



## YUMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

November 27, 2024

### Minutes<sup>1</sup>

On November 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.

#### Office of Emergency Management

Emergency Manager Jake Rockwell joined the Commissioners at 8:15 to present two invoices incurred during the last winter storm. Rockwell also reported that if there is a disaster that disturbs cell phone service that T-Mobile can provide a truck with a portable cell phone tower to provide coverage, free of charge.

- **Commissioner Gates moved to approve signature on the invoice to the Idalia Church and the Idalia Hotel. 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.

- *Mechanic Position* – Andersen reported he is still seeking a Full-Time Mechanic to work at the Road and Bridge shop in Wray. Filling this position would alleviate some pressure off of the out sourced labor line of the budget.
- *D8 Repair* – Andersen has received quotes for the undercarriage replacement components for the D8 Bulldozer. He believes that his team can handle the replacement in-house, rather than outsourcing the labor. Andersen will get a more precise quote from Wear Parts and Equipment for comparison with the quote from JD Parts.
- *Budget*– The group reviewed the current budget numbers and discussed minimizing expenses to make sure an amended budget is not needed.
- *Efficiency Report* – The board reviewed the grader operator efficiency report. During discussion the group discussed other methods to assess the efficiency beyond tracking the utilization, work and time off hours.

#### Human Services

The Board of County Commissioners convened as the Board of Social Services at 9:30 a.m. Human Services Director Kara Hoover, Bookkeepers Melanie Fisher and Kim Langley, Child Welfare and Adult Protection Supervisor Hollie Hillman, Administrative Assistant Lori Summers Income Maintenance Supervisor Dalene Rogers and Eligibility Program Specialists Sheena Fix 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.

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



### Yuma County Sheriff's Office

At 10:30 the Commissioners were joined by Yuma County Sheriff's Office Manager, Stacy Zink who presented two items for approval. The first item is a Resolution to establish a bank account at Wray State Bank for funds that is held as evidence securely. Stacy also noted that a new part time victims advocate had been hired.

- **Commissioner Weaver moved to approve Resolution 11-27-2024 C, A Resolution to Establish a Bank account at Wray State Bank. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**
- **Commissioner Gates moved to approve the Salary Authorization for the part time Victims Advocate position at \$15.00 per hour. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.**

### Yuma County Livestock

At 11:00 the Commissioners were joined by Yuma County Livestock Treasurer, Shawna Fonte. Fonte provided an update on the 2% account balance and outlined the associated expenses. Fonte requested approval to establish tax-exempt charge accounts for the 2% Sale Committee. She also noted that a new laptop had been purchased for the show works program utilized during the Yuma County Fair.

- **Commissioner Weaver moved to approve the creation of the tax-exempt charge accounts. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.**

### County Administrator, Brandi Ritchey

At 11:30 p.m., the Commissioners met with County Administrator Brandi Ritchey to conduct the first reading of proposed ordinance 2024-1 A Yuma County Ordinance to Protect the Right to Carry Firearms in Sensitive Spaces in Accordance with SB 24-131.

- **Commissioner Weaver moved to approve the first reading regarding ordinance 2024-1 and publish the ordinance in the Yuma Pioneer and the Wray Gazette. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.**

### 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 1:00 p.m. Chairman Leerar opened the public hearing 0924-05 for Jane Perry asking to have the county vacate a piece of Brandon Street that resides along South line from an alley to Campbell Road for 140 feet long and 60 feet wide. (Parcel T007623) to the south. The end result will be a 60 feet wide x 140 feet long road split between two properties. The public hearing closed at 1:15p.m. This application was denied at Planning Commission.**
- **At 1:15 p.m. Chairman Leerar opened public hearing EFS1124-01 for Donald C Brown is looking to divide a 3.16+-acre parcel from a 169.72-acre parcel located in N 1/2 Township 4N, Range 47w, Section 10. The purpose for this exemption from subdivision is to sever a piece of property to be deeded to Alex Brown. The public hearing closed at 1:26p.m.**
- **At 1:26p.m. Chairman Leerar opened public hearing for EFS0924-02 for Dave Sitzman is looking to divide a 6.25-acre parcel from a 76.53-acre parcel located in Township 1N, Range 43 West, Section 6. The purpose for this exemption from subdivision is to create separate a parcel for residential use. The public hearing closed at 1:30 p.m.**
- **At 2:11 p.m. Chairman Leerar opened public hearing to discuss Land Use Fee changes. The public hearing closed at 2:19 p.m.**



Commissioner Weaver moved to approve signature on Resolution 11/27/2024A, approving Exemption from Definition of Subdivision EFS0924-02 for Dave Sitzman is looking to divide a 6.25-acre parcel from a 76.53-acre parcel located in Township 1 North, Range 43 West, Section 6. The purpose for this exemption from subdivision is to create separate a parcel for residential use. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Weaver moved to approve signature on Resolution 11/27/2024B, approving Exemption from Subdivision EFS1124-01 Donald C Brown is looking to divide a 3.16-acre parcel from a 169.72-acre parcel located in N 1/2 Township 4 North, Range 47 West, Section 10. The purpose for this exemption from subdivision is to sever a piece of property to be deeded to Alex Brown. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.

#### 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 November 14, 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 Gates moved to sign the amended IGA between the Washington County Sheriffs Office and the Yuma County Sheriff's Office updating the daily inmate rate to \$77.16 per inmate per day. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.
  - Commissioner Gates moved to approve payment for the 2025 NACO dues in the amount of \$450.00. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.
  - Commissioner Gates moved to approve the Salary Authorization for the Yuma County Extension Office Admin position. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.
  - Commissioner Weaver moved to sign the application for Catastrophic Inmate Medical Insurance. 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. Ritchey addressed the boundary line dispute in Idalia and presented the budgeted reimbursement for Wray EMS. Additionally, a contract for The Adventure Zone to provide activities for the 2025 Yuma County Fair was discussed. The group also reviewed the annual holiday bonuses for Yuma County employees.
  - Commissioner Gates moved to approve the contract between The Adventure Zone and The Board of Yuma County Commissioners for the 2025 Yuma County Fair in the amount of \$7,200.00. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.



- Commissioner Weaver moved to approve the budgeted reimbursement for Wray EMS in the amount of \$60,000.00 Commissioner Gates seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.
- Commissioner Weaver moved to approve the \$500 bonuses for Full Time Staff, \$250 for Full Time Staff employed 6-months or less, \$250 for Part Time staff and \$50.00 gift certificates for all employees. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:00p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners will be on December 13, 2024.

Mike Leerar, Chairman

Brandi Ritchey, Administrator

ATTEST:

Beverly Wenger, County Clerk

