



## YUMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

April 15, 2024

Minutes<sup>1</sup>

On April 15, 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.

- *Sand Pit Reclamation* – Andersen reported that his reclamation permit for the Ritchey Sand Pit has been approved. After advertising is complete, the Road and Bridge crew will start reclaiming the pit. Andersen is going to finish a permit that has been started prior for the Newton Pit.
- *Road Impact Fees* – Andersen met with a representative from Skyway Towers to discuss the installation of a 60ft Road access from County Road R to the West edge of the County right-of-way that connects to County Road R to the trail that will lead to the prospective tower being installed. The group discussed creating a universal Road Impact Fee chart to create a concise way to fairly bill for the Road Impact Fees.
- *Tires*– The group discussed purchasing new tires for the mowing tractors. Matt Martin received one bid on the tires. Andersen is going to have Martin get bids for turf tires.
- *Road Report* – Lorimer provided a road report on current projects underway. The blade crew is working on County Road 52 East and West of Highway 59. After that project is complete the crew will move to County Road 50 and do the same topcoat to approximately a 14-mile stretch. County Road 54 East of Highway 385 will be ripped and receive a new top coat once County Road 50 is complete.

### 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, Child Welfare & Adult Protection Supervisor Hollie Hillman, Legal Tech Ana Moran 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.

### Public Comment

At 11:00 a.m. the Commissioners were joined by Brandt Northrup and other members from the public to hear concern regarding an easement. Also present was Land Use Administrator Niki Alexander, Road and Bridge Supervisor Tom Andersen and County Assessor Cindy Taylor. The group expressed concern about a citizen using a roadway to enter onto a property. The roadway being used is a dedicated public road.

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



### RRWCD

At 11:30a.m. the Commissioners were joined by Deb Daniel and Rod Lenz from the RRWCD. RRWCD is seeking a letter of support from the Yuma County Commissioner's for Congressionally Direct Spending. The funds will be used for a study to determine what increases in stream flows and water conservation are possible through stream restoration. This information is needed for the success to restore streamflow and a natural habitat for native fish species in the South Fork of the Republican River

**Commissioner Gates moved to sign the Letter of Support for RRWCD. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion. Commissioner Weaver was opposed. The motion passed.**

### 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. Grass and Wildfires are likely to be an issue do to the dry and windy weather Yuma County is experiencing. The weekly Tornado sirens have started back up since we are headed into thunderstorm season. Rockwell and Ritchey will be conducting a desk review for the Grant Management Audit with the state on April, 16<sup>th</sup>. Rockwell is still working on an animal evacuation plan and will be meeting with the cattlemen's association.

### 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. Hammond presented the final contract with 3+1 for the Commissioner's approval. Tax payments are coming in. The county is 35% collected. The Treasurer's office has been doing several trainings through the Treasurer's Association on the new Treasurer's Deed process. Hammond presented her 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Public Trustee Report. There are two open foreclosures and one that has been withdrawn.

**Commissioner Weaver moved to sign the contract and engage with 3+1. The contract is \$14,900.00 and is to be spent out of the Treasurer's Professional Services line. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.**

**Commissioner Weaver moved to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Public Trustee Report. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.**

### Virtual Meeting with Washington County Commissioners

At 2:30 the Commissioners met with the Washington County Commissioners to discuss the combination of the WYCC (Washington Yuma Combined Communication) and 911 Authority Boards. The group discussed that the board will consist of nine board members. Five members from Yuma County and four members from Washington County.

### Fairgrounds

At 3:00 the Commissioners met with Carmen Murray to discuss Fairground Updates and present request for Fairgrounds Use with waived fees. The group discussed alcohol usage at the fairgrounds and fees regarding weekly trash dumps. Murray also is looking for someone to clean the fairgrounds. A current Road and Bridge employee is available to do the cleaning on days off. The Lonestar School is interested in cleaning during the 2024 fair during fair week. The group also discussed an advertising promotion from Media Logic Radio for the Yuma County Fair.

**Commissioner Gates moved to approve Community Blessings for Hope to use the Fairgrounds May 30<sup>th</sup> - June 1<sup>st</sup> with the fees waved. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous vote.**



**Commissioner Gates moved to allow the Yuma County Sheriff's Office to use the Concession's building for Basic Fire Investigation Training on June 12<sup>th</sup> with the fees waved. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.**

**Commissioner Weaver moved to approve Jim Pagel to conduct a Horse Clinic for 4H Participants with the fees waved. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.**

**Commissioner Gates moved to approve the Promotion Package from Media Logic Radio for the price of \$5,000.00. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.**

Administrator's Report

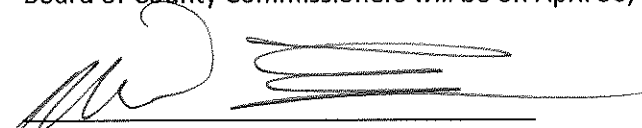
Administrator Brandi Ritchey reviewed calls, correspondence, and presented the following for discussion and action:

- *Minutes* – The Commissioners reviewed the minutes from the previous BOCC meetings. Commissioner Weaver moved to approve the amended minutes from the March 12, 2024 regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- Commissioner Weaver moved to approve the minutes from the March 28, 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 3/28/2024 A, A Resolution Regarding the Minor Land Use Permit Application for Skyway Towers, LLC. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.
    - Commissioner Gates moved to sign the CDL Testing Unit Land Use Authorization for the 2024/2025 year. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.
    - Commissioner Gates moved to approve the reimbursement payment for The City of Yuma Ambulance. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.
    - Commissioner Weaver moved to have County Administrator Brandi Ritchey draft a letter to the Yuma County Ambulance Districts clarifying allowable expenditures for the 2024 budget. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.
    - Commissioner Weaver moved to ratify Commissioner Gates signature on the Purple Wave Auction Agreement. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.
- *Department Reports* – Ritchey gave the Commissioners an update on the 2025 Court Security Grant which has been submitted and Conservation Trust Fund reporting. The group discussed board vacancies that need to be advertised and had discussion regarding the 2% Livestock Account.
- *Correspondence* – Ritchey presented correspondence received since the last meeting including an upcoming Department of Ag meeting, an e-mail from Miller and Associates regarding the Wray Lift Station and a phone call regarding cars piling up in Laird. Ritchey reported that the new carport in Kirk had been installed. The group discussed and scheduled upcoming regular BOCC meeting dates.



At 4:37 p.m., **Commissioner Weaver** moved to enter into executive session under **CRS 24-6-402(4)(f)** for **Personnel Matters**. **Commissioner Gates** seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Present for executive session were Chairman Leerar, Commissioner Weaver, Commissioner Gates and County Administrator Brandi Ritchey. Executive session ended at 4:58 p.m. No action was taken following executive session.

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 April 30, 2024.

  
Mike Leerar, Chairman

  
Brandi Ritchey, Administrator

ATTEST:   
Beverly Wenger, County Clerk

