

YUMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
July 31, 2023
Minutes¹

On July 31, 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.

Liquor License

Deputy County Clerk Nancy Wright joined the Commissioners at 8:15 a.m. to present for signature on a Special Liquor Permit for the Vernon Volunteer Fire department; which was approved at the July 17, 2023 BOCC Meeting.

Road and Bridge

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

- *Mowing – Mowing has started in the Armel area. The group discussed transferring an employee from the fairgrounds to the Road and Bridge Department after the busy fair wraps up.*
- *Efficiency Report – Andersen and Lorimer presented an efficiency report for the road graders. The group compared went over the hours the machines were running compared to the miles of their area.*
- *Road Report – The Road and Bridge crew is going to start repairs on County Road EE. The Commissioners also expressed and issue of missing road signs across the county. Road and Bridge will also be installing a 45mph Speed Limit sign on County Road RR and SS.*

Commissioner Gates moved to approve the Salary Authorization for a Maintenance Position at \$17.50 per hour. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.

Human Services

The Board of County Commissioners convened as the Board of Social Services at 9:30 a.m. Human Services Director Kara Hoover 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 10:30 a.m.

Renew Recycling

At 10:30 a.m., Jennifer Jones and Cathy Walp joined the Commissioners for program updates. Renew Recycling is a bunch of dedicated volunteers that help divert recyclable materials from the Landfill. Renew Recycling is requesting a donation to help with the costs of transporting recyclables, maintenance and re-occurring costs that it takes to keep the program going. The Commissioners thanked the group for all of the efforts Renew Recycling has put into keeping recyclables out of the landfill. **Commissioner Leerar moved to donate \$1,000 to Renew recycling for operating costs. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion. It passed by a unanimous vote.**

¹ Minutes prepared by Brandi Ritchey are a summary of discussions, not a verbatim account.



Public Comment

At 11:00 a.m., Richard Ruyle and Daryl Juhnke joined the Commissioners for Public Comment. Yuma County Clerk, Beverly Wenger was present as well. Ruyle expressed concerns with voting equipment used for elections. Wenger expressed there is Bi-Partisan testing many times on the equipment before elections to ensure the integrity of the elections.

Emergency Management, Jake Rockwell

At 11:30 p.m. the Commissioners heard a department update from Yuma County Emergency Manager Jake Rockwell and Maintenance Sergeant, Travis Dinsmore. Among topics discussed were fire and weather reports. The sporadic and fast changing weather has been causing many severe storms. There has been a slight rise in Covid-19 cases. Rockwell discussed generators held at different locations for emergency scenarios. The Commissioners suggested that Rockwell contact the Sheriff's Department to discuss the generators.

Land Use

County Land Use Administrator, Niki Alexander was heard at 1:00 p.m. to review Land Use and GIS business. The group discussed ongoing Land Use Applications, Legislative Land Use Bills and Land Use Processes.

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 June 17, 2023 regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**
- **Commissioner Leerar moved to approve the minutes from the July 26, 2023 Special 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. The group discussed an ongoing Workers Compensation Claim and hail damage from the recent storms.
- *Signatures and Ratifications* –

Commissioner Gates moved to Ratify Signatures on Resolution 7-18-2023 A, changing authorized signatures on the Fair Account held and Bank of Colorado. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Leerar moved to Ratify Signatures on the \$700.00 Rodeo Purse Request from Josh Archer. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Gates moved to approve signature on Veterans Officer, Ron Brown's, Monthly DMVA report, Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

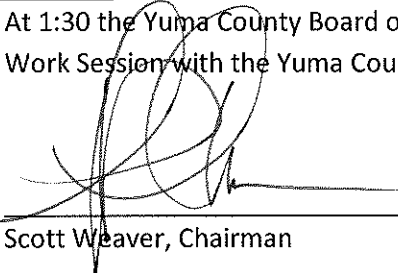


- *Department Reports* – The Commissioners received various department reports including an update on the administration of the Eastern Transportation Planning Region, discussion of business undertaken by the 911 Authority Board.
- *Prior Meeting Follow-Up* –Ritchey provided project updates on the sale of a county owned property in Wauneta and the group discussed a pending Work Comp Claim.
- *Correspondence* – Ritchey presented correspondence received since the last meeting. Among discussion was a memorial for Kari Linker, Representative for Governor Hickenlooper’s office.
- *IT Updates* – Ritchey presented updates on various IT-related topics including updates on the transition to VOIP phones for County operations. Plains is in the process of re-cabling the courthouse.
- *Facilities Updates* – Ritchey reported on various facilities maintenance topics including the upcoming Budget preparation, and numerous updates from CTSI including county procedures

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m. The next regular meetings of the Board of County Commissioners will be on August 14, 2023.

Work Session

At 1:30 the Yuma County Board of Commissioners adjourned from their regular meeting and held a Work Session with the Yuma County Sheriff Todd Combs and Kris Jones to discuss Jail operations.



Scott Weaver, Chairman



Brandi Ritchey, Administrator

ATTEST: 
 Pamela Zuege, Deputy for
 Beverly Wenger, County Clerk

