

YUMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
February 29, 2024
Minutes¹

On February 29, 2024 at 8:00 a.m., the Yuma County Board of Commissioners met in regular session. Chairman Mike Leerar, Commissioner Scott Weaver, 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 Pam Zuege presented for signature, the Temporary Liquor License Permit for Dawna Hastings and Zane Hastings dba Jo's Liquor.

Commissioner Weaver moved to sign the Temporary Liquor License Permit for Dawna Hastings and Zane Hastings dba Jo's Liquor. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.

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.

- *Soil Conservation* – Chester Zwirn and Bob Rogers joined the group to talk about snow fences around the county. Zwirn suggested the county purchase trees from the Soil Conservation district and use them as snow fence to help keep snow off of the roads in the winter. The group discussed budget constraints and agreed that this is a good idea that warrants further discussion
- *Permits* – Andersen presented four Special Transportation Permits for Black Gold Energy Service LLC to be ratified. **Commissioner Weaver moved to ratify the signatures on the four Special Transportation Permits for Black Gold Energy Service to transport a cooler and a compressor. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.** The group also discussed reevaluating the fee structure for Heavy and Overweight Permits.
- *Budget* – Andersen provided a periodic budget report for the board to review.
- *Efficiency* – Lorimer provided an efficiency report for the Blade Crew. Andersen and Lorimer are utilizing a time off calendar to make sure areas are still being covered while employees are on vacation.
- *Settling Pond* – The Road and Bridge crew cleaned out the Settling Pond at the Fairgrounds. Andersen has pulled out about 4 feet of material that has washed in to the pond.
- *Road Report* – Lorimer provided a road report on the work that has and is being done on county roads. County Road BB and 58 is completed by the Ferguson Ponds. The ditches were shaved down to prevent moisture from pooling on the road. County Road JJ has been elevated and is getting top coated with gravel now.
- *Bid* – The Commissioners received one bid for the Road Groomer. **Commissioner Gates moved to approve a \$5,000 bid from the Town of Eckley for the Road Groomer. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.**

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



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 as well as the Child welfare team were present. The Child Welfare Team recently received special recognition from the Colorado Office of Children, Youth and Families for the exceptional service they provide. One team member, Brandi Brophy, was recognized for going above and beyond in her duties. The commissioners thanked the entire team for their service to the community. 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.

Fairgrounds

At 10:30 a.m. the Commissioners were joined by Finance Officer, Sarah Carwin who was filling in for Fairgrounds Manager Carmen Murray to discuss advertising for the upcoming fair, and projects that need to be completed at the fairgrounds. The group discussed where to have the expenditures come from for roof repair and insulation installation.

Commissioner Weaver moved to have the Fair Office roof repair and the Home Ec. building repairs be spent out of Fund 6, the Conservation Trust Fund. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.

Yuma County Clerk

At 11:00 a.m. the Commissioners were joined by Beverly Wenger to discuss department updates. Wenger presented a resolution to close her office for Election Day. Wenger also presented information on a grant she has applied for. The Grant will help cover maintenance fees for 3 years on recording equipment and help pay for Doc Alert. Wenger also stated that she has paused on hiring employees for the time being. The group discussed whether or not the Commissioner's should take over Liquor Licensing.

RRWCD

At 11:30 a.m. the Commissioners met with Robin Liming and Deb Daniels from RRWCD. The group discussed an upcoming fee structure change. There is also a map being created to show what irrigated acres have been retired in the Southfork Focus Zone. Among other topics discussed were the Compact Compliance Pipeline Expansion, Yuma County Conservation District Grazing program. For the Acreage Retirement Program, there have been over 12,000 acres retired in the South Zone.

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.

- **DEV 0224-03 for Engie IR Holding, LLC** is proposing to install a temporary meteorological tower on an approximately 1.94- acre footprint located in Section 21, Township 5 South, Range 47 West.
- **DEV 0224-04 for Engie IR Holding, LLC** is proposing to install a temporary meteorological tower on an approximately 1.94- acre footprint located in Section 28, Township 4 South, Range 48 West.
- **EFS 0224-06 for Colton Kruse**, looking to divide a 2.08 -acre parcel from a 3.62 -acre (+/-) parcel located in Section 21, Township 1 North, Range 44 West.



- **EFS 0224-07 for Clarence and Darla McDonald**, looking to divide a 20 -acre parcel from a 440 -acre (+/-) parcel located in Section 21, Township 5 South, Range 45 West.
- **EFS 0224-08 for Jesus Cortes**, looking to divide a 5.08 -acre parcel from a 15.78 -acre (+/-) parcel located in Section 3, Township 1 North, Range 44 West.

Land Use Hearings closed at 1:32 p.m.

Commissioner Weaver moved to approve signature on Resolution 02/29/2024 B, approving Development Permit for Engie IR Holding, LLC proposing to install a temporary meteorological tower on an approximately 1.94- acre footprint located in Section 21, Township 5 South, Range 47 West. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Weaver moved to approve signature on Resolution 02/29/2024 C, approving Development Permit for Engie IR Holding, LLC proposing to install a temporary meteorological tower on an approximately 1.94- acre footprint located in Section 28, Township 4 South, Range 48 West. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Weaver moved to approve signature on Resolution 02/29/2024 D approving Exemption from Subdivision Application EFS 0224-06 for Colton Kruse, looking to divide a 2.08 -acre parcel from a 3.62 -acre (+/-) parcel located in Section 21, Township 1 North, Range 44 West. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Weaver moved to approve signature on Resolution 02/29/2024 E approving Exemption from Subdivision Application EFS 0224-07 for Clarence and Darla McDonald, looking to divide a 20 -acre parcel from a 440 -acre (+/-) parcel located in Section 21, Township 5 South, Range 45 West. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Weaver moved to approve signature on Resolution 02/29/2024 F approving Exemption from Subdivision Application EFS 0224-08 for Permit for Jesus Cortes, looking to divide a 5.08 -acre parcel from a 15.78 -acre (+/-) parcel located in Section 3, Township 1 North, Range 44 West. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.

Yuma County Treasurer

At 2:00 p.m. the Commissioners were joined by Chrystal Hammond and Sarah Carwin to discuss the Junior Livestock bank account. There is \$500.00 remaining in the account that is not being used. Carwin will cut a check for the remaining balance of \$500.00 to be deposited in to the 2% 4H bank account. Hammond and Ritchey will put together a Resolution to close the Junior Livestock bank account. Hammond gave updates on tax collecting for Omimex. Tax statements have been printed and will be sent out soon. Hammond also presented a resolution to update the signers on the Fair Parade bank account held and Bank of Colorado.

Commissioner Weaver moved to approve signature on Resolution 2-29-2024 A to update signers on the Bank of Colorado Fair Parade Account. Commissioner Gates 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:

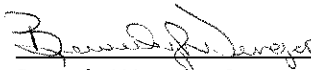
- *Minutes* – The Commissioners reviewed the minutes from the previous BOCC meetings. **Commissioner Gates moved to approve the minutes from the February 16 2024 regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**
- *CAPP Report & Claim Review* – The Commissioners heard information on pending CAPP and workers' compensation claims.
 - Ritchey reported on recent CAPP Claims. Two pickup claims, one grader claim and a car port destroyed during a storm have been wrapped up.
- *Signatures and Ratifications* –
 - Resolutions/Ordinances/Signatures:
 - **Commissioner Gates moved to approve signature on a rental contract with RockIT Event Pros. To rent numerous activities for children and families to participate in during the 2024 Yuma County Fair. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous vote.**
 - **Commissioner Gates moved to approve signature on the 2024 HUTF Mileage Certification with the State of Colorado. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion and it passed by a unanimous vote.**
 - **Commissioner Weaver moved to approve signature on a Lease Agreement Contract between the Yuma County Board of Commissioners and MGM 6, LLC, to lease Mineable Property. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.**
 - **Commissioner Gates moved to approve signature on Ron Brown's monthly CDMVA Monthly report. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion which 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. Ritchey reported that there has been no letters of interest submitted for the Fair Board.
- *Correspondence* – Ritchey presented correspondence received since the last meeting including scheduling a Special Meeting with Dana Foley from CTSI on May 7th, discussion on current immigration concerns and an e-mail from the Western & Rural Local Government Coalition (WRLG). WRLG monitors rulemaking and prepares and providing testimony and advocacy for certain rule provisions and against others to ensure adopted oil and gas rules are appropriately effective in protection of sensitive resources while also not inequitably harming viability of continued oil and gas activity in our more rural western and eastern Colorado
 - **Commissioner Weaver moved to donate \$5,000.00 to WRLG. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.**

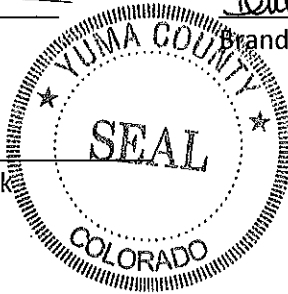


There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m. The next regular meetings of the Board of County Commissioners will be on February 29, 2024.


Mike Leerar, Chairman


Brandi Ritchey, Administrator

ATTEST: 
Beverly Wenger, County Clerk



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF YUMA, STATE OF COLORADO**

RESOLUTION NO. 02-29-2024 A

A RESOLUTION UPDATING AUTHORIZED SIGNERS FOR ACCOUNTS HELD AT BANK OF COLORADO

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Yuma County, State of Colorado, has convened a duly and lawfully called regular meeting on the 29th day of February, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-134) and Yuma County Financial Auditor McMahan and Associates, LLC require; and,

WHEREAS, Bank of Colorado has been designated as a depository for various accounts with authorized signers updated via varied resolutions; and,


WHEREAS, a comprehensive record of authorized signers for all accounts held is desired by the County and Bank alike,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board hereby recognized the attached list of Yuma County employees as authorized to withdraw funds on deposit at Bank of Colorado as delineated as per the attached list, considered Appendix A to this Resolution.

The above and foregoing Resolution was, on motion duly made and seconded, adopted by unanimous vote of the Yuma County Board of Commissioners on the 29th day of February, 2024.

MOVED, READ, AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Yuma, State of Colorado, at its regular meeting held on the 29th day of February, 2024. The above and foregoing Resolution was, on a motion duly made and seconded, adopted by unanimous vote of the Board of County Commissioners.

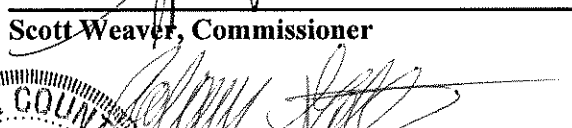
**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF YUMA COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO**



Mike Leerar, Chairman



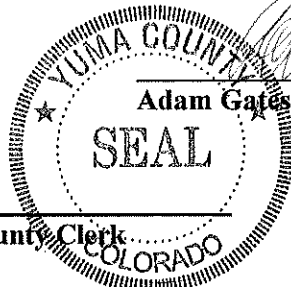
Scott Weaver, Commissioner



Adam Gates, Commissioner

ATTEST: 

Beverly A. Wenger, County Clerk





ACCOUNT NAME ON ACCOUNT AUTHORIZED SIGNERS ADDRESS

1	4202002704	YUMA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FAIR ASSOCIATION	SCOTT WEAVER, MIKE LEERAR, ADAM GATES, CARMEN MURRAY, CHRYSTAL HAMMOND, KIMBERLY GAUL	310 ASH ST STE A WRAY CO 80758
2	4202002712	YUMA CO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS YUMA COUNTY FAIR PARADE	SCOTT WEAVER, MIKE LEERAR, ADAM GATES, CHRYSTAL HAMMOND, KIMBERLY GAUL, TYLER ALLEN, TREIA MEANS	310 ASH ST STE A WRAY CO 80758
3	4210097646	YUMA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FAIR QUEEN	SCOTT WEAVER, MIKE LEERAR, ADAM GATES, CHRYSTAL HAMMOND, KIMBERLY GAUL, MICHELLE R SMITH, KACI PORTER	310 ASH ST STE A WRAY CO 80758
4	4202003889	YUMA COUNTY JUNIOR LIVESTOCK	SCOTT WEAVER, MIKE LEERAR, ADAM GATES, CHRYSTAL HAMMOND, KIMBERLY GAUL	310 ASH ST STE A WRAY CO 80758
5	4202002712	LIVESTOCK SALE COMMITTEE ACCOUNT	SCOTT WEAVER, MIKE LEERAR, ADAM GATES, CHRYSTAL HAMMOND, KIMBERLY GAUL, LORI HOFFNER, SHAWNA FONTE	310 ASH ST STE A WRAY CO 80758

BOC Signers

Resolution 02-29-2024 A

Appendix A