



YUMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

November 14, 2024

Minutes¹

On November 14, 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.

- *Storm Policies* – During the recent storm, Andersen noted several complaints regarding inadequate snow removal and muddy road conditions. The Road and Bridge crews follow a prioritized snow removal policy, addressing A roads first, followed by B roads, and finally C roads. The group reviewed the current job description for Grader Operators. The Commissioners noted some changes that they would like to be made along with the snow day policy. Ritchey will prepare and amended snow day policy for the Commissioners to review.
- *Sale of Assets* – Andersen will be taking the following items to the Brush Auction in December; two 1983 Chevy Dump Trucks, a 2002 Chevy Pickup, various saddle tanks for diesel, three air compressors and used truck tires.
- *Mowing Report* – Mowing for the season is nearing completion. The maintenance will re-mow areas that have seen a lot of new growth and touch-ups will be done as needed.
- *Efficiencies* – The group reviewed the current efficiencies for the blade crew.

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 Bookkeepers Melanie Fisher and Kim Langley 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.

Office of Emergency Management

At 11:00 a.m. the Commissioners heard a department update from Yuma County Emergency Manager Jake Rockwell. Among other topics discussed were fire, weather, public health and safety. Rockwell has begun drafting emergency plans for Early Childhood Care Facilities in Yuma County along with working with partnering agencies that oversee daycare operations in Yuma County. There is also work being done on an Animal Evacuation Plan with the help of Kenny Rodgers.

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



Yuma County Treasurer

At 11:30 the Commissioners were joined by Yuma County Treasurer, Chrystal Hammond. Hammond gave many updates including Tax Collection, Tax Liens and a Public Trustee report. There was a tax sale conducted on November 12, during which Yuma County had a total of 192 parcels available. Out of these, 150 parcels were included in the online tax sale; however, one parcel was retracted due to an erroneous sale. A total of 99 parcels were sold, generating \$71,852.55 in revenue. Additionally, 42 mineral rights were purchased by landowners with first rights of refusal totaling \$2,167.96 in revenue.

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 October 30, 2024 regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

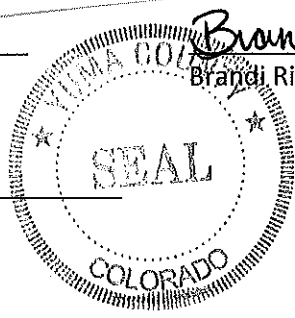
- *Correspondence* – Ritchey shared recent correspondence including details about an upcoming RRWCD meeting, a budgeted ambulance reimbursement request from the City of Yuma, and a quote for electronic recycling. The group discussed how to go about gathering the recycled items. Ritchey presented the Commissioners a bid for tree removal and discussed budget requests for 2025.
 - **Commissioner Weaver moved to approve the budgeted reimbursement request for Yuma Ambulance Service for \$11,903.45 to be paid out of 01-403. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.**
 - **Commissioner Weaver moved to approve the Electronic Recycling quote from PC Disposal. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.**
 - **Commissioner Weaver moved to approve the quote from Thompsons Tree Service for \$50,250.00 for the 2025 budget year. The cost will be expended from Fund 09. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.**
 - **Commissioner Weaver moved to approve the purchase of two pickups for \$141,601.10 and one transport vehicle for \$78,800.00 for the sheriff's office. This purchase is for the 2025 budget year. The purchase will be expended from Fund 20. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.**

- *HR Updates* – Ritchey provided the commissioners with updates on HR matters, focusing on the Yuma County Handbook policies, specifically the pre-employment drug screen and snow day policies. Ritchey is going to reach out to other counties regarding their drug screen policies and will revise the snow day policy for the commissioners' review at their next meeting. Additionally, Ritchey reported that she has completed the Ordinance concerning SB 24-131, which addresses the carrying of firearms in public buildings, and has sent it to the county attorney for review. She expects to present the ordinance for its first reading during the upcoming BOCC meeting.

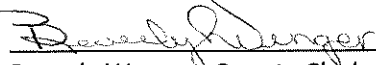


There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m. and the group conducted a Budget Work Session The next regular meetings of the Board of County Commissioners will be on November 27, 2024.


Mike Leerar, Chairman




Brandi Ritchey, Administrator

ATTEST: 
Beverly Wenger, County Clerk