



## YUMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

June 12, 2025

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

On June 12, 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

At 8:15 a.m., County Administrator Brandi Ritchey met with the Commissioners to present the County Retail Liquor License for Casa Tres Amigos LLC, doing business as El Vaquero, along with the Retail Liquor License Renewal Application for Papa's Bait Shop.

- **Commissioner Leerar moved to approve the signature on the County Liquor License for Casa Tres Amigos LLC DBA El Vaquero. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.**
- **Commissioner Leerar moved to approve the signature on the Retail Liquor License Renewal Application for Casa Tres Amigos LLC DBA El Vaquero. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.**

#### Road and Bridge

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

- **Contracted Trucks** – Andersen reported that 5 miles of County Road 26 have been repaired. The crew is currently working on County Road PP.5. Once that road is completed, the blades and lease trucks will move to County Road J, between County Road 46 and County Road 51, to begin repairs.
- **Mowers** – The most recent mower purchased has been delivered. The maintenance team at the fairgrounds will pick up the mower for use at the fairgrounds. Once the mowing is completed, Road and Bridge will return the mower to Wray.
- **Budget/Efficiencies** – The group assessed the current budget and examined various line items. Andersen noted that the Road and Bridge department might see a shortage of contracted fuel gallons due to an oversight regarding the shared contract with the landfill. Next year, the Landfill can provide their estimated usage to prevent this issue in the future.
- **Idalia House** – The Idalia house has undergone several renovations, including new kitchen and bathroom floors, a replacement of both the front and screen doors, and a fresh coat of paint for the exterior. Ritchey can finalize the surplus resolution and advertise the house for sale.
- **Propane Contract** – Andersen presented a propane contract with CHS. The group discussed the benefits of a fixed contract compared to a prepay contract. Commissioner Gates suggested going with a Prepay Contract with CHS.
  - **Commissioner Weaver moved to approve the propane contract between Yuma County and CHS to prepay 1,937 gallons at \$1.69 per gallon in the amount of \$2,492.22. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

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



#### Human Services

The Board of County Commissioners convened as the Board of Social Services at 9:30 a.m. Human Services Director Kara Hoover, Income Maintenance Supervisor Dalene Rogers, Child Welfare & Adult Protection Supervisor Hollie Hillman, IV-D Administrator Ana Moran, Fraud Investigator Sheena Fix, Colorado Works Case Manager/CCCAP Eligibility Worker Brook Sybrant and Office Manager Lori Summers 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.

#### Scout Clean Energy

At 11:00, Pat Landess and Eric Smyth, project managers for Clean Energy, met with the commissioners to discuss the specifications and setbacks related to wind turbines. They expressed concerns that the existing setbacks in Yuma County would restrict the number of turbines that could be installed on a given section of land. The commissioners reiterated that they would like feedback from constituents regarding their views on setbacks before considering any amendments to the Yuma County Land Use Code.

#### Land Use

At 11:30 a.m., Land Use Administrator Jodi Brady hosted a celebration honoring Lynn Hagemeyer, who recently retired from the Yuma County Planning Commission after 27 years of dedicated service.

#### Office of Emergency Management

At 1:00 p.m., the Commissioners received an update from Yuma County Emergency Manager Jake Rockwell. Key topics of discussion were fire safety, weather conditions, and public health information. Rockwell mentioned that his EMPG Grant is anticipated to be reinstated in 2026, pending approval through the DHS Bill, which must pass through the Senate and Congress. The county attorney has reviewed and finalized the edits for the Burn Ban Ordinance. Rockwell plans to advertise the ordinance in local newspapers and present it during the BOCC meeting on June 30<sup>th</sup>.

#### Treasurer

At 1:30 p.m., the Commissioners were joined by Yuma County Treasurer Chrystal Hammond for her monthly update. Hammond provided insights on various topics, including investments, tax collection, tax liens, the public trustee report, and office information. She received investment suggestions from 3+1. The deadline for the second half of property tax payments is June 16<sup>th</sup>, and the county has currently collected 91.7% of the taxes. There is one active foreclosure in bankruptcy and another file pending an overbid payment. Hammond has participated in several software demonstrations and is awaiting bids to determine which program would best suit the Treasurer's Office.



Fairground Manager

At 2:30, the commissioners met with Fairgrounds Manager Carmen Murray to discuss the HVAC issue at the fairground's concession building. Ross Davisson submitted a proposal to remediate the cooling issues in the building. The group discussed whether to add an additional 10T unit or replace the current 10T unit with a 20T unit. Ritchey will work with the county attorney to draft a contract to govern the agreement between Yuma County and Yuma Sheet Metal for this project.

- Commissioner Leerar moved to approve the purchase and installation of a second 10 T unit to be added to the concession building, emphasizing that the repairs and installation must be completed before the Fair begins. The purchase will come from fund 09-445-6625. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

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 May 29, 2025 regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- Commissioner Weaver moved to approve the Yuma County Accounts payable check sequence 83570-83594 in the amount of \$37,113.79 ran on 5/30/2025, sequence 83595-83661 in the amount of \$346,794.41 ran on 6/05/2025 and payroll in the amount of \$278,244.22 ran on 6/06/2025. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

*Resolutions/Ordinances/Signatures* –

- Commissioner Weaver moved to ratify Commissioner Gates signature on the Application for Utility Service with the City of Yuma, Colorado dated 6/2/2025. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.
- Commissioner Leerar moved to approve the annual ArcGIS subscription with Esri and Yuma County for \$700 to be paid out of the Emergency Management Department. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

*Department Reports* – The Commissioners reviewed several departmental reports, which included an update on the administration of the Eastern Transportation Planning Region and a discussion regarding the activities of the 911 Authority Board. Joy Akey made a brief appearance to present a salary authorization for the Extension Administrative Assistant position. Ritchey announced that Yuma County had been awarded the full amount of \$45,599 for the court security grant she applied for and is currently awaiting a response regarding the \$10,000 SIPA grant application. Ritchey also presented the 2025/2026 Accident Protection Insurance Application.

- Commissioner Weaver moved to approve the salary authorization for the Extension Administrative Assistant in the amount of \$17.07. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.



- Commissioner Leerar moved to approve the 2025/2026 Accident Protection Insurance application in the amount of \$812.20. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m. The next regular meetings of the Board of County Commissioners will be on June 30, 2025.

Adam Gates, Chairman

Brandi Ritchey, Administrator

ATTEST:

Beverly Wenger, County Clerk

