



**YUMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**August 16, 2024**  
**Minutes<sup>1</sup>**

On August 16, 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

County Administrator, Brandi Ritchey joined the Commissioners at 8:15 a.m. to present for signature the Application for Renewal for Kirk Super LLC and get signature on the County License for Ballyneal that was approved during the July 30, 2024 BOCC meeting.

- **Commissioner Gates moved to approve signature on Kirk Super Inc. liquor license renewal. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.**

Road and Bridge

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

- *Employee Transitions* – Andersen addressed upcoming retirements for a couple employees. The exact retirement dates remain uncertain, both Andersen and Lorimer agree on the necessity to hire at least one additional employee to ensure coverage for the blading position.
- *2025 Capital Purchases*– Andersen and Lorimer are discussing what capital purchases are going to need to be made for the 2025 budget. The road and bridge department would like to acquire a new blade and a heavy-duty truck that will be used to pull heavy equipment to different job sites. Andersen plans to sell a few older pickups that are showing signs of wear and tear. Andersen will gather bids for the purchases to present during the upcoming budget sessions
- *Budget*– The group reviewed the budget numbers to date. The group discussed the property tax revenue being higher than anticipated. Ritchey will look into the property tax line to determine what source the extra revenue is coming from. The group also reviewed propane contracts for the 2024 heating season.
  - **Commissioner Gates moved to approve the propane contracts from CHS for 1,887 Gallons at 1.799 per gallon and Stratton Equity COOP for 2,000 gallons at \$1.85 per gallon for the 2024 heating season.**
- *Road Report* – The blading crew is working on washouts throughout the county. There is work being done on County Road CC and 36. The crew has finished work on County Road PP North of County Road 36 and ended at County Road 16. Material is being used out of the Homm Pit due to standing water in the Brand Pit. County Road 54 will be closed for a few days while the blading crew rips and relays material. They crew will also be applying a road stabilizer to County Road 54 to see if that will lengthen the durability of the road.

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<sup>1</sup> 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, Administrative Assistant Lori Summers, Income Maintenance Supervisor Dalene Rogers and new hire Ixsel Sotelo 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 10:50 a.m.

### OWN Resources

The Commissioners were joined by Niels Phaf, Greg Jones, and Kelly Sharp of OWN Resources at 1:00 p.m. to discuss County oil & gas operations and recent/upcoming Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission rulemakings. Phaf discussed OWN's commitment to responsible plugging and abandoning activities as well as the approach OWN takes to the plugging and abandoning process.

### Maintenance

At 11:30 a.m., the Commissioners were joined by the Yuma County Maintenance department, Travis Dinsmore and Shawn Pratt. The group went over the May 2024 Hail Damage estimate that was submitted by the adjuster Engle Martin. Dinsmore discovered there was a lot of missing damages that were not reported and the estimate was not enough to even repair all of the damages sustained during the hail storm. The BOCC directed Ritchey and Dinsmore to contact Engle Martin and have them re-submit an accurate estimate.

### Office of Emergency Management

At 1:15 p.m. the Commissioners heard a department update from Yuma County Emergency Manager Jake Rockwell. Among topics discussed were fire, weather, public health and safety and reviewed the May 20<sup>th</sup> Storm damage assessment. Rockwell's intern has completed her time with Yuma County and will have an Internship Presentation on October 2<sup>nd</sup> in Fort Collins. Rockwell will be attending an OEM Basic Academy at the end of August. Rockwell discussed having Plains Cooperative take over the National Weather Service tower line due to Century Link shutting the line off and not being able to reactivate it in a timely manner. Rockwell is going to find the original MOU to see who has the responsibility of maintaining the phone line for the National Weather Service.

### Land Use

At 1:30 p.m. the Commissioners met with Jodi Brady to discuss departmental updates. The group reviewed information for EFS 0224-08 for Jesus Cortes. Only information was given and no decisions were made during this meeting.

### Yuma County Treasurer

At 2:00 p.m., Yuma County Treasurer, Chrystal Hammond joined the Commissioners to give the board a report on investments, tax collection, tax Liens and her public trustee report. Hammond received the investment report from 3+1 and they have been working with First Pioneer to increase the interest rate on the General Checking account. Tax revenue is 97.5% collected so far. The treasurer's office had 1 foreclosure auction this month and have received 2 new foreclosures. The Treasurer's office will be closed September 10<sup>th</sup> for training on tax and accounting software.

### Fairgrounds

At 2:30 p.m., the Commissioners heard from Fairgrounds Manager, Carmen Murray. Murray discussed a future rental for the fairgrounds. The group discussed the fees associated with renting the fairgrounds and having an employee running the equipment for the arena. The group discussed that in order for fees to be waived, proof of a Non-Profit Organization needs to be presented. The group also discussed the leaking roof on the fairgrounds office building. The BOCC would like Murray to reach out to the contractor that replaced the tin roof and have it repaired to stop the leaking.

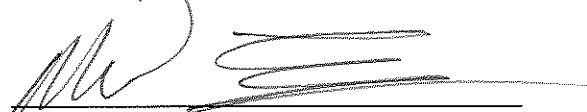
### Administrator's Report

At 3:00 p.m. 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 30, 2024 regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**
  
- *Signatures and Ratifications* –
  - Resolutions/Ordinances/Signatures:
    - **Commissioner Weaver moved to approve Resolution 8/16/2024 A Returning Specific Ownership Tax Revenue to Fund 2. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.**
    - **Commissioner Gates moved to ratify Administrator Brandi Ritchey's signature on the letter of support for the Grassroots Community Center. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.**
    - **Commissioner Gates moved to adopt the updated CORA policy as prepared by County Attorney Ken Fellman. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.**
    - **Commissioner Weaver moved to approve the COSI Scholarship Match and Letter of Support. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion. The motion passed.**
  
- *Grant contracts and Updates* – Ritchey notified the Commissioners that Yuma County has been awarded \$1,145 grant dollars to help with ADA Compliance and document remediation. Ritchey will be attending a SIPA conference in September to accept the grant.
  
- *Department Reports* – The Commissioners received various department reports including an update on the administration of the Eastern Transportation Planning Region, discussion of business undertaken by the 911 Authority Board and Washington Yuma Combined Communications Board.
  
- *Correspondence* – Ritchey presented correspondence received since the last meeting including an invoice for the CAMs ag Academy, information on a meeting with the Republican River Watershed, a field visit with OWN Resources Manager, Niels Phaf and discussion on board member terms for the Fair Board and YCED Board. The group also discussed a CORA request that was received and the Yuma County Fair night show.

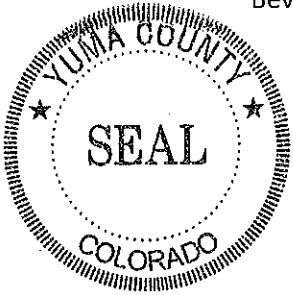


There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m. The next regular meetings of the Board of County Commissioners will be on August 29, 2024.

  
Mike Leerar, Chairman

  
Brandi Ritchey, Administrator

ATTEST:   
Beverly Wenger, County Clerk



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
COUNTY OF YUMA, STATE OF COLORADO**

**RESOLUTION NO. 08-16-2024 A**

**A RESOLUTION RETURNING SPECIFIC OWNERSHIP TAX REVENUE TO FUND 2**

**WHEREAS**, additional funds are no longer necessary in the General Fund (Fund 1) to provide sufficient revenue for funding department operations, and;

**WHEREAS**, additional funds are necessary in the Road and Bridge Fund (Fund 2) to provide sufficient revenue for funding general operations, and;


**WHEREAS**, budget constraints in the County warrant depositing all Specific Ownership Taxes into the Road and Bridge Fund;


**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Commissioners of Yuma County, State of Colorado, approved the depositing of all Specific Ownership Tax revenue to the Road and Bridge Fund (Fund 2) beginning January 1, 2024 until such time as the Board issues a superseding determination. This resolution supersedes and replaces all previous decisions on the matter.

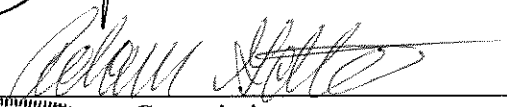
The above and foregoing Resolution was, on motion duly made and seconded, adopted by unanimous vote of the Yuma County Board of Commissioners on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024.

**ADOPTED THIS 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF August, 2024.**

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF YUMA COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO**

  
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Mike Leerar, Chairman

  
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Scott Weaver, Commissioner

  
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Adam Yates, Commissioner

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