

# COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS 1

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
Morgan County Board of Social/Human Services  
Minutes of Meeting  
March 19, 2024**

As reflected in posted agenda:

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The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met on Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at 9:05 a.m. with Chairman Mark Arndt and Commissioner Gordon Westhoff in attendance and Commissioner Jon Becker was absent. Chairman Arndt asked Morgan County Finance Director, Lori Crispin 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 February 20, 2024**

Chairman Arndt presented for review and approval the Department of Human Services Minutes dated February 20, 2024. A motion was made by Commissioner Westhoff to approve the minutes as presented with Chairman Arndt seconding the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

#### **Consideration of Approval – DHS WARRANTS – January 2024**

Susan Nitzel, Accounting Manager presented to the Board for their review and approval the Department of Human Services Warrants for the month of January 2024. Ms. Nitzel summarized the operating warrants as being a total of \$267,593.33 for operating costs and direct deposits for payroll were \$216,800.81, which totaled \$514,394.14. Ms. Nitzel stated that \$36,000 more was spent in January from December which was under the program costs, contracts and grants. Ms. Nitzel explained that this is due to December being the end of the quarter and all the invoices were submitted.

Commissioner Westhoff made the motion to approve the warrants as presented for January 2024 in the amount of \$514,394.14 as presented and authorized the Chairman to sign with Chairman Arndt seconding the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

#### **Consideration of Approval – DHS CERTIFICATION OF PROVIDER AND VENDOR BENEFIT AUTHORIZATIONS – January 2024**

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 January 2024. Ms. Nitzel summarized the Certification of Provider and Vendor Benefit Authorizations indicating the monthly total of \$885,473.24. Ms. Nitzel stated from December \$26,000 less was spent which was in that was in the food stamp program and LEAP. From a year ago there was a decrease of \$452,000 which was mainly in the food stamp program.

Commissioner Westhoff made the motion to approve the Certification of Provider and Vendor Benefits as presented for January 2024 in the amount of \$885,473.24 as presented and authorized the Chairman to sign, with Chairman Arndt seconding the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Ms. Frenier stated that April is Child Abuse Prevention month and there will be a few activities there will also be a proclamation presented as well.

There being no further business, the Board stood in recess at 9:12 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Randee Aleman  
Deputy Clerk to the Board

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

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

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

# 2 COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

s/ Jacque Frenier  
Jacque Frenier, Human Services Director

(SEAL)

**ATTEST:**

s/ Kevin Strauch  
Kevin Strauch

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The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at 9:14 a.m. Chairman Mark Arndt, and Commissioner Gordon Westhoff were in attendance and Commissioner Jon Becker was absent.

## CITIZEN'S COMMENT

Mark Goedert of 108 N. 49<sup>th</sup> Avenue Place Greeley, CO stated he received a letter from the Morgan County Attorney, Kathryn Sellars and presented it to Board. He is here today to discuss the Carolyn Wood property on County Road X in Fort Morgan. He further discussed the easements that are on the property. Further discussion continued addressing the letter he received. He asked for the Board to investigate the complaint.

## CONSENT AGENDA

1. Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval of meeting minutes dated March 5, 2024.
2. Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval of meeting minutes dated March 12, 2024.
3. Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval of Intergovernmental Agreement 2024 IGA 001, Brush Rural Fire Protection District, Term of Contract March 7, 2024 until Termination.
4. Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval of Request for Waiver of Rental Fees for Morgan County Pheasants Forever, signed March 11, 2024.
5. Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval of Contract 2024 CNT 034, Joseph R. Hewgley & Associates, Inc., Term of Contract March 1, 2024 through June 1, 2024.
6. Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval on assignment of debt collections to Wakefield and Associates, Client #232816, #232869, #232877, #232788, #232902, #232760, #232663, #232649A, #232601, #232789, #232771, #232878, #232916, #232800, #232727, #233178, #232776, #232887, #232753, #231832, #232682, #232975, #232710, #232654B, #232964, #232962, #232631, #232579, #232713, #232703, #232620, #233004, #232948, #232984, #233171, #232814, #232650, #232324, #232855, #232688A, #232688B, #233064, #232991, #233124, #232797, #230461, #232626, #233040, #232867, #232995, #232782A.
7. Ratify Chairman Mark Arndt's signature on Colorado Liquor License Renewal Application for Quail Dunes Golf Course, signed February 9, 2024.
8. Ratify Chairman Mark Arndt's signature on February 2024 Morgan County Warrants, signed March 7, 2024.
9. Ratify Chairman Mark Arndt's signature on Morgan County Public Trustee Report – January 2024 – February 2024, signed March 11, 2024.

At this time, Commissioner Westhoff made a motion to approve items 1-9 as presented; Chairman Arndt seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

# 2 COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

## GENERAL BUSINESS AND ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

**South Platte Solar LLC Renewal Application and Consideration of Approval of 2024 BCC 10, An application for the renewal of the previously approved special use permit granted by Resolution 2023 BCC 18 for a 500 MWac solar energy generation facility and a resolution granting a one-year renewal for the special use permit to South Platte Solar, LLC granted by Resolution 2023 BCC 18**

### MORGAN COUNTY, COLORADO BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

#### RESOLUTION 2024 BCC 10

**A RESOLUTION GRANTING A ONE YEAR RENEWAL FOR THE SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO SOUTH PLATTE SOLAR, LLC FOR A SOLAR COLLECTOR FACILITY LOCATED IN SECTIONS 3 THROUGH 10, 15, AND 17 THROUGH 20, TOWNSHIP 2 NORTH, RANGE 56 WEST, A PART OF SECTIONS 28 THROUGH 33, TOWNSHIP 3 NORTH, RANGE 56 WEST, AND A PART OF SECTIONS 24 AND 25, TOWNSHIP 3 NORTH, RANGE 57 WEST OF THE 6<sup>TH</sup> P.M., MORGAN COUNTY, COLORADO**

**WHEREAS**, South Platte Solar, LLC (the “Applicant”), has an existing special use permit granted by Resolution 2023 BCC 18 (“Permit”) for a solar collector facility located in Sections 3 through 10, 15, and 17 through 20, Township 2 North, Range 56 West, a part of Sections 28

through 33, Township 3 North, Range 56 West, and a part of Sections 24 and 25, Township 3 North, Range 57 West of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Morgan County, Colorado (“Property”);

**WHEREAS**, the Applicant has applied for a one-year renewal of the special use permit granted by Resolution 2023 BCC 18 as per Section 4-845 of the Morgan County Zoning Regulations;

**WHEREAS**, on March 19, 2024, at a public meeting, the Board of County Commissioners (the “Board”) reviewed and considered the Application; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board desires to approve the Application.

**NOW, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MORGAN COUNTY, COLORADO:**

#### 1. APPROVAL.

The Application is hereby granted. The Permit is valid for an additional period of one year to May 26, 2027. All conditions of approval through Resolution 2023 BCC 18 shall remain in full effect. Any further extensions to the term of the Permit shall be governed by the provisions of the Morgan County Zoning Regulations.

**DATED** this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024.

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

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

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Absent  
Jon J. Becker, Commissioner

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

(SEAL)

**ATTEST:**

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s/ Kevin Strauch  
Kevin Strauch

# COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS 3

Nicole Hay, Morgan County Planning and Zoning Administrator, presented to the Board Resolution 2024 BCC 10 South Platte Solar LLC Renewal Application and Consideration of Approval of 2024 BCC 10, An application for the renewal of the previously approved special use permit granted by Resolution 2023 BCC 18 for a 500 MWac solar energy generation facility and a resolution granting a one-year renewal for the special use permit to South Platte Solar, LLC granted by Resolution 2023 BCC 18. Ms. Hay stated that his application is for a one year renewal for the special use permit granted by resolution 2023 BCC 18 to South Platte Solar, LLC on May 16, 2023. The special use permit was granted to allow for a solar collector facility with a maximum of power output of 500 MWac. The permitted area is located in part of Sections 3 through 10, 15, and 17 through 20, Township 2 North, Range 56 West; a part of Sections 28 through 33, Township 3 North, Range 56 West; and a part of Sections 24 & 25, Township 3 North, Range 57 West of the 6th PM, Morgan County, Colorado. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the applicant, South Platte Solar, LLC is requesting an additional one year as per Section 4-845 of the Morgan County Zoning regulations. This requested extension would ensure project construction completion in a reasonable time frame.

If approved, the permit would be valid for an additional period of one year to May 16, 2027. All conditions of approval through Resolution 2023 BCC 18 shall remain in full effect.

Chairman Arndt clarified that this would be granting an extra year for construction, with Ms. Hays stating yes that is correct.

Commissioner Westhoff made a to motion approve Resolution 2024 BCC 010 South Platte Solar LLC Renewal Application and Consideration of Approval of 2024 BCC 10, An application for the renewal of the previously approved special use permit granted by Resolution 2023 BCC 18 for a 500 MWac solar energy generation facility and a resolution granting a one-year renewal for the special use permit to South Platte Solar, LLC granted by Resolution 2023 BCC 18, as presented by Nicole Hay, Morgan County Planning and Zoning Administrator. Chairman Arndt seconded the motion and motion carried 2-0.

**COUNTY OFFICIAL AND DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

Commissioner Westhoff asked Road Supervisor John Goodman if the bridge on County Road U and 1 was finished, with Mr. Goodman stating the bridge is done, however they are stilling working on backfilling.

Nicole Hay, Morgan County Planning and Zoning Administrator stated she is working on applying for a DOLA grant to update the Morgan County Comprehensive Plan that hasn't been updated since 2008. Chairman Arndt stating it is a good idea to apply for the grant and asked Ms. Hay to move forward with the DOLA grant.

Being no further business the meeting was then adjourned at 9:28 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Randee Aleman  
Deputy Clerk to the Board

**(Minutes ratified April 2, 2024)**

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

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

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

(SEAL)  
**ATTEST:**  
\_\_\_\_\_ s/ Kevin Strauch  
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