

YUMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

March 31, 2026

Minutes¹

On March 31, 2026 at 8:00 a.m., the Yuma County Board of Commissioners met in regular session. Commissioner Adam Gates, 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 State Retail Liquor License Renewal Application and the County Retail Liquor License Renewal for Valson's Restaurants LLC DBA The Grainery.

- **Commissioner Leerar moved to approve signature on the State Retail Liquor License Renewal Application and the County Retail Liquor License Renewal Valson's Restaurants LLC DBA The Grainery Commissioner Gates seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.**

Road & Bridge

At 8:30 a.m., Blade Supervisor Justin Lorimer joined the Commissioners to provide a road update. Crews have been working in the Y13 area on County Road HH. Material was hauled to County Road 51 East of the highway and to County Road 56.5 East of Highway 385. County Road M between County Roads 54 and 55 also received material. Additionally, material from the Mek Pit was placed on County Road 46 East of Highway 59. Two salary authorizations were also presented for approval for the 6-month probationary period increase.

- **Commissioner Leerar moved to approve the Blade Operator Salary Authorization in the amount of \$20.07/hour. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.**
- **Commissioner Leerar moved to approve the Maintenance Salary Authorization in the amount of \$18.54/hour. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

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, Adult Protection Supervisor Hollie Hillman, 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 10:30 a.m.

Administrator's Report

Administrator Brandi Ritchey reviewed calls, correspondence, and presented the following for discussion and action at 10:30 a.m.:

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

- **Commissioner Leerar moved to approve the minutes from the March 17, 2026 regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

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



- Commissioner Leerar moved to approve the Yuma County Accounts payable check sequence 85359-85388 in the amount of \$200,395.08 ran on 03/20/2026 and sequence 85389-85411 in the amount of \$31,924.50 ran on 03/27/2026. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Resolutions/Ordinances/Signatures –

- Commissioner Leerar moved to approve signature on the Simon Contractors Credit Application/Agreement. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Commissioner Leerar moved to ratify the signature on the Letter of Support for the Republican River Water Conservation District. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- Commissioner Leerar moved to ratify Commissioner Weaver's signature on the Datashield Agreement for the Commissioner's Office shred bin. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Department Reports - The Commissioners received several department reports, which included an update on the administration of the Eastern Transportation Planning Region, and a discussion of activities conducted by the 911 Authority Board. Ritchey updated the Commissioners on her current grant applications which she is applying for. The SIPA Micro-Grant will be for up to \$10,000 to move the county website to the SIPA platform to comply with HB21 1110 related to achieve full accessibility compliance. The other grant that will be submitted in April is the annual Court Security Grant, the funding for which will be based on the last year's salaries and court security hours worked. Ritchey received a letter of interest for the vacant Planning Commission Seat and presented it to the commissioners for review.

- Commissioner Leerar made a motion to accept the offer for the 2013 Durango, provided that the interested buyer agrees to pay the trade-in amount that was also proposed for the vehicle. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
- Commissioner Leerar moved to appoint Chad Rayl to the Yuma County Planning Commission. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

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 1:03 p.m. Commissioner Gates opened public hearing MAJ0126-01, a Major Land Use Permit to rejuvenate and expand a current use feedlot. The site consists of one quarter section that is for the most part currently undeveloped agricultural land. The existing facility is to be remodeled on the parcel consisting of open lot pens, feed storage and related feedlot operational buildings. One holding pond is proposed to provide the CDPHE required storm water containment. This site is out of any FEMA flood plain mapped area. The existing feeding traps located in the pasture area will be remodeled to accommodate fenceline bunks to improve feeding efficiency. The public hearing closed at 1:17 p.m.



At 1:17 p.m. Commissioner Gates opened the public hearing LLA0226-05, a Lot Line adjustment Permit for Sisters 3 LLLP and Kathy Goodell, looking to move 8-acres of the South and East boundary of Parcel R112060 to a 23.11-acre parcel, for the purpose of resale. The public hearing closed at 1:20 p.m.

At 1:25 p.m. Commissioner Gates opened the public hearing EFS0226-04, an Exemption from Definition of Subdivision Permit for Curt Fix, looking to split a 1.44-acre parcel out of a 159.59-acre at the location in the NE ¼, Section 10, Township 1N, Range 44W. It will be created for the purpose of distribution within the family. The public hearing closed at 1:34 p.m.

At 1:34 p.m. Commissioner Gates opened the public hearing EFS1125-03, an Exemption from Definition of Subdivision Permit for Phyllis Weyerman, looking to split a 45.9-acre parcel into 2 parcels. Parcel #1 13.91-acres, Parcel #2 32.00-acres located in the NW ¼ of the SW ¼, Section 6, Township 4S, Range 44W. Parcel #1 is a residential tract, and Parcel #2 will be created for purpose of resale. The public hearing closed at 1:42 p.m.

At 1:43 p.m. Commissioner Gates opened the public hearing EFS0226-06 an Exemption from Definition of Subdivision Permit the Weyerman Family Limited Partnership, looking to split a 12.84-acre parcel out of a 620.17-acre located in the SW ¼ SW ¼, Section 6, Township 4S, Range 44W, for the purpose of resale. The public hearing closed at 1:58 p.m.

Commissioner Leerar moved to approve resolution 03-31-2026 E, for the Major Land Use Permit MAJ0126-01 for a feedlot expansion. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Leerar moved to approve Resolution 03-31-2026 D, for the Lot Line Adjustment Application LLA0226-05 a Lot Line adjustment Permit for Sisters 3 LLLP and Kathy Goodell, looking to move 8-acres of the South and East boundary of Parcel R112060 to a 23.11-acre parcel, for the purpose of Resale. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Leerar moved to approve resolution 03-31-2026 C, for the Exemption from Definition of Subdivision Application EFS0226-04 for Curt Fix, looking to split a 1.44-acre parcel out of a 159.59-acre at the location in the NE ¼, Section 10, Township 1N, Range 44W. It will be created for the purpose of distribution within the family. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Finance Office

At 2:00 p.m., Yuma County Finance Officer Sarah Carwin joined the Commissioners to provide office updates. Carwin and the Commissioners discussed the upcoming annual audit, which is scheduled to begin on May 11, 2026. She noted that after the 2025 audit is closed, she will begin to move Fund 08 into Fund 01, since Fund 08 has moved into Fund 01 and is no longer being utilized. The group also discussed implementing an improved purchase order process for purchasing and will continue to brainstorm additional ways to improve efficiency.

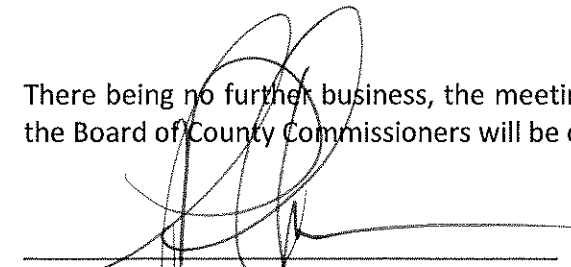


Fair

At 2:30 p.m., Yuma County Fairgrounds Manager Carmen Murray and Cassidy Rogers joined the Commissioners to discuss events for the upcoming fair. The group discussed the new big screen contract and the elevated increase in cost. Ritchey noted that the contract needs to be updated and emphasized the importance of routing contracts through the Finance Office to ensure compliance with local government requirements. Murray presented the 2026 Fair Night Show contract for approval and presented the Livestock Photography Agreement for approval.

- **Commissioner Leerar moved to approve the Night Show Contract for the 2026 Fair. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.**
- **Commissioner Leerar moved to approve the Livestock Photography Contract. Yuma County will cover \$2000; the Livestock Sale Committee will cover \$1,250. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.**

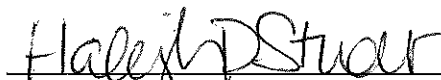
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m. The next regular meetings of the Board of County Commissioners will be on April 13, 2026.



Scott Weaver, Chairman



Brandi Ritchey, Administrator

ATTEST: 

Haleigh D. Studer, County Clerk

