



## YUMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

April 29, 2025

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

On April 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.

#### Road and Bridge

Road & Bridge Supervisor Tom Andersen and Matt Martin joined the meeting at 8:15 a.m. to provide department updates.

- *Public Comment* – Maguel Favela joined the meeting to address a drainage problem he is experiencing. Water runoff from the road is causing one-third of his property to become flooded. He is requesting the installation of a culvert to redirect the water to an alternative ditch. The Commissioners recommended that Maguel contact the Town of Eckley to determine if they are agreeable to accepting the water in the ditch. If the city approves this solution, Yuma County will be able to issue a permit for the installation of a culvert to Favela.
- *Salary Authorizations* – Andersen presented three salary authorizations for the Road and Bridge Department.
  - Commissioner Weaver moved to approve three salary authorizations. One at \$19.50 per hour for a Trucking and Welding position. Two at \$18.50 per hour, one position is for the parts/service position and one for a mining position. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.
- *Budget/Efficiencies* – The group reviewed the current budget and discussed ending employment buyout hours.
- *Road Report* – Andersen provided a road report to the commissioners. Holes have been patched on County Road 26. They are currently top coating County Road 54 East of Highway 59. On May 5<sup>th</sup> the leased trucks will start hauling. Areas to be repaired will be County Road KK from County Road 11 to County Road 7, County Road 26 from County Road U to Y, and County Road PP.5.
- *Permits* – Andersen presented an Underground and Utility Permit to boar under Count Road T, 857 feet South of County Road 43 for the purpose of installing a 2" waterline.
  - Commissioner Leerar moved to approve the Underground and Utility Permit to boar under Count Road T, 857 feet South of County Road 43 for the purpose of installing a 2" waterline after confirmation of payment received. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.

#### Human Services

The Board of County Commissioners convened as the Board of Social Services at 9:30 a.m. Human Services Director Kara Hoover, Adult Protection Supervisor Hollie Hillman, Administrative Assistant Lori Summers and Bookkeeper 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 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.



#### Fairground

At 10:30 a.m., the Commissioners were joined by Carmen Murray, the manager of the Yuma County Fairgrounds. Carmen presented two contracts for the 2025 Yuma County Night Show, one with B.J. Jamison and another with the Eric Golden Band. Additionally, Murray submitted sealed bids for cattle panels and hog and sheep pens. The group discussed proceeding with the three-phase electrical work planned for the concessions building, which will be funded from Fund 06, as motioned in the BOCC minutes dated July 30, 2024. Once again, the group addressed a request from an organization seeking to waive the fee for the Yuma County Fairgrounds. The Commissioners reiterated that non-profit organizations are required to pay 25% of the original fees.

- **Commissioner Weaver moved to approve the Night Show contracts as presented for the 2025 Yuma County Fair. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.**
- **Commissioner Leerar moved to approve the bid for 64 cattle panels at \$35/ each. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.**
- **Commissioner Weaver moved to sell both sets of hog/sheep pens for a total of \$251. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

#### Field Representative for Congresswoman Boebert

At 11:00 a.m., Amanda Monk met with the Commissioners to discuss a range of topics, including the frozen funds for CREP and EQUIP and issues with funding for EMS services. The Commissioners would like Monk to request that Congresswoman Boebert investigate what she can do to halt unfunded mandates pushed towards local governments with limited revenue sources. Additionally, they addressed ongoing issues with CDOT that is negatively impacting counties all over the state. Monk mentioned that Representative Boebert has reintroduced legislation to delist the Gray Wolf from the Endangered Species List, which has successfully passed through the Committee.

#### 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 1:19 p.m. Chairman Gates opened the public hearing EFS 0325-01 for Otto E. Lueking Jr. looking to divide a 9.2-acre parcel from a 160.00-acre parcel located in Section 4, Township 5 South, Range 46 West for purpose of resale. The public hearing closed at 1:24.**

**At 1:24 p.m. Chairman Gates opened public hearing EFS 0325-02 for Bonnie Frihauf looking to divide a .95-acre parcel from a 152.63-acre parcel located in Section 21, Township 3N, Range 48W for purpose of resale. The public hearing closed at 1: 31.**

**Commissioner Weaver moved to approve signature on Resolution 04-29-25A, approving Exemption from Definition of Subdivision EFS0325-01 for Otto E. Lueking Jr. looking to divide a 9.2-acre parcel from a 160.00-acre parcel located in Section 4, Township 5 South, Range 46 West for purpose of resale. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.**

**Commissioner Weaver moved to approve signature on Resolution 04-29-2025B, approving Exemption from Subdivision EFS0325-02 for Bonnie Frihauf looking to divide a .95-acre parcel from a 152.63-acre parcel located in Section 21, Township 3N, Range 48W for purpose of resale. 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 Weaver moved to approve the minutes from the April 15, 2025 regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

*CAPP & Worker's Compensation Review* -

- Ritchey provided the Commissioners with an update regarding the 2024 Hail Claim.

*Signatures and Ratifications* –

- *Resolutions/Ordinances/Signatures:*
  - **Commissioner Leerar moved to approve signature on Adam Beauprez monthly CDMVA monthly report. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.**
  - **Commissioner Leerar moved to ratify the Letter of Support for the City of Wray. Commissioner Weaver 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. Ritchey presented the Lease agreement between Yuma County and Northeastern Junior College along with the Land Use Authorization for the CDL Testing location.

- **Commissioner Weaver moved to approve the Lease Agreement between Yuma County and Northeastern Junior College. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**
- **Commissioner Leerar moved to approve the Land Use Authorization for the CDL testing unit. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.**

*Correspondence* - Ritchey provided an update on the correspondence received since the last meeting. She presented a contract between the Yuma County Sheriff's Office and Stretch's Towing for signature. Additionally, one letter of interest was submitted for the Planning Commission Board. Cassidee Rogers submitted a Financial Expense request to the Commissioners for approval. Ritchey also presented a Job Description for the Land Use Department for signature.

- **Commissioner Weaver moved to approve the Towing Contract between the Yuma County Sheriff's Office and Stretch's Towing. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.**
- **Commissioner Weaver moved to approve the Landuse Job Description. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.**



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 May 14, 2025.

Adam Gates  
Adam Gates, Chairman

Brandi Ritchey  
Brandi Ritchey, Administrator

ATTEST: Beverly Wenger  
Beverly Wenger, County Clerk

