

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS 1

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Morgan County Board of Social/Human Services
Minutes of Meeting
February 20, 2024**

As reflected in posted agenda:

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The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met on Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 9:04 a.m. with Chairman Mark Arndt, Commissioner Jon Becker and Commissioner Gordon Westhoff in attendance. Chairman Arndt asked Tim Amen, Morgan County Assessor to lead the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

At this time, the Board convened as the Morgan County Board of Social/Human Services. Chairman Arndt noted that Jacque Frenier, Morgan County Department of Human Services Director, and Accounting Manager Susan Nitzel were present.

Consideration of Approval –DHS Minutes dated January 23, 2024

Chairman Arndt presented for review and approval the Department of Human Services Minutes dated January 23, 2024. A motion was made by Commissioner Becker to approve the minutes as presented with Commissioner Westhoff seconding the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Consideration of Approval – DHS WARRANTS – December 2023

Susan Nitzel, Accounting Manager presented to the Board for their review and approval the Department of Human Services Warrants for the month of December 2023. Ms. Nitzel summarized the operating warrants as being a total of \$261,092.22 for operating costs and direct deposits for payroll were \$224,413.25, which totaled \$485,505.47. Ms. Nitzel stated that a little more was spent from November to December and was mostly in operation costs.

Commissioner Westhoff made the motion to approve the warrants as presented for December 2023 in the amount of \$485,505.47 as presented and authorized the Chairman to sign with Commissioner Becker seconding the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Consideration of Approval – DHS CERTIFICATION OF PROVIDER AND VENDOR BENEFIT AUTHORIZATIONS – December 2023

Susan Nitzel, Accounting Manager presented to the Board for their review and approval the Department of Human Services Certification of Provider and Vendor Benefit Authorizations for December 2023. Ms. Nitzel summarized the Certification of Provider and Vendor Benefit Authorizations indicating the monthly total of \$911,915.43. Ms. Nitzel stated that costs went down from November mostly due to the LEAP program and the childcare program. She noted that from year to year, they are down \$1.9 million dollars of which \$1.5 million was the school lunch program which is funded at different times throughout the year.

Commissioner Becker made the motion to approve the Certification of Provider and Vendor Benefits as presented for December 2023 in the amount of \$911,915.43 as presented and authorized the Chairman to sign, with Commissioner Westhoff seconding the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Ms. Frenier noted that requirements from before the Covid-19 pandemic were returning which is affecting eligibility of some people which has resulted in further interactions between affected citizens and staff.

There being no further business, the Board stood in recess at 9:11 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin Strauch
Clerk to the Board

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MORGAN COUNTY, COLORADO**

s/ Mark A. Arndt
Mark A. Arndt, Chairman

s/Jon J. Becker
Jon J. Becker, Commissioner

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s/ Gordon H. Westhoff
Gordon H. Westhoff, Commissioner

s/ Jacque Frenier
Jacque Frenier, Human Services Director

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

s/ Kevin Strauch
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The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 9:12 a.m. Chairman Mark Arndt, Commissioner Jon Becker, and Commissioner Gordon Westhoff were in attendance.

CITIZEN'S COMMENT

There was no citizen comment provided.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval of meeting minutes dated February 6, 2024.
2. Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval of Request for Waiver of Rental Fees for Colorado Foundation for Agriculture, signed February 12, 2024.
3. Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval of Request for Waiver of Rental Fees for Brush Chamber of Commerce, signed February 9, 2024.
4. Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval of Request for Waiver of Rental Fees for Morgan County Republicans, signed February 14, 2024.
5. Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval of Contract 2024 CNT 027, Viaero Wireless, Term of Contract January 2, 2024 through January 1, 2025.
6. Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval of Contract 2024 CNT 028, Visible Digital Solutions, LLC, Term of Contract One Year Subscribed Services to be Renewed Annually.
7. Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval of Contract 2024 CNT 029, Steve Sharp Crane & Rigging, Term of Contract February 2, 2024 through completion of work.
8. Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval of Contract 2022 CNT 126 Renewal, American Environmental Consulting, LLC, Term of Contract January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.
9. Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval on assignment of debt collections to Wakefield and Associates, Client #232006.
10. Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval on assignment of debt collections to Wakefield and Associates, Client #232523, #232519, #232761, #232685, #232652, #232502, #232559, # 232513, #232372, #232396, # 232818, #232827, #232651, #232531, #231153, #232568, #232482A, #232556, #232741, #232555, #232598, #232572, #232774, #232721, #232541, #232445, #232416, #232417, #232665.
11. Ratify Chairman Mark Arndt's signature on Colorado Beer and Wine License Renewal Application for The Last Stand, signed January 31, 2024.
12. Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval of Lease Agreement for Rental Property Located at 602 Ellsworth Street, Brush, Colorado 80723, signed February 1, 2024.
13. Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval of Resolution 2024 BCC 08, A Resolution Granting a Special Use Permit to Taelor Solar 1, LLC for a Battery Energy Storage Facility.
14. Ratify Chairman Mark Arndt's signature on January 2024 Morgan County Warrants, signed February 5, 2024.
15. Ratify Chairman Mark Arndt's signature on Morgan County Treasurer and Public Trustee Quarterly Report, 4th Quarter, dated February 1, 2024.
16. Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval of Contract 2024 CNT 029, Steve Sharp Crane & Rigging, Term of Contract February 2, 2024 through completion of work.
17. Ratify the Board of County Commissioner's Signatures on Additional Funds Approval for Morgan County DHS Drainage Correction Project, to be Completed by Duck Down Masonry and Tile (Scott Brindisi)
18. Ratify Chairman Mark Arndt's signature on Morgan County Compliance Audit with Watson Coon Ryan, signed February 15, 2024.

At this time, Commissioner Westhoff made a motion to approve items 1-18 as presented; Commissioner Becker seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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There was no unfinished business.

GENERAL BUSINESS AND ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

There was no general business or administrative items.

COUNTY OFFICIAL AND DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Tim Amen, Morgan County Assessor stated that there is a Property Tax Commission meeting that he encourages elected officials and citizens to attend and be involved in. The meeting will be held at Morgan Community College in the Founder's Room at ten in the morning on Saturday, February 24th.

Kevin Strauch, Morgan County Clerk and Recorder noted that the Presidential Primary Election has begun and approximately 1,000 ballots have been returned so far.

Commissioners reviewed the calendar dated February 16, 2024 through February 27, 2024 with no changes.

Being no further business the meeting was then adjourned at 9:19 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin Strauch
Clerk to the Board

(Minutes ratified March 5, 2024)

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MORGAN COUNTY, COLORADO

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Mark A. Arndt, Chairman

s/ Jon J. Becker
Jon J. Becker, Commissioner

s/ Gordon H. Westhoff
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