



## YUMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

February 27, 2025

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

On February 27, 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.

#### Liquor License

County Administrator, Brandi Ritchey joined the Commissioners at 8:15 a.m. to present for signature the County Retail Liquor License for Jo's Liquor LLC DBA Jo's Liquor.

- **Commissioner Leerar moved to approve signature on the County Retail Liquor License for Jo's Liquor LLC DBA Jo's Liquor. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.**

#### Road and Bridge

Road & Bridge Supervisor Tom Andersen joined the meeting at 8:30 a.m. to provide department updates.

- **BNSF Crossings**– The group had discussion regarding railroad crossing repairs that BNSF has requested. The group discussed the responsibilities of BNSF's right-of-way and Yuma County's right-of-way. The group joined Ryan Smith from BNSF on a phone call to discuss this issue. BNSF would like the County to provide asphalt patching up to the new crossings and traffic control. Commissioner Weaver stated a concern for a timeline on the repairs for a crossing. Smith stated that it will take about 3-5 days per crossing. BNSF does not know a specific timeframe of when these projects will start.
- **Blade Repairs** – Andersen stated that Unit 413 dropped a cylinder ultimately causing the blade to be unusable. Since Unit 413 is under warranty until 2028, it will be going in for repair for a new engine in Aurora. CAT will be sending a loaner blade until the repairs are completed.
- **Projects** – The maintenance crew has finished the installation of flooring in the county owned Idalia house. Andersen is going to have the maintenance crew start going through mowing equipment to prep for the upcoming mowing season. Tom would like to hire 7 contracted trucks to work on County Road KK this spring and summer. Weaver would like the maintenance crew to work on cleaning the culvert on County Road 7.
- **Budget** – The group reviewed a budget report and discussed multiple lines including tires, fuel and capital outlay.
- **Road Report** – Andersen provided a road report. The blade crew is currently hauling material in the Y-5 area along with making repairs to County Road M between County Road 41 and County Road 42. After those repairs are made the crew will start ripping and relaying material on County Road 42.

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



### Land Use

County Land Use Administrator Jodi Brady, DOLA representative Greg Etl, and County Attorney Wilson Scarbeary joined the Commissioners at 9:30 a.m. to discuss the Comprehensive Plan. Wilson highlighted that statutory laws require County Comprehensive Plans to include water studies and strategic growth elements. Greg Etl noted that it is not uncommon for counties to have outdated plans. While DOLA is willing to assist with funding, it mandates that counties adopt specific regulations within the comprehensive plan, including an emergency plan and housing regulations. Etl recommended contacting CHFA to determine if they have funding to contribute towards the estimated \$160,000.00 cost of the update. Wilson suggested that some form of an amendment needs to be done by at least 2026.

### Human Services

The Board of County Commissioners convened as the Board of Social Services at 10:30 a.m. Human Services Director Kara Hoover, Administrative Assistant Lori Summers and Bookkeeper Melanie Fisher 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 11:30 a.m.

### Yuma County Treasurer/Yuma County Sheriff

At 11:30 a.m. the Commissioners were joined by the Yuma County Treasurer Chrystal Hammond and Yuma County Sheriff Todd Combs to discuss the ongoing issue with the delinquent taxes owed by Omimex. The group discussed issues with wording in statute that is prohibiting Combs from making progress on serving either a warrant or summons on this case.

### Public Comment

At 1:00 p.m. Don and Peggy Brown joined the Commissioners to discuss a waterline issue. Don and Peggy need to run a waterline from one property to another, three miles down county road L, because of insufficient amounts of water on their property. This line would cross other parties' properties. The county has determined that there is no deeded right-of-way from the property owners to Yuma County. The county cannot make a decision on this issue due to the lack of the right-of-way.

### 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 Weaver moved to approve the minutes from the February 13, 2025 regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**
- *CAPP Report* – The Commissioners received updates on the CAPP and CWCP. Ritchey reported on the progress of the 2024 Hail Claim, along with a CAPP claim and a Work Comp claim.
- *Signatures and Ratifications* –
  - Resolutions/Ordinances/Signatures:
    - **Commissioner Weaver moved to approve signature on Resolution 2/27/2025 A, Transferring Interest Revenue from Fund 01 to Fund 06 Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.**



- **Commissioner Weaver moved to approve signature on Resolution 2/27/2025 B, Transferring Interest Revenue from Fund 01 to Fund 21 Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.**
  - **Commissioner Weaver moved to approve signature on Resolution 2/27/2025 C, Transferring Interest Revenue from Fund 01 to Fund 13 Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.**
  - **Commissioner Weaver moved to approve signature on Resolution 2/27/2025 D, changing the approved signatories on the YUMEX account held at First Pioneer National Bank. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.**
  - **Commissioner Leerar 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 approve signature on the agreement with Bonanza Ford to provide a pickup for the 2025 Fair Queens in the amount of \$800.00. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.**
  - **Commissioner Weaver moved to approve signature on the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Impact Assistance Grant Application in the amount of \$8,658.08 for the County Assessor Cindy Taylor. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.**
  - **Commissioner Weaver moved to approve the towing contract between Yuma County Sheriff's Office and Drakes Towing and Recovery LLC expiring 12/31/2025. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion which 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. The group discussed an Invoice from the City of Yuma for the installation of a transformer at the Yuma County Fairgrounds.
- **Commissioner Weaver moved to pay the invoice to the City of Yuma in the amount of \$33,850.15. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion which passed. Commissioner Weaver was not in favor.**
- *Correspondence* Ritchey provided an update on the correspondence received since the last meeting, which included discussions about cyber security. Tobias Tonelli from Teryx approached Ritchey with information about a new cyber security company that could benefit Yuma County. Tonelli mentioned that if Yuma County joined Washington-Yuma Combined Communications, along with the City of Yuma and Wray, the cost of cyber security services could be reduced. Additionally, Ritchey discussed the ticket prices for the 2025 Rodeo at the Yuma County Fair, confirming that grandstand seating will remain at \$17.00, while infield tickets will be priced at \$20.00.

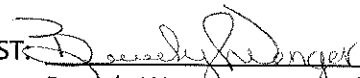


At 2:30 the Commissioners virtually joined other members of CCI, Colorado Department of Human Services and Early Childhood to learn more about the allocation of funds for child welfare, the Colorado Childcare Assistance Program and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families to learn about Human services funding.

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 March 12, 2025.

  
Adam Gates, Chairman

  
Brandi Ritchey, Administrator

ATTEST:   
Beverly Wenger, County Clerk

