



YUMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

June 30, 2025

Minutes¹

On June 30, 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, (via phone), 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 Papa's Bait Shop, along with the Retail Liquor License Renewal Application for Ballyneal Golf LTD.

- **Commissioner Leerar moved to approve the signature on the County Liquor License for Papa's Bait Shop. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.**
- **Commissioner Weaver moved to approve the signature on the Retail Liquor License Renewal Application for Ballyneal Golf LTD. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.**

Road and Bridge

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

- **Lease Trucks/Road Report** – Lorimer stated that work on County Road PP.5 is finished. Crews are working on County Road J between County Road 51 to County Road 46. Materials for that job are being hauled out of the Brand Pit. Afterward, they will move to County Road 50. Andersen reported that the Road and Bridge Department has utilized 46% of the budgeted amount for leased trucks.
- **Permits** – Andersen presented three Underground and Utility Permits for Viaero Fiber Networks, LLC to bore along Main Street and Wilson Street in Eckley, bore along County Road P and County Road 38 and to bore along County Road K off Hwy 34.
 - **Commissioner Weaver moved to approve the Underground and Utility Permits to bore along Main Street and Wilson Street in Eckley, bore along County Road P and County Road 38 and to bore along County Road K off Hwy 34 for the purpose of installing a fiber optic cable after confirmation of payment received. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.**
- **Budget/Efficiencies** –The team reviewed the current budget, which is at 44.32%. Lorimer presented an efficiency report for the graders, noting that two units are out of service. One driver is using a spare blade, another is using a loaner blade, and one unit is not reporting to fleet intelligence. Lorimer will investigate the issue with the unit that is not reporting. These issues are slightly affecting the accuracy of the efficiency report.

¹ 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, 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.

CTSI

At 10:30 a.m., the Commissioners were joined by Dana Foley, Senior Loss Control Representative for CTSI. Dana provided an overview of the five-year loss analysis for Yuma County.

Assessor's Office

At 11:00 a.m., Yuma County Assessor Cindy Taylor convened with the Commissioners to discuss early abstract information and fluctuations in property values. The preliminary abstract report indicates an increase of \$20,028,250. Additionally, Taylor stated that she has hired two new employees and presented salary authorizations for them.

- **Commissioner Weaver moved to approve the Salary Authorizations for the two new hires in the amount of \$16.41/hour. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

Sheriff's Office

Undersheriff Larry Gilliland and Office Manager Stacy Zink met with the Commissioners to discuss a new body worn camera contract. The new body worn camera contract shows annual savings of approximately \$6,540.66, with the initial year's cost at \$33,409.16 and subsequent years (years 2-5) costing \$32,941.66, compared to \$39,482.31 under the current contract. Delaying the renewal could result in an 8-10% annual price increase, potentially reaching 15-20% by 2027. Equipment no longer in use due to jail closure will be returned. The new cameras include auto translation in 50 languages, reducing expenses on real-time translation services. Hardware updates are scheduled at 30 and 60 months at no additional cost.

- **Commissioner Weaver moved to approve the Body Worn Camera contract with Axon. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

Clerk's Office

At 11:00 a.m., Yuma County Clerk Beverly Wenger met with the Commissioners to discuss her upcoming retirement transition. She inquired about the preferred process for appointing her successor. The Commissioners plan to swear in the new county clerk on the day of Wenger's retirement. Wenger will remain in contact with the Commissioners to confirm her official retirement date.

Office of Emergency Management

At 1:00 p.m., the Commissioners received an update from Yuma County Emergency Manager Jake Rockwell. Key topics covered included fire safety, weather conditions, and public health information. Rockwell stated that the EMPG grant will come back but, it must pass through the DHS Bill, and he hasn't heard any updates on the status of that bill yet. The group had the first reading of Ordinance 2025-1. The final reading will be on July 12, 2025. No members of the public were present for the reading. Commissioner Gates received a docu-sign from Lexi Potter for the 2025 Fair Security Plan.

- **Commissioner Weaver moved to approve the 2025 Fair Security Plan. 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 June 12, 2025, regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**
- **Commissioner Weaver moved to approve the Yuma County Accounts payable check sequence 83362-83715 in the amount of \$242,560.87 ran on 6/13/2025 and sequence 83716-83753 in the amount of \$89,174.92 ran on 6/20/2025. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

CAPP & Worker's Compensation Review -

- Ritchey provided the Commissioners with an update regarding 2026 CAPP Insurance. Ritchey reported that she did a vehicle audit to ensure accurate numbers were being reported for the renewal. Additionally, she noted that the CAPP rate for WYCC will increase due to separating them as a sponsored entity.

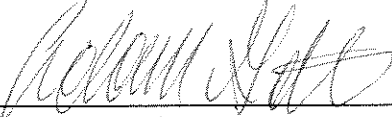
Signatures and Ratifications –

- **Resolutions/Ordinances/Signatures:**
 - **Commissioner Weaver moved to ratify the signatures on Resolution 05/29/2025A, extending their Major Land Use permit, MAJ0923-02 to March 30, 2028. The Resolution was approved during the June 12, 2025 BOCC Meeting. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**
 - **Commissioner Weaver moved to approve the signature on Adam Beauprez monthly CDMVA monthly report. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.**
 - **Commissioner Leerar moved to approve signature on the CDMVA Application for semiannual payment. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**
 - **Commissioner Weaver moved to approve the amended Title VI Policy. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**
 - **Commissioner Weaver moved the Financial Expense request to contribute \$100,000 to the Yuma County Fair to be expended from 01-101-6352. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**
 - **Commissioner Leerar moved to approve the Financial Expense request for the budgeted \$2,500 to be paid to the Fair Parade Committee. This will be expended from the Fair Department. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.**
 - **Commissioner Weaver moved to approve the amended Beer Garden proposal for the Yuma County Fair. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

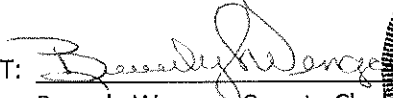
Department Reports –The Commissioners reviewed reports from various departments, including updates on the administration of the Eastern Transportation Planning Region and discussions regarding activities of the 911 Authority Board. Ritchey reported submitting the Q4 Court Security Reimbursement claim for \$6,309.20. She also noted that Yuma County utilized 81% of the allocated 2025 Court Security funds. Ritchey has tentatively scheduled mandatory harassment and supervisor training sessions for employees on July 23rd and 30th. She will notify department heads and coordinate details following the upcoming department head meeting on July 9th.



There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners will be on July 15th, 2025.


Adam Gates, Chairman


Brandi Ritchey, Administrator

ATTEST: 
Beverly Wenger, County Clerk

