



YUMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
March 28, 2024
Minutes¹

On March 28, 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 Nancy Wright presented for signature, the Colorado Retail Liquor License Application for Dawna Hastings and Zane Hastings dba Jo's Liquor.

Commissioner Weaver moved to sign the Colorado Retail Liquor License Application 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.

- *Heating Repairs* – Andersen presented a quote to replace the heating units at the Yuma shop. The quote had an option for tube heaters or a unit heater. The group discussed which long term choice would be the better option. Andersen is going to get a quote on natural gas heat for the BOCC to review.
- *Road Closure*– Burlington Northern reported to Road and Bridge that the Railroad crossing at County Road RR and Highway 34 will be closed on April 8th and April 9th for repairs.
- *Road Report* – Andersen provided a current road report. Stop signs have been replaced North and South bound County Road N and County Road 43. Hole patching is complete on County Road 51 and 54. Next the road crew will be top coating in the Clarksville area on County Road 50 and 52.
- *Budget* – The group looked over the current revenue and expenditure report. There was discussion about the outsourced repair line. Commissioner Weaver would like Andersen to put together a report to show the cost of maintaining county roads.
- *Efficiency Report* – Andersen presented an efficiency report for the blade crew. There was discussion of hiring another blade employee to fill in the gaps when current employees take time off. A part time truck driver is moving to full time on April 1st.

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 and Bookkeeper Melanie Fisher. 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.

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



VCISO Interview

At 10:30 a.m. the Commissioners held an interview for the VCISO position. **Commissioner Weaver moved to hire the applicant at \$1,450/ month PT Salary with review of the salary after accreditation. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous vote. Commissioner Weaver moved to pay Ron Brown \$900 per month for two months through May to assist with the new hire transition. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous vote.**

Finance Office

At 11:00 a.m. the Commissioners were joined by Sarah Carwin and Fairground Manager Carmen Murray to discuss department updates. Discussion was had about Fair associated bank accounts. Carwin also discussed a Resolution for Road Impact Fees. The last has been invoiced for that resolution. Carwin and Ritchey are going to schedule a meeting with that company to hopefully negotiate extending the resolution for future road impact fees. The group discussed ticket pricing for the rodeo events. Ticket prices will be \$17.00 for Grandstands and 600 tickets will be offered for standing room at \$20.00. Murray will be looking into wrist bands to separate the Standing Room tickets from Grandstand tickets for the night show and rodeo.

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 0224-05 for Skyway Towers, LLC** is proposing a new telecommunications facility, located in Section 9, Township 5 South, Range 46 West. *(continued from February 20, 2024 meeting)*
- **EFS 0324-01 for Shay Realty 401k**, looking to divide four (4) separate 6.9 -acre (+/-) parcels from a 55.17 -acre (+/-) parcel located in Section 2, Township 1 North, Range 45 West.
- **EFS 0324-02 for Spuds & Suds LLC**, looking to divide a 13.29 -acre (+/-) parcel from a 129 -acre (+/-) parcel located in Section 3, Township 2 North, Range 42 West.
- **EFS 0324-03 for Aaron and Holli Frank**, looking to divide a 3.04 -acre (+/-) parcel from a 160 -acre (+/-) parcel located in Section 26, Township 5 South, Range 47 West.
- **ADM 0324-06 for Roy Mekelburg**, looking to adjust the lot line to clear a pivot sprinkler, located in Section 25, Township 3 North, Range 48 West.

At 4:00p.m. Commissioner Gates moved to close the public hearing and enter into Executive Session for a conference with County Attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions under C.R.S. Section 24-6-(4)(b); Present for the conference were Commissioner Leerar, Commissioner Weaver, Commissioner Gates, County Administrator Brandi Ritchey, County Attorney Ken Fellman and Land Use Administrator Niki Alexander. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.

At 4:23 Commissioner Gates moved to exit executive session and return to the public hearing. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.

At 4:34 Commissioner Weaver moved to close the public hearing. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.



Commissioner Weaver moved to approve Development Permit DEV 0224-05 for Skyway Towers, LLC, proposing a new telecommunications facility, located in Section 9, Township 5 South, Range 46 West, with stipulations read off during the hearing and set forth in Resolution 03/28/2024 A which will be prepared by Attorney Ken Fellman and Land Use Administrator Niki Alexander. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.

At 4:57 Commissioner Weaver moved to open public hearing for the other Land Use hearings. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

At 5:19 Commissioner Weaver moved to close public hearing for the other Land Use hearings. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Gates moved to approve signature on Resolution 03/28/2024 B, approving Exemption from Subdivision Application EFS 0324-01 for Shay Realty 401k, looking to divide four (4) separate 6.9 - acre (+/-) parcels from a 55.17 -acre (+/-) parcel located in Section 2, Township 1 North, Range 45 West. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Gates moved to approve signature on Resolution 03/28/2024 C approving Exemption from Subdivision Application EFS 0324-02 for Spuds & Suds LLC, looking to divide a 13.29 -acre (+/-) parcel from a 129 -acre (+/-) parcel located in Section 3, Township 2 North, Range 42 West. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Gates moved to approve signature on Resolution 03/28/2024 D approving Exemption from Subdivision Application EFS 0324-03 for Aaron and Holli Frank, looking to divide a 3.04 -acre (+/-) parcel from a 160 -acre (+/-) parcel located in Section 26, Township 5 South, Range 47 West. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Gates moved to approve signature on Resolution 03/28/2024 E approving Administrative Land Use Permit ADM 0324-06 for Permit for Roy Mekelburg, looking to adjust the lot line to clear a pivot sprinkler, located in Section 25, Township 3 North, Range 48 West. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.

Administrator's Report

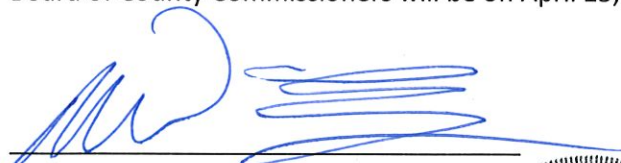
Administrator Brandi Ritchey reviewed calls, correspondence, and presented the following for discussion and action:

- *Minutes* – The Commissioners reviewed the minutes from the previous BOCC meetings. **Commissioner Gates moved to approve the minutes from the March 12, 2024 regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**
- *Signatures and Ratifications* –
 - Resolutions/Ordinances/Signatures:
 - **Commissioner Weaver moved to approve signature on Ron Brown's monthly CDMVA Monthly report. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.**

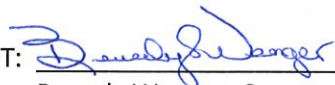


- **Commissioner Weaver moved to ratify Commissioner Leerar's signature on the Electronic Recording Technology Board Grant for the Clerk and Records Office. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion and it passed by a unanimous vote.**
 - **Commissioner Gates moved to approve signature on the Lease Agreement between the BOCC and Bonanza Ford for the 2024 Rodeo Queen's pickup. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.**
 - **Commissioner Gates moved to approve signature to participate in the Innovative Housing Strategies Intergovernmental Agreement. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote**
 - **Commissioner Weaver moved to ratify signature on the Road & Bridge Underground Utility Permit for Doug Sessions Construction to bore parallel to the East side of County Road HH 1,185 feet North of the intersection at County Road 26. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.**
- *Department Reports* – The Commissioners discussed departmental updates including ETPR Administration and business undertaken by the 911 Authority Board. Ritchey is going to schedule a GoTo Meeting with the Washington County Commissioners to discuss the combination of the 911 Authority and Washington-Yuma Combined Communication Boards.
 - *Correspondence* – Ritchey presented correspondence received since the last meeting including multiple donation requests, discussion about the VOIP invoices which will be paid out of the Fund 09. The BOCC would like Murray to talk with Blessings for Hope and see how many days and what facilities they are requesting to use at the Fairgrounds. The VOIP installation charges will be spent from Fund 09 where the Chiller Pump has been budgeted. Ritchey reported that she is going to have the maintenance team find a company to inspect the ADA Parking to ensure that all striping is accurate.
 - **Commissioner Weaver moved to donate \$1,000.00 to the Grassroots Community Center. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.**
 - **Commissioner Weaver moved to approve that Rhonda Pletcher borrow the bleachers at the Fairgrounds for her dog training class. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m. The next regular meetings of the Board of County Commissioners will be on April 15, 2024.


Mike Leerar, Chairman


Brandi Ritchey, Administrator

ATTEST: 
Beverly Wenger, County Clerk

