

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS 1

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Morgan County Board of Social/Human Services
Minutes of Meeting
March 18, 2025**

As reflected in posted agenda:

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The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met on Tuesday, March 18, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. with Chairman Jon Becker, Commissioner Tim Malone, and Commissioner Kelvin Bernhardt in attendance. Chairman Becker asked Morgan County Human Services Accounting Manager, Susan Nitzel, to lead the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance

At this time, the Board convened as the Morgan County Board of Social/Human Services. Chairman Becker noted that Jacque Frenier, Morgan County Department of Human Services Director, and Accounting Manager Susan Nitzel were present.

Consideration of Approval –DHS Minutes dated February 25, 2025

Chairman Becker presented for review and approval the Department of Human Services Minutes dated February 25, 2025. A motion was made by Commissioner Malone to approve the minutes as presented with Commissioner Bernhardt seconding the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Consideration of Approval – DHS WARRANTS – January 2025

Susan Nitzel, Accounting Manager presented to the Board for their review and approval of the Department of Human Services Warrants for the month of January 2025. Ms. Nitzel summarized the operating warrants as being a total of \$333,179.44 for operating costs and direct deposits for payroll were \$225,853.21, which totaled \$559,032.65. Ms. Nitzel stated that from December to January was a decrease of around \$15,000. She noted that most of that was due to program costs with a decrease in grants and that the county interfund was not received.

Commissioner Bernhardt made the motion to approve the warrants as presented for January 2025 in the amount of \$559,032.65 as presented and authorized the Chairman to sign with Commissioner Malone seconding the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Consideration of Approval – DHS CERTIFICATION OF PROVIDER AND VENDOR BENEFIT AUTHORIZATIONS – January 2025

Susan Nitzel, Accounting Manager presented to the Board for their review and approval the Department of Human Services Certification of Provider and Vendor Benefit Authorizations for January 2025. Ms. Nitzel summarized the Certification of Provider and Vendor Benefit Authorizations indicating the monthly total of \$895,203.76. Ms. Nitzel stated that from December to January, there was a decrease of approximately \$500. Compared to a year ago, she noted that there was an increase of \$9,700 with an increase in food stamps and a decrease in child care and core services.

Chairman Becker asked to clarify if the county had any power over food stamps and the school meal program. Ms. Nitzel noted that these were controlled by other governmental and school entities with no input from Morgan County. She noted that they are just charged with being an intermediary.

Commissioner Malone made the motion to approve the Certification of Provider and Vendor Benefits as presented for January 2025 in the amount of \$895,203.76, as presented and authorized the Chairman to sign, with Commissioner Bernhardt seconding the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Morgan County Director of Human Services, Jacque Frenier noted that April is Child Abuse Prevention Awareness week. She noted that their office would be holding "spirit days" each day with different themes.

There being no further business, the Board stood in recess at 9:09 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin Strauch
Clerk to the Board

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

s/ Jon J. Becker
Jon J. Becker, Chairman

s/ Timothy A. Malone
Timothy A. Malone, Commissioner

s/ Kelvin S. Bernhardt
Kelvin S. Bernhardt, Commissioner

s/ Jacque Frenier
Jacque Frenier, Human Services Director

(SEAL)
ATTEST:

s/ Kevin Strauch
Kevin Strauch

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The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met Tuesday, March 18th, 2025 at 9:10 a.m. with Chairman Jon Becker, Commissioner Tim Malone and Commissioner Kelvin Bernhardt.

CITIZEN’S COMMENT

Pete Wagner of 320 E. Platte Avenue, Fort Morgan, noted that the Bobstock reveal party will be on Thursday, March 27th at McDonald Toyota from four to six in the evening. He noted that Bobstock will be July 11th and 12th.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval of **BCC meeting minutes** dated March 4, 2025.
2. Ratify Chairman Jon Becker’s signature on **February 2025 Morgan County Warrants**, signed March 17, 2025.
3. Ratify Chairman Jon Becker’s signature on **Morgan County Public Trustee Report**, time period January 2025 through February 2025, signed March 18, 2025.
4. Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval of **First Amendment to Services Agreement East Morgan County Hospital**, Term of Agreement June 5, 2025 through June 4, 2028.
5. Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval of **Contract 2025 CNT 024 Morgan County Central Services**, Term of Contract January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.
6. Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval of **Service Vendor Stormy Productions**, Service Dates July 25, 2025 through July 31, 2025.
7. Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval of **Morgan County Lodging and Tourism DOLA - REDI Grant Application**.
8. Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval on assignment of **Debt Collections to EMS/MC** dated March 11, 2025. Client #243169, #242909, #242588, #243031, #243470, #243119, #243102, #243088, #243054, #243108, #243090, #243091, #242977, #243165, #243432, #243146, #243049, #242615, #243183, #243148, #240288, #243216, #243220, #242335, #243602, #240608, #243069, #241871, #243167, #243178A, #243178B, #242337, #243093, #243094, #242928, #242872, #243037A, #243135A, #243197, #243086, #241948, #242938, #240603, #241997, #243235, #243413, #243149, #243043, #243196, #240526, #242734, #243795A.

At this time, Commissioner Bernhardt made a motion to approve items 1-8 as presented with Commissioner Malone seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

GENERAL BUSINESS AND ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

5 Year Loss Analysis from CTSI

Dana Foley, CTSI Senior Loss Control Representative presented to the Board the 5-year loss analysis. Mr. Foley explained that CTSI is a pool of the counties of Colorado that put together various insurance offerings for the employees of those counties. He discussed various ways that CTSI supports the employees of Morgan County. He then shared cost/loss data from the previous year as well as from the previous five years.

Consideration of Approval – Resolution 2025 BCC 12, A Resolution Approving an Amended Plat to be Known as the Myers Amended Plat and More Specifically an Amended Plat of Lots 1,2, and 3 of the Holzworth Minor Subdivision

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MORGAN COUNTY, COLORADO
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION 2025 BCC 12

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDED PLAT TO BE KNOWN AS THE MYERS AMENDED PLAT AND MORE SPECIFICALLY AN AMENDED PLAT OF LOTS 1, 2, AND 3 OF THE HOLZWORTH MINOR SUBDIVISION LOCATED IN THE NE ¼ OF SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 3 NORTH, RANGE 58 WEST OF THE 6TH P.M. MORGAN COUNTY, COLORADO

WHEREAS, Steven Myers, Terry Myers, and Randy Myers (“Owners”) own Lots 1, 2, and 3 of the Holzworth Minor Subdivision in the NE¼ of Section 3, Township 3 North, Range 58 West of the 6th P.M., Morgan County, Colorado, otherwise known as 15935, 15859, and 15855 Highway 34, Fort Morgan, CO 80701;

WHEREAS, Steven Myers (“Applicant”) submitted an application on behalf of the owners for an amended plat to reconfigure the internal lot lines of the Holzworth Minor Subdivision located in the NE ¼ of Section 3, Township 3 North, Range 58 West of the 6th p.m. Morgan County, Colorado (the “Application”);

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioner held a public hearing in accordance with the Morgan County Subdivision Regulations on January 28, 2025 and during the public hearing, the Board received testimony and evidence; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to approve the Application.

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

- The Board, having reviewed the Application and all information provided finds that:
 - No additional lots will be created by the reconfiguration.
 - The reconfiguration is keeping with the purpose and intent of the Morgan County Subdivision Regulations.
 - The resultant lots will meet the required minimum lot size and lot width of the applicable zoning district. If any of the lots are nonconforming with respect to the minimum lot size or lot width, the reconfiguration must not increase the nonconformity.
 - The reconfiguration will not create a nonconforming setback for any existing building.
 - Except for those nonconformities addressed in subsection (c) above, the resultant lots will meet the requirements of the applicable zone district, including those requirements in Table 1 of Appendix B of the County’s Zoning Regulations.
 - The reconfiguration will not adversely affect access, drainage or utility easement or rights-of-way serving the property or other properties. A shared access acknowledgment has been signed and recorded in the records of the Morgan County Clerk and Recorder for the shared driveway off of Highway 34.
 - The reconfiguration is consistent with the goals and policies of the County’s Comprehensive Plan.
- The Board hereby approves the Myers Amended Plat, an amended plat of Lots 1, 2, and 3 of the Holzworth Minor Subdivision in the NE¼ of Section 3, Township 3 North, Range 58 West of the 6th P.M., Morgan County, Colorado.

DATED this 18th day of March, 2025.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MORGAN COUNTY, COLORADO

s/Jon J. Becker
Jon J. Becker, Chairman

s/Timothy A. Malone
Timothy A. Malone, Commissioner

s/Kelvin S. Bernhardt
Kelvin S. Bernhardt, Commissioner

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(SEAL)

ATTEST:

s/ Kevin Strauch

Kevin Strauch

Nicole Hay, Morgan County Planning and Zoning Administrator presented to the Board for approval Resolution 2025 BCC 12, a Resolution approving an Amended Plat to be Known as the Myers Amended Plat and More Specifically an Amended Plat of Lots 1, 2, and 3 of the Holzworth Minor Subdivision. Ms. Hay stated that on January 28, 2025, the Board of County Commissioners reviewed and considered an application submitted by Steven Myers on behalf of Steven, Terry and Randy Myers. The application is to amend and reconfigure the internal lot lines of the Holzworth Minor Subdivision located in the NE ¼ of Section 3, Township 3 North, Range 58 West of the 6th p.m. Morgan County, Colorado. The new lots will be Lots 1A, 2A and 3A of the Myers Amended Plat. The Board of County Commissioners approved it on a vote 3-0. Resolution 2025 BCC 12 reflects the outcome of that hearing.

Commissioner Malone made a motion to approve Resolution 2025 BCC 12 a Resolution approving an Amended Plat to be Known as the Myers Amended Plat and More Specifically an Amended Plat of Lots 1, 2, and 3 of the Holzworth Minor Subdivision, as presented by Nicole Hay, Morgan County Planning and Zoning Administrator. Commissioner Bernhardt seconded the motion. At this time, the motion carried 3-0.

Consideration of Approval – Resolution 2025 BCC 13, A Resolution Approving a Rezoning of the Property Located in the SW ¼ of Section 31, Township 4 North, Range 55 West of the 6th P.M. Morgan County Colorado, From Agricultural/Agri Business (A/B) to Commercial (C)

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

RESOLUTION 2025 BCC 13

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A REZONING OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE SW ¼ OF SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 4 NORTH, RANGE 55 WEST OF THE 6TH P.M. MORGAN COUNTY, COLORADO, FROM AGRICULTURAL/AGRI BUSINESS (A/B) TO COMMERCIAL (C)

WHEREAS, The Hill Event Center, LLC (“Owner”) owns a parcel of land located in the SW¼ of Section 31, Township 4 North, Range 55 West of the 6th P.M., Morgan County, Colorado, otherwise known as 29870 U.S. Highway 6, Brush, CO 80723 (“Property”);

WHEREAS, NYH Solutions (“Applicant”) submitted an application on behalf of the Owner to rezone the Property from Agricultural/Agri Business (A/B) to Commercial (C) (“Application”);

WHEREAS, after holding a duly noticed public hearing on February 10, 2025, the Morgan County Planning Commission recommended that the Application be approved;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioner held a public hearing in accordance with the Morgan County Zoning Regulations on March 4, 2025 and during the public hearing, the Board received testimony and evidence; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to approve the Application.

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

1. APPROVAL.

The Board hereby approves the rezoning of the parcel of land located in the SW¼ of Section 31, Township 4 North, Range 55 West of the 6th P.M., Morgan County, Colorado, otherwise known as 29870 U.S. Highway 6, Brush, CO 80723 from Agricultural/Agri Business (A/B) to Commercial (C). The property description is more particularly described as Parcel A in Warranty Deed recorded at reception number 949493 in the records of the Morgan County Clerk and Recorder:

A parcel of land described as the North 850 feet lying West of the Brush Airport of the SW1/4 of Section 31, Township 4 North, Range 55 West of the 6th P.M., Morgan County, Colorado, more particularly described as: Commencing at the W1/4 corner or NW corner of said SW1/4 Section 31; thence East along the North side 2635 feet to the center of said Section 31 or the NE corner of said SW1/4; thence South along the East side of said SW1/4 850 feet; thence West parallel to the North side of said SW1/4 2167 feet to a point on the East side of said Brush Airport; thence N34°45'W along the East side of said Brush Airport 820 feet to a point on the West side of said SW1/4 of Section 31; thence North along the West side of said SW1/4 Section 31, 179 feet to the point of beginning, according to Survey by Cecil J. Osborn recorded October 5 in Book 732 at page 167.

2. FINDING OF FACT.

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3. The Board, having reviewed the Application and all information provided finds that:
- a. The rezoning is consistent with the provisions of the Morgan County Comprehensive Plan. Specifically:
 - i. Diversify the economy in Morgan County to broaden business employment opportunities for residents and to further economic growth. Rezoning the historic property will allow for diverse land use opportunities for the community.
 - b. The rezoning is compatible with surrounding zone districts. The parcel to the north is zoned Commercial, parcel to the east and south is zoned Agricultural Production, the parcels to the west is zoned Light Industrial, and Agricultural/Agri Business. With this mix of surrounding zoning, Commercial zoning is compatible.
 - c. The rezoning is in the best interests of the citizens of Morgan County and in addition, furthers the health, safety, or general welfare of the citizens of Morgan County. Conditions in the area of the proposed rezoning or in adjacent areas have changed or are changing to such a degree as to warrant the rezoning. The area is moving away from a focus on Agricultural/Agri Business uses and into an area diverse with commercial and industrial uses.

DATED this 18th day of March, 2025.

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

s/Jon J. Becker
Jon J. Becker, Chairman

s/Timothy A. Malone
Timothy A. Malone, Commissioner

s/Kelvin S. Bernhardt
Kelvin S. Bernhardt, Commissioner

(SEAL)
ATTEST:

s/ Kevin Strauch
Kevin Strauch

Nicole Hay, Morgan County Planning and Zoning Administrator presented to the Board for approval Resolution 2025 BCC 13, a Resolution Approving a Rezoning of the Property Located in the SW ¼ of Section 31, Township 4 North, Range 55 West of the 6th P.M. Morgan County Colorado, From Agricultural/Agri Business (A/B) to Commercial (C). Ms. Hay stated that on February 10, 2025, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on an application submitted by NYH Solutions on behalf of The Hill Event Center, LLC to rezone property from Agricultural/Agri Business (A/B) to Commercial (C). The property is a parcel of land in the SW¼ of Section 31, Township 4 North, Range 55 West of the 6th P.M., Morgan County, Colorado. Addressed as 29870 US Highway 6, Brush, CO 80723. The Planning Commission recommended approval on a vote 7-0. On March 4, 2025, the Board of County Commissioners reviewed and considered the application approved it on a vote 3-0. Resolution 2025 BCC 13 reflects the outcome of that hearing.

Commissioner Bernhardt made a motion to approve Resolution 2025 BCC 13 a Resolution Approving a Rezoning of the Property Located in the SW ¼ of Section 31, Township 4 North, Range 55 West of the 6th P.M. Morgan County Colorado, From Agricultural/Agri Business (A/B) to Commercial (C), as presented by Nicole Hay, Morgan County Planning and Zoning Administrator. Commissioner Malone seconded the motion. At this time, the motion carried 3-0.

Consideration of Approval – Resolution 2025 BCC 14, A Resolution Amending the Morgan County Purchasing Manual Concerning the Vendor Registration with the Colorado Secretary of State

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

RESOLUTION 2025 BCC 14

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A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE MORGAN COUNTY PURCHASING MANUAL CONCERNING THE VENDOR REGISTRATION WITH THE COLORADO SECRETARY OF STATE

WHEREAS, the Morgan County Board of County Commissioners (“BOCC”) have adopted a Purchasing Manual setting forth the rules for County elected officials and staff to engage services and purchase products on behalf of the County; and

WHEREAS, the BOCC desires to amend the Purchasing Manual to remove the requirement that vendors provide a certificate of good standing from the Colorado Secretary of State and register with the Colorado Secretary of State.

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

Section 1. The Morgan County Purchasing Manual is amended to remove the requirement for vendors to register their business with the Colorado Secretary of State and provide a certificate of good standing from the Colorado Secretary of State. Finance Department Staff is directed to update the Purchasing Manual as provided in this Resolution.

DATED this 18th day of MARCH, 2025.

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

s/Jon J. Becker
Jon J. Becker, Chairman

s/Timothy A. Malone
Timothy A. Malone, Commissioner

s/Kelvin S. Bernhardt
Kelvin S. Bernhardt, Commissioner

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

s/ Kevin Strauch
Kevin Strauch

Chairman Becker presented to the Board for approval Resolution 2025 BCC 14, a Resolution Amending the Morgan County Purchasing Manual Concerning the Vendor Registration with the Colorado Secretary of State. Chairman Becker explained that the county does business with vendors outside of the state so it made sense to change the policy.

Commissioner Malone made a motion to approve Resolution 2025 BCC 14 a Resolution Amending the Morgan County Purchasing Manual Concerning the Vendor Registration with the Colorado Secretary of State, as presented by Nicole Hay, Morgan County Planning and Zoning Administrator. Commissioner Bernhardt seconded the motion. At this time, the motion carried 3-0.

Consideration of Approval – A Letter of Support to Northeast Colorado Health Department for Congressionally Directed Spending

Chairman Becker presented to the Board for approval a Letter of Support to Northeast Colorado Health Department for Congressionally Directed Spending. He explained that this is due to the Health Department wanting to build a new building in Morgan County with no cost to the County.

Commissioner Bernhardt made a motion to approve a Letter of Support to Northeast Colorado Health Department for Congressionally Directed Spending as presented. Commissioner Malone seconded the motion. At this time, the motion carried 3-0.

Consideration of Approval – Certificate of Appointment for Fair Board vacancy – Brianna Walker, term ending December 31, 2027

Chairman Becker presented to the Board for approval a Letter of Certificate of Appointment for Fair Board vacancy Brianna Walker, with the term ending December 31, 2027.

Commissioner Malone made a motion to approve a Certificate of Appointment for Fair Board vacancy Brianna Walker, term ending December 31, 2027 as presented. Commissioner Bernhardt seconded the motion. At this time, the motion carried 3-0.

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Consideration of Approval - Joint Letter and Resolution 2025 BCC 15 opposing SB25-003

MORGAN COUNTY, COLORADO
RESOLUTION 2025 BCC 15

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS AND THE MORGAN COUNTY SHERIFF OPPOSING SENATE
BILL 25-003

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 25-003, which, if passed, will regulate the manufacture, distribution, transfer, sale, and purchase of specified semi-automatic firearms and classify a rapid-fire device as a prohibited dangerous weapon;

WHEREAS, the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution, adopted in 1791 as part of the Bill of Rights, protects the inalienable and individual right of the people to keep and bear arms;

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court in the *District of Columbia v. Heller*, 554 U.S. 570 (2008), held that "[t]he Second Amendment...is the very product of an interest balancing by the people...(which) surely elevates above all other interests the rights of law-abiding, responsible citizens to use arms in defense of hearth and home...";

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court in *McDonald v. Chicago*, 561 U.S. 742 (2010), affirmed that the right of an individual to "keep and bear arms," as protected under the Second Amendment, is incorporated by the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment against the "infringement by the States";

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court, in *United States v. Miller*, 307 U.S. 174 (1939), opined that firearms that could "contribute to the common defense" are protected by the Second Amendment;

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 3 of the Constitution of Colorado provides that all "persons have certain inalienable rights, among which may be reckoned the right of enjoying and defending their lives and liberties; of acquiring, possessing and protecting property; and of seeking and obtaining their safety and happiness...";

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 13 of the Constitution of Colorado provides that the "right of no person to keep and bear arms in defense of his home, person and property, or in aid of the civil power when thereto legally summoned, shall be called in question...";

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 11 of the Constitution of Colorado provides that no "ex post facto law, nor law impairing the obligation of contracts, or retrospective in its operation...shall be passed by the general assembly...";

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 25-003 will impose unconstitutional, harsher, unnecessary, and ineffective restrictions on law-abiding citizens and result in an unconstitutional overreach by the Colorado General Assembly;

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 25-003 imposes another unfunded mandate on Counties to manage the licensing process for semi-automatic firearms, resulting in increased costs for personnel, record-keeping, and regulatory oversight;

WHEREAS, many Counties are currently struggling to provide essential services and infrastructure to their citizens and Senate Bill 25-003 will divert even more funding away from these services;

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 25-003 will also have a detrimental impact on firearm-related businesses, including manufacturers, retailers, and sporting organizations that contribute to local economies and could result in job losses, decreased tax revenue, and harm to small businesses;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners and the Morgan County Sheriff took an oath to support and defend the United States Constitution, the Constitution of the State of Colorado and the laws of the State of Colorado and by implication, question the constitutionality of legislation that infringes upon constitutional rights, while supporting practical and effective public safety measures;

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 25-003 does not represent practical and effective public safety measures and imposes excessive and unnecessary burdens on responsible and law-abiding gun owners, counties, and law enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 25-003 disregards the values of the citizens of Morgan County, will negatively impact them financially, and will infringe upon and harm their quality of life.

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

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Section 1. The Morgan County Board of County Commissioners and the Morgan County Sheriff strongly oppose Senate Bill 25-003 and urge Governor Polis to veto this legislation and consider alternative approaches that respect constitutional rights while effectively addressing public safety concerns.

DATED this 18th day of MARCH, 2025.

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

s/David D. Marin
David D. Martin, Sheriff

s/Jon J. Becker
Jon J. Becker, Chairman

s/Timothy A. Malone
Timothy A. Malone, Commissioner

s/Kelvin S. Bernhardt
Kelvin S. Bernhardt, Commissioner

(SEAL)
ATTEST:

s/ Kevin Strauch
Kevin Strauch

Commissioner Bernhardt presented to the Board for approval Resolution 2025 BCC 15, a Resolution opposing SB25-003 along with a joint letter from the Commissioners and the Sheriff. Commissioner Bernhardt read the Resolution and a letter that is to be sent to the Governor Polis, Senator Pelton, and Representative Johnson.

Morgan County Sheriff, Dave Martin stated that he testified before the legislature against this bill and reiterated his opposition by reading his testimony before the board. He noted that he and twelve other sheriffs testified. He also noted that they were treated with respect.

Chairman Becker noted that he believes that the legislature has tried time and again to do what is suggested in this bill. He noted that he believes that punishing criminals and not the law abiding citizens is the appropriate path to positive changes.

Commissioner Bernhardt made a motion to approve Resolution 2025 BCC 15 a Resolution opposing SB25-003 along with a joint letter, as presented by Dave Martin, Morgan County Sheriff. Commissioner Malone seconded the motion. At this time, the motion carried 3-0.

Consideration of Approval – State Patrol Help Letter

Commissioner Malone presented to the Board for approval a State Patrol Help Letter.

Commissioner Bernhardt noted that truck traffic has increased dramatically and that families and the roads nearby need protected.

Chairman Becker noted that this is not targeting agricultural traffic, only commercial traffic that is avoiding the port of entry.

Commissioner Malone made a motion to approve a State Patrol Help Letter, as presented. Commissioner Bernhardt seconded the motion. At this time, the motion carried 3-0.

COUNTY OFFICIAL AND DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Commissioners reviewed weekly Road and Bridge Report for February 22, 2025 through February 28, 2025.

Commissioners reviewed weekly Road and Bridge Report for March 1, 2025 through March 7, 2025.

Commissioners reviewed the calendar dated March 14, 2025 through March 25, 2025 with no changes.

Planning and Zoning Director, Nicole Hay reminded citizens that the county is updating the Comprehensive Plan. She noted that there was information on the county website and a Facebook page as well. She noted that there are two upcoming meetings to provide more information. These are April 2nd, in Wiggins at the Fire Hall and April 8th in Brush at the Petty’s Park Golf Club. Both meetings at from 5:30- 8:00 pm.

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Being no further business the meeting was then adjourned at 10:23 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin Strauch
Clerk to the Board

(Minutes ratified April 1, 2025)

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MORGAN COUNTY, COLORADO

s/Jon J. Becker
Jon J. Becker, Chairman

s/Timothy A. Malone
Timothy A. Malone, Commissioner

s/Kelvin S. Bernhardt
Kelvin S. Bernhardt, Commissioner

(SEAL)
ATTEST:
s/ Kevin Strauch
Kevin Strauch