



**YUMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**June 14, 2023**  
**Minutes<sup>1</sup>**

On June 14, 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.

Liquor License

Deputy County Clerk Nancy Wright joined the Commissioners at 8:15 a.m. to present for signature the Application for Renewal for Casa Tres Amigos dba El Vaquero.

**Commissioner Gates moved to approve the Retail Liquor License Renewal Application for Casa Tres Amigos dba El Vaquero. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.**

Road and Bridge

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

- *Leased Trucks* – The group discussed leasing semis from Ag Solutions and other businesses to get relief hauling materials to projects.
- *Road Report* – Currently Road and Bridge
- *Budget*- 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.
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- *Tractor Pull* – The group discussed the upcoming Tractor Pull at the Yuma County Fair grounds that had to be rescheduled due to the heavy rainfall on June 9<sup>th</sup>.

Human Services

The Board of County Commissioners convened as the Board of Social Services at 9:30 a.m. Human Services Director Kara Hoover, Child Welfare & Adult Protection Supervisor Hollie Hillman, Eligibility Supervisor Dalene Rogers, Income Maintenance Technicians Sheena Fix and Andrea Valenzuela and Foster Care/Child Welfare Caseworker Amanda Kerbs, 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 11:05 a.m.

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

### 55 & Over Club

At 10:56 Carol Chiarito, Representative for the 55 & Over Club joined the Commissioners to give program updates. Chiarito gave a presentation on the history of the 55 & Over Club and the Love a Senior Center project that she is implementing. The goal is to reopen the 55 & Over Clubs kitchen and serve lunch during the weekdays, with the choice of home delivery. This would provide affordable nutritious meals made locally. Chiarito is requesting a donation of \$30,000.00 for start-up costs to get the project up and running. The commissioners thanked the group for the presentation and told them their request would be taken under consideration.

### Emergency Management, Jake Rockwell

At 1:00 p.m. the Commissioners heard a department update from Yuma County Emergency Manager Jake Rockwell. Among topics discussed were school safe, drought problems lessening due to all of the rain fall, and tornado and fire sirens. Hillcrest recently completed a tornado drill and there were issues hearing the siren. Rockwell is going to look into having the programming of the closest siren to Hillcrest updated so the siren will spin, hopefully resolving this issue.

### CHFA

At 1:30 the Commissioners heard program updates from Trish Herman. Herman discussed CHFA's various programs like Housing, Multi-Family Financing and Business Finance. The board also had discussion about Proposition 123 and discussed the pros and cons of opting in or out of the program.

### County Treasurer

At 2:00, Yuma County Treasurer, Chrystal Hammond joined the Commissioners to give them various office updates. Hammond went over current investments and three redemptions that now are at 5%, foreclosures, ongoing issues with tax collection for Omimex, tax liens, not receiving tax payments due to mail issues and resolving an issue with distributions between funds. The group also discussed the deadline for tax payments. Delinquent notices are set to go out July 1, 2023.

### Public Comment

At 3:00, Treece Bohall joined the Commissioners to discuss the sale of fireworks. Bohall has been selling fireworks for 6 years. Bohall presented a safety plan, current Fireworks License and proof of insurance. The Commissioners requested a letter from the local fire department. **Commissioner Gates moved to approve Curbside Dynamics, LLC to sell Fireworks in Yuma County, conditionally with the receipt of a letter from the local fire departments approving the sale. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.**

### Administrator's Report

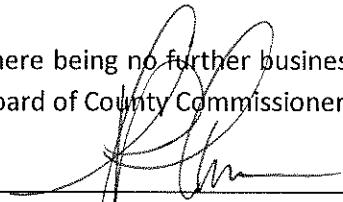
Administrator Brandi Ritchey reviewed calls, correspondence, and presented the following for discussion and action:

- *Minutes* – The Commissioners reviewed the minutes from the previous BOCC meetings. **Commissioner Leerar moved to approve the minutes from the May 26, 2023 regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**
- **Commissioner Leerar moved to approve the minutes from the June 9, 2023 Special 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 Gates moved to approve the signature on Resolution 6-14-2023 A Transferring 82,126.04 from F1 to F31. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- Commissioner Leerar moved to appoint Kerriann Josh to the NCRETAC Board. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- Commissioner Weaver moved to ratify the signature on the Plains Telephone Quote to transition the phone system to VOIP. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Leerar abstained from voting.
- Commissioner Leerar moved to ratify the signature on the Home Slice Contract for Brandon Jones. 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.
- *Facilities Updates* – Ritchey reported on various facilities maintenance topics including the upcoming Budget preparation, and numerous updates from CTSI including county procedures

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m. The next regular meetings of the Board of County Commissioners will be on June 30, 2023.

  
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Scott Weaver, Chairman

  
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Brandi Ritchey, Administrator

ATTEST:   
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Beverly Wenger, County Clerk

