



YUMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

December 15, 2025

Minutes¹

On December 15, 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, Blade Supervisor Justin Lorimer and Fleet Foreman Matt Martin joined the meeting at 8:30 a.m. to provide department updates.

- *Contracted Trucks* – Andersen presented data comparing the cost of operating county owned trucks versus contracted truck drivers. Andersen based the county's rates on loaded wages, parts and maintenance, miles driven, fuel usage and other factors. The contracted trucks came in at a higher rate. The group weighed the advantages and disadvantages of using contracted trucks noting how beneficial it is to utilize them to haul to area blades to continue normal operations while big projects were underway in other areas of the county.
- *Easement Repairs* – Andersen is still waiting for a response from BNSF Railroad regarding the necessary repairs that need to be made to County Road M, North of the railroad tracks. The commissioners would like Andersen to confirm whether the railroad company plans to charge for the flaggers they stated they would provide. If BNSF plans to charge for flaggers, the county will provide their own.
- *Road Report* – Crews have been hauling material and making repairs to County Road N, South of County Road 54 and making repairs to a two mile stretch on County Road 46.
- *Fuel* – Andersen noted that he made one last adjustment to his 2026 budget by increasing the fuel line.

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, Adult Protection Supervisor Hollie Hillman, Office Manager Lori Summers and IV-D Administrator Ana Moran. The Department of Human Services maintains detailed minutes of the Board of Social Services separately. The Board of County Commissioners reconvened at 11:00 a.m.

NCRETAC

At 11:00 a.m., Nick Knudell, the Director of NCRETAC, joined the commissioners to provide departmental updates and present an operating agreement between NCRETAC and Yuma County. The Northeast Colorado Regional Emergency Medical and Trauma Services Advisory Council serves as a collaborative network for both hospital and pre-hospital providers, supporting all emergency medical and trauma service organizations within our region to ensure equitable patient care. The group discussed the funding sources for NCRETAC. NCRETAC is primarily funded by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, which receives support from the Highway User Tax Fund.

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



- Commissioner Weaver moved to approve the Listing Contract for the Idalia House. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- Commissioner Weaver moved to approve the 2026 SIPA Agreement for document remediation. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.
- Commissioner Leerar moved to approve the annual CRVS Tax Exempt Certificate. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Commissioner Weaver moved to approve the annual contract renewal for Commercial Property Appraiser Value West. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.
- Commissioner Leerar moved to approve the application for a Charge Account at Bomgaars, Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- Commissioner Weaver moved to approve the 2026 Schneider Agreement for the Assessor's Office. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- Commissioner Weaver moved to approve the 2026 Schneider Agreement for the Land Use Office. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.

Yuma County Water Authority Public Improvement District

At 2:30 p.m. the Commissioners adjourned and convened as the Yuma County Water Authority Public Improvement District Board. Minutes for the Yuma County Water Authority Public Improvement District are kept separately.

2025 Budget Hearing

At 2:45 p.m., Chairman Gates opened the hearing to accept public comment on the proposed 2026 budgets for Yuma County, Yuma County Landfill, Yuma County Water Authority. The Commissioners reviewed the budget documents. No member of the public was present to make comments. The hearing was closed at approximately 2:55 p.m.

- Commissioner Leerar moved to approve the 2026 Salaries. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.
- Commissioner Weaver moved to approve Resolution 12-15-2025 A to adopt the 2026 budget which summarizes expenditures and revenues for each fund and adopts a budget for the County of Yuma, Colorado, for the calendar year, beginning the first day of January 2026 and ending on the last day of December 2026. Total Expenditures approved \$31,774,944.96. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- Commissioner Leerar moved to approve Resolution 12-15-2025 B which appropriates sums of money to the various Yuma County funds and spending agencies for the 2026 budget year. Commissioner Weaver seconded. The motion passed by unanimous vote.
- Commissioner Leerar moved to approve Resolution 12-15-2025 C setting Yuma County's Mill Levy for the year 2025 to defray costs for the 2026 budget year. The total Yuma County Mill Levy is set at 21.714 mills with the General Fund receiving 16.685 mills, with no abatement of mills. Road and Bridge is to receive 2.529 mills; Human Services 1.000 mill; Insurance Fund 1.250 mills; and Recreation Fund 0.250 mills. The total tax revenue expected to be collected for all County Funds is \$7,362,858.68. The 2025 County Assessed Valuation, as certified with the County Assessor is \$339,083,480. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.



- **Commissioner Weaver moved to approve the Certification of Mill Levies and Revenue for the Tax Year of 2025. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:36 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners will be on December 30, 2025.

Adam Gates, Chairman

Brandi Ritchey, Administrator

ATTEST:

Haleigh D. Studer, County Clerk