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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Meeting

April 2, 2019

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at 9:03 a.m. with Chairman James Zwetzig, Commissioner Mark Arndt and Commissioner Jon Becker in attendance. Chairman Zwetzig asked Morgan County Sheriff Office Commander John Holt to lead the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZEN'S COMMENT

Shannon Munday, Pastor of Platte Valley Baptist Church, spoke expressing his concerns regarding the Red Flag Bill that is being pushed and encouraged the Board to support the second and fourth amendment rights asking the Board to declare Morgan County a sanctuary county as other counties in the State have done. He also spoke regarding his concerns about the oil and gas bill that is being passed and encouraged the Board to take a strong stand against the bill as well.

Discussion followed with the Board explaining their reasons for issuing the statement they have instead of declaring Morgan County a sanctuary county as well as the problems it will create for law enforcement. Sheriff Martin also spoke indicating Delta County Sheriff Mark Taylor has requested a meeting with Governor Polis prior to this being signed into law and Sheriff Martin plans to attend if the governor should entertain their presence.

Discussion then followed in regards to SB 19-181 with Chairman Zwetzig noting that Colorado Counties Inc. is currently in opposition to the bill, as well as Morgan County being in opposition, and CML being in favor of the bill. He stated the Board has expressed their opposition feeling it is going to be a detrimental impact to the economy of Colorado.

Ray Padgett, 20908 County Road 28.5, Brush, asked that it be on the record that he is in opposition of the Red Flag Bill, feeling this is a constitutional nightmare for everyone involved. He feels the sanctuary resolution has a bit more teeth showing solidarity with the other counties in the State who have taken that action, stating he believes about half of the counties have taken this action. He stated he supports the Board and is hopeful they will continue in opposition. Chairman Zwetzig stated the signed statement is posted on the County's website for anyone who would like to review it.

Commissioner Becker thanked those who were present today as it is important to hear from the constituents regarding these matters with Chairman Zwetzig commenting as well about the importance of ensuring their voices are heard. Commissioner Becker stated at the capital level, to hear from citizens as to how things will affect them in a calmly, cool, collective manner, is valuable and the information is important for the legislators to hear.

Chairman Zwetzig made mention about the legislature being introduced regarding oil and gas was previously voted on by the people and stressed the importance of ensuring as citizens our voices are heard.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Arndt made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented with Commissioner Becker seconding the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval of meeting minutes dated March 26, 2019

Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval of Contract 2019 CNT 045, Morgan Sand & Gravel, Haul Wood Chips, Term of Contract March 20, 2019 until completed

Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval on assignment of debt collections to State Collections, Client #182403B

Ratify the Morgan County Office closures, Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at 11:15 a.m. and Thursday, March 14, 2019 due to inclement weather

Ratify the Board of County Commissioners Approval of Public Safety-Command Salary Structure signed March 26, 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

Consideration of Approval – PROCLAMATION – Child Abuse and Prevention Month

PROCLAMATION
CHILD ABUSE AND PREVENTION MONTH
APRIL 2019

WHEREAS, children are key to the state's future success, prosperity, and quality of life; while children are our most precious resource, they are also our most vulnerable;

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

WHEREAS, the prevention of child abuse and neglect strengthens Colorado's families and communities and ensures the opportunity for children to develop in healthy, trusting families, schools, and neighborhoods and where that consequently, builds the foundation of society; and

WHEREAS, Morgan County is currently implementing initiatives for improving the safety and well-being of children and families across Colorado; and

WHEREAS, we must come together as partners to keep children safe, ensure that the voices of our children are heard by all, and extend a helping hand to children; and

WHEREAS, each of us plays a role in the prevention of child abuse and neglect. We encourage anyone concerned about the safety and well-being to report to 1-844-CO-4-KIDS.

WHEREAS, I call upon all Morgan County community members to provide safe, stable, and nurturing relationships and environments for our children, free of violence, abuse and neglect, we can ensure that Colorado's children will grow to their full potential as the next generation of leaders, helping to secure the future of this community, state and nation; and

WHEREAS, Morgan County is dedicated to children and their health;

Therefore, the Board of County Commissioners, Morgan County, do hereby proclaim April 2019, CHILD ABUSE AND PREVENTION MONTH.

APPROVED this 2nd day of April, 2019.

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

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

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

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

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

s/Susan L. Bailey
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Morgan County Department of Human Services Intake Manager for Child Protection Services, Susanne Brown presented to the Board for approval and recognition the Proclamation proclaiming April 2019 as Child Abuse and Prevention Month. At this time, Ms. Brown read the proclamation aloud.

Commissioner Arndt made a motion to approve and recognize the Proclamation proclaiming April 2019 as Child Abuse and Prevention Month as presented by Morgan County Department of Human Services Intake Manager for Child Protection Services, Susanne Brown. Commissioner Becker seconded the motion and motion carried 3-0.

At this time, further discussion followed with Ms. Brown stating she believes the department does a very good job and have been engaged in more training where they are now gathering more information, looking at the strength of families, spending more time with families, and ensuring that the children are safe and taken care of.

At this time, Ms. Brown introduced a new employee, Rachel Free, who will be the Foster Care Coordinator who helps in recruiting foster care parents.

Commissioner Arndt thanked the Department of Human Services for the work they do in protecting the children in Morgan County.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

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COUNTY OFFICIAL AND DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Colorado Department of Labor and Employment Update

Regional Director, Eastern Workforce Region, Dawn Robards provided an update to the board regarding the current operations of the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment. She provided a packet of statistical information and provided an overview of the data as it relates to Morgan County.

At this time, discussion ensued with Chairman Zwetzig asking if there has been any analysis completed as to how SB 19-181 would affect Morgan County, with Ms. Robard stating it is difficult to analyze and explained those difficulties. Further discussion followed regarding specifics surrounding the various trades and the issues there are in recruiting for different jobs in Morgan County. Commissioner Becker made note of the largest issue she touched on today is the issue with marijuana use and the issues that creates for employers. Ms. Robard stated she is looking at reconfiguring the workforce board, explaining they are looking to begin groups that will pull together and discuss the issues at hand within their County specifically, mentioning the issue with duplication of services. She would like to have DHS, the Family Center and those that would be able to collaborate together regarding these issues and efforts.

Commissioners reviewed the calendar dated March 29, 2019 through April 9, 2019 with changes.

Chairman Zwetzig noted this is approximately one year from the 2020 census explaining there is much work to be completed and the month of April is when the data will begin being collected and stressed the importance of the information being correct given it is used in grant funding.

He also spoke about the month of April being County Government Month, explaining where citizens can access information about demographics and information pertaining to counties.

Being no further business the meeting was then adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan L. Bailey
Clerk to the Board

(Minutes ratified April 9, 2019)

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

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

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