



**YUMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**January 29, 2024**  
**Minutes<sup>1</sup>**

On January 29, 2025 at 8:00 a.m., the Yuma County Board of Commissioners met in regular session. Chairman Adam Gates, Commissioner Scott Weaver, Commissioner Mike Leerar, 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.

Human Services

The Board of County Commissioners convened as the Board of Social Services at 8:30 a.m. Human Services Director Kara Hoover, Administrative Assistant Lori Summers and Income Maintenance Supervisor Dalene Rogers 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.

Road and Bridge

Road & Bridge Blade Foreman Justin Lorimer joined the meeting at 9:30 a.m. to provide department updates.

- *Equipment Bid*– Andersen presented a bid for a 2024 5500 Ram Pickup to pull heavy equipment. The purchase of the pickup is \$67,367.20. The group also reviewed bids on two different flat beds that would be installed on the Ram.
  - **Commissioner Weaver moved to approve the purchase of the 2024 RAM Cab and Chassis for the purchase price of \$67,367.00 along with a purchase of a Temco flatbed for the purchase price of \$4245 out of account 02-702-8940.**
- *Permits* – Andersen presented two permits for review and approval. The first permit is for Y-W Electric to bore under County Road K and 190 feet along and under County Road 3. The second permit is to bury a water line along Country Road L from County Road 35 to County Road 32. The group would like to discuss
  - **Commissioner Leerar moved to approve the Underground Utility and Crossing Permit for Y-W Electric. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.**
- *Gravel Permit* – Anderson is currently working on obtaining a new gravel permit located south of Eckley on County Road T. This permit will enable the Road and Bridge Crew to access materials for the area blades more efficiently.
- *Efficiencies* – The group evaluated the latest efficiency report for the blading crew and had a discussion regarding a blade that is currently under warranty repair.
- *Idalia House* – Andersen would like to purchase flooring for the count-owned Idalia house. Flooring would be replaced in the kitchen, bathroom, laundry room and spare bedroom to make the property more appealing to potential buyers. Additionally, Ritchey suggested that the maintenance crew paint the exterior when their schedule allows.

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



- *Road Report* – Lorimer provided the Commissioners with a road report. County Road Y south of County Road 25 has been maintained. The Gravel supply at the Brand Pit has been depleted. Until the mining crew can stockpile more gravel, materials will be sourced from the Deterding Pit.

Yuma County Economic Development

At 10:30 a.m. the Commissioners were joined by the Yuma County Economic Development Executive Director, Darlene Carpio to discuss Ag Day. Carpio wanted to hear from the commissioners on what their vision is of Ag Day. The commissioners would like to emphasize the importance of showcasing appreciation for local producers. Carpio suggested a "Field to Table" type of event. With donations, the majority of the meal could be sponsored by local producers. Carpio thought of a flyer featuring statistics on local producers and discussed other activities for attendees. However, concerns were raised regarding the timeline, with a short amount of time to plan this event. Commissioner Weaver proposed establishing an Ag Day Committee for future planning and suggested considering an additional time frame for an Ag Day appreciation event. For this year, Yuma County will sponsor a segment with Media Logic Radio for an educational campaign for the beef industry later in February.

CSU Extension

At 11:00 a.m., the Commissioners convened with Joy Akey, Travis Taylor, and Jolyn Midcap from the CSU Extension Office to discuss departmental updates. Midcap highlighted that the Leader Banquet recognized several years of service awards. She took six members to the State Conference and sent two members to the Colorado Leadership Camp. Currently, there are 41 first-year 4H members. Additionally, Midcap has introduced a dog agility class for the dog show at the fair and announced an upcoming babysitting basics class. Joy Akey reported the commencement of the Healthier Weigh Challenge. She has organized and participated in various events, including the Children's Health Fair in Wray, Idalia, and for Home School participants, as well as ServSafe Food Safety Training, Master Food Safety Advisor Training, and the Women's Health Summit. A Kids in the Kitchen program is also scheduled for the coming months. Travis Taylor shared his involvement in numerous activities, such as the Pasture 2 Profit Podcasts with Scott Stinnett, the Emergency Management Intern and the State Extension Work Team program. He has conducted monthly interviews with Lorri Boyer and noted several upcoming events.

Northeastern Colorado Revolving Loan Fund

At 11:30 the commissioners heard from Starla Allen, CEO of Northeastern Colorado Revolving Loan Fund. The Revolving Loan Fund holds an open contract utilizing CBDG funds. This contract is set for two years, with the possibility of renewal upon request after its expiration. The state has proposed an update to extend the contract to four years. Allen has prepared an extension for the commissioners' approval to facilitate this change. There have been 39 inquiries regarding the program, and while Allen noted 10 potential candidates, nothing has transpired yet.

**Commissioner Weaver moved to approve the letter requesting an extension for the CBDG contract. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.**



Land Use

County Land Use Administrator, Jodi Brady was heard at 1:00 p.m. to review Land Use business. Roc Rutledge joined the Commissioners to discuss his current major land use permit. Rutledge expressed that he would expand the current foot print of his operations. After discussion it was concluded that Rutledge's proposed expansion would remain within the permitted boundary, and therefore, no further action was required. Brady also requested approval of a contract with Municode. Municode will take the existing Land Use code, along with the updates, and format it into a user-friendly layout that is both printable and suitable for a digital version on the county website.

**Commissioner Weaver moved to approve the budgeted one-year contract with Municode in the amount of \$4,050.00. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.**

Eckley Revitalization Committee

At 2:00, Karie and Tim Probasco met with the commissioners to discuss a GOCO Grant that they are in the process of applying for. They plan to request a contribution from Yuma County in the future which could come in the form of an in-kind donation. The Eckley Revitalization Committee would like to use the funds to replace the existing playground equipment and improve the roping arena in Eckley. So far, \$2,000 has been raised through a fundraiser, and the town of Eckley has committed to providing \$3,000 in matching funds.

County Attorney

At 2:30, Wilson Scarbeary from Wilson Williams Fellman Dittman joined the Commissioners. The first item on the agenda was to consider appointing Wilson as the County Attorney. Wilson has worked alongside the current County Attorney, Ken Fellman over the last year. The Commissioners and Wilson discussed the potential update of the Comprehensive Plan. However, the Commissioners expressed their hesitance to proceed with the update unless state funding is available to support such a significant project. They plan to meet with DOLA representative Greg Etl in February to further discuss this matter. Additionally, the group examined a Public Utility Easement Permit for a water line.

**Commissioner Weaver moved to appoint Wilson D. Scarbeary as the attorney for Yuma County. Commissioner Leerar 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 Leerar moved to approve the minutes from the January 14, 2025 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 signature on Adam Beauprez monthly CDMVA Monthly report. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.**



- **Commissioner Leerar moved to approve signatures on the Account Agreements for the newly established Clearing Accounts at First Pioneer National Bank. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.**
- **Commissioner Leerar moved to approve the amended Resolution 12/13/2024 B and 12/13/2024 C changing the estimated expenditures and appropriated sums of money. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion. It 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. Additionally, the Commissioners addressed an invoice from CTSI related to administrative charges on run-out claims. Ritchey noted that budgeted tree removal has begun along 7<sup>th</sup> street toward the Wray Schools. Ritchey stated that all of the budgets have been uploaded and published DOLA's website. County Clerk and Recorder, Beverly Wenger provided the Commissioners with a proposed precinct map.
- **Commissioner Weaver proposed ratifying the approval of the updated precinct map, which reduces Yuma County's precincts from 14 to 7, along with the contract with Sidwell to create a new precinct map. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.**
- **Correspondence** – Ritchey provided an update on the correspondence received since the previous meeting, which included discussions regarding board appointments for the Washington-Yuma Combined Communications Center and the 911 Authority Board. The Commissioners also talked about a county-wide meeting that Ritchey will organize for March. Additionally, the group addressed a Workers Compensation issue. Ritchey plans to send Sponsored Entity forms to CTSI to ensure that the outside agencies receiving Workers Compensation are officially included on the approved list.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m. The next regular meetings of the Board of County Commissioners will be on February 13, 2025.

Adam Gates, Chairman

Brandi Ritchey, Administrator

ATTEST:

Beverly Wenger, County Clerk

