

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS 1

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Morgan County Board of Social/Human Services
Minutes of Meeting
May 20, 2025**

As reflected in posted agenda:

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The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met on Tuesday, May 20, 2025 at 9:01 a.m. with Chairman Pro-Tem Tim Malone and Commissioner Kelvin Bernhardt in attendance. Chairman Becker was absent. Chairman Pro-Tem Malone asked Morgan County Sheriff, Dave Martin 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 April 22, 2025

Chairman Pro Tem Malone presented for review and approval the Department of Human Services Minutes dated April 22, 2025. A motion was made by Commissioner Bernhardt to approve the minutes as presented with Chairman Pro Tem Malone seconding the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

Consideration of Approval – DHS WARRANTS – March 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 March 2025. Ms. Nitzel summarized the operating warrants as being a total of \$264,179.96 for operating costs and direct deposits for payroll were \$231,862.93, which totaled \$496,042.89. Ms. Nitzel stated that there was a decrease from February because insurance was paid in February, otherwise it was similar.

Commissioner Bernhardt made the motion to approve the warrants as presented for March 2025 in the amount of \$496,042.89 as presented and authorized the Chairman Pro-Tem to sign with Chairman Pro-Tem Malone seconding the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Consideration of Approval – DHS CERTIFICATION OF PROVIDER AND VENDOR BENEFIT AUTHORIZATIONS – March 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 March 2025. Ms. Nitzel summarized the Certification of Provider and Vendor Benefit Authorizations indicating the monthly total of \$907,975.18. Ms. Nitzel stated there was a decrease from February of \$96,000 with the majority coming from the LEAP program. She explained that there was a final payment in February which was \$91,000. Year to year, she stated that there was an increase of \$26,000, mostly due to food stamps.

Commissioner Bernhardt made the motion to approve the Certification of Provider and Vendor Benefits as presented for March 2025 in the amount of \$907,975.18 as presented and authorized the Chairman Pro-Tem to sign, with Chairman Pro-Tem Malone seconding the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Jacque Frenier, Morgan County Department of Human Services Director noted that May is Foster Care Appreciation Month. On May 30th from 3- 4 pm there will be a party for the local foster parents. She noted that they are recognizing Leslie McGrory and Bob Davidson who have retired from foster care during that time.

There being no further business, the Board stood in recess at 9:06 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin Strauch
Clerk to the Board

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THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MORGAN COUNTY, COLORADO

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

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

s/ Jacque Frenier
Jacque Frenier, Human Services Director

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ATTEST:
s/ Kevin Strauch
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The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met Tuesday, May 20th, 2025 at 9:08 a.m. with Chairman Pro-Tem Tim Malone and Commissioner Kelvin Bernhardt present. Chairman Becker was absent.

CITIZEN'S COMMENT

Mark Strickland of 102 11th Ave in Wiggins, spoke about the need for cisterns for water on his property. He noted that the aquifer is drying up and that they cannot afford the new water taps.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval of **BCC meeting minutes** dated May 6, 2025.
2. Ratify Chairman Jon Becker's signature on **Morgan County Public Trustee Report**, time period April 2025, signed May 20, 2025.
3. Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval of **Contract Amendment 2024 CNT 002 AMD1 Command Service Systems, Inc.**, Term of Amendment June 1, 2025 through December 10, 2025.
4. Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval of **Contract 2025 CNT 038 SRI, Inc.**, Term of Contract September 1, 2025 until terminated.
5. Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval of **Contract 2025 CNT 039 Industrial Communications West, LLC.**, Term of Contract May 20, 2025 through March 31, 2026.
6. Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval of **Contract 2025 CNT 041 Long Building Technologies, Inc.**, Term of Contract May 1, 2025 through June 1, 2025.
7. Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval of **Contract 2025 CNT 042 Tiffany Holguin dba Great Plains Glass Company**, Term of Contract May 14, 2025 through August 31, 2025.
8. Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval of **Contract 2025 CNT 043 Convergent Technologies, LLC.**, Term of Contract May 8, 2025 through December 31, 2025.
9. Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval of **Contract 2025 CNT 044 Scott William Brindisi dba Duck Down Masonry & Tile**, Term of Contract May 20, 2025 through August 1, 2025.
10. Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval of **Contract 2025 CNT 045 Scott William Brindisi dba Duck Down Masonry & Tile**, Term of Contract May 20, 2025 through August 30 2025.
11. Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval of **Intergovernmental Agreement 2025 IGA 002 Wiggins Rural Fire Protection District**, Term of IGA May 8, 2025 until termination.
12. Ratify Chairman Jon Becker's signature on **Temporary Liquor License Permit for Justbre, LLC dba Moonlight Cocktail Bar**, time period May 13, 2025 through September 15, 2025. Signed May 13, 2025.
13. Ratify Chairman Jon Becker's signature on **Liquor License Application for a Transfer of Ownership for Justbre, LLC dba Moonlight Cocktail Bar**. Signed May 20, 2025.
14. Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval on assignment of **Debt Collections to Wakefield & Associates** dated May 12, 2025. Client #232042, #232680, #2334353.

Commissioner Bernhardt moved to remove items 9 and 10 and put them on the General Business.

At this time, Commissioner Bernhardt made a motion to approve items 1-8 and 11-14 as presented. Chairman Pro-Tem Malone seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

GENERAL BUSINESS AND ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Consideration of approval - Resolution 2025 BCC 22, A Resolution Supporting the filing of an application with the Public Utilities Commission for a local emergency telephone charge increase

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION 2025 BCC 22

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION WITH THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION FOR A LOCAL EMERGENCY TELEPHONE CHARGE INCREASE

WHEREAS, Morgan County, the Cities of Fort Morgan and Brush, and the Towns of Wiggins, Hillrose, and Log Lane Village jointly contribute to the operations of the Morgan County Communications Center, the regional 911 dispatch center for Morgan County;

WHEREAS, the governing bodies each impose the local emergency telephone charge pursuant to C.R.S. § 29-11-102(2) and such charges are established at the limit set by the Public Utilities Commission (“PUC”) pursuant to C.R.S. § 29-11-102(2)(f)(II), which is currently \$2.12;

WHEREAS, the local emergency telephone charges imposed by the governing bodies are insufficient to pay the operational costs of the Morgan County Communications Center as permitted pursuant to C.R.S. § 29-11-104;

WHEREAS, the governing bodies have determined that an additional local emergency telephone charge is necessary to provide continued and adequate emergency telephone service;

WHEREAS, adequate emergency telephone service is essential to the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Morgan County;

WHEREAS, the governing bodies desire to jointly file an application with the PUC to seek approval of an increase the local emergency telephone charge to \$3.00 pursuant to C.R.S. § 29-11-102(2)(c);

WHEREAS, the governing bodies of the Cities of Fort Morgan and Brush and the Towns of Wiggins, Hillrose, and Log Lane Village have authorized Morgan County to act as their agent to file the application for the local emergency telephone charge increase with the PUC.

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

Section 1. The local emergency telephone charges imposed by the governing bodies of Morgan County, the Cities of Fort Morgan and Brush, and the Towns of Wiggins, Hillrose, and Log Lane Village are insufficient to pay the operational costs of the Morgan County Communications Center and an increase in the local emergency telephone charge to \$3.00 is necessary to provide continued and adequate emergency telephone service to the residents of Morgan County.

Section 2. Morgan County agrees to act as the agent for the Cities of Fort Morgan and Brush and the Towns of Wiggins, Hillrose, and Log Lane Village and file an application for emergency telephone charge increase with the PUC pursuant to C.R.S. § 29-11-102(2)(c).

Section 3. The Chair of the Morgan County Board of County Commissioners is authorized to sign all necessary documents to complete the filing of the application for the emergency telephone charge increase with the PUC without further approval of the Board.

DATED this 20th day of MAY, 2025.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MORGAN COUNTY, COLORADO

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

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

(SEAL)
ATTEST:

s/ Kevin Strauch
Kevin Strauch

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Travis Freeman, Morgan County Public Safety Director presented to the Board for approval Resolution 2025 BCC 22, a Resolution Supporting the filing of an application with the Public Utilities Commission for a local emergency telephone charge increase. He explained that the increase will be from \$2.12 to \$3.00.

Commissioner Bernhardt made a motion to approve Resolution 2025 BCC 22 a Resolution Supporting the filing of an application with the Public Utilities Commission for a local emergency telephone charge increase, as presented by Travis Freeman, Morgan County Public Safety Director. Chairman Pro-Tem Malone seconded the motion. At this time, the motion carried 2-0.

I-76 Reconstruction update

Louis Keen, Resident Engineer of CDOT provided an update on various projects throughout the county. He explained the scope of CDOT’s responsibility within Morgan County as well as explaining previously completed projects. He also spoke about available grants that can be used on certain projects. He asked for support to help to “unfreeze” the grants that have been approved previously by the Federal Government. He also noted that there will be a Park and Ride lot with the project. He stated that this is required by the State of Colorado in order to do the project.

Chairman Pro-Tem Malone and Commissioner Bernhardt noted their disagreement with the inclusion of the Park and Ride lot.

Commissioner Bernhardt asked about the life expectancy of new construction.

Mr. Keen said that the road is built with a lifespan of 40 years and with bridges lasting 100 years.

Consideration of Approval – PROCLAMATION – EMS Week 2025

EMS Week 2025

Whereas, This week marks National EMS Week, a time to honor and recognize the critical role that Emergency Medical Services (EMS) professionals play in safeguarding our community’s health and safety. These dedicated individuals are the first responders during medical crises, delivering immediate, often life-saving, care to those in dire need. Their unwavering commitment and rapid response are crucial in mitigating the impact of emergencies and ensuring the best possible outcomes for patients.

Whereas, EMS professionals encompass a diverse range of highly trained and skilled personnel, including paramedics, emergency medical technicians (EMTs), and other specialized responders. They are equipped to handle a wide array of medical emergencies, from cardiac arrests and strokes to traumatic injuries and respiratory distress. Their expertise in advanced medical procedures, such as CPR, advanced airway management, medication administration, and hemorrhage control, enables them to stabilize patients and provide critical care in the field, often under challenging and high-pressure circumstances.

Whereas, The dedication of EMS professionals extends far beyond the call of duty. They work tirelessly around the clock, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, including weekends, holidays, and nights, to ensure that our community has uninterrupted access to high-quality emergency medical care. Their commitment to serving the public, often at great personal sacrifice, is a testament to their unwavering compassion and selflessness.

Whereas, National EMS Week is an occasion to express our deepest gratitude and admiration for these unsung heroes who work tirelessly behind the scenes to protect us. They are the beacons of hope in times of crisis, the guardians of our well-being, and the vital link between our community and the healthcare system. Their bravery, expertise, and unwavering dedication deserve our utmost respect and recognition.

Whereas, By working together, we can ensure that our EMS professionals have the resources, support, and recognition they need to continue their vital mission of saving lives and protecting our community.

Therefore, we do hereby proclaim May 18th through May 24th EMS Week.

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

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

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

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ATTEST:
_____ s/ Kevin Strauch

Kevin Strauch

Travis Freeman, Morgan County Public Safety Director presented to the Board the proclamation for EMS week. He noted the importance of these employees and the jobs they do. He explained what they do and some of the issues that they face.

Commissioner Bernhardt noted that as a past law enforcement officer, that the public has no idea of the amount of child abuse that happens within the county.

At this time, Commissioner Bernhardt made a motion to adopt the proclamation declaring EMS Week 2025, as presented with Chairman Pro Tem Malone seconding the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval of Contract 2025 CNT 044 Scott William Brindisi dba Duck Down Masonry & Tile, Term of Contract May 20, 2025 through August 1, 2025.

Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval of Contract 2025 CNT 045 Scott William Brindisi dba Duck Down Masonry & Tile, Term of Contract May 20, 2025 through August 30 2025.

Chairman Pro-Tem, Malone explained that these items were removed from the consent agenda. Mike Cox, Building Supervisor explained that there were changes to the warranty in these contracts. Changes will be looked at and updated in a future consent agenda item for the commissioners.

COUNTY OFFICIAL AND DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Morgan County Sheriff, Dave Martin noted that Anthony Gallegos has completed his P.O.S.T. training and graduated on May 19th. He noted there will be another candidate will graduate on May 26th.

Commissioners reviewed weekly Road and Bridge Report for April 26, 2025 through May 2, 2025.

Commissioners reviewed weekly Road and Bridge Report for May 3, 2025 through May 9, 2025.

Commissioners reviewed the calendar dated May 16, 2025 through May 27, 2025 with no changes.

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:46 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin Strauch
Clerk to the Board

(Minutes ratified June 3, 2025)

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

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Timothy A. Malone, Commissioner

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