



YUMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

May 26, 2023

Minutes¹

On May 26, 2023 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.

Human Services

The Board of County Commissioners convened as the Board of Social Services at 8:30 a.m. Human Services Director Kara Hoover, Bookkeeper Melanie Fisher, Child Welfare & Adult Protection Supervisor Hollie Hillman, and Administrative Assistant Lori Summers were present. Detailed minutes of the Board of Social Services are maintained separately by the Department of Human Services. The Board of County Commissioners reconvened at 9:20 a.m.

Road and Bridge

Road & Bridge Supervisor Tom Andersen joined the meeting at 9:30 a.m. to provide department updates.

- *Financials* – The group discussed the current budget and where it stands currently, costs of repairs. **Commissioner Leerar moved to approve the Salary Authorization for new hire Jason Adolf, Commissioner Gates seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous vote.**
- *Tractor Pull* – The group discussed borrowing a towable wheel packer from Phillips County for an upcoming Tractor Pull at the Yuma County Fairgrounds.
- *Road Report* – Currently Road and Bridge is working on a washed-out road North of Idalia on County Road DD between County Road 10 and 11. Road and Bridge will be installing a culvert to help prevent the road washing out in the future. The Road and Bridge department is also working on culvert issues North of Lonestar Highway by County Road D.
- *Mowing*– The maintenance team is projecting to start mowing mid-June depending on the completion of culvert repairs that are currently in progress. The group discussed the pros and cons for contracting ditch mowing in the future.

Yuma County Sheriff

Patrol Deputy Donald Nadow, Undersheriff Larry Gilliland and Victims Assistance Coordinator Angela Witte joined the Commissioners at 10:30 to give various updates. Witte presented the bids for a new vehicle with a trade in of the current vehicle to the BOCC. **Commissioner Leerar approved the purchase of a new Victims Advocate vehicle, not to exceed the amount of \$34,000. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.** The group also discussed ongoing budget issues with limited incoming revenue. The Sheriff's office is requesting wage increases for Patrol Deputies to keep wages separated between new hires and veteran Patrol Deputies.

GIS Contractor

At 11:30 GIS Contractor, Colten Yoast joined the Commissioners virtually to give the Board a presentation on how he built the redistricting map choices. With such populated municipalities, it was tough to come up with many different options to choose from for redistricting.

¹ Minutes prepared by Andrea Calhoon are a summary of discussions, not a verbatim account.



Public Hearing

At 1:30 the Commissioners held the final Public Hearing to discuss the Commissioners Redistricting Maps. Following the receipt and processing of comment and public hearings, the Commissioner's will officially adopt Map 1, at a future meeting when the legal descriptions have been finalized for the selection that was made.

Northeastern Colorado Revolving Loan Fund

At 2:00 p.m. Chief Executive Officer, Valerie Hibbert from Northeastern Colorado Revolving Loan Fund came to give office updates and present a CDBG grant. NCRLF is a non-profit. The CDBG funds are funds that come from HUD that provide additional funding to help our service area. Loans using these funds must meet certain requirements which are more stringent, but NCRLF also has another pool of funds to assist with other loans.

Executive Session

At 3:00 p.m. **Commissioner Leerar moved to enter into executive session under CRS 24-6-402(4)(b) for legal advice on specific legal matters. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.** Present for executive session were Chairman Scott Weaver, Commissioner Mike Leerar, Commissioner Adam Gates, and Administrator Brandi Ritchey and County Attorney, Ken Fellman. Executive session ended at 3:26 p.m. No action was taken following executive session.

Administrator's Report

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 Leerar moved to approve the minutes from the May 16, 2023 regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**
- **CAPP Report & Claim Review** – The Commissioners heard information on pending CAPP and workers' compensation claims.
- **Signatures and Ratifications** –
 - Resolutions/Ordinances/Signatures:
 - **Commissioner Leerar moved to approve the signature on the updated Rental Lease for the Vernon House. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**
 - **Commissioner Leerar moved to approve the signature on the updated Rental Lease for the Abarr House. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**
 - **Commissioner Leerar moved to approve the signature on the updated Rental Lease for the Armel House. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**
 - **Commissioner Leerar moved to approve the signature on the Request for the 2022 Audit Extension to September 30th, 2023. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**
 - **Commissioner Gates moved to approve the signature on the Request for Payment on the 2023-2024 CDL Third Party Testing Unit. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion. It passed by a unanimous vote.**
 - **Commissioner Leerar moved to approve the signature on the monthly Veteran Service Officer Report. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**




- **Commissioner Leerar moved to approve the signature on the Foresight, Fleet Intelligence Contract for the Road and Bridge Department. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**
- *Department Reports* – The Commissioners received various department reports including an update on the administration of the Eastern Transportation Planning Region and the upcoming meeting on June 5, 2023 at the Wray Ambulance Barn. There also was discussion of business undertaken by the 911 Authority Board and the equipment upgrade review.
- *Prior Meeting Follow-Up* – Finance and Compliance Clerk Brandi Ritchey provided project updates on the status of selling a county owned property in Wauneta.
- *Correspondence* – Ritchey presented correspondence received since the last meeting. Among discussion was the upcoming Y-W Board Meeting, appointment of a RETAC board member and acquiring a Statue of Liberty replica from Larry Poos.
- *IT Updates* – Ritchey presented updates on various IT-related topics including updates on the transition to VOIP phones for County operations, access to the county website and updates on the GIS department contracting quotes.
- *Facilities Updates* – Ritchey reported on various facilities maintenance topics including the safety walkthrough for county facilities, office re-structure and the upcoming Town Hall meeting in Joes on June 8th at 6p.m located at the Grassroots Community Center.

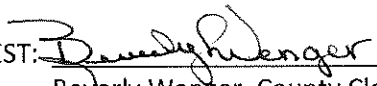
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m. The next regular meetings of the Board of County Commissioners will be on June 14, 2023.



Scott Weaver, Chairman



Brandi Ritchey, Administrator

ATTEST: 

Beverly Wenger, County Clerk

