The Yuma County Board of Supervisors met in a regular session on March 16, 2026. The meeting was held at 197 South Main Street, Yuma, Arizona.

CALL TO ORDER: At 9:00 a.m., Chairman Porchas convened the Board of Supervisors in open session, also sitting as the board of directors of all special taxing districts where noted. Supervisors present were: Martin Porchas, Jonathan W. Lines, Darren Simmons, and Lynne Pancrazi. Marco A. (Tony) Reyes was excused.

Others present were: County Administrator Ian McGaughey; Deputy County Administrator Josh Scott; Deputy County Attorney Keisa Morrison; Deputy County Attorney Jessica Holzer; Economic Development & Intergovernmental Affairs Administrative Director Alejandro Figueroa; and Clerk of the Board Desiree Philipps.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Lines.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:
Call to the Public is held for public benefit to allow individuals to address issue(s) within the Board's jurisdiction. Board members may not discuss items that are not specifically identified on the agenda. Therefore, pursuant to Arizona Revised Statute §38-431.01(H), action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter, responding to criticism, or scheduling the matter for further discussion and decision at a future date. Public comments may be made in person or submitted by email at: publiccomment@yumacountyaz.gov The email forms of public comment will be accepted until 8:00 a.m. the morning of the meeting. All public comments will be read aloud during the Yuma County Board of Supervisors meeting that starts at 9:00 a.m.

1) Shanna Johnson, Superintendent of Mohawk Valley Elementary School, addressed the Board to express appreciation on behalf of the Mohawk Valley community for the recently completed Tacna park and the opportunity for students to participate in the ribbon-cutting ceremony. She specifically recognized Supervisor Simmons for his advocacy and efforts on behalf of the eastern Yuma County community. Ms. Johnson emphasized the importance of outdoor play for children and presented a poster signed by students as a token of gratitude.

   Following her remarks, Mr. Ian McGaughey expressed the County's appreciation for the school's participation in the event and noted the strong community engagement, highlighting that students were eager to remain on the playground during the celebration. Mr. McGaughey presented certificates of recognition for the students and teachers involved.

PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS & APPOINTMENTS: Note: During this segment of the agenda, board members may discuss the presentations and proclamations, and may announce appointments to the Yuma County Planning and Zoning Commission and the Yuma County Board of Adjustment. No legal actions will be taken.

There were no appointments.

1. County Administration: Presentation by Yuma County Anti-Drug Coalition (YCADC) Executive Director Joanne Fiser and Arizona Impact Center President/CEO Gina Thompson on YCADC impact.

Gina Thompson, President/CEO of the Arizona Impact Center, and Joanne Fiser, Executive Director of the Yuma County Anti-Drug Coalition (YCADC), appeared before the Board to present on the Coalition's work, with Ms. Thompson also acknowledging Ginny Legros (Mental Health Coalition) in attendance. Ms. Thompson introduced the YCADC as a comprehensive, community-wide effort focused on substance use prevention and mental health awareness, emphasizing its partnership with the Yuma County Public Health Services District. Drawing from her experience as a former superintendent, she highlighted the real and ongoing impacts of substance abuse on youth and families, noting the importance of prevention-focused initiatives such as YCADC in addressing these challenges.

Ms. Fiser provided an overview of the Coalition's structure and impact, explaining that YCADC was a collaborative network engaging 12 community sectors and has experienced approximately 600% growth since 2023, expanding from approximately 40 members to more than 350 participants statewide. She detailed measurable outcomes, including broad community outreach, increased engagement, and coordinated prevention efforts. Testimonials from community partners, including representatives from Community Bridges and Arizona Complete Health, were shared to illustrate the Coalition's effectiveness in fostering collaboration and expanding service reach.

Ms. Fiser also highlighted the successful revival of Yuma County Grad Night, a substance-free celebration for graduating seniors that had not been held for approximately ten years. She reported strong participation and community support, noting that over 3,600 seniors have attended since its return and emphasizing its role in providing a safe environment during a traditionally high-risk period. Public safety data presented indicated stable or decreasing DUI-related incidents and no increase in youth DUI arrests since the event's reinstatement.

Ms. Thompson concluded by reinforcing the importance of sustaining a countywide prevention effort and presented two primary requests to the Board: (1) consideration of ongoing support to sustain the Yuma County Anti-Drug Coalition as a long-term initiative, and (2) financial support for Grad Night to ensure equitable, no-cost access for all graduating seniors. She noted that funding could potentially align with existing resources, including opioid settlement funds, and emphasized that prevention efforts should be sustained independent of individual leadership.

Chairman Porchas acknowledged the success of the program and expressed appreciation for the volunteers and community partners contributing to these efforts, noting the value of continued investment in youth and community safety.

Mr. McGaughey indicated that current support for Grad Night 2026 was being provided through health district grant funding and that future funding considerations could be discussed at the Board's direction.

CONSENT CALENDAR: The following items listed under the Consent Agenda will be considered as a group and acted upon by one motion with no separate discussion, unless a Board Member so requests. In that event, the item will be removed from the Consent Calendar for separate discussion and action.

MOTION (SIMMONS/PANCRAZI): Approve consent items 1 – 22 as presented.

VOICE VOTE: The motion carried 4-0. Supervisor Reyes was excused.

The following items were approved on the consent calendar:

1. *Assessor:* Approve Tax Roll Corrections as listed in batch dated March 16, 2026, pursuant to A.R.S. Title 42, Chapter 16, Article VI.

2. *Financial Services:* a) Approve the Accounts Payable Demands issued in the total amount of $2,643,480.60 for the period of February 12, 2026, through February 20, 2026, inclusive of all county departments and Housing A/P batches; and, b) Approve Payroll issued in the amount of $2,535,365.53 for the pay period ending January 31, 2026, paid February 06, 2026. *(Payroll data is available via a Request For Public Records submitted to the Office of the Yuma County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors. Request form is available on the web at https://www.yumacountyaz.gov/government/county-administrator.)*

DATE	TYPE	WARRANTS TOTAL
02/06/2026	Payroll – Check	$1,090.08
02/06/2026	Payroll – Direct Deposit	$2,534,275.45
02/12/2026	Accounts Payable	$901,418.26
02/19/2026	Accounts Payable	$554,835.33
02/13/2026	AP E-Payments	$740,246.57
02/20/2026	AP E-Payments	$376,665.58
HOUSING:		
02/18/2026	UR Checks	$66.00
02/18/2026	AP's Checks	$69,795.69
02/04/2026	SEC 8 Checks	$453.17
	TOTAL:	$5,178,846.13

3. *Clerk of the Board:* Approve the minutes for the February 19, 2026 Regular Session.

4. *County Administration:* Authorize the County Administrator, or their designee, to enter into an agreement with MSS Business Transformation Advisory, Inc utilizing Arizona state contract CTR062609 in a total amount not to exceed $150,000.00 for ongoing strategic IT services, subject to legal review.

5. *County Administration:* Authorize the sale of one Tax Deeded Property (Assessor's Parcel No. 186-32-013) to Wellton-Mohawk Irrigation and Drainage District in the amount of $1,000.00

6. *County Administration/Elections:* Approve and authorize the Election Services Director, or their designee, to sign the Runbeck agreement on behalf of Yuma County for a term of five years, subject to legal review.

7. *County Administration/Elections:* Establish Vote Center sites for the Primary Election on July 21, 2026, and General Election on November 3, 2026, as listed in Exhibit A, and authorize the Election Services Director, or their designee, to make substitutions or additions to the Vote Center sites as necessary.

8. *County Administration/Grants:* a) Authorize Yuma County Administration—Grants Division to submit a funding application to the Gila River Indian Community Grant Opportunity for the School Superintendent School Program in the amount up to $200,000; b) Adopt Resolution No. 2026-12 authorizing the submission of the application and certifications to apply, and; c) Authorize the School Superintendent to accept the award, enter into a contract, and sign all documents pertaining to the grant if awarded, subject to legal review.

9. *County Administration/Grants:* a) Authorize Yuma County Administration-Grants to submit a funding proposal for the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) for FY 2027-2028-2029 grant cycle for the Ferguson Lateral Multi-Purpose Pathway Project, West Main Canal to 5th Street, and b) Approve the required 5.7% local match from the General Fund, contingent upon grant award, and, c) Authorize the Chairman to sign the letter of commitment confirming the County's local match.

10. *Engineering:* Adopt and authorize the Chairman to sign Resolution 2026-13 to regulate the speed of vehicles on Somerton Avenue, establishing a 35 mph speed limit on the north leg of County 15th Street and Somerton Avenue and also on the south leg of County 17th Street and Somerton Avenue, subject to legal review.

11. *Facilities Management:* Approve the following appointment and reappointments for seats on the Yuma County Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission with terms to expire March 31, 2030: reappoint James Jones, District 1; reappoint Rosalie Lines, District 2; appoint Blake Croutch, District 3; and reappoint Althea Evans, District 5.

12. *Facilities Management:* Approve and authorize the Facilities Management Director, or their designee, to sign a contract with Classic Lightning Protection, Inc., utilizing Arizona State Contract No. CTR073968/M24-0028, in the amount of $204,942.96 for the reinstallation and certification of the Juvenile Justice Center lightning protection system, subject to legal review.

13. *Human Resources:* Approve Option 2 for the 2026/27 plan year rates for the Yuma County Employee Benefit Trust (YCEBT) Medical Plan, effective July 1, 2026.

14. *Justice Courts:* Approve the appointment of Danae Figueroa as full-time Justice of the Peace Pro Tempore to serve in the Justice Court Precinct One from March 23, 2026, through June 30, 2026.

15. *Justice Courts:* Approve the appointment of Judge Enrique Medina Ochoa as part-time on-call Justice of the Peace Pro Tempore for the Justice Courts in Yuma County effective March 23, 2026, through June 30, 2026.

16. *Recorder:* Approve and authorize the County Recorder, or their designee, to sign the agreement between Yuma County and Runbeck Election Services, LLC to provide ballot printing and mailing services for early voting, to expire on March 13, 2027, subject to legal review.

17. *Recorder:* Authorize the County Recorder to process payment in the amount of $110,000 to USPS for the mailing costs and return mail fees associated with the 90-day notices, Primary Ballots, and the increase in voter ID cards for the 2026 election.

18. *Public Works:* a) Approve Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. 23-144-28 between the Yuma County Department of Public Works and Arizona Department of Corrections to increase the rate of pay for inmate labor from current rate of $0.50 per hour to $1.50 per hour to include approved extra hours, if applicable, as authorized by the Department, and; b) Authorize the Public Works Director, or their designee, to execute all contract documentation, contingent upon review by legal counsel.

19. *Public Works:* As the Yuma County Board of Supervisors a) Accept the Petition to Establish and Petition to Incur Expense with signatures, as verified, to establish a County Improvement District for Las Barrancas No. 2, and to provide for maintenance of the district improvements; b) In accordance with A.R.S. § 48-901 et seq declare the Las Barrancas No. 2 County Improvement District formed, and authorize the Chairman to sign the Order Establishing the District; and, c) Authorize the establishment of a new fund number.

20. *Public Works:* As the Board of Directors of Yuma County Improvement District No. 2022-02 (Orange Grove-Rancho Mesa Verde), a) Award the contract for bond counsel professional services to Gust Rosenfeld P.L.C. in connection with the District's Sanitary Sewer Project at their proposed fee of $325,000; and b) Authorize the Superintendent of Streets to execute the bond counsel professional services contract, subject to legal counsel review.

21. *Sheriff's Office:* Award the bid for Psychiatrist Nurse Practitioner services at the Yuma County Jail to Adelphi Staffing LLC and authorize the Sheriff, or their designee, to negotiate and enter into a contract, subject to legal review.

22. *Sheriff's Office:* Award the bid of Nurse Practitioner for the Yuma County Jail to Adrian J. Estrada, MSN, FNP-C, AGACNP-BC and authorize the Sheriff, or their designee, to negotiate and enter into a contract, subject to legal review.

DISCUSSION REGARDING LEGISLATIVE ISSUES:

1. *County Administration:* Discussion and possible action regarding State and Federal legislative updates, which may include international issues, status of bills affecting Yuma County, timelines and composition of the legislatures, and legislative strategies and priorities.

Mr. Alejandro Figueroa provided a brief update and PowerPoint presentation concerning State, Federal and International updates. He shared an overview and briefly discussed the following:

STATE

- Session Pace and Key Deadlines
- State Legislative Items to Watch: SB1419; HB2324; HB2116; HCR2016

FEDERAL

- Housing Legislation Update

During the legislative update, Mr. Figueroa reported that the Board had previously directed staff to oppose HCR 2016, a resolution currently advancing to the Senate Judiciary and Elections Committee. The measure would significantly impact county election operations by increasing costs by an estimated $7 million and imposing additional administrative requirements. Specifically, it would limit precincts to no more than 2,500 registered voters, effectively eliminate countywide voting centers, and require formal election boards at each polling location, thereby increasing the need for personnel, equipment, and coordination. Yuma County was currently the only county publicly opposing the measure, although statewide associations have also expressed opposition. The County's lobbyist will attend the committee hearing to represent its position. Mr. Figueroa noted the bill was likely to advance but that staff would continue monitoring and advocating against it or for accompanying funding to avoid an unfunded mandate.

Additionally, he provided an update on a recent visit to San Luis for the groundbreaking of the port of entry project on the Mexico side, attended by local and state officials. Construction on the Mexican side was anticipated to take approximately 12 months. On the U.S. side, the first phase of the San Luis port of entry expansion was expected to be completed later in March, with additional lanes prepared for opening.

EVENTS CALENDAR/CURRENT EVENTS:

1. Board members and County Administrator will report on events attended or to be attended on behalf of the County, may present a brief summary of current events and may update the schedule for future Board of Supervisors meetings, as appropriate. No legal action will be taken, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.02(K).

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Regular Session was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Adopted this 6th day of April, 2026.

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Martin Porchas, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Desiree Philipps, Clerk of the Board

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