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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Minutes of Meeting
August 21, 2018**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met Tuesday, August 21, 2018 at 9:06 a.m. with Chairman Mark Arndt, Commissioner James Zwetzig and Commissioner Laura Teague in attendance.

CONSENT AGENDA

Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval of meetings minutes dated July 31, 2018
Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval of meetings minutes dated August 3, 2018
Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval of meetings minutes dated August 14, 2018
Ratify Chairman Mark Arndt's signature on Building By Design LLC Application for Credit
Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval of the waiver of fairground fees for the Colorado FFA Association

Commissioner Zwetzig made a motion to approve all items on the Consent Agenda as presented, items 1-5. Commissioner Teague seconded the motion and motion carried 3-0.

GENERAL BUSINESS AND ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Consideration of Approval – RESOLUTION - 2018 BCC 2018 BCC 28 - A Resolution to cancel property taxes on removed, destroyed, or abandoned real property and personal property

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2018 BCC 28

**A RESOLUTION TO CANCEL PROPERTY TAXES ON REMOVED, DESTROYED, OR
ABANDONED REAL PROPERTY AND PERSONAL PROPERTY**

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 39-10-114(2)(a), Morgan County may cancel any taxes levied on personal property, including but not limited to mobile homes, which are determined to be uncollectible after a period of one year after the date of their becoming delinquent;

WHEREAS, the Morgan County Treasurer has determined that certain properties more particularly described in **Exhibit A**, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference (the "Properties"), have been removed, destroyed or abandoned.

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved by the Morgan County Board of County Commissioners as follows:

1. Property taxes on the Properties described in **Exhibit A** are uncollectable.
2. Property taxes on the Properties described in **Exhibit A** are cancelled.

Dated this 21st day of August, 2018.

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

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

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

Morgan County Treasurer, Bob Sagel presented to the Board for approval, a Resolution 2018 BCC 28, a Resolution to cancel property taxes on removed, destroyed, or abandoned real property and personal property. Mr. Sagel stated that as done in the past several years per statute they have been removing any uncollectable taxes from the tax roll. Mr. Sagel explained that there are 5 mobile homes that the assessor removed, that are no longer being assessed and

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two personal properties that are larger than normal, Rooster Drilling which was a rig that was used as a storage building for a year and then was moved to New Mexico, they were able to trace down the owner and put a judgment against the owner who has since passed away and at the advice of the County Attorney the County could possibly continue trying to get the money but the County has spent a large amount of money already and in Mr. Sagel's opinion it is not worth the extra time and money to try to collect the funds. The second personal property is South Platte River Healthcare Service, which was Morgan Medical that went into bankruptcy all the equipment was liquidated and went away the County did collect a \$1,000.00, it was three years' worth of taxes in the amount of \$4,789.37. Rooster Drilling was \$18,105.28 and the mobile homes were \$109.96 for the five that are listed. At this time, Mr. Sagel asked for the Board to consider canceling these taxes and removing these from the tax roll as uncollectable.

Commissioner Teague made a motion to approve Resolution 2018 BCC 28, a Resolution to cancel property taxes on removed, destroyed, or abandoned real property and personal property noting that the properties as described are noted on Exhibit A that will be attached to the resolution as presented by Morgan County Treasurer, Bob Sagel, with Commissioner Zwetzig seconding the motion and the motion carried 3-0.

Consideration of Approval – RIGHT OF WAY - 2018 PMT 44 – Century Link
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Consideration of Approval – RIGHT OF WAY - 2018 PMT 59 – Century Link

Commissioner Zwetzig stated that the permits for Century Link still include errors, for instance, permit 44 assumes that Morgan County has an 80 foot right of way on County Road 19 and he does not believe that this is correct with Mr. Goodman agreeing. Commissioner Zwetzig stated that a lot of the permits will be on private property and does not see how we can approve them.

Commissioner Zwetzig made a motion to table permits 44 through 59 items 2-17 to a future date, with Commissioner Teague seconding the motion. Commissioner Teague stated that when there was a big project with Viero they did it all on one permit will these permits not work that way, with Commissioner Zwetzig explaining that it will not work due to this being itemized parcels that are not together. At this time motion carried 3-0.

Consideration of Approval – RIGHT OF WAY - 2018 PMT 60 – Zayo Group

Morgan County Road Supervisor John Goodman presented to the Board for approval, a Right of Way Permit 2018 PMT 30, with Zayo Group. Mr. Goodman read aloud the permit and then there was discussion as to corrections to the permit.

The corrected permit reads to trench/dig additional vaults/boxes as needed every 2,000 feet to 2,500 feet to install fiber in existing conduit in Morgan County Roads (F),(19),(K), and (I) (Road Segments: 50, 100, 110, 150, 210, 300, 400, 600, 700, 725, 750, 775, 800, 900, 1000, 1100, 1200, 300, 400, 500, 550, 100, 1100, 1200, 1300, 1350, 1400, 1600, 1800, 1900, 2000, 2100, and 2200), starting on Morgan County Road F, at a point at the East Right of way of State Highway 52, east on Morgan County Road F to Morgan County Road 19, then north to Morgan County Road K, then east on Morgan County Road K and continuing east as the road turns into Morgan County Road I to the west right of way of State Highway 71, then resuming at the east right of way of State Highway 71 on Morgan County Road K, East to the East line of Morgan County, for the purpose of installation of new fiber and additional vaults in an existing conduit.

Commissioner Teague asked if it goes to the County line or does it end at Highway 52, with Commissioner Zwetzig stating that the map shows it goes to the County line. Mr. Goodman explained that it goes east to Washington County line and it is State Highway 52 and there is not any permitting on there. Discussion continued to which road the permit starts on. Commissioner Teague stated it should say from Highway 52 on County Road F. Mr. Goodman stated the reason the permits may have written the way they are is due to the cardiograph, it will be in our County just the County does not have any jurisdiction. Commissioner Zwetzig stated that the original permit was with Century Link or MCI and they installed the conduit and now this company is installing the fiber optic with additional vaults to connect the conduit so since they are working in the right of way it does need to be inspected so they are getting a deal. Commissioner Zwetzig stating that it should say starting at the east right of way of Highway 52 also known as County Road 5.

Commissioner Teague made a motion to approve Right of Way Permit 2018 PMT 60, with Zayo Group noting the narrative will be corrected to indicate that the work will start in the right of way on the east side of Highway 52 going east on County Road F. With Commissioner Zwetzig stating that Highway 71 needs to also be taken out of the narrative as well. Commissioner Teague added to her motion that the part pertaining to Highway 71 is not part of the permit.

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At this time, Commissioner Teague's first motion died for lack of a second.

Commissioner Teague made a motion to table Permit 2018 PMT 60 until the wording is correct, Commissioner Zwetzig seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Arndt stated the check for \$250.00 is attached; however the permit states \$56.00. It goes on from County Road F it goes up County Road 19 to County Road K then it turns into County Road I and goes down until Highway 71 then it goes north on Highway 71 until Morgan County Road K and continues east on Morgan County Road K. Commissioner Zwetzig asked Mr. Goodman if there was urgency to start the project, with him stating they would like to. At this time Commissioner Teague amended her motion to correct the narrative as outlined by the discussion and approve Permit 2018 PMT 60 noting also, that the attached fees will be corrected. Commissioner Zwetzig seconded the motion and also note the fees were reduced \$250.00 due to it being an existing line. At this time motion carried 3-0.

Consideration of Request – Morgan County Early Childhood Council (MCECC)

Shana Martin stated the Morgan County Early Childhood Council is asking the Board to designate the Morgan County Partnership for Children and Families as the convening entity of the Early Childhood Council serving Morgan County. Ms. Martin stated that Morgan County Family Center has been designated as the fiscal and human resources agency for the Morgan County Partnership for children and families. Ms. Martin read aloud the letter that the Board and the School Districts will be signing.

Commissioner Teague stated that in August of last year after the past Morgan County Early Childhood Council had dissolved, the State Department of Education stated that it was the County's duty to make sure there was a Morgan County Childhood Council in place. There has been a group of individuals working to put the partnership back together and working on getting the grant submitted to the State.

Mary Gross from the Resource and Referral Agency, Family Support Agency stated they have not submitted anything besides small pieces to the State to get a preapproval so when the full packet is sent in there will not be any delays. They are meeting this Thursday to put finishing touches on the plan, explaining there are several components to be submitted one being the County Commissioner's approve this group as the convening entity for the Early Childhood Council in Morgan County. They also have to put together a strategic plan, school readiness plan, budget a letter of support from Jacqu Frenier identifying CCAP tiered reimbursement rates and their support and there is a rule waiver that needs to be submitted stating that Mary Gross is serving as two roles. There are 10 individuals that are working in this and it is her hope that the packet will be submitted within this next week. Ms. Gross stated that they have a letter that the Board will sign along with all the Morgan County Schools to show support.

Commissioner Teague stated that since Morgan Family Center is going to serve as the fiscal agent she feels comfortable with financial management going forward. Commissioner Teague recommends designating the partnership as the Council and also suggested that on a yearly basis the council activities are reviewed and it is put on the organizational schedule each year.

Commissioner Zwetzig asked if the board membership giving identification that was of concern from the previous Board, with Commissioner Teague stating that the information from the previous Board has not been resolved. Ms. Gross explained that is a separate organization that she was a part of and wouldn't speak about it. She said that this new convening entity is not their own non-profit this is a partnership that has been brought together that meets the requirements of the Early Childhood Council and that is why the Morgan County family Center has stepped in as the fiscal and human resources agent to be able to provide that source of funding. Commissioner Zwetzig stated that he was under the understanding that the partnership had to be something completely separate from the original Board and there were a few similar names. Ms. Gross stated that the partnership that is being formed is a group of 10 individuals and the Family Center is serving. Commissioner Teague stated the group has been careful about clarifying that there is no crossover of the two Boards, there is the old Board and the partnership council new Executive Board, the State is defining between the two groups. Commissioner Zwetzig asked Commissioner Teague if she is comfortable with the new membership with her stating yes.

Commissioner Teague made a motion to accept the Letter Request from Morgan County Partnership for Children and Families to serve as the Morgan Early Childhood Council (MCECC) on Morgan County's behalf and recommend that a resolution be prepared designating the partnership and put it on the annual meeting and authorize the letter today. Chairman Arndt asked if the letter was ready today with Ms. Gross stating that it is being sent around for the other signatures and she will get it to the Board. Commissioner Zwetzig seconded the motion. Commissioner Zwetzig stated he is glad that this is being brought back together the early childhood years has been where the United States has failed the education system, to have this going is really important. At this time, the motion carried 3-0.

Consideration of Request – Best Western Plus – Morgan County Tourism Panel

Chairman Arndt stated that Mandy Dewey was on the Tourism Panel and she represented the Best Western Plus, the Panel has respectfully requested that Kari Casterline of the Best Western Overland and TWC Management be appointed to the Morgan County Tourism Panel. Chairman Arndt stated that it is understood that all members of the panel shall serve without compensation, except that their reasonable and necessary expenses for travel and meals shall be reimbursed.

Commissioner Zwetzig asked is this person from Morgan County or just representing the business for Morgan County, with Commissioner Teague stating that she does not believe the bylaws outline where they have to be from they have to represent a lodging establishment in Morgan County.

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Commissioner Teague made a motion to appoint Kari Casterline representing Best Western Plus, to serve on the Morgan County Tourism Panel finishing the term of Mandy Dewey who has resigned from the panel. Commissioner Zwetzig seconded the motion. At this time, the motion carried 3-0.

COUNTY OFFICIAL AND DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Congressional Update – Dusty Johnson, Northeast Area Representative for Congressman Ken Buck

Dusty Johnson, Northeast Area Representative for Congressman Ken Buck presented to the Board an update from Congressman Ken Buck. Ms. Johnson highlighted the last 8 months. Ms. Johnson explained bill H.R. 6417, The Ag and Legal Workforce Act which Congressman Buck Co-Sponsored, which pairs up the new H-2C program which is AG specific with dairies and crops and separates the short term and long term work requirements. Also, adding an E-verify process which goes into the border control aspect.

Ms. Johnson stated the Congressman Buck did sign a letter of full repeal of Estate Tax, the previous Estate Tax from December 2017 it raises the cap of the how much property value it has before they would receive a tax on it if it is passed on to a loved one if something happens. This will be in a tax reform 2.0, she is not aware of the language they are working on that now.

Ms. Johnson stated that when they get back into session immigration will be the first topic and then moving into healthcare.

Commissioner Zwetzig stated that on the immigration concerns the National Association of Counties has an immigration task force and they have identified a farm worker program as the biggest need and there will be a call and he would like for Congressman Buck and any other sponsors to be on the call that will be in the next week it will be of value for everyone.

Commissioners reviewed the calendar dated August 17, 2018 through August 28, 2018 with changes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

CITIZEN'S COMMENT

There was no citizen comment provided.

Being no further business the meeting was then adjourned at 9:42 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Randee Aleman
Deputy Clerk to the Board
(Minutes ratified August 28, 2018)

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MORGAN COUNTY, COLORADO

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