



YUMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
December 29, 2023
Minutes¹

On December 29, 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.

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.

- *Snow Removal* – Andersen reported that most roads have been opened from the recent snow storm. The drifts were very sporadic so the crew is still working on widening the spots on the roads that have been blocked.
- *Fuel Contract* – Commissioner Gates moved to sign the Stratton Equity Coop, Fuel Contract to purchase fuel from April 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 at \$2.99 per gallon. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous vote.
Commissioner Gates moved to sign the Stratton Equity Coop, Fuel Contract to purchase fuel from April 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 at \$3.19 per gallon. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous vote.
- *Road Report* – Weaver reported that Black Shirt Feeders would like to put together another maintenance contract for the first quarter of 2024.
- With the unknowns of future revenue, the board discussed with Andersen and Lorimer about prepping for future budgets and deciding on necessary capital purchases. The group discussed whether or not employees should be called out on holidays to pull out stranded vehicles. Andersen received a bid for rock crushing at the Deterding pit for \$4000.00/hour to crush material. The board would like Andersen to research other solutions for this issue.

Human Services

The Board of County Commissioners convened as the Board of Social Services at 9:30 a.m. Human Services Director Kara Hoover 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 10:30 a.m.

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 Gates moved to approve the minutes from the December 15, 2023 regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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



- **Commissioner Gates moved to approve the minutes from the December 22, 2023 special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

Signatures and Ratifications –

- **Commissioner Gates moved to sign Resolution 12/29/2023 A, transferring funds to balance cash accounts. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous vote.**
- **Commissioner Leerar moved to approve the 2024 ambulance service licenses for the City of Wray Ambulance Service. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.**
- **Commissioner Gates moved to approve signature on Ron Brown's monthly CDMVA Monthly report. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.**
- **Commissioner Gates moved to sign the Colorado Division of Veterans Affairs County Application for Semiannual Payment. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.**

Correspondence –

The Commissioners discussed an e-mail received by Attorney Ken Fellman. Ritchey will be reaching out to Fellman and provide feedback from the BOCC.

- **Commissioner Leerar moved to officially deny the Sheriff's request to use unused salary funds to pay bonuses to employees. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous vote.**

The group also discussed contracts for the fair night show and the Mek-1 gravel pit. The contracts will be sent back with the County Attorney's feedback for review.

Public Comment

At 11:30 Dusty Johnson joined the Commissioners. Johnson has had recent experience working at the State level as an aide for the Pelton's. Johnson is running for House District 63. The group also discussed Johnson's views on water issues throughout the state and the issues that arose from the Governor's Special Session and Proposition HH.

Land Use

County Land Use Administrator, Niki Alexander was heard at 1:00 p.m. to review Land Use and GIS business and conduct Land Use Hearings.

- *Land Use Hearings* – Land use hearings opened at 1:14 p.m. Alexander presented the following applications for signature.
 - **EFS 1223-01 for Rance Reynolds**, looking to divide a 23.9-acre parcel from an 80.44-acre (+/-) parcel located in Section 34, Township 2 North, Range 44 West.

Public comment for the Land Use hearings closed at 1:37 p.m.

Commissioner Gates moved to continue EFS 1223-01 to the January 16th meeting due to an error on the Exemption from Subdivision Application. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.

The group also discussed contracting the prior Land Use Administrator Linda Briggs, to help with training on projects that Alexander needs help with.



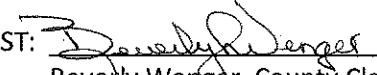
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m. and the BOCC conducted a budget work session. The next regular meetings of the Board of County Commissioners will be on January 16, 2024



Scott Weaver, Chairman



Brandi Ritchey, Administrator

ATTEST: 

Beverly Wenger, County Clerk

