

**AGENDA-SPECIAL MEETING
MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ASSEMBLY ROOM, ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
231 ENSIGN STREET, FORT MORGAN, CO 80701
TUESDAY, JULY 27, 2021**

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8:45 A.M.

A. WELCOME – CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

**Commissioner Arndt
Commissioner Becker
Commissioner Westhoff**

B. CITIZEN'S COMMENT PERIOD

Citizens are invited to speak to the Commissioners on non-agenda items. There is a 3 minute time limit per person, unless otherwise noted by the Chairman. Please note that no formal action will be taken on these items during this time due to the open meeting law provision; however, they may be placed on future posted agenda if action is required.

C. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Ratify Chairman Mark Arndt's signature on Order Declaring a Disaster in and for Morgan County, Colorado Concerning the Coal Fire at the Pawnee Power Plant, signed July 23, 2021

E. GENERAL BUSINESS AND ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

G. COUNTY OFFICIAL AND DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

H. ADJOURNMENT

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Prepared By: Karla Powell, Administrative Services Manager
Agenda Posted On Friday July 23, 2021 @ 4:00 P.M.

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

**ORDER DECLARING A DISASTER
IN AND FOR MORGAN COUNTY, COLORADO CONCERNING THE COAL FIRE AT THE
PAWNEE POWER PLANT**

WHEREAS, the Colorado Disaster Emergency Act, C.R.S. § 24-33.5-701, et *seq.*, provides procedures for statewide and local prevention of, preparation for, response to, and recovery from disasters;

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-703(3), a disaster is the occurrence or imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property resulting from any natural cause or cause of human origin, including but not limited to fire, flood, earthquake, wind, storm, wave action, hazardous substance incident, oil spill or other water contamination requiring emergency action to avert danger or damage, volcanic activity, epidemic, air pollution, blight, drought, infestation, explosion, civil disturbance, or hostile military or paramilitary action, or a condition of riot, insurrection, or invasion;

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709(1), a local disaster may only be declared by the principal executive officer of Morgan County, who is the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners;

WHEREAS, there is a coal fire burning at the Pawnee power plant located in Morgan County and such fire has been burning for 9 days;

WHEREAS, the Chair finds that the coal fire is an imminent threat of severe damage, injury, and loss of property and as such, constitutes a disaster in Morgan County;

WHEREAS, it is appropriate and in the interests of the Morgan County to support the State of Colorado in securing specialty resources or funds to support the incident and to protect the safety of the public to declare an emergency in unincorporated Morgan County.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, by the Chair of the Morgan County Board of County Commissioners that a local emergency is declared in and for the County of Morgan, Colorado, beginning on July 23, 2021 and ending on July 30, 2021, unless the consent to extend is given by the Morgan County Board of County Commissioners prior to July 30, 2021. County staff is directed to post and deliver this order in accordance with C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709(1).

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2021.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MORGAN COUNTY, COLORADO

Mark A. Arndt, Chairman

ATTEST:

(SEAL)

Ranee Aleman, Deputy Clerk to the Board

COMMISSIONERS CALENDAR

July 23, 2021 through August 3, 2021

July 23, 2021	8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	KSIR Radio Interview CDOT/STAC (Becker)
July 26, 2021	9:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 1:30 p.m.	DHS Agency Meeting Human Resources Department Meeting BOCC Office Meeting Building Maintenance Department Meeting
July 27, 2021	8:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Board of County Commissioners Meeting (Assembly Room) (Please check https://morgancounty.colorado.gov/ for meeting options.) Hearing - Board of Equalization (Assembly Room) Information Systems Department Meeting
July 28, 2021	7:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Morgan County Economic Development Board Meeting (Becker) Solid Waste Department Meeting Emergency Management Department Meeting
July 29, 2021	8:30 a.m.	Comm Board/911 Authority
July 30, 2021		Morgan County Fair Begins
August 2, 2021		Morgan County Fair
August 3, 2021		Morgan County Fair

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings with department heads and other non-BOCC elected officials listed above may include an update on the status of the department, a general discussion of projects, any matters or concerns that the County needs to address, and activities and operations of the department.

Department meetings may be by conference call or virtual meeting upon request.

CALENDAR SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO AGREEABLE CANCELLATIONS AND/OR WALK IN BUSINESS

Posted 07/23/2021 @ 4:00 P.M. by Karla Powell, Administrative Services Manager

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