



YUMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

September 30, 2025

Minutes¹

On September 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, 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 Liquor License Renewals for Vernon Liquor LLC, DBA Vernon Liquor and Kirk Super INC, DBA Kirk Super.

- **Commissioner Weaver moved to approve the signature on the County Liquor License Renewal for Vernon Liquor LLC, DBA Vernon Liquor. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.**
- **Commissioner Weaver moved to approve the signature on the County Liquor License Renewal for Kirk Super INC, DBA Kirk Super. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.**

Road and Bridge

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

- **Blade Pricing** – Steve Gilliland from 4Rivers Equipment joined the BOCC to discuss pricing on new blades for the 2026 Budget. Tom also presented quotes from Wagner Cat. The group thoroughly reviewed both quotes and discussed the warranties. The group won't make a decision until after a review is done on the 2026 budget.
- **Property Acquisition** – Andersen spoke with the property owners on a prospective property in Wauneta. The landowners would like \$1,000/acre for 9 acres. The property will need to be surveyed and then go the Exemption from Definition of Subdivision process before it can be sold.
- **Budget** – The group reviewed the current budget to date. Tom went over a few department lines that exceeded the budget limit. Fuel prices are currently \$2.70/gallon.
 - **Commissioner Weaver made a motion to lock in fuel prices for the 2026 Budget year at \$2.75/gallon or less. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Stratton COOP or CHS**
- **Efficiencies/Road Report** – The group reviewed Lorimer's efficiency report. Currently, one blade is undergoing warranty repairs on the engine. Overall, efficiencies have experienced a slight decline due to recent rainfall. Trucks are actively transporting materials across the county to assist various area blades in repairing the holes and damage caused to the roads during the summer harvest.

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, Bookkeeper Kim Langley, IV-D Administrator Ana Moran, and Office Manager Lori Summers were present. The entire staff gathered for a virtual presentation from the state for a distinguished service award. The Department of Human Services maintains detailed minutes of the Board of Social Services separately. The Board of County Commissioners reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

Administrator's Report

Administrator Brandi Ritchey reviewed calls, correspondence, and presented the following for discussion and action at 10:00 a.m.:

Minutes – The Commissioners reviewed the minutes from the previous BOCC meetings.

- **Commissioner Weaver moved to approve the minutes from the September 16, 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 84333-84363 in the amount of \$345,369.86 ran on 9/19/2025, check sequence 84364-84381 in the amount of \$42,470.71 ran on 9/26/2025. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

Resolutions/Ordinances/Signatures –

- **Commissioner Weaver moved to approve the budgeted \$60,000 request from the Idalia Ambulance Service to be paid out of 01-403-8940. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**
- **Commissioner Leerar moved to appoint Commissioner Weaver to serve on CCI's Legislative Committee and appoint Commissioner Gates as an alternate. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.**
- **Commissioner Leerar moved to ratify the approval of the new liability insurance policy with Hiscox for the Idalia Ambulance Service. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion which passed by a unanimous vote.**
- **Commissioner Leerar moved to approve the Salary Authorization for the Finance Clerk Position in the amount of 21.00 per hour. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**
- **Commissioner Weaver moved to ratify the signature on Adam Beauprez monthly CDMVA monthly report. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.**
- **Commissioner Weaver moved to approve the letter of support for the Prairie Sea Project in Joes, Colorado. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**
- **Commissioner Weaver moved to approve the Landfill Audit Assurance Letter. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

CAPP - Ritchey recently reported that three county vehicles have sustained damage. Two of the vehicles suffered minor damage, and she has instructed the corresponding department to proceed with the necessary repairs. The third vehicle will be assessed to obtain a quote for the required repairs. Ritchey plans to contact CTSI once she receives the estimated damages from the repair shop.



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.

HR Updates – Ritchey delivered an update regarding a recent FMLA claim and addressed a request from the finance office to participate in a training session focused on local government finance and budgeting, scheduled for November 18-21. Additionally, she inquired whether the commissioners would like to consider increasing the Health Savings Account (HSA) contribution for the 2026 budget year. After discussion, the commissioners opted to maintain the contribution at the same level as in 2025.

- **Commissioner Weaver moved to approve Sarah Carwin and Brandi Ritchey's attendance of the Finance and Budget Training in November. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

Yuma County Clerk's Office

At 11:30, Yuma County Clerk Haleigh Studer met with the commissioners to provide an update on office operations. During the meeting, she presented three salary authorizations for their approval. Studer explained the reassignment of duties among employees in response to recent staffing changes.

- **Commissioner Leerar moved to approve the Salary Authorization for the MV Supervisor position at 23.00/hour. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**
- **Commissioner Leerar moved to approve both MV/Recording Clerk Salary Authorizations at 16.41/hour. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

Land Use

County Land Use Administrator, Jodi Brady was heard at 1:00 p.m. to review Land Use business and conduct Land Use Hearings.

At 1:04 p.m. Chairman Gates opened public hearing MAJ0725-05, a Major Land Use Permit for the South Spur Solar project. CGRP 03, LLC (Bechtel Enterprises) proposes to construct a ground-mounted photovoltaic solar energy system and associated battery storage system. The South Spur Solar Project will include up to a nameplate capacity of 158 MW of photovoltaic (PV) solar panels located within Kit Carson and Yuma counties. Yuma County will provide service for 114 MW and the solar panels have been sited within a fenced area of 551 acres. The public hearing closed at 1:42 p.m.

At 1:43 p.m. Chairman Gates opened the public hearing EFS0725-06, a Exemption from Definition of Subdivision Permit for Brandon Larsen is looking to divide 5.0-acre parcel from a 55.92-acre parcels located in NE 1/4, Section 4, Township 1N, Range 42W for purpose of giving ownership to his spouse. The public hearing closed at 1:48 p.m.

Commissioner Weaver moved to table Resolution 09-30-2025B, for the Major Land Use Permit for the South Spur Solar project. CGRP 03, LLC (Bechtel Enterprises) proposes to construct a ground-mounted photovoltaic solar energy system and associated battery storage system. The South Spur Solar Project will include up to a nameplate capacity of 158 MW of photovoltaic (PV) solar panels located within Kit Carson and Yuma counties. Yuma County will provide service for 114 MW and the solar panels have been sited within a fenced area of 551 acres, with the additional stipulation that a letter of acknowledgment of the project is provided by local fire departments within that fire district. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion which passed unanimously.




Commissioner Weaver moved to approve resolution 09-30-2025A, for the Exemption from Definition of Subdivision Permit for Brandon Larsen is looking to divide 5.0-acre parcel from a 55.92-acre parcels located in NE 1/4, Section 4, Township 1N, Range 42W for purpose of giving ownership to his spouse. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Victim's Advocate


At 3:15, Yuma County Victim's Advocate Angela Witte popped by to request a signature on her 2026 VALE Grant request

- **Commissioner Weaver moved to approve signature on Angela's 2026 VALE Grant request. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m. to conduct a budget work session. The next regular meetings of the Board of County Commissioners will be on October 16, 2025.


Adam Gates, Chairman


Brandi Ritchey, Administrator

ATTEST: 
Haleigh D. Studer, County Clerk

