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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Minutes of Meeting
December 15, 2022

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The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met Thursday, December 15, 2021 at 9:01 a.m. with Chairman Jon Becker, Commissioner Mark Arndt and Commissioner Gordon Westhoff in attendance. Chairman Becker asked Morgan County Sheriff Dave Martin to lead the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZEN’S COMMENT

There was no citizen comment provided.

CONSENT AGENDA

There were no consent agenda items.

GENERAL BUSINESS AND ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Consideration of Approval – Resolution 2022 BCC 25 A Resolution Summarizing Expenditures And Revenues For Each Fund Adopting A Budget For Morgan County, Colorado, For The Calendar Year Beginning On The First Day Of January 2023, And Ending On The Last Day Of December 2023

RESOLUTION 2022 BCC 25

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT BUDGET

A RESOLUTION SUMMARIZING EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES FOR EACH FUND ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR MORGAN COUNTY, COLORADO, FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR BEGINNING ON THE FIRST DAY OF JANUARY 2023, AND ENDING THE LAST DAY OF DECEMBER 2023.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Morgan County has appointed Interim Budget Officer, Dustin Corliss, to prepare and submit the proposed budget to said governing body at the proper time, and;

WHEREAS, Budget Officer, Interim Dustin Corliss, has submitted the proposed budget to this governing body on October 11, 2022, for its consideration, and;

WHEREAS, upon due and proper notice, published and posted in accordance with the law, said proposed budget was open for inspection by the public at a designated place, a public hearing was held on November 15, 2022, and interested taxpayers were given the opportunity to file or register any objection to said budget, and;

WHEREAS, whatever increases may have been made in the expenditures, like increases were added to the revenues so that the budget remains in balance, as required by law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVLED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS of the County of Morgan, Colorado:

Section 1. That estimated expenditures for each fund are as follows:

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Fund	Expenditures
General Fund	\$ 37,174,039
Special Revenue Funds	
Road and Bridge Fund	9,615,151
Social Services Fund	6,686,946
911 Emergency Telephone Fund	1,292,500
Lodging Tourism Tax Fund	218,000
Conservation Trust Fund	70,000
Confiscation Seizure Fund	1,000
Capital Improvement Fund	
Jail Capital Improvement Fund	1,000,000
Enterprise Funds	
Ambulance Service Fund	2,285,509
Solid Waste Management Fund	3,039,257
Central Services Fund	7,102,927
Totals	\$ 68,485,329

Section 2. That estimated revenues for each fund are as follows:

Fund	From <To> Fund Balance	From Sources Other Than General Property Tax	From Property Tax	Total
General	\$ 13,061,459	\$ 11,038,539	\$ 13,074,041	\$ 37,174,039
Special Revenue				
Road and Bridge	899,833	3,682,453	5,032,865	9,615,151
Social Services	494,758	4,850,091	1,342,097	6,686,946
911 Emergency Telephone	561,098	731,402	0	1,292,500
Lodging Tourism Tax	58,000	160,000	0	218,000
Conservation Trust	(21,000)	91,000	0	70,000
Confiscation Seizure Fund	0	1,000	0	1,000
Jail Capital Improvement	870,000	130,000	0	1,000,000
Enterprise Funds				
Ambulance Service Fund	791,509	1,494,000	0	2,285,509
Solid Waste Management	1,609,257	1,430,000	0	3,039,257
Central Services	2,284,427	4,818,500	0	7,102,927
Totals	\$ 20,609,341	\$ 28,426,985	\$ 19,449,003	\$ 68,485,329

Section 3. That the budget as submitted, amended, and hereinabove summarized by fund, hereby is approved and adopted as the budget of the County of Morgan for the year stated above.

Section 4. That the budget hereby approved and adopted shall be signed by the Morgan County Board of Commissioners and made a part of the public records of the County.

ADOPTED, this 15th day of December AD 2022.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MORGAN COUNTY, COLORADO

s/Jon Becker
Jon Becker, Chairman

s/Gordon H. Westhoff
Gordon Westhoff, Commissioner

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

(SEAL)
ATTEST:
s/ Kevin Strauch
Kevin Strauch

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Morgan County Interim Finance Director, Dustin Corliss presented to the Board for approval, a Resolution 2022 BCC 25 a Resolution Summarizing Expenditures And Revenues For Each Fund Adopting A Budget For Morgan County, Colorado, For The Calendar Year Beginning On The First Day Of January 2023, And Ending On The Last Day Of December 2023.

Mr. Corliss explained the various lines of the budget with the 2023 budget total being \$68,485,329. The General Fund budget is \$37,174,039. The Road and Bridge Fund budget is \$9,915,151. The Social Services budget is \$6,686,946. The 911 Emergency Telephone Fund budget is \$1,292,500. The Lodging and Tourism Fund budget is \$218,000. The Conservation Trust Fund budget is \$70,000. The Confiscation Seizure Fund budget is \$1,000. The Jail Capital Improvement Fund budget is \$1,000,000. The Ambulance Service Budget is \$2,285,509. The Solid Waste Management Fund budget is \$3,039,257. And the Central Services Fund Budget is \$7,102,927.

Mr. Corliss stated that this budget included \$5,000,000 for the upgrade to the jail that most likely will not happen in 2023.

Commissioner Arndt asked what the difference is between the 2022 and 2023 in the expenditures of the budget with Mr. Corliss stating he is not sure on that number but believes it is very close to the same.

Commissioner Westhoff made a motion to approve Resolution 2022 BCC 25, a Resolution 2022 BCC 25 a Resolution Summarizing Expenditures And Revenues For Each Fund Adopting A Budget For Morgan County, Colorado, For The Calendar Year Beginning On The First Day Of January 2023, And Ending On The Last Day Of December 2023, as presented by Morgan County Finance Director, Dustin Corliss, with Commissioner Arndt seconding the motion. At this time, the motion carried 3-0.

Consideration of Approval – Resolution 2022 BCC 26 A Resolution Levying General Property Taxes For The Year 2022, To Help Defray The Costs Of Government For The County Of Morgan, Colorado, For The 2023 Budget Year

RESOLUTION 2022 BCC 26

RESOLUTION TO SET MILL LEVIES

A RESOLUTION LEVYING GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2022, TO HELP DEFRAY THE COSTS OF GOVERNMENT FOR THE COUNTY OF MORGAN, COLORADO, FOR THE 2023 BUDGET YEAR.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Morgan has adopted the annual budget in accordance with the Local Government Budget Law, on December 15, 2022, and;

WHEREAS, the amount of money necessary to balance the budget for the general operating purposes General Fund is \$13,074,041 and;

WHEREAS, the amount of money necessary to balance the budget for Road and Bridge Fund is \$5,032,865, and;

WHEREAS, the amount of money necessary to balance the budget for Social Services Fund is \$1,342,097, and;

WHEREAS, the 2022 valuation for assessment for the County of Morgan as certified by the County Assessor is \$671,048,700

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF MORGAN, COLORADO:

Section 1. That for the purpose of meeting all general operating and other expenses of General Fund of the County of Morgan during the 2023 budget year, there is hereby levied a tax of 19.483 mills upon each dollar of the total valuation for assessment of all taxable property within the County for the year 2022.

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Section 2. That for the purpose of meeting all operating and other expenses of the Road and Bridge Fund of the County of Morgan during the 2023 budget year, there is hereby levied a tax of 7.500 mills upon each dollar of the total valuation for assessment of all taxable property within the County for the year 2022.

Section 3. That for the purpose of meeting all operating and other expenses of the Social Services Fund of the County of Morgan during the 2023 budget year, there is hereby levied a tax of 2.000 mills upon each dollar of the total valuation for assessment of all taxable property within the County for the year 2022.

The details of the above tax levies is as follows:

<u>FUND</u>	<u>MILL LEVY</u>	
General	19.448	
Tax Abatement	0.035	
Total General	19.483	
Road and Bridge	7.500	
Social Services	2.000	
Total Levy	28.983	

Section 4. That the Budget Officer is hereby authorized and directed to immediately certify to the County Commissioners of Morgan County, Colorado, the mill levies for the County of Morgan as herein above determined and set.

ADOPTED, this 15th Day of December AD 2022

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

s/Jon Becker
Jon Becker, Chairman

s/Gordon H. Westhoff
Gordon Westhoff, Commissioner

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

(SEAL)
ATTEST:

s/ Kevin Strauch
Kevin Strauch

Morgan County Interim Finance Director, Dustin Corliss presented to the Board for approval, a Resolution 2022 BCC 26 a Resolution Levying General Property Taxes For The Year 2022, To Help Defray The Costs Of Government For The County Of Morgan, Colorado, For The 2023 Budget Year. He explained that the General Fund will be 19.448 mills for a total of \$13,074,041. The Road and Bridge Fund will be 7.5 mills for \$5,032,865. And that the Social Services Fund will be 2.0 mills for a total of \$1,342,097.

Commissioner Arndt made a motion to approve Resolution 2022 BCC 26 a Resolution Levying General Property Taxes For The Year 2022, To Help Defray The Costs Of Government For The County Of Morgan, Colorado, For The 2023 Budget Year, as presented by Morgan County Finance Director, Dustin Corliss, with Commissioner Westhoff seconding the motion. At this time, the motion carried 3-0.

Consideration of Approval – Resolution 2022 BCC 27 A Resolution Appropriating Sums Of Money To The Various Funds And Spending Agencies, In The Amount As Set Forth, For The County Of Morgan, Colorado, For The 2023 Budget Year

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RESOLUTION 2022 BCC 27
RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE SUMS OF MONEY

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING SUMS OF MONEY TO THE VARIOUS FUNDS AND SPENDING AGENCIES, IN THE AMOUNT AND FOR THE PURPOSE AS SET FORTH BELOW, FOR THE COUNTY OF MORGAN, COLORADO FOR THE 2023 BUDGET YEAR.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Morgan County has adopted the annual budget in accordance with the Local Government Budget Law, on December 15, 2022, and;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners had made provision therein for revenues in an amount equal to or greater than the total proposed expenditures as set forth in said budget, and;

WHEREAS, it is not only required by law, but also necessary to appropriate the revenues provided in the budget to and for the purposes described below, so as not to impair the operations of the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS of the County of Morgan, Colorado:

That the following sums are hereby appropriated from the revenue of each fund, to each fund, for the purposes stated:

Fund	Current Operating Expenses	Capital Outlay	Total Expenditures
General	\$ 17,636,479	\$ 19,537,560	\$ 37,174,039
Special Revenue			
Road and Bridge	7,397,964	2,217,187	9,615,151
Social Services	6,686,946		6,686,946
911 Emergency Telephone	857,500	435,000	1,292,500
Lodging Tourism Tax	218,000		218,000
Conservation Trust	70,000		70,000
Confiscation Seizure Fund	1,000		1,000
Capital Improvement Fund			
Jail Capital Improvement		1,000,000	1,000,000
Enterprise Funds			-
Ambulance Service Fund	2,245,509	40,000	2,285,509
Solid Waste Management	1,467,057	1,572,200	3,039,257
Central Services	4,500,195	2,602,732	7,102,927
Totals	\$ 41,080,650	\$ 27,404,679	\$ 68,485,329

ADOPTED, this 15th day of December AD 2022.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MORGAN COUNTY, COLORADO

s/Jon Becker
Jon Becker, Chairman

s/Gordon H. Westhoff
Gordon Westhoff, Commissioner

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

(SEAL)
ATTEST:
s/ Kevin Strauch
Kevin Strauch

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Morgan County Interim Finance Director, Dustin Corliss presented to the Board for approval, a Resolution 2022 BCC 27, a Resolution Appropriating Sums Of Money To The Various Funds And Spending Agencies, In The Amount As Set Forth, For The County Of Morgan, Colorado, For The 2023 Budget Year.

Mr. Corliss explained the capital outlay with \$12,500,000 being for the jail project and \$5,500,000 for the previously discussed DOLA project. He stated the rest is for printers and copiers as well as equipment for the Sheriff’s office. Road and bridge’s capital outlay includes mostly road and bridge projects throughout the year. The 911 Fund Capital Outlay is \$435,000 is for a tower that needs to be replaced unexpectedly. The \$1,000,000 Jail Improvement Fund outlay is to improve HVAC with the help of the aforementioned DOLA funds. The Ambulance Fund capital outlay is \$40,000 to upgrade radio equipment. The Solid Waste Management capital outlay is \$1,500,000 for cell construction at the landfill. The Central Service outlay will be \$2,600,000 with the majority of it for fleet and their upgrades.

Commissioner Arndt noted that the carry over in this outlay is the inability to receive vehicles in a timely manner. He cited that a recent ambulance order will not be received for fourteen months.

Commissioner Westhoff made a motion to approve Resolution 2022 BCC 27, a Resolution Appropriating Sums Of Money To The Various Funds And Spending Agencies, In The Amount As Set Forth, For The County Of Morgan, Colorado, For The 2023 Budget Year, as presented by Morgan County Finance Director, Dustin, with Commissioner Arndt seconding the motion. At this time, the motion carried 3-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

COUNTY OFFICIAL AND DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Morgan County Sheriff Dave Martin stated it has been a busy few days for his office, road and bridge, and ambulance have been out due to the recent storms. He estimated that at least 100 vehicles have been rescued/removed. Colorado 4X4 Rescue and Recovery were out to help and they had over sixty missions throughout the Eastern Plains. Sheriff Martin thanked the local farmers and ranchers who were also out helping by plowing roads and pulling stuck vehicles out of the snow.

Morgan County Clerk and Recorder, Kevin Strauch stated that the 2022 General Election ballots and cast vote record will be on the county website for citizens to review and see how the machine read each ballot and then to compare it to the actual ballot image.

Commissioner Arndt thanked everyone that helped and worked many hours during the recent storm. He noted that workers were sleeping at work so that all the shifts could be covered so the public could be safe. He also thanked the public for not traveling and making it more difficult for the first responders and crews to do their jobs.

Commissioner Westhoff thanked the local farmers and ranchers for helping out as well as the county crews.

Being no further business the meeting was then adjourned at 9:22 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin Strauch
Clerk to the Board

(Minutes ratified January 3, 2023)

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

s/Jon Becker
Jon Becker, Chairman

s/Gordon H. Westhoff
Gordon Westhoff, Commissioner

s/Mark A. Arndt
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