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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS Minutes of Meeting March 12, 2019

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 9:02 a.m. with Chairman James Zwetzig, Commissioner Mark Arndt and Commissioner Jon Becker in attendance. Chairman Zwetzig asked Morgan County Commissioner Jon Becker to lead the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZEN'S COMMENT

Jason Hagan, stated address being 7677 County Road P.3, Wiggins, CO thanked the Board for their time today and expressed concerns about a gun range located in the area of his residence. He provided detailed concerns regarding gun safety as well as harassment that have occurred in his neighborhood. Mr. Hagan indicated that he has filed reports with the Morgan County Sheriff's Office and regarding the harassment occurrence was informed their hands are tied due to the right to farm policy in Morgan County and were not sure what they could do to alleviate his concerns. He stated he is here today to ask the Board to look into these two topics, one being responsible gun ownership and the other being harassment by a landowner. At this time, Sheriff Martin spoke stating he has looked into this matter and has advised his command staff this matter would fall within the parameters of a petty offense. Further discussion followed in regards to the right to farm act and the fact that should not include harassment. Commissioner Becker asked if the equipment is still operating as reported, with Mr. Hagan stating he does not believe so, he stated he is concerned about safety concerns and prefers not to be harassed. Chairman Zwetzig asked Sheriff Martin if he feels this has been taken care of, with Sheriff Martin stating he has not heard any further information as of this date. Mr. Hagan stated the last day there were gunshots fired were on Christmas Day. Commissioner Becker suggested the next time the equipment is operating for Mr. Hagan to contact the Sheriff's Office. Chairman Zwetzig suggested Mr. Hagan also speak with the Planning and Zoning Department regarding this matter. Commissioner Becker asked about an HOA being in place, suggesting they speak with them.

Sheriff Martin explained this is not a public gun range that it is owned by a private landowner stating there has been discussion with the Planning and Zoning Department and at this time they are not able to regulate this issue. Sheriff Martin stated they have spoken with this landowner and he has been asked to lower the range and is responsible for any rounds that leave his property and that one landowner has been charged criminally for these actions.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Arndt made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented with Chairman Zwetzig noting the Clerk has asked to speak during Department Head portion of the agenda with Commissioner Becker seconding the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval of meeting minutes dated March 5, 2019
Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval of Contract 2019 CNT 016, Eaton Sales and Service, Fuel Site Equipment Upgrade, Term of Contract January 29, 2019 through completion
Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval of Contract 2019 CNT 035, Cintas, Uniform and Laundry Service, Term of Contract January 01, 2019 through December 31, 2019 with 4 year auto renew
Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval of Contract 2019 CNT 036, Prairie Mountain Media, Advertising FM Times and Brush Tribune, Term of Contract March 01, 2019 through December 31, 2019
Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval on the Morgan County Trustee Report for the time period of January 2019- February 2019

Commissioner Becker made a motion to approve items 1-5 as presented, Commissioner Arndt seconded the motion and motion carried 3-0.

GENERAL BUSINESS AND ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

There was no general business or administrative items.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

COUNTY OFFICIAL AND DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Commissioners reviewed the calendar dated March 8, 2019 through March 19, 2019 with changes.

Morgan County Human Resources Director, Tracy Amen presented to the Board a brief update regarding statistics and the CivicHR system the County moved to in March 2018 to assist with candidates applying for positions within the County. She provided an overview of the number of postings and positions that are currently active. She stated one of the good things with CivicHR, with the annual membership; the positions are then posted through Indeed.com.

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Morgan County Clerk and Recorder, Susan Bailey provided an update to the Board regarding an upcoming closure of the Motor Vehicle Department scheduled for Wednesday, April 10, 2019 to allow staff to attend upcoming Department of Revenue training and given the conference is being hosted locally, this will allow staff to attend training at a cost savings to the County.

Commissioner Becker was asked to update the Board regarding current legislation that is being introduced which would allow for family leave. Commissioner Becker provided an overview of the bill stating the way this bill has been drafted will obviously cost the State of Colorado quite a bit of money explaining those who would be given a break and those who will be required to cover the costs. Chairman Zwetzig stated this is a concern they would like the public to be aware of that which will create issues for Morgan County and citizens, as services to Morgan County could be threatened.

Ms. Amen asked the question about the way it is designed, there would be an executive director of the board who could increase the costs based on inflation, and if this has been revised, with Commissioner Becker stating this has not been revised and it is concerning given it could be an expectation that the employee's portion from their paycheck could double within the first year.

Commissioner Arndt further commented in regard to the legislation that has been introduced regarding the oil and gas industry and his concerns about this legislation stating he wants the public to be aware of the matter. He stated this matter was recently voted on by the people of the State of Colorado and failed. He further stated the oil and gas industry is a very critical part of our County and Commissioner Becker agreed with Commissioner Arndt, this will truly harm the rural areas given what the oil and gas industry provides to the rural areas of Colorado.

Being no further business the meeting was then adjourned at 9:23 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan L. Bailey
Clerk to the Board

(Minutes ratified March 19, 2019)

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MORGAN COUNTY, COLORADO

s/James P. Zwetzig
James P. Zwetzig, Chairman

s/Mark A. Arndt
Mark A. Arndt, Commissioner

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

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ATTEST:

s/ Susan L. Bailey
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