



YUMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

July 30 2024

Minutes¹

On June 27, 2024 at 8:00 a.m., the Yuma County Board of Commissioners met in regular session. Chairman Mike Leerar, Commissioner Scott Weaver, 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

Deputy County Clerk Pam Zuege joined the Commissioners at 8:15 a.m. to present for signature the Application for Renewal for Ballyneal.

- **Commissioner Gates moved to approve signature on Ballyneal's liquor license renewal. 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.

- *Propane Contract* – Andersen presented a propane contract for the 2024 heating season. Commissioner Gates would like to see other figures to guarantee the best rate for propane.
- *Budget* – The group reviewed the current budget figures to date. The Commissioners reviewed the Tires and Lube line asking Andersen if there will be any more purchases. Andersen reported that the loader had tire issues that needed to be addressed.
- *Efficiencies*– Commissioner Gates asked about the idle hours on Fleet intelligence. Lorimer had a call with Fleet Intelligence and the believe that the graders are reporting accurately.
- *Road Report* – Lorimer reported that work is being done on County Road PP North of County Road 36 and material is also being hauled to County Road Y near County Road 2.5. County Road 5 South of Idalia is also getting material. Material is being pushed up in the Smith and Brand Pit. Lorimer and Seivers repaired the crown on County Road 39.
- *Oversized Load/Underground Utility Permit* - Andersen received a Special Transportation Permit from Sunrise Infrastructure LLC to haul 6 in diameter steel pipe for gas line construction from County Road RR to County Road RR.5, County Road 32, County Road 32.5, County Road PP, County Road 31 and County Road 30. Sunrise Infrastructure LLC also submitted an Underground Utility Permit to trench in a 6-inch steel gas transmission pipeline across County Road RR (according to the Yuma County GIS map the road is County Road SS).
 - **Commissioner Gates moved to approve the Special Transportation Permit and the Underground and Utility Permit for Sunrise Infrastructure LLC to haul 6" steel gas transmission pipe and the Underground and Utility Permit to trench in a 6" steel gas transmission pipeline across County Road RR. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.**

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



Human Services

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

County Attorney, Ken Fellman

At 10:30 a.m., County Attorney Ken Fellman and his colleague Wilson Scarbeary joined the Commissioners for their annual visit. Fellman provided information regarding the Idalia Boundary line dispute, noting that litigation is anticipated to be filed soon due to disagreements among landowners concerning the proposed survey. Fellman and Scarbeary have proposed amendments to Yuma County policies, specifically the Title VI, CORA and the Personal Identifiable Information (PII) policy. Ritchey will work with Emergency Manager Jake Rockwell to present the revised PII policy at the upcoming department head meeting prior to its approval by the BOCC.

Land Use

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

- **At 1:07 p.m. Chairman Leerar opened public hearing EFS0224-08 for Jesus Cortes**, looking to divide a 5.08-acre parcel from a 15.78-acre parcel (+/-) located in Section 3, Township 1 North, Range 44 West. This is a second hearing due to lack of notification to the public during the March hearings. **The public hearing closed at 1:31 p.m.**
- **At 2:13 p.m. Chairman Leerar opened public hearing for RVA0724-03 for Ruth Bauer**, looking to vacate a 60-foot-wide by 140-foot-wide right of way West of Campbell Avenue and lying North of Block 10 Lot 1 and South of Block 9 Lot 8 in the town of Laird, Colorado. 30'x140' will go to Ruth Bauer's property and 30'x140' will go to David Jacob's property. **The public hearing closed at 2:23 p.m.**
- **At 2:23 p.m. Chairman Leerar opened public hearing for EFS0724-01 for Ronnie Oestman**, looking to divide an 8.08-acre parcel (+/-) from a 301.32-acre parcel (+/-) located in Section 8, Township 4 North, Range 44 West for purpose of transferring pasture land. **The public hearing closed at 2:27 p.m.**
- **At 2:28 p.m. Chairman Leerar opened public hearing EFS0624-02 for Yost Settlement Trust**, looking to divide an 8.86-acre parcel (+/-) from a 320-acre parcel (+/-) located in Section 33, Township 4 North, Range 48 West for purpose of resale. **The public hearing closed at 2:36 p.m.**
- **At 2:37 p.m. Chairman Leerar opened public hearing EFS0724-02 for Dustin and Tiffany Welp**, looking to divide a 12.57-acre parcel (+/-) from a 154-acre parcel (+/-) located in Section 34, Township 1 North, Range 44 West for purpose of building a new house. **The public hearing closed at 2:40 p.m.**
- **At 2:40 p.m. Commissioner Leerar opened public hearing EFS0624-01 for Molly McCarty and Derek Scott**, looking to divide a 5-acre parcel (+/-) from a 160-acre parcel (+/-) located in Section 29, Township 2 South, Range 44 West for purpose of resale. **The public hearing closed at 2:44 p.m.**



Commissioner Weaver moved to approve signature on Resolution 07/30/2024A, approving Exemption from Subdivision Application EFS0224-08 for Jesus Cortes, looking to divide a 5.08-acre parcel from a 15.78-acre parcel (+/-) located in Section 3, Township 1 North, Range 44 West allowing access through the dedicated public road on County Road FF through Ritchey's Subdivision and the additional stipulation that Cortez would make improvement to the easement shown on his Survey dated January 24, 2024. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.

After further discussion it was determined that more information was needed from prior deeds and easements. Commissioner Weaver moved to withdraw his motion approving Resolution 07/30/2024 A with stipulations. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Gates made a motion to table EFS 0224-08 for Jesus Cortes, looking to divide a 5.08-acre parcel from a 15.78-acre parcel (+/-) located in Section 3, Township 1 North, Range 44 West until the August 29, 2024 BOCC meeting to allow time to review prior deeds and easements. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Gates moved to approve signature on Resolution 07/30/2024 B, approving Exemption from Subdivision Application EFS 0624-01 for Molly McCarty and Derek Scott, looking to divide a 5-acre parcel (+/-) from a 160-acre parcel (+/-) located in Section 29, Township 2 South, Range 44 West. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Weaver moved to approve signature on Resolution 07/30/2024 C, approving Exemption from Subdivision Application EFS 0624-02 for Yost Settlement Trust, looking to divide an 8.86-acre parcel (+/-) from a 320-acre parcel (+/-) located in Section 33, Township 4 North, Range 48 West. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Weaver moved to approve signature on Resolution 07/30/2024 D, approving Road Vacation Application RVA0724-03 for Ruth Bauer, looking to vacate a 60-foot-wide by 140-foot-wide right of way West of Campbell Avenue and lying North of Block 10 Lot 1 and South of Block 9 Lot 8 in the town of Laird, Colorado. 30'x140' will go to Ruth Bauer's property and 30'x140' will go to David Jacob's property. Commissioner Gates was opposed. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Commissioner Weaver moved to approve signature on Resolution 07/30/2024 E, approving Exemption from Subdivision Application EFS0724-01 for Ronnie Oestman, looking to divide an 8.08-acre parcel (+/-) from a 301.32-acre parcel (+/-) located in Section 8, Township 4 North, Range 44 West. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Weaver moved to approve signature on Resolution 07/30/2024 F, approving Exemption from Subdivision Application EFS0724-02 for Dustin and Tiffany Welp, looking to divide a 12.57-acre parcel (+/-) from a 154-acre parcel (+/-) located in Section 34, Township 1 North, Range 44 West. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.



Financial Reports

At 11:30 a.m. the Commissioners were joined by Finance Officer Sarah Carwin. Carwin gave an update on the 2023 Yuma County Audit and Cost Allocation reporting. The group also discussed the Conservation Trust Fund and the Landfill Closure/Post Closure Fund.

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 July 15, 2024 regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

- *Resolutions/Ordinances/Signatures and Ratifications* –
 - **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 amended Title VI Policy. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.**
 - **Commissioner Gates moved to ratify Commissioner Leerar's signature on the Security Plan for the Spanish Concert during the 2024 Yuma County Fair. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.**

- *Department Reports* – The Commissioners discussed departmental updates including ETPR Administration and business undertaken by the 911 Authority Board.

- *Correspondence* – Ritchey shared two letters of interest for the Yuma County Planning Commission for the Commissioners to review and a letter from the City of Yuma regarding electrical work at the Concession building.
 - **Commissioner Weaver moved to appoint Adam wills to the Yuma County Planning Commission with a 3-year term ending July 2027. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.**
 - **Commissioner Weaver moved to move forward with the Electrical Work at the Concession building. The funds for this project will come out of Fund 06. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.**

- *Facilities Updates* – Ritchey presented four bids to review for the County owned Idalia house.
 - **Commissioner Weaver moved to reject all bids as they did not meet the expected valuation. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.**



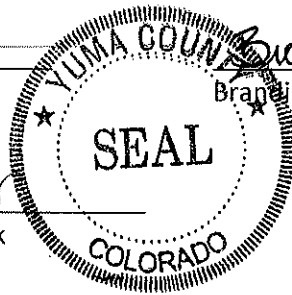
- *HR Updates* – Ritchey gathered information from counties throughout Colorado regarding compensating employees if they did not elect to take health insurance from Yuma County. The Commissioners discussed the information presented. The group had a discussion regarding the office workload and upcoming transitions focusing on redistribution of tasks among employees to stay efficient without creating burnout.
 - **Commissioner Weaver moved to compensate employees \$500.00 per month if the employee did not elect health insurance coverage from Yuma County. Employees that do not have health insurance with Yuma County have to provide credible health insurance coverage for the following year at open enrollment to qualify. This benefit will be effective January 1, 2025. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

Executive Session

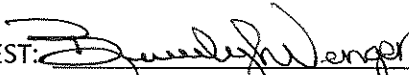
At 4:52p.m., Commissioner Gates moved to enter into executive session under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(e); for the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and/or instructing negotiators. Commissioner Weaver seconded 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 5:14 p.m. No action was taken following executive session.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:26p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners will be on August 16, 2024.


Mike Leerar, Chairman




Brandi Ritchey, Administrator

ATTEST: 
Beverly Wenger, County Clerk