

**YUMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**November 30, 2023**  
**Minutes<sup>1</sup>**

On November 30, 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 Retail Liquor License for Oasis LLC that was previously approved at the October 30, 2023 BOCC Meeting.

Road and Bridge

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

- *Winter Preparation* – The maintenance team is gearing up for snow removal for the 2023-2024 winter season.
- *Fuel Contract* – Andersen presented a fuel contract for the first quarter of 2024 for \$3.08 per gallon. **Commissioner Gates moved to sign the contract with Stratton Equity Coop for the first quarter of 2024 at \$3.08 per gallon. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous vote.**
- *Budget and Efficiency* – The group briefly discussed the 2024 budget. The Commissioners are still working through the budget and are waiting on projected revenue for 2024. The Commissioners reviewed the efficiency report for the blade equipment and crew. The group discussed the pros and cons of paying Comp Time in order to increase efficiencies throughout the Road and Bridge Department.
- *Road Report* – Lorimer provided a road report on current projects throughout the county. The blade crew has completed adding base to County Road KK and will be topping that road with gravel soon. Hole patching has been done in the Y1 area and on County Road 29 between M and K.
- *Maintenance* – The maintenance crew is wrapping up the mowing season by cleaning up the mowers and outhouses. They will be doing Cold Patching on County Road 54 and 51. Andersen will be working on a storm water drainage plan with Landfill Supervisor Byron McCall.

Human Services

The Board of County Commissioners convened as the Board of Social Services at 9:30 a.m. Human Services Director Kara Hoover, Administrative Assistant Lori Summers and Bookkeeper Melanie Fisher 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.

Administrator's Report

Administrator Brandi Ritchey reviewed calls, correspondence, and presented the following for discussion and action:

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



*Minutes* – The Commissioners reviewed the minutes from the previous BOCC meetings.

- **Commissioner Gates moved to approve the minutes from the October 30, 2023 regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

*Signatures and Ratifications* –

- **Commissioner Gates moved to approve signature on Ron Brown's monthly CDMVA Monthly report. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.**
- **Commissioner Leerar moved to transfer the purchase of the Fair Queen horse trailer to the Recreation Fund opposed to the original motion where it was purchased out of Fund 20. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.**
- **Commissioner Gates moved to ratify Commissioner Weavers signature on the SIPA Contract for the County Clerk's Credit Card Vendor. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous vote.**
- **Commissioner Gates moved to approve the Salary Authorization for the Part Time Fairgrounds Maintenance position at \$21,000/year. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous vote.**
- **Commissioner Leerar moved to approve the Salary Authorization for the Treasurer Clerk position at \$16.00 per hour. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion. Commissioner Weaver opposed. The motion passed.**
- **Commissioner Leerar moved to sign Resolution 11-30-2023 F Establishing a New Checking Account and Authorized signors for the Livestock Sale Committee Account. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.**

*Correspondence* –

The Commissioners received one letter of interest for the Eckley Cemetery Board.

- **Commissioner Leerar moved to appoint Jeanne Yenter to the Eckley Cemetery Board for a term of three years. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous vote.**

*HR Update*–

The board discussed a part-time intern for a couple weeks in December and January. The group also discussed Christmas bonuses for employees.

- **Commissioner Gates moved to approve \$500 Christmas bonuses to be paid out of each departments overtime line. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.**

### Land Use

County Land Use Administrator, Niki Alexander was heard at 1:00 p.m. to review Land Use and GIS business and conduct Land Use Hearings.

- *Land Use Hearings* – Land use hearings opened at 1:08 p.m. Alexander presented the following applications for signature.
  - **FPP 1123-01 for Jeff Dollerschell with CDOT, for Bridge Replacement for Structure D-28D, CO-34 over North Fork of the Republican River.**
  - **EFS 1023-01 for Curt and Julie Fix, looking to divide a 21.14-acre parcel from a 62.19-acre (+/-) parcel located in Section 11, Township 1 North, Range 44 West.**



- o **EFS 1023-02 for Ryan and Anne Fix**, looking to divide a 12.53-acre parcel from a 62.19-acre (+/-) parcel located in Section 11, Township 1 North, Range 44 West.
- o **EFS 1023-03 for Mason and Corie Chamberlain**, looking to divide a 28.52-acre parcel from a 62.19-acre (+/-) parcel located in Section 11, Township 1 North, Range 44 West.
- o **Land Use Fee Schedule**, updating the Yuma County Land Use Fees.
- o **Major Land Use Application 0923-02**, NextEra, a Registered Agency for LLC for Niyol Solar LLC has submitted a Major Land Use Permit to build a 200MW solar farm and 200MW battery storage facility on approximately 2,291 acres.

Public comment for the Land Use hearings closed at 2:27p.m

**Commissioner Leerar moved to approve signature on Resolution 11-30-2023 A, approving Flood Plain Permit Application FFP 1123-01 Jeff Dollerschell with CDOT, for Bridge Replacement for Structure D-28D, CO-34 over North Fork of the Republican River. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.**

**Commissioner Gates moved to continue the hearing for EFS 1023-01 for Curt and Julie Fix, EFS 1023-02 for Ryan and Anne Fix and EFS 1023-03 for Mason and Corie Chamberlain on December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous vote.**

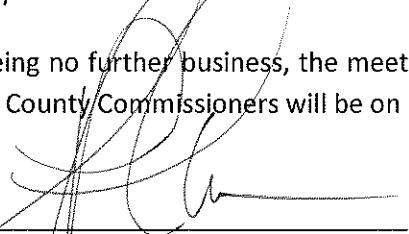
**Commissioner Leerar moved to approve signature on Resolution 11-30-2023 E, A Resolution Regarding Approval to Change County Land Use Fees. Commissioner Leerar amended his first motion recommending the fees start into effect December 1, 2023. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous vote.**

**Commissioner Gates moved to approve signature on Resolution 10-30-2023 C, A Resolution Regarding the Major Land Use Permit Application to build a 200MW solar farm and 200MW battery storage facility on approximately 2,291 acres, Commissioner Weaver moved to amend the Resolution adding stipulations. Commissioner Gates moved to approve amendments. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion. Commissioner Weaver opposed. The motion passed.**

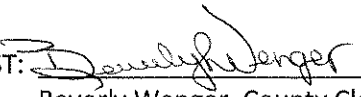
Yuma County Water Authority Public Improvement District

At 3:00 p.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. At 3:55 p.m. the Commissioners adjourned and convened as the Yuma County Board of County Commissioners.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m. The next regular meetings of the Board of County Commissioners will be on November 30, 2023.

  
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Scott Weaver, Chairman

  
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Brandi Ritchey, Administrator

ATTEST:   
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Beverly Wenger, County Clerk

