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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Minutes of Meeting
May 8, 2018**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at 9:02 a.m. with Chairman Mark Arndt, Commissioner Laura Teague and Commissioner Zwetzig in attendance. Chairman Arndt asked Morgan County Finance Director Michelle Covelli to lead the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Zwetzig made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented, with Commissioner Teague seconding the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval of meeting minutes dated May 1, 2018

Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval on Contract 2018 CNT 117, Boulder Weekly, Inc., lodging & tourism print advertising in the Summer Scene 2018, Term of Contract April 26, 2018 through July 31, 2018

Ratify Chairman Mark Arndt's signature on the Storm water Inspection Report dated April 27, 2018

Ratify Chairman Mark Arndt's signature on the credit application for Simon Contractors dated on May 1, 2018

Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval on the Morgan County Veterans Report for April 2018

Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval on the support letter to Greg Etl, Colorado Department Affairs for Morgan County Economic Development's request for an administrative planning grant dated on May 3, 2018

Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval of assignment of debt collections to State Collections, client #172180, #171654

Commissioner Teague made a motion to approve all items on the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Zwetzig seconded the motion and motion carried 3-0.

GENERAL BUSINESS AND ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Consideration of Approval – PROCLAMATION – Foster Care Month May 2018

**PROCLAMATION
FOSTER CARE MONTH
MAY 2018**

WHEREAS, children are key to the state's future success, prosperity and quality of life;

WHEREAS, children have a right to thrive, learn and grow;

WHEREAS, foster parents provide the love, safety and stability that young children need in order to overcome past traumatic experiences in order to reach their full potential;

WHEREAS, Colorado foster parents are caring for and nurturing more than 2,000 children and youth in foster care today;

WHEREAS, we must come together as a community to recognize the important role foster parents play in caring for children who have experienced abuse and neglect, supporting family reunification and building strong communities;

WHEREAS, there is always a need for more foster parents in order to ensure children – especially older youth, children with complex needs, and siblings - have a safe, stable home in their community;

WHEREAS, there are numerous individuals, nonprofit organizations and public servants who are dedicated to raising awareness about the needs of children and youth in foster care as well as the invaluable contribution of foster parents; and

WHEREAS, we all play a role in preventing child abuse and neglect;

Therefore, the Board of County Commissioners, Morgan County, do hereby proclaim May 2018, FOSTER CARE MONTH.

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

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

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s/Laura D. Teague
Laura D. Teague, Commissioner

s/ James P. Zwetzig
James P. Zwetzig, Commissioner

(SEAL)
ATTEST:

s/ Susan L. Bailey
Susan L. Bailey

Kristi Waite, Morgan County Administrative Services Manager, read aloud the proclamation being presented proclaiming May 2018 as Foster Care Month.

Commissioner Zwetzig made a motion to approve and recognize the Proclamation proclaiming May 2018 Foster Care Month as presented by Ms. Waite. Commissioner Teague seconded the motion. Chairman Arndt noted this is a very important proclamation, thanking all foster parents in Morgan County. At this time, the motion carried 3-0.

COUNTY OFFICIAL AND DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Commissioners reviewed the calendar dated May 4, 2018 through May 15, 2018 with no changes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

CITIZEN'S COMMENT

There was no citizen comment provided.

PUBLIC HEARING

Chairman Arndt called the hearing to order at 9:08 a.m. in the Assembly Room of the Morgan County Administration Building. Present were Chairman Mark Arndt, Commissioner Laura Teague and Commissioner James Zwetzig in attendance. Also present was Morgan County Ambulance Services Manager, Joe King and Morgan County Finance Director Michelle Covelli.

Discussion of the application filed by Morgan County Ambulance with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development for financial assistance to purchase power load cots.

Chairman Arndt asked Morgan County Ambulance Services Manager, Joe King to present the information at which time Mr. King outlined their request for funding through the USDA Rural Development Grant process for the purchase of five power cots for the ambulances. Mr. King stated this grant would require a 45 percent match by Morgan County with a total cost for the purchase being \$202,000.00.

At this time, Chairman Arndt asked for any public comment with there being no public comment.

At this time, the Board moved to discussion and decision. Morgan County Finance Director Michelle Covelli offered comments in regards to the requirements of the grant and clarified that today's hearing is for the purpose of a pre-application process to see if the County is eligible to apply for the funding. She further provided comment as to documentation the grant application will require as to the funding availability the County must look into regarding whether or not the funds requested could be obtained through other means by securing a loan at a reasonable rate. Commissioner Zwetzig noted that once the ambulance building in Brush sells, there will be additional revenue going to the ambulance enterprise fund. Commissioner Teague inquired if the County has loaned a County's enterprise fund money from the County's capital reserve funds with Ms. Covelli stating that has been done in the past where the enterprise fund was loaned a certain amount of funding at a reasonable interest rate. Chair Arndt stated he believes it would be feasible to approach those individuals who have offered financing to see what the rate would be and then be able to determine if that would be a reasonable rate and thanked Mr. King for exploring every avenue in trying to purchase this equipment.

At this time, Chairman Arndt stated they have met the requirements of a pre-application grant hearing.

Being no further business the meeting was then adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan L. Bailey
Clerk to the Board

(Minutes ratified May 15, 2018)

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Mark A. Arndt, Chairman

Laura D. Teague, Commissioner

James P. Zwetzig, Commissioner

(SEAL)
ATTEST:

Susan L. Bailey