



**YUMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**October 13, 2023**  
**Minutes<sup>1</sup>**

On October 13, 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

Nancy Wright presented for signature, the County Liquor License for Jo’s Liquor in Joes, Colorado, which was approved at the September 29, 2023 BOCC Meeting.

**Commissioner Gates moved to approve signature on the County Liquor License for Jo’s Liquor in Joes, Colorado, Commissioner Leerar seconded. The motion was unanimously passed.**

Road and Bridge

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

- *Bid Presentations* – Steve Gilliland from 4Rivers Equipment and JR Harsh from CAT joined the Commissioners to discuss purchase price, warranties and trade in amounts for new graders. The Commissioners requested prices on a 7-year 10,000-hour warranty from both 4Rivers and CAT. Andersen would like to buy one John Deere grader and one CAT grader for the 2024 year. After researching, Unit 402 is not going to be replaced this year due to it still having warranty hours available.
- *Permit* – Andersen presented for approval the following over height and overweight permit for a garage to be moved in two separate trips from Julesburg to Yuma. **Commissioner Gates moved to approve the over height overweight permit. Commissioner Leerar seconded. The motion passed by unanimous vote.**
- *Road Report* – Lorimer reported that the Road Grading crew is working on a lot of patching. They will move to County Road RR South of County Road 36 from County Road 18 to about County Road 23 to patch and repair before winter. Next Spring, they plan to top coat that stretch of road. After County Road RR is repaired, the crew will be moving to KK North of Cures by the dam to repair damages due to heavy truck traffic. Repairs have been made to County Road N and County Road 39 and County Road M, North of Shram. The crew is going to start preparing snow plows for the upcoming winter. Around 50 miles of road were repaired with the contracted gravel hauling.
- *Budget* – Andersen presented an updated copy of his 2024 budget along with salaries. The Commissioners will review and have another budget work session meeting with the Road and Bridge Department.

Human Services

The Board of County Commissioners convened as the Board of Social Services at 9:30 a.m. Human Services Director Kara Hoover, Child Welfare & Adult Protection Supervisor Hollie Hillman Administrative Assistant Lori Summers 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 10:30 a.m.

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



### Public Comment

At 11:00 a.m., Joe Chartier joined the Commissioners to express concern about the excess vehicles piling up around a property in Laird. The Commissioners reviewed the original and amended Resolutions. The Commissioners spoke with Land Use Administrator Niki Alexander and she is going to inspect the property to see if there are any violations. Alexander will take further action if necessary.

### Fairgrounds Maintenance Interviews

At 1:00 p.m. the Commissioners, County Administrator Brandi Ritchey and Fairgrounds Manager conducted three interviews for the Part Time Fairgrounds position. **Commissioner Leerar moved to hire Randy Mekelburg for the Part-Time Fairgrounds Maintenance position at \$21,000/year. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous vote.**

### 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 September 25, 2023 special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**
- **Commissioner Leerar moved to approve the minutes from the September 29, 2023 regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

### *CAPP & Worker's Compensation –*

Ritchey gave the Commissioners an update on the continued Worker's Compensation Claim and an Update on two CAPP Claims. Ritchey is still waiting to hear back on the two submissions. One for the Semi that caught fire and a hail damage claim to a Road and Bridge Pickup.

### *Signatures and Ratifications –*

- **Commissioner Leerar moved to approve and ratify the motion to approve the purchase of a new Fair Queens horse Trailer in the amount of \$10,200.00 to be purchased out of Fund 20. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.**

### *Department Reports*

**ETPR Administration Updates** – Commissioner Weaver is working on updating bylaws for ETPR and will send them to Chris Richardson to review before they are passed on to members of the Eastern Transportation Planning region for a vote on them at the next meeting in December.

**911 Authority** – Commissioner Weaver is working on the Public Notice of Filing of Application for a Surcharge Increase. The requested surcharge increase is proposed as necessary to fund expenses related to the provision of emergency telephone service, as allowed by Colorado law (C.R.S. 29-11-102 and 104).



*Correspondence –*

Ritchey presented to the Commissioner's two department requests. County Clerk Bev Wenger is requesting a window to be installed in the election center. Sherriff Combs is requesting approval for the purchase of three new computers for the Sheriff's Department that is above the department spending limit.

- **Commissioner Gates moved to approve Wenger's request for a watcher window to be installed in the Election Center. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion which passed by a unanimous vote.**
- **Commissioner Gates moved to approve the purchase of three new computers for the Sheriff's Department not to exceed \$9,077.20 with line-item clarification as to where the expenditures will be spent from. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous vote.**

*Prior Meeting Follow Up –*

- Ritchey provided project updates on the sale of a county owned property in Wauneta. The prospective buyers will be doing a walk-through next week. Attorney Feldman's office is drawing up a lease for the shop and should have it back to Ritchey by the end of next week. Katie Shaw is working on the Contract and will help coordinate the closing.

*HR Updates –*

- Ritchey discussed the purchase of a new desk for Finance Clerk Jessi Lippert's office. Dinsmore has looked around storage for a desk in storage and the surplus has been used up.

Scott Weaver, Chairman

Brandi Ritchey, Administrator

ATTEST:   
Beverly Wenger, County Clerk

