

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Minutes of Meeting
January 28, 2020

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at 9:01 a.m. with Chairman Mark Arndt, Commissioner Jon Becker and Commissioner James Zwetzig in attendance. Chairman Arndt asked Morgan County citizen Gordon Westhoff to lead the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZEN'S COMMENT

There was no citizen comment provided.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval of meeting minutes dated January 21, 2020
2. Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval of Contract 2020 CNT 023, Cornerstone Glass Colorado, Term of Contract January 17, 2020 through completion
3. Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval of Contract 2020 CNT 024, Banner Health, Medical Supply, Term of Contract April 7, 2020 through April 6, 2023
4. Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval of the Revision of the Morgan County Fee Schedule, Clerk and Recorder Page 4
5. Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval of the Morgan County Fairgrounds Fee Waiver Request for Freedom to Cowboy Up for event date April 25, 2020
6. Ratify Chairman Pro-Tem Jon Becker's signature on 2020 Colorado Academy for Professional Emergency Managers Letter of Commitment signed January 21, 2020
7. Ratify the Board of County Commissioners Letter of Appointment of Kim Simpson, RN to the Northeast Colorado RETAC Board as alternate, dated January 21, 2020
8. Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval on assignment of debt collections to State Collections, Client #192110, #192121, #191830, #191824B, #192126, #192137, #192045C, #192045B, #192045A, #192086, #191919, #192216, #192227, #192271, #192270, #192166, #191889B, #192098, #192094, #192094, #192221, #191983A, #191990, #191904A, #291896, #191773A191887, #192011, #192148, #191968, #192167, #191782B, #191752, #192014.

Commissioner Zwetzig asked to remove Item #7 from the consent agenda noting that the appointment as noted needs to reflect a correction. Commissioner Becker made a motion to approve items 1-6 and item #8 as presented, Commissioner Zwetzig seconded the motion. At this time the motion carried 3-0.

At this time, discussion followed regarding Item #7, with Commissioner Zwetzig explaining the reason for the correction of appointing Kim Simpson as the board member, not the alternate to the Northeast Colorado RETAC Board. At this time a motion was made by Commissioner Zwetzig to note this correction, Commissioner Becker seconded the motion and motion carried 3-0.

GENERAL BUSINESS AND ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Consideration of Approval – RESOLUTION – 2020 BCC 05 – A RESOLUTION CONCERNING WOLF MANAGEMENT IN COLORADO

MORGAN COUNTY, COLORADO
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION 2020 BCC 05

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING WOLF MANAGEMENT IN COLORADO

WHEREAS, Morgan County residents and visitors enjoy abundant outdoor recreation opportunities, especially, hiking, biking, hunting and wildlife watching, as well as other outdoor activities; and

WHEREAS, these outdoor recreational activities and livestock production are two of the primary components of the Colorado economy, and are a major contributor to the economic and social wellbeing of Morgan County; and

WHEREAS, predation by wolves of the majestic wildlife and domestic livestock is a serious problem that Colorado should not invite, encourage or accept; and

WHEREAS , in addition to the negative economic and social impacts of wolf reintroduction, wolves pose a danger to the physical health of household pets and people due to predation and the transmission of diseases; and

WHEREAS, ongoing private efforts to reintroduce wolves into Colorado are unnecessary based upon the scientific input from the federal and state agencies tasked with managing wildlife populations: and

WHEREAS , gray wolf reintroduction efforts in the northern Rocky Mountains have exceeded recovery goals, Colorado is not part of the historic range of the Mexican wolf, and existing federal wolf recovery efforts do not include establishing populations of either the gray wolf or the Mexican wolf in Colorado; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission passed Resolution 16-01 opposing the intentional release of any wolves into Colorado.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Morgan County, Colorado :

- A. The Board opposes any efforts to introduce or expand the populations of wolves into Colorado; and
- B. The Board supports the recommendations of the Colorado Wolf Working Group, which were adopted by the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission in 2005 as well as the position taken by the Colorado Parks and Wildlife in its Resolution 16-1; and
- C. The Board supports delisting of all wolf species under the Endangered Species Act to allow management of wolves at the state and local levels and
- D. The Board requests that any federal or state wolf management plans include funding to offset the negative impacts of wolves on livestock, wildlife management, hunting and other adversely affected sectors of local economies; and
- E. The Board supports efforts to include a requirement that any publicly funded or sponsored wolf education programs include comprehensive and balanced discussions about the impacts of wolves on local economies, and include the perspective of livestock producers, hunters and public health officials.

APPROVED this 28th day of January, 2020.

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

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

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

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

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

s/ Susan L. Bailey
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Commissioner Becker presented to the Board Resolution 2020 BCC 05, a Resolution concerning Wolf Management in Colorado. Commissioner Becker explained the reason for introducing the resolution, and encouraged that the Gray Wolf not be introduced or expanded given they are not a native species and further stated this resolution expresses opposition to the introduction of the wolf species into Colorado. The resolution language was read into the record as prepared.

Commissioner Becker made the motion to approve Resolution 2020 BCC 05 and asked for support to oppose introducing the species of the gray wolf into Colorado and further provided reasons for his opposition. Commissioner Zwetzig seconded the motion. Further discussion followed regarding the proposed ballot question that may appear on this year's ballot and the Board's feeling they are predatory and how this could be detrimental to the State of Colorado. At this time, the motion carried 3-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Commissioner Zwetzig stated an email has been received and explained the City Manager for the City of Brush has asked the Board to make a position regarding the Ports to Plains with Commissioner Becker explaining the board is currently awaiting the language to be inserted in the resolution to clarify the resolution language. Commissioner Zwetzig stated the Board does support this resolution but but landowners have asked to be included in route decisions and will provide this update to City Manager Monty Torres.

COUNTY OFFICIAL AND DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Commissioners reviewed the calendar dated January 24, 2020 through February 4, 2020 with no changes.

Commissioner Arndt submitted the road report ending January 24, 2020 reading the report into the minutes.

Commissioner Zwetzig praised the work the Public Works Department is currently doing for the citizens of the County.

Morgan County Clerk Susan Bailey provided an update to the Board regarding the upcoming Presidential Primary Election as well as answering questions from Commissioner Zwetzig regarding state requirements for additional voting resources.

Census was discussed with Commissioner Becker providing an update regarding the importance of a correct count being done and explained those reasons why.

Being no further business the meeting was then adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan L. Bailey
Clerk to the Board

(Minutes ratified February 4, 2020)

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MORGAN COUNTY, COLORADO

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

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

s/James P. Zwetzig
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