



YUMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

August 29, 2024

Minutes¹

On August 29, 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 Special Events Permit for the Vernon Community Center and get signature on the County Liquor License for Kirk Super LLC that was approved during the August 16, 2024 meeting.

- **Commissioner Gates moved to approve signature on the Special Events Permit for the Vernon Community Center. 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.

- *4Rivers Presentation* – Steve Gilliland joined the Commissioners to present a quote for the proposed trade-in of unit 401 for a 772G and a Walk and Roll Packer. After reviewing the quotes, the BOCC requested that Andersen seek additional bids from other dealers to make sure they make the most informed and financially sound decision regarding equipment purchases for the 2025 budget.
- *Budget* – The group reviewed the current budget figures to date. The group discussed the outsourced labor line and what impacts it will have on the 2025 budgets. Ritchey stated that there will be an increase in revenue after posting in the Specific Ownership Tax lines.
- *Efficiencies* – Lorimer presented an updated fleet intelligence report to show efficiencies between the equipment operators. Commissioner Leerar was pleased with the improvements.
- *Road Report* – Lorimer provided an update on work being done on roads throughout the county. The crew finished working out of the Homm Pit and have moved the loader to the Deterding pit. Material is being hauled out of the Brand pit to County Road L. More work has been done on County Road 54 getting the chemical worked in and dried out to see if it helps sustain the road. Andersen said the road is very solid in the places where the chemical has dried. After harvest will determine if the test material had an impact on maintaining the quality of the roads.
- *Candidates for blade/loader positions* - Andersen received a few applications for the open equipment operator position and will hold interviews soon.
- *Sale of Assets* – Andersen is preparing to send an unused pickup to Brush for auction. Additionally, the Road and Bridge Department is still searching for a heavy-duty pickup capable of transporting heavy equipment to various jobsites.

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 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.

Yuma County Planning Commission

At 10:30 a.m., the Yuma County Planning Commission joined the Commissioners. Present were Land Use Administrator Jodi Brady, Jeff Weaver, Lynn Hagemeyer, Cindy Taylor and Ronn Akey. The group discussed the concerns of the Planning Commission role. Jeff Weaver expressed that he would like to see better communication between the boards. The group plans to have quarterly workshop meetings to work on the land use code.

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 August 16, 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 ratify Commissioner Leerar's signature on two Salary Authorizations for the Landfill that were approved during the August 21, 2024 Landfill meeting. Commissioner Gates 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 presented correspondence from the Yuma Public library, and the group reviewed three letters of interest for various board openings. Additionally, a request was made for a letter of support for the Yuma District Hospital, which is seeking a grant to enhance its current infrastructure.
 - **Commissioner Gates moved to appoint David Blach with a 3-year term ending August 31, 2027. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.**
 - **Commissioner Weaver moved to appoint Harold Blackham with a 3-year term ending August 31, 2027. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.**
 - **Commissioner Weaver moved to appoint Justin Crossland with a 3-year term ending August 31, 2027. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.**



- **Commissioner Gates moved to appoint Ashley Hurlburt with a 3-year term ending August 31, 2027. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.**
 - **Commissioner Gates moved to approve signature on the letter of support for Yuma District Hospital. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.**
- *HR Updates* – Ritchey has prepared the Department Head memo and capital project request forms for the BOCC to review regarding the upcoming 2025 budget. The group discussed the limited revenue growth projected for the upcoming fiscal year that will greatly impact the 2025 budget.

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. Members from the public were also present.

- **At 1:00 p.m. Chairman Leerar opened public hearing for EFS0824-01 for Derek and Sean Peters, looking to divide an 8.00-acre parcel (+/-) from a 320-acre parcel (+/-) located in the NE ¼ Section 25, Township 1 South, Range 45 West for purpose of resale. The public hearing closed at 1:06 p.m.**
- **At 1:06 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 1:11 p.m.**


Commissioner Weaver moved to approve signature on Resolution 08/29/2024 A, approving Exemption from Subdivision Application EFS0824-01 for Derek and Sean Peters, looking to divide an 8.00-acre parcel (+/-) from a 320-acre parcel (+/-) located in the NE ¼ Section 25, Township 1 South, Range 45 West. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Weaver moved to approve signature on Resolution 08/29/2024 B, 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 with stipulations as stated in Resolution 08/29/2024 B. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.

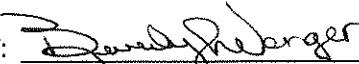
The group discussed normal land use business regarding battery storage permits, fees and regulations. The Commissioners would like to see battery storage regulations added to the Yuma County Land Use code. Brady has also been looking through the 1041 Regulation, Masterplans and Planning Commission Bylaws.



There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners will be on September 16, 2024.


Mike Leerar, Chairman


Brandi Ritchey, Administrator

ATTEST: 
Beverly Wenger, County Clerk

