



**YUMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**October 15, 2024**  
**Minutes<sup>1</sup>**

On October 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 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.

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.

- *Open Positions* – Andersen stated that he has an open mining position. Ritchey will work with Andersen to get the position advertised.
- *Budget* – The group reviewed the current Road and Bridge Budget. Andersen stated that if we would like to seal the price on the 2025 Grader purchase, a decision will have to be made before the end of October. Earlier the group discussed fuel rates for the 2025 budget
  - **Commissioner Gates moved to approve the purchase of a Motor Grader with a Rock and Roll Packer in the amount of \$427,383.13 to be purchased out of Fund 2. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.**
- *Mowing Report* – Andersen provided the Commissioners with a mowing report. Area Y-12 will be finished this week. Areas Y-13, Y-10 and Y-8 will follow. After those areas are complete, areas Y-4 and Y-3 will be re-mowed.

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, Child Welfare & Adult Protection Supervisor Hollie Hillman and Child Welfare Caseworker Nathon Reinick 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 11:00 a.m.

CTSI

The Commissioners were joined by Meredith Burcham, Executive Director of County Technical Services, Inc. (CTSI) via GoTo Meetings at 11:00am. Marissa provided the commissioners with an overview of CTSI's services, which include three pools of insurance for counties across Colorado: County Health Pool, County Workers' Compensation and Casualty and Property Insurance. In addition to insurance, CTSI offers risk management, loss control, employee education and human resource assistance. Burcham also shared the estimated CAPP and CWCP rates for Yuma County for the year of 2025.

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




### Administrator's Report

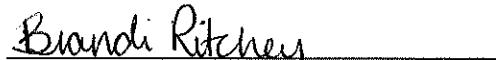
At 1:00 p.m. Administrator Brandi Ritchey reviewed calls, correspondence, and presented the following for discussion and action:


- *Minutes* – The Commissioners reviewed the minutes from the previous BOCC meetings.
  - **Commissioner Gates moved to approve the minutes from the September 26, 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 sign Resolution 10-15-2024A Opposition of Ballot Initiative 31. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.**
    - **Commissioner Gates moved to ratify the approval for a purchase of a new garage door for the vehicle storage building. The purchase will be made out of Fund 01-109. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.**
    - **Commissioner Gates moved to ratify the bid for tree removal in front of the courthouse. The expense will be spent out of Fund 01-109. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.**
    - **Commissioner Weaver moved to ratify the approval of the revised rental fees at the Yuma County Fairgrounds. Non-profit organizations will be charges 25% of the standard rental fees. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous vote.**
    - **Commissioner Weaver moved ratify the approval of the signature on the Landfill Assurance Letter for the 2023 Audit. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.**
  
- *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. The group also discussed upcoming events such as the employee Christmas party and Ag Week.
  
- *Correspondence* – Ritchey presented two reimbursement requests for review: one from Yuma Ambulance and another from Idalia Ambulance Service.
  - **Commissioner Weaver moved to approve the budgeted reimbursement request for Idalia Ambulance Service for \$7,198.43 to be paid out of 01-403. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.**
  - **Commissioner Weaver moved to approve the budgeted reimbursement request for Yuma Ambulance Service for \$2,080.65 to be paid out of 01-403. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.**

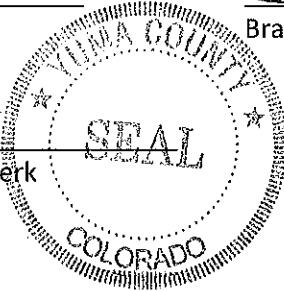


There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m. and the group conducted a Budget Work Session The next regular meetings of the Board of County Commissioners will be on October 15, 2024.

  
Mike Leerar, Chairman

  
Brandi Ritchey, Administrator

ATTEST:   
Beverly Wenger, County Clerk





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

**RESOLUTION NO. 10-15-2024 A**

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING COLORADO BALLOT INITIATIVE 91**

**WHEREAS**, respectful and responsible hunting is a time-honored tradition in Colorado;  
and

**WHEREAS**, it is the policy of the state of Colorado that the state's wildlife and their environment are to be protected, preserved, enhanced, and managed for the use, benefit, and enjoyment of the people of this state and its visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, Colorado's wildlife is a resource owned by the people of this state; and

**WHEREAS**, Colorado law provides that the state "*shall utilize hunting, trapping, and fishing as the primary methods of effecting necessary wildlife harvests*"; and

**WHEREAS**, the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation used by Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) is the most successful wildlife management model in the world; and

**WHEREAS**, the populations of mountain lion, bobcat and lynx are thriving, healthy, and stable in Colorado under the current CPW management plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the human population of Colorado continues to grow, and residential development continues to expand into traditional mountain lion and bobcat habitat; and

**WHEREAS**, an unmanaged population of large predators will inevitably lead to increased human conflict, on both agricultural and residential lands; and

**WHEREAS**, sapient citizens need look no further than the bloody and financially ruinous aftermath of gray wolf reintroduction on agricultural lands following the passage of Proposition 114 in 2020 to understand the folly of ballot-box biology; and

**WHEREAS**, Ballot Initiative 91 would upend decades of research by CPW, eviscerate the West Slope Mountain Lion Plan, and render irrelevant an ongoing decade-long study in the Upper Arkansas River drainage basin to establish the relationship between human-lion conflict and changes in hunter harvest levels; and

**WHEREAS**, Ballot Initiative 91 is another example of misguided ballot-box biology, funded largely by groups outside of Colorado, which contains language that is confusing at best, and intentionally deceptive at worst.



**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Yuma County Board of County Commissioners as follows:

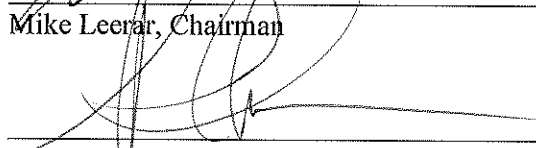
1. The Yuma County Commissioners hereby convey their opposition to Ballot Initiative 91; and
2. The Yuma County Commissioners also commend Colorado Parks and Wildlife for its exemplary work to maintain healthy and thriving populations of mountain lion, bobcat and lynx, and for its national leadership in wildlife conservation.


**MOVED, READ AND ADOPTED** by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Yuma, State of Colorado, at its regular meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2024. The above and foregoing Resolution was, on a motion duly made and seconded, adopted by unanimous vote of the Board of Yuma County Commissioners.

**ADOPTED** this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2024.

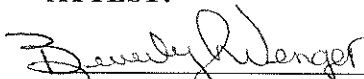
**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF YUMA COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO**

  
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Mike Leerar, Chairman

  
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Scott Weaver

  
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Adam Gates

**ATTEST:**



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Beverly A. Wenger, County Clerk

