



YUMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

July 14, 2026

Minutes¹

On July 14, 2026 at 8:00 a.m., the Yuma County Board of Commissioners met in regular session. Chairman Scott Weaver, Commissioner Mike Leerar, Commissioner Adam Gates, 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 Ballyneal Golf LTD DBA Ballyneal.

- **Commissioner Gates moved to approve signature on the State Retail Liquor License Renewal Application and the County Retail Liquor License Renewal for Ballyneal Golf LTD DBA Ballyneal. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.**

Road and Bridge

Road & Bridge Supervisor David Lee joined the meeting at 8:30 a.m. to provide department updates.

- **Road Report** – Crews are patching washout areas throughout the county following recent rainfall. Mowing is expected to begin soon. The County Road 39 project is anticipated to start July 23rd-27th.
- **Department Reports** – Lee stated that his department is still short staffed, but he has hired a mechanic and has a potential maintenance employee. He has held several interviews for the parts clerk position. Ritchey reported that she spoke with CTSI regarding pre-employment physicals and said that the county cannot use them for MMI if a workers' compensation claim occurs. Ritchey stated that she will update the Yuma County handbook to reflect this change and present it for approval with the other handbook updates.
 - **Commissioner Gates moved to approve the salary authorization for the Mechanic position at \$73,000. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**
- **Gravel Pits** – Ritchey stated that she contacted the Dreher Pit landowners again to discuss how they would like to proceed with closing the pit. They are waiting for legal advice and will follow up soon. Lee mentioned that the current gravel screen that road and bridge has is wearing out. He found a replacement and presented it for approval.
 - **Commissioner Gates moved to approve the purchase of the Grizzly rock screen to be purchased out of account 02-702-8940. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.**

Human Services

The Board of County Commissioners convened as the Board of Social Services at 9:30 a.m. Human Services Director Kara Hoover, Adult Protection Supervisor Hollie Hillman, Office Manager Lori Summers, Child Support Legal Tech Andrea Valenzuela and Income Maintenance Supervisor Dalene Rogers were present. The Board of County Commissioners reconvened at 11:00 a.m.

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



Administrator's Report

At 11:00 a.m., 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 Gates moved to approve the minutes from the June 30, 2026 regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- Commissioner Leerar moved to approve the Yuma County accounts payable check sequence 85920-85979 in the amount of \$407,525.45 ran on 7/6/2026 and sequence 85980-86023 in the amount of \$354,023.31 ran on 7/10/2026. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Resolutions/Ordinances/Signatures/Ratifications:

- Commissioner Gates moved to approve the Road and Bridge Supervisor Salary of \$76,000. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.
- Commissioner Leerar moved to pay David Lee a bonus of \$1,500 for assisting with the Landfill Supervisor transition to be paid out of the Landfill fund. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- Commissioner Gates moved to approve the Courthouse Maintenance Salary Authorization in the amount of \$21.50/hour. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.
- Commissioner Leerar moved to approve the SIPA Grant Eligibility Confirmation. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- Commissioner Gates moved to approve the budgeted City of Yuma Ambulance request to be paid out of 01-403. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.
- Commissioner Gates moved to ratify Commissioner Weaver's signature on the CDL Land Use Authorization. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- Commissioner Gates moved to approve the Colorado Department of Transportation Permission to Enter Property form. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- Commissioner Leerar moved to adjust the three HHS employees salaries to reflect the correct beginning wage of \$18.85 on the Salary Band Sheet with the effective date of 1/1/2026. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Department Reports – The Commissioners reviewed department reports, including updates on the Eastern Transportation Planning Region and the 911 Authority Board. Ritchey reported that the Kirk house is vacant and available. She also stated that the Emergency Manager sent the surplus Tahoe list to the fire departments, with offers requested by the next BOCC meeting. Ritchey noted that she completed the annual HUTF report for the state.



Office of Emergency Management

At 1:00 p.m., Yuma County Emergency Manager Jake Rockwell provided an update to the Commissioners. He discussed current fire safety concerns, recent and upcoming weather conditions, and public health information relevant to the county. Rockwell reported that 60% of Yuma County is listed in the normal drought classification on the drought monitor, while the remaining 40% mainly on the south side of the county is not listed on the drought monitor. He stated that the public review period for the Hazard Mitigation Plan has ended and the plan has been sent to the state for review. If approved, a resolution will need to be adopted. Rockwell also noted that pipeline training will be held July 22nd at the Wray Fire Hall, and he will inspect all Red Cross shelter locations in August.

Yuma County Treasurer

At 1:30 p.m., Yuma County Treasurer Chrystal Hammond met with the Commissioners to provide updates from her office. Hammond reported that there have been no significant changes in county investments. She stated that the Treasurer's Office sent out 1,652 delinquent tax letters, which is down from last year and that the county has collected 93% of tax revenue. A deed auction is scheduled for Thursday for several severed minerals and one small real property parcel. Hammond also presented several items for approval, including her 2nd Quarter Public Trustee Report, Semi-Annual Report, and a salary authorization for a new hire in her office.

- **Commissioner Leerar moved to approve the 2nd Quarter Public Trustee report. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**
- **Commissioner Leerar moved to approve the Semi-Annual report. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**
- **Commissioner Leerar moved to approve the Salary Authorization for the Treasure's Clerk position at \$18.85/hour. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

13th Judicial District

At 2:00 p.m. the commissioners were joined by District Attorney Travis Sides. Sides stated that he will be leaving office in a couple of years due to term limits and wanted to present a proposal for consideration during the upcoming budget process. He requested consideration of adding Axon Justice Premier software next year to assist with reviewing and analyzing cases more efficiently. Sides reported that the software cost is approximately \$40,000 per year and would be split among the various counties within his district. Sides also discussed various cases currently ongoing in Yuma County.

Yuma County Fairgrounds

At 2:30 p.m., the Commissioners were joined by Fairgrounds Manager Carmen Murray. Murray reported that Glassman's inspected the hood vents at the concession building at the fairgrounds and will provide a bid to reroute the vents through the roof rather than the side of the building. She stated that the current vent location is causing damage because grease is blowing onto the air conditioning units. Murray also presented the rodeo contract for approval. She also stated that next year she plans to ask Alice Swanson for assistance in obtaining additional sponsorships for the 2027 Yuma County Fair.

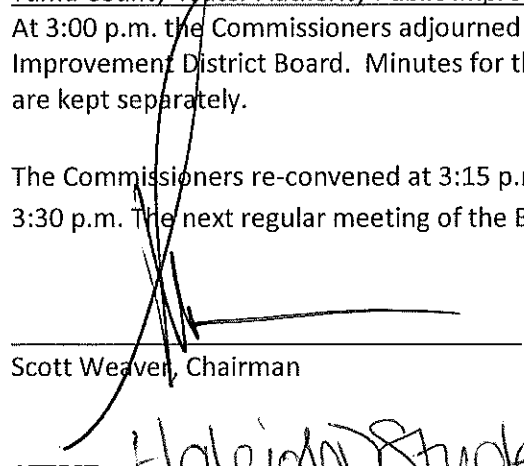
- **Commissioner Gates moved to approve the contract for the 2026 Yuma County Rodeo. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**



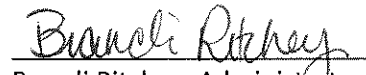
Yuma County Water Authority Public Improvement District

At 3:00 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.

The Commissioners re-convened at 3:15 p.m. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners will be on July 30, 2026.



Scott Weaver, Chairman



Brandi Ritchey, Administrator

ATTEST:



Haleigh D. Studer, County Clerk

