager, the Commissioners heard a department update from Yuma County Emergency Manager Jake Rockwell. Topics for discussion were adding a safety form to the rental application for the Fairgrounds, and current work on a safety plan for the upcoming August 2023 Fair. Rockwell also recently went across the county doing tornado shelter inspections for the upcoming storm season.



### Administrator's Report

Administrator Brandi Ritchey 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 April 11, 2023 regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**
- **Commissioner Gates moved to approve the minutes from the April 17, 2023 regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**
- **Commissioner Leerar moved to approve the minutes from the April 24, 2023 regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**
- **Commissioner Gates moved to approve the minutes from the April 27, 2023 regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Leerar 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 sign the CHS Fuel Tax Exemption. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.**
    - **Commissioner Leerar moved to sign the 2023 CHP Designation of Representative Form. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.**
  - Idalia Sanitation:

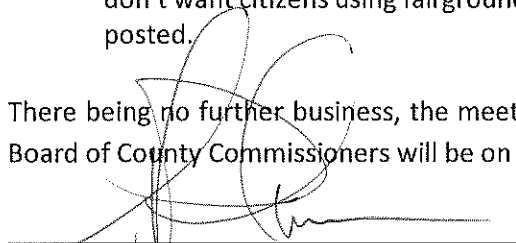
The Board of County Commissioners received letters of interest for 5 board openings for the Idalia Sanitation District.

    - **Commissioner Leerar moved to appoint Justin Hardwick as a board member for Idalia Sanitation. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**
    - **Commissioner Leerar moved to appoint Kyle Kite as a board member for Idalia Sanitation. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**
    - **Commissioner Leerar moved to appoint Larry Weyerman as a board member for Idalia Sanitation. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**
    - **Commissioner Leerar moved to appoint Tyson Cure as a board member for Idalia Sanitation. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**
    - **Commissioner Leerar moved to appoint Dustin Weyerman as a board member for Idalia Sanitation. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

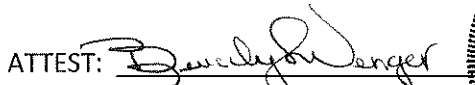


- o Grant Contracts and Updates:
  - The Commissioners reviewed the Performers List for the 2023 Yuma County Night Show. The Commissioners would like pursue a contract with Brandon Jones for the 2023 Yuma County Night Show.
- *Department Reports* – The Commissioners received various department reports including an update on the administration of the Eastern Transportation Planning Region and the upcoming 4P Meeting on May 22, 2023 at the Wray Ambulance Barn. There also was discussion of business undertaken by the 911 Authority Board, GIS Departmental Updates and a request for mileage to be paid. **Commissioner Leerar moved to not pay the mileage request as presented. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion which passed by a unanimous vote.**
- *Prior Meeting Follow-Up* – Finance and Compliance Clerk Brandi Ritchey provided project updates on the status of selling a county owned property in Wauneta.
- *Correspondence* – Ritchey presented correspondence received since the last meeting. Area Agency on Aging is looking for a place to hold meetings once a month and reached out to the Commissioners for suggestions. The group also discussed a request for in county firework sales. **Commissioner Gates moved to wave the fee for the GOCO Road Show. Commissioner Leerar seconded this motion which passed unanimously.**
- *IT Updates* – Ritchey presented updates on various IT-related topics including updates on the transition to VOIP phones for County operations.
- *Facilities Updates* – Ritchey reported on various facilities maintenance topics including vehicles using fairground buildings as shelters during storms. The Commissioners expressed that they don't want citizens using fairgrounds buildings for vehicle shelters and would like no parking signs posted.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m. The next regular meetings of the Board of County Commissioners will be on May 26, 2023.

  
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Scott Weaver, Chairman

  
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Brandi Ritchey, Administrator

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Beverly Wenger, County Clerk

