



YUMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

January 16, 2024

Minutes¹

On January 16, 2024 at 8:00 a.m., the Yuma County Board of Commissioners met in regular session. Chairman Scott Weaver, Commissioner Mike Leerar, Commissioner Adam Gate, 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 presented a Change of Ownership for Jo's Liquor. **Commissioner Gates moved to approve the Change of Ownership for Jo's Liquor. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion, it passed by unanimous vote.**

Road and Bridge

Road & Bridge Blade Foreman Justin Lorimer joined the meeting at 8:30 a.m. to provide department updates.

- *Tire Pricing* – Lorimer presented a pricing sheet for motor graders tires. The group discussed purchasing different brands of tires and the benefits of purchasing the Trelleborg tires versus other brands due to the quality of the tires.
- *Shop Heating* – The motor in the shop heater has quit working. Options to fix it are either modify the motor since parts are not available for the current motors, or replace with a radiant tube heater. Commissioner Weaver suggested getting quotes on the radiant tube heaters. Weaver recalled that there was a tube heater at the landfill.
- *Snow Removal* – All equipment has snowplows attached in case a heavy storm sets in. Lorimer and Andersen are working on a Call List for bad weather. It will only be used in an event of an emergency.
- *Time Off* – Lorimer provided the Commissioner's with an example of a Leave Management worksheet to review.
- *February Projects* – Weather permitting, Andersen plans to start working on projects throughout the county. The trucking crew is going to start hauling material to the Road and Bridge yard. Lorimer would like to start repair work on County Road 39.

Human Services

The Board of County Commissioners convened as the Board of Social Services at 9:30 a.m. Human Services Director Kara Hoover, Administrative Assistant Lori Summers and Child Welfare & Adult Protection Supervisor Hollie Hillman 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.

Congressman Ken Buck's Office

At 11:00 a.m. the Commissioners were joined by Darlene Carpio of Congressman Ken Buck's Office to hear federal legislative updates. Among discussion was the announcement of Congressman Buck's retirement,

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



issues with the postal system, funding for road repairs, government funding and senior staff visiting the Northeast Region next week.

Fairgrounds Manager, Carmen Murray

At 11:30 a.m. the Commissioners were joined by Carmen Murray to discuss current happenings at the fairgrounds. Murray presented an equipment rental form for review. The group discussed the daily rate and deposit amount. Weaver suggested \$50.00 per day and a \$500.00 deposit. Murray asked if she could go to the Greeley farm show to recruit vendors for the Yuma County Fair. Murray would also like to put up a brand board in the fair office. The group discussed the 2024 repair projects for the fairgrounds. Carmen is going to get the bids gathered up so a final decision can be made.

Office of Emergency Management

At 1:00 p.m. the Commissioners heard a department update from Yuma County Emergency Manager Jake Rockwell. Among topics discussed were fire, weather, and cold & flu reports. There is a CEMA conference in Loveland February 12th through the 15th. Rockwell has finished the Homeland Security grant. There will be a Red Cross shelter training in February. On April 2nd, there is going to be a Weather Spotter training in Eckley and another March 26th in Joes. Both trainings are open to the public.

Land Use

County Land Use Administrator, Niki Alexander was heard at 1:00 p.m. to review Land Use and GIS business and continue Land Use Hearing EFS 1223-01.

- o **EFS 1223-01 for Rance Reynolds**, looking to divide a 23.9-acre parcel from a 63.46-acre (+/-) parcel located in Section 34, Township 2 North, Range 44 West.

Commissioner Gates moved to approve signature on Resolution 12/29/2023 B approving Exemption from Subdivision Application EFS 1223-01 for Rance Reynolds, looking to divide a 23.9-acre parcel from a 63.46-acre (+/-) parcel located in Section 34, Township 2 North, Range 44 West. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.

The group discussed the Land Use Fees that were approved and would like Alexander to get a timeline on when the approved Major Land Use Application fees should be paid. Alexander also has a meeting next week with the County to hopefully resolve the Idalia platting issue.

County Treasurer, Chrystal Hammond

At 2:00 p.m. County Treasurer Chrystal Hammond joined the Commissioners to review Office business and present the annual investment authorization and authorized bank signatories for 2024. Hammond presented the semi-annual investment report and reviewed the County investment policy. The Commissioners reviewed and approved the Treasurer's semi-annual report.

Commissioner Gates moved to approve signature on Resolution 1-16-2024 C Authorizing the Yuma County Treasurer to Deposit and Invest Funds. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Leerar moved to approve signature on Resolution 1-16-2024 D Approving Authorized Signers on All Accounts. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.



Commissioner Gates moved to approve signature on Resolution 1-16-2024 G Approving Removal of Uncollectable Taxes from the Tax Roll. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Leerar moved to approve signature on the 2023 fourth quarter Public Trustee report as presented. Commissioner Gates seconded the motions, 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 Gates moved to approve the minutes from the December 29, 2023 regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**
- **Commissioner Leerar moved to approve the minutes from the January 9, 2024 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 Leerar moved to approve signature on Resolution 1-16-2024 A transferring \$29,412.50 Soehner Water Rights payment from Fund 10 to Fund 1 for 2023. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**
 - **Commissioner Gates moved to approve signature on Resolution 1-16-2024 B transferring \$5,000 from Fund 11 to Fund 21 for Landfill Post Closure costs for 2022 as presented. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous vote.**
 - **Commissioner Leerar moved to approve signature on Resolution 1-16-2024 E approving the transfer of \$92,204.43 from Fund 1 to Fund 22. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous vote.**
 - **Commissioner Gates moved to approve signature on Resolution 1-16-2024 F approving the transfer of \$168,308.69 from Fund 1 to Fund 20. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous vote.**
 - **Commissioner Leerar moved to approve signature on Resolution 1-16-2024 H approving participation in the Raise Grant. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous vote.**
 - **Commissioner Gates moved to approve signature on Resolution 1-16-2024 I approving the annual reorganization. Commissioner Leerar seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous vote.**
 - **Commissioner Gates moved to approve the 2024 Salary sheets as presented. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous vote.**
- *Department Reports* – The Commissioners received various department reports including an update on the administration of the Eastern Transportation Planning Region, discussion of business undertaken by the 911 Authority Board. The Commissioner's also discussed whether or not to peruse rain insurance for the 2024 Fair Night Show.

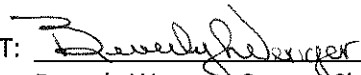


- *Correspondence* – Ritchey presented correspondence received since the last meeting including the 2024 Yuma County Parade Budget, County Health Pool Designation for 2024 and the Assessor's Contract for Commercial Appraisals.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m. The next regular meetings of the Board of County Commissioners will be on January 29, 2024.


Mike Leerar, Chairman


Brandi Ritchey, Administrator

ATTEST: 
Beverly Wenger, County Clerk

