



YUMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
March 12, 2024
Minutes¹, *amended

On March 12, 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.

- *Open Positions* – Andersen reported on a prospective employee for the maintenance crew. The board encouraged Tom to schedule an interview if he felt the individual would be a good fit for the team. Road and Bridge is in need of a mechanic. The cost of outsourcing mechanical repairs is increasing. Commissioner Leerar and Andersen discussed going to colleges and recruiting well trained mechanics.
- *Road Report* – Lorimer provided a road report on the work that has and is being done on county roads. The group discussed work that was done moving snow after the heavy amount of moisture the county received the prior week. The group reviewed a map of HUFT eligible roads. Andersen discovered a road that isn't HUFT eligible. They discussed whether or not to build up the road to be graded and drained to make it eligible for HUFT dollars.
- *Permit Revisions*– Andersen presented revised fee updates for the Special Transportation Permits and Underground and Utility Permits for review. **Commissioner Weaver moved to approve the revised permit fees for Special Transportation Permits and Underground and Utility Permits. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous vote.**
- *County Owned Property* – The group discussed the property owned in Idalia. There have been no tenants in the house for a few months so the board discussed whether to sell the property or not.

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 Weaver moved to approve the minutes from the February 29, 2024 regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**
- *Signatures and Ratifications* –
 - Resolutions/Ordinances/Signatures:
 - **Commissioner Weaver moved to approve signature on Resolution 3/12/2024 A, A Resolution Opposing the Entry, Transportation, Employment and Settlement of Illegal Immigrants in Yuma County. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.**

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



- **Commissioner Weaver moved to sign the Fleet Intelligence Sales Order for installation of one device into Unit 305. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous vote.**
 - **Commissioner Gates moved to approve signature on the MGT Master Engagement Agreement to begin work on the Cost Allocation Plan for the 2023 Fiscal Year. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.**
 - **Commissioner Gates moved to approve signature on a Letter of Support for Y-W Electric to express support for funding to rebuild transmission lines and upgrades for electrical lines. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.**
- *Department Reports* – Ritchey gave the Commissioners an update on the invoicing status for the Region 4 Opioid Council. Due to specific grant reporting, Ritchey sent NCHA (North Colorado Health Alliance) and CMH (Centennial Mental Health) a streamlined invoice to help clean up the invoicing processes. Ritchey reported that the CDL testing unit revenue is increasing and instructor Thomas Morgan is staying very busy. The Commissioners also signed a Certificate of Excellence for Finance Officer Sarah Carwin who has been employed with Yuma County for 10 years.
- *Correspondence* – Ritchey presented correspondence received since the last meeting including a CORA request, and contracts for consultation on Major Land Use projects, lawn maintenance and a contract to begin repairs at the Yuma County Fairgrounds. The Fairgrounds lawn will now be cared for by the Fairgrounds Maintenance.
- **Commissioner Gates moved to approve signature on a Professional Services Agreement between Yuma County Commissioners and Sun Daisy Enterprises for consultation on Major Land Use Applications. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.**
 - **Commissioner Gates moved to sign a Lawn Care Contract with Pro-Green Lawn Services for the DHS and Courthouse Lawn. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.**
 - **Commissioner Weaver moved to sign an Independent Contractor Agreement between Yuma County Board of Commissioners and Quality Home Construction and also have \$50,000 come out of Fund 6 for materials to start the project. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.**
 - **Commissioner Weaver moved to remove the mileage allowance for three Road and Bridge employees beginning at the March, 2024 payroll. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.**

Yuma County Assessor

At 10:30 a.m. the Commissioners were joined by Cindy Taylor. Taylor presented a Petition for abatement for refund of taxes for a property sold in Yuma. After assessment it was discovered that the property was valued too high for the actual state of the property. **Commissioner Weaver moved to sign the Petition for Abatement for refund of taxes in the amount of \$5,795.00 Commissioner Gates seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.**



Red Dale Camping Club

At 10:45 a.m. the Commissioners were joined by Steve Frank and Bill Daly from Red Dale Camping Club. The group would like to use Yuma County Fairgrounds for one of their meeting areas. The group discussed the use of alcohol, propane fire pits and viewing the Old Threshers Museum. Commissioner Leerar will discuss with the Old Threshers board about opening the museum for the Red Dale group when they are visiting. Ritchey will have Fairgrounds Manager Carmen Murray draw up an agreement on the approved dates and rental fees for the Boards approval.

Veteran Service Officer

At 11:00 a.m. the Commissioners met with Veteran Service Officer Ron Brown for department updates. Ron Brown stated that he will be retiring. The Commissioners stated how appreciative they were for all of Ron's work toward the Veteran Service Officer Program. Ritchey will work with Ron to get the position advertised and set interviews with prospective candidates.

NCRETAC

At 11:30 the Commissioners met with a group from NCRETAC (Northeast Colorado Regional Emergency Medical and Trauma Advisory Council) to introduce the new Co-Coordinator for NCRETAC. Present were Jeff Schannals the current Coordinator, Keriann Josh Treasurer, Marilyn Sykes-Johnson Trauma Outreach and Injury Prevention Coordinator, and Nikiah Nudell the new Co-Coordinator for NCRETAC. NCRETAC is a non-profit corporation organized to provide support to the emergency medical service agencies and medical facilities in Jackson, Larimer, Logan, Morgan, Phillips, Sedgwick, Wahington, Weld and Yuma Counties.

Brian Burdiales

At 1:30 the Commissioners met with Brian Burdiales who is running for House District 63. Burdiales wanted to know from the Commissioners what needs to be heard at the Capital. The board would like many things brought to the Capitol such as stopping unfunded mandates, funding to fix the current infrastructure that is already developed and encouraging CDOT to get back to repairing the roads. There was also discussion about bills being ran through the State, property taxes, land use issues, water issues and the Ag Industry.

Yuma County Treasurer

At 2:00 the Commissioners met with Yuma County Treasurer, Chrystal Hammond. Hammond gave an update on investments, tax collection, tax liens and office updates. Tax notices have been delivered and payments are starting to roll in. The First half of tax payments is extended to March 29th. There is new deed legislation in the work for tax liens. Hammond joined zoom sessions to explain the new processes. Hammond also had a very informative meeting with a financial consulting agency called 3+1.

3+1

At 2:30 the Commissioners were joined virtually by Ruth Chiumia with 3+1. Chrystal Hammond also joined the Zoom call. Chiumia gave the Commissioners a presentation on what her company had to offer. CashVest is a data partner that simplifies cash banking and investment management decisions. CashVest analyzes banking service fees and uses advanced liquidity modeling to help utilize allowable investment options. CashVest can help fund staffing challenges and generate new revenue. Hammond is going to visit with Chiumia next week to have a contract drawn up for the BOCC to review.

Office of Emergency Management

At 1:00 p.m. the Commissioners heard a department update from Yuma County Emergency Manager Jake Rockwell. Among topics discussed were fire, weather, Covid & Public Health updates. With all of the moisture received, Yuma County is not currently on the drought monitor. Fast moving storms are likely to continue. Flu




cases are still fairly high but numbers have dropped. Rockwell has finished his Homeland Security Grant. Rockwell will also have a Livestock Emergency Preparedness roundtable discussion on March 21st during Ag-Week. On March 29th Rockwell is hosting a Red Cross Shelter training for Yuma County employees.


Human Services

The Board of County Commissioners convened as the Board of Social Services at 3:00 p.m. Human Services Director Kara Hoover, Administrative Assistant Lori Summers, Child Welfare & Adult Protection Supervisor Hollie Hillman and Income Maintenance Supervisor Dalene Rogers 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 4:00 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m. The next regular meetings of the Board of County Commissioners will be on March 28, 2024.


Mike Leerar, Chairman


Brandi Ritchey, Administrator

ATTEST: 
Beverly Wenger, County Clerk

