



## YUMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

October 30, 2025

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

On October 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 Finance Officer Sarah Carwin 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 Blade Foreman Justin Lorimer joined the meeting at 8:30 a.m. to provide department updates.

- *Comp Time Vs Personal Leave* - Discussion was held on the current policy requiring employees to use earned comp time before personal leave, as outlined in the handbook. The group also considered the option of using overtime instead of comp time. Further analysis is needed to understand the budgetary impact before making any changes.
- *Mowing Progress* - There are five areas left to mow. The maintenance crew will then start re-mowing the areas that were done earlier in the season. Mowing should be complete by Mid-December.
- *Permits* – Andersen presented three permits for approval and reported all permits are paid.
  - Commissioner Weaver moved to approve the utility permit for Quality Storage Solutions to bore along County Road E at 39430 County Road E. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.
  - Commissioner Weaver moved to approve the utility permit for CGRP 03, LLC (Bechtel) to trench across County Road 0 ROW at County Road J. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.
  - Commissioner Weaver moved to approve the road access permit for CGRP 03, LLC (Bechtel) for a Solar Project Site on County Road 2, .46 miles west of the intersection with U.S. 385. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.
- *Budget* - Tom notated that the Outsourced Labor expense line has gone down since May when they hired the newest Mechanic. There was a discussion on how often the mower tractors are used, which is normally 4-5 months of the year. They have been having more breakdowns with the new tractors, which can lead to extensive work. Tom would like to research getting older tractors in future budget years that are easier to work on. Fuel price has been locked in for the year 2026.
- *Road Report* - Grader Operator Efficiencies – Last month stayed steady. Justin explained that the lower percentages were due to employees with time off and a grader down for repairs. There was discussion regarding upcoming retirements and staffing. Justin has plans to rotate a handful of the current employees around to have their work areas closer to their home residents to cut down on travel time. If possible, he would like to hire grader operators that live closer to areas that will have openings.
- *Meeting with Simons* - Tom reported the meeting with Simons on County Road 39 went well. They can do a three- and half-inch cap instead of an FDR from County Road H to County Road M.

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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, Legal Tech III Ana Moran, Bookkeeper II/EBT Supervisor Kimberly Langley, and Office Manager Lori Summers were present. The Department of Human Services maintains detailed minutes of the Board of Social Services separately. The Board of County Commissioners reconvened at 10:45 a.m.

### Glassman Corporation

Glassman Corporation President Joe Glassman and colleague James Geist joined with Yuma County Maintenance Sargent Travis Dinsmore to discuss the courthouse HVAC options. They reviewed quotes and timelines for improving or upgrading the current water tube boiler system and consideration of switching to a fire tube boiler. Discussion was had on different maintenance strategies to extend system life. No decisions were made at this time.

### Fairgrounds

Fairgrounds Manager Carmen Murray was in to discuss different department items.

- The Jacobson mower needs engine repair. Carmen reported that she and Randy are having a hard time finding anyone to repair it. They did find out that if they replaced the Turbo Diesel engine with a new engine, it would cost between \$25,000 and \$30,000. Carmen presented two bids for a new mower option. She is going to continue to find bids and build it into her 2026 budget.
- Carmen is working on getting numbers for repairs on the 4H Building.
- There was discussion regarding staffing issues they might be facing for the year 2026. Carmen will work with Brandi on plans to help ensure they have enough help in 2026.
- There was discussion regarding the equipment, use, and liability of the different food booths. The need to review and create an agreement was discussed so terms are clear for all parties involved.
- Carmen stated that she and Randy are going to do an inventory and labeling of equipment located at the fairgrounds.
- A 2026 budget item was discussed regarding the Salary Bands for 2026.
- Carmen reported that Yuma Sheet Metal is still working on the HVAC project.

### Land Use/GIS

Land Use Coordinator Jodi Brady was in to discuss different department items.

- Jodi presented Resolution 10-30-2025A. She also provided supporting information for discussion regarding Clerk & Recorder recording fees. It was determined more information was needed prior to approving the Resolution in relation to House Bill 24-1269.
- Jodi presented the "Yuma County Land Use Department Policy 2025". **Commissioner Leerar moved to approve the Yuma County Land Use Department Policy 2025. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**
- Jodi provided an update on the Land Use Code. Municode has the current Land Use Code up and running. Jodi discussed the process of updating the Land Use Code on Municode. She also discussed potential revisions the Planning Commission is considering.
- Jodi stated she has an upcoming Lot Line Adjustment and is expecting a handful of Exemptions from Subdivision.
- Jodi is waiting for a reimbursement from Bechtel per the survey agreement.
- There was discussion on scammer issues that have occurred recently in our region.



- Commissioner Weaver mentioned the topic of de-commission plans and when the plans should be presented. Jodi will review on the timing of when and to what detail application requests need to be submitted.

#### Yuma County Treasurer

Yuma County Treasurer Chrystal Hammond was in to discuss department updates.

- Discussion was had about the ongoing software challenges the Treasurer's Office is facing.
- Chrystal continues to work on re-invest redeemed investments into 5-year ladders. Interest rates continue to fall.
- Chrystal reported that they have collected 99.57% of the 2024 property taxes. They also have a smaller delinquent listing this year. She reported on active and pending deed applications along with foreclosures.
- The Public Trustee Quarterly report was presented. **Commissioner Leerar moved to approve the Public Trustee Third Quarter Report. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**
- Commissioner Gates inquired about updating signors for the EMT Council. Finance Officer Sarah Carwin reported that they do not have their own banking under Yuma County. Instead, they have had funds deposited into Fund 09 to have Yuma County act as their fiscal agent. No expenses have been turned in to use those funds yet.

#### Maintenance

Yuma County Maintenance Sargent Travis Dinsmore joined for department updates.

- Travis continued the earlier conversation regarding the current HVAC system. It was decided that more bids are needed for comparisons to make a sound decision.
- Travis presented his 2026 budget. There was a list of projects with priority and approximate costs presented. It was determined that several projects on the list were already approved for the 2025 budget. It was discussed that the projects on the list that were approved for the 2025 budget should proceed forward.

#### Veteran Service

Yuma County Veteran Service Officer Adam Beauprez was in to discuss department matters.

- Adam came in to discuss a recent email sent from the Colorado Division of Veteran Affairs.
- Adam reported to the Commissioner that he was resigning from his position effective October 31<sup>st</sup>. The Regional Service officer Glen Marciniak would cover Yuma County until a replacement was hired.

#### Yuma County Fair Queens

Yuma County Fair Queen Tatum Soehner, Fair Queen Lady-In-Waiting Grace Jones, Fair Queen Advisors Michelle Smith and Kaci Porter met with the commissioners for an update. Javan Jones was also present.

- The Fair Queens have already made three appearances for the year 2025-2026. They have upcoming events planned such as Trick or Treat Street, the National Stock Show, and similar list of Summer Events.
- The Fair Queens reported that through their fundraising efforts last year they were able to create a savings balance for future years. They plan to do another Cajun Boil as that proved to be a good fundraiser for them. They would like to discuss adding a savings account to go with their checking account. This conversation will continue with Yuma County Treasurer Chrystal Hammond.



- Extra expenses they are looking to cover for the year 2025-2026 are upgrades to the trailer to make it easier and more comfortable to use for events.
- It was reported that the Bonanza lease should be ready by the end of January. Bonanza has already committed to continue to do the same numbers of months as last year for the same price.
- The Fair Queens presented they would like to keep their contribution from the Commissioners at \$1,200.00.

#### Administrator's Report

At 4:00 p.m., Finance Officer Sarah Carwin reviewed calls and 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 October 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 84479-84519 in the amount of \$197,960.87 ran on 10/17/2025, sequence 84520-844552 in the amount of \$214,343.39 ran on 10/24/2025. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

*Resolutions/Ordinances/Signatures* –

- **Commissioner Weaver moved to approve the MGT Master Service Agreement Amendment, which extends their service to conduct the 2025 Cost Allocation Plan. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.**
- **Commissioner Leerar moved to Ratify Adam Gates, Chairman signature on monthly Veteran Service Officer report for October. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.**

*Department Reports/Follow Up/Correspondences* –

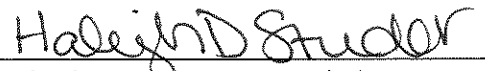
- Commissioner Weaver stated there were no updates for Eastern Transportation Planning Region.
- Commissioner Leerar and Commissioner Gates provided updates regarding W-Y Combined Communications and 911 Authority Board.
- Commissioner Gates gave an update that the Region I contributions will stay flat. There is also research going into whether there is enough room to add the ham radios repeaters to the Idalia tower. There was also a discussion about putting together a round table meeting with other regional counties, which could be discussed more at Winter Conference.
- The surplus vehicle Auction is coming up on November 14<sup>th</sup>.
- CTSI/CAPP 2026 Quotes – An email from South Platte Agency Insurance, Inc was reviewed regarding gathering Liability Insurance.
- Dreher Gravel Pit – A letter from the new owners of the Dreher Gravel Pit was reviewed. They wish to end the lease agreement. The agreement will be terminated on August 23, 2026.
- A sealed bid for the Eckley Property was reviewed. **Commissioner Gates moved to approve the bid for \$3,000 for the 2-acre property. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.**

- The 4H Membership request was presented. **Commissioner Weaver moved to approve the Annual 4H Membership contribution of \$5.00 per enrollment up to three hundred members. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.**
- Commissioner Weaver mentioned that he has received information from Gunnison County Commissioner Liz Smith about a Comprehensive Plan process they use and have found helpful for long-term budgeting. They discussed how they could use that to create goal settings for keeping major projects on the forefront of their budgeting and use it as a tool to meet their goals. Commissioner Weaver will get that consultants' contact information for Brandi so they can schedule a meeting to see what that process would entail.
- Commissioner Gates inquired about a 2024 Audit update. Finance Officer Sarah Carwin stated that the Audit had been completed and submitted to the State by the extension deadline, which was September 30<sup>th</sup>. Nothing out of the ordinary was found. She will be scheduling a meeting with the Road & Bridge department to refresh on ways to mitigate clerical errors that can cause reporting errors. A meeting with McMahan & Associates to review the 2024 Audit findings is scheduled for December. The 2025 Audit Fieldwork has already been scheduled.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:28 p.m. The next regular meetings of the Board of County Commissioners will be on October 30, 2025.

  
Adam Gates, Chairman

  
Brandi Ritchey, Administrator

ATTEST:   
Haleigh D. Studer, County Clerk

