



YUMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

May 31, 2024

Minutes¹

On May 31, 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.

Liquor License

Deputy County Clerk Pam Zuege joined the Commissioners at 8:15 a.m. to present for signature the Application for Renewal for Papa's Bait Shop that was previously approved at the 5/14/2024 BOCC Meeting and signature on the County Liquor License Renewal for Tres Amigos DBA El Vaquero.

- **Commissioner Gates moved to approve the Retail Liquor License Renewal Application for Casa Tres Amigos dba El Vaquero. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.**

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.

- *Vehicle Inventory* – Andersen presented maintenance reports for two vehicles at the road and bridge department that are starting to have mechanical issues. The group looked at the budget and discussed whether or not there is room in the budget to replace the pickup.
- *Budget*– The Commissioners reviewed the current Road and Bridge Expenditure report.
- *Hail Damage* – The group discussed the recent hail storm and the damages that the Road and Bridge Department sustained. Ritchey stated that an adjuster will be coming down to assess the damages. The group will then determine what repairs will be made.
- *Road Report* – Lorimer reported that work is complete on County Road 54. The road and bridge department is going to lay a chemical on the road to help hold the material down to keep the road from getting so much damage.
- *Efficiency Report* – The group discussed employees that will be eventually retiring. The group is still looking for a mechanic.

Human Services

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



Yuma County Sheriff's Office

At 10:30 Undersheriff, Larry Gilliland and Office Manager Stacy Zink joined the Commissioners. Gilliland presented two salary authorizations for two deputies that have completed POST Training. The salary authorizations presented were for the amount approved during the budget in December 2023. The group also discussed fair security for August. The Commissioner's asked if there is any way the Sheriff's Department could expand their coverage of the fair security to include both rodeos. Gilliland is going to talk to Sheriff Combs about this and report back. The board discussed the pros and cons of having a beer garden at the fairgrounds. The sheriff's office would like signs made and posted to help with the security at the fairgrounds.

- **Commissioner Gates moved to approve the budgeted salary authorizations for the deputies that completed POST Training. 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 Gates moved to approve the minutes from the May 14, 2024 regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**
- *Signatures and Ratifications* –
 - Resolutions/Ordinances/Signatures:
 - **Commissioner Gates moved to approve signature on Ron Brown's monthly CDMVA Monthly report. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.**
 - **Commissioner Gates moved to approve signature on Adam Beauprez monthly CDMVA Monthly report. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.**
 - **Commissioner Weaver moved to approve the Salary Authorization for the Veteran's Service officer at \$1,925/month. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.**
- *Department Reports* – The Commissioners discussed departmental updates including ETPR Administration and business undertaken by the 911 Authority Board. The WY Communications Board and the 911 Authority Board have transitioned into one board. Ritchey has completed the grant application for the SIPA Microgrant to hopefully receive funding to help alleviate the cost of document remediation for ADA Compliance on Yuma County's website.
 - **Commissioner Gates moved to approve Commissioner Leerar's signature on the Docusign Document regarding a 3rd party agreement for wage garnishment for the WYCC Department. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.**



- *Correspondence* – Ritchey presented correspondence received since the last meeting including a request to sell fireworks in Yuma County, a request to relocate the Viaero tower situated East of the courthouse and a request from the WRAC to reimburse property taxes. Travis Dinsmore joined the commissioners to discuss the concerns about potentially moving the tower in front of the vehicle storage building. The Commissioner's and Dinsmore expressed concerns about space constraints and potential damage to the transformer box from passing vehicles.
 - **Commissioner Gates moved to approve the sale of fireworks in Yuma County. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.**
 - **Commissioner Gates moved to reimburse 2023 property taxes for the WRAC as requested. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.**
 - **Commissioner Weaver moved to oppose the request to move the Viaero tower located on Yuma County's property due to concerns of space constraints and potential damage of the transformer getting hit by vehicles. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.**

New Vision

At 1:00 p.m. the Commissioners were joined by Sarah Arntt with New Vision. Arntt informed the Commissioners of what New Vision has to offer. New Vision is an inpatient medical stabilization and withdrawal management service for adults with drug, alcohol and related health issues. Their addiction detox programs accept adults 18 and older, who are currently using or experiencing acute withdrawal symptoms from certain drugs. Treatment consists of medically supervised hospital stay for inpatient stabilization that typically lasts 3 days.

Fairgrounds Maintenance

At 1:30 the Commissioners were joined by Randy Mekelburg to discuss ongoing maintenance at the fairgrounds. The group discussed some of the damage sustained by the recent hail storm. Ritchey stated an adjuster will be out to review all of the damage within the next week. The group discussed a quote for electricity to be trenched from the Beef Barn to the Arena area so the Arena can have its own power. The Commissioners also reviewed a bid from Colby Canvas for a drop screen to be mounted above the announcer's booth.

- **Commissioner Weaver moved to approve the bid as presented. The first bid for trenching electricity to the arena for \$13,000 from the City of Yuma to be paid out of fund 01-507-8940 and the second bid from Colby Canvas bid in the amount of \$1,200 to be paid out of fund 01-507-8941. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.**

County Clerk

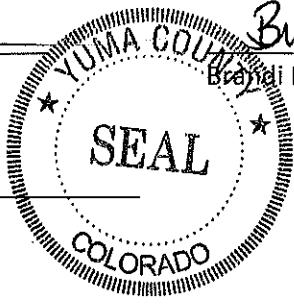
At 2:00 p.m., the Commissioners were joined by Yuma County Clerk, Beverly Wenger. Wenger presented a Resolution for approval to close the Yuma County Clerk's office for Election Day. Additionally, it was discussed that Charles Alvarado, a candidate for CD-63, has been disqualified from the election, and any votes cast for him will not be counted. Furthermore, a grant check was deposited that will cover the maintenance and licensing for her recording department for the next 3 years.

- **Commissioner Weaver moved to approve Resolution 5-31-2024A Closing the County Clerk's office on June 25, 2024 for Election Day. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.**

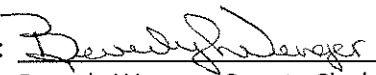


There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m. The next regular meetings of the Board of County Commissioners will be on June 13, 2024.


Mike Leerar, Chairman




Brandi Ritchey, Administrator

ATTEST: 
Beverly Wenger, County Clerk