



YUMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

February 16, 2024

Minutes¹

On February 16, 2024 at 8:00 a.m., the Yuma County Board of Commissioners met in regular session. Chairman Mike Leerar, Commissioner Scott Weaver, Commissioner Adam Gate, 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.

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.

- *Material Screen* – Andersen has had conversations with MSHA and discovered Yuma County is not under MSHA regulations if the Road and Bridge Department uses a static grizzly screen at the pits to clean material. This will help sort out the big chunks of rocks that are in the material.
- *Sand Pit Reclamation* – Andersen has been working with the state on completing the permit paper work to reclaim a sand pit that was opened up in Wray.
- *Equipment Repairs* – A piece of equipment was brought into the shop for maintenance. The piece of equipment broke down and suffered significant damage. Andersen has implemented a new Post Repair Inspection Report to prevent instances like this from happening in the future.
- *Road Report* – Lorimer provided road reports throughout the county. The crew is working on rebuilding the crown on County Road BB and County Road 58. After that project wraps up the crew will move to County Road JJ and start pulling up the ditches to get the road elevated and then finish with a top coat of new material.
- *Utility and Permit Fees* – The group discussed the current fees for Underground Utility Permits. Andersen presented neighboring county fee schedules to make comparisons to. The BOCC wants Andersen to come up with a new fee schedule and present it to them.
- *Department Discussion* – Andersen would like to move an employee from part-time to full-time. The group discussed efficiency of having employees drive county owned vehicles to the outlying shops. Discussion also took place about the fuel stipend some foremen have been receiving. Lorimer stated that a semi driver would like to cross train into driving a blade. The BOCC is on board with cross training to help improve efficiencies across the Road and Bridge Department and encourages Andersen and Lorimer to try to get more employees on board with cross training.

At 9:25 Kara Hoover joined the group to discuss exempt/non-exempt employee statuses. The group discussed if there would be a benefit to removing Comp Time from exempt employees. No decision was made and there will be further discussion on this topic.

Human Services

The Board of County Commissioners convened as the Board of Social Services at 9:30 a.m. Human Services Director Kara Hoover, Income Maintenance Supervisor Dalene Rogers and Eligibility Program Specialist Phyllis Miller 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 Brandi Ritchey are a summary of discussions, not a verbatim account.

Placer.ai

At 11:00 a.m. the Commissioners heard a presentation from Clayton Demanes with Placer.ai. Also present was Economic Development Director, Shelby Clark. Placer.ai can gather valuable information such as marketing, points of interest, consumer trends, demographics and analytics.

Economic Development

At 11:30 a.m. the Commissioners were joined by Shelby Clark from the Yuma County Economic Development Office to hear department updates and discuss the upcoming Yuma County Ag Week. Ag week will take place March 18th- March 23rd.

Fairgrounds

At 2:00 p.m. the Commissioners were joined by Fairground Manager, Carmen Murray. Murray discussed renovations of the horse stalls. Murray will get bids to make the necessary repairs to the horse stalls. Murray presented a new option for activities at the fairgrounds for families to participate in instead of the carnival. The Commissioner's liked the ideas and Murray will present it to the Fair Board at their next meetings.

Yuma County Assessor

At 2:30 p.m. the Commissioners were joined by Cindy Taylor. Members from the public Marvin and Marla Dickson were also present. The Dickson's requested a new address when their house was built. There is a discrepancy from the system that generated the address causing the Dickson's to not receive all of their mail. Sidwell suggests changing their address to County Road 31.5 instead of County Road HH.2. Taylor and the Dickson's are going to try to reach out to Google again to see if the address can get added to google maps to fix the mail issues. Taylor also presented her yearly PILT application for the Department of Colorado Parks & Wildlife. **Commissioner Gates moved to sign the PILT application. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.**

Office of Emergency Management

At 3:00 p.m. the Commissioners met with Emergency Manager, Jake Rockwell. Among topics discussed were recent and upcoming weather trends, Covis and Public Health, Public Safety and Relations, Homeland Security Grants, and upcoming RED Cross shelter training to be held March 29th. Rockwell provided updates on his training completions, possible interns, Hazard Mitigation Plan and a Site Visit coordinated by the OGM with the State.

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 Gates moved to approve the minutes from the January 29, 2024 regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**
- *CAPP Report & Claim Review* – The Commissioners heard information on pending CAPP and workers' compensation claims.
 - Ritchey reported on recent CAPP Claims. The group discussed separate claims for a Grader and a county pickup that was rear ended.
- *Signatures and Ratifications* –



- o Resolutions/Ordinances/Signatures:
 - **Commissioner Weaver moved to ratify Commissioner Leerar's signature on the Safe Fleet Credit Application for the Road and Bridge Department. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous vote.**
 - **Commissioner Weaver moved to ratify signature on a contract between Yuma County Commissioners and Nate Botsford. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion and it passed by a unanimous vote.**
- *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.
- *Correspondence* – Ritchey presented correspondence received since the last meeting including board appointments, a budget request from the Coroner's Office, updated salary sheet for 2024, Personal and Sick Bank hours and BEAD Program Updates.
 - **Commissioner Weaver moved to appoint Marlene McConnell to the West Yuma County Cemetery Board to fill a term until 12/31/2024. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.**
 - **Commissioner Weaver moved to approve the updated Maintenance Salary Sheet that was missing an employee. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.**

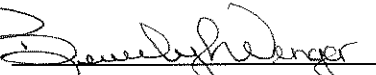
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m. The next regular meetings of the Board of County Commissioners will be on February 29, 2024.



Mike Leerar, Chairman



Brandi Ritchey, Administrator

ATTEST: 

Beverly Wenger, County Clerk

