

# COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS 1

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
Morgan County Board of Social/Human Services  
Minutes of Meeting  
May 21, 2024**

As reflected in posted agenda:

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The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 9:01 a.m. with Commissioner Jon Becker and Commissioner Gordon Westhoff in attendance. Chairman Arndt was absent and excused. Chairman Pro Tem Becker asked Morgan County Department of Human Services Director Jaque Frenier 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 Pro Tem 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 16, 2024**

Chairman Pro Tem Becker presented for review and approval the Department of Human Services Minutes dated April 16, 2024. A motion was made by Commissioner Westhoff to approve the minutes as presented with Chairman Pro Tem Becker seconding the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

#### **Consideration of Approval – DHS WARRANTS – March 2024**

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 2024. Ms. Nitzel summarized the operating warrants as being a total of \$263,938.19 for operating costs and direct deposits for payroll were \$211,444.59, which totaled \$475,382.78. Ms. Nitzel stated that from February to March spending was decreased by approximately \$100,000 which was due to liability and worker's compensation insurance that went through in February.

Commissioner Westhoff made the motion to approve the warrants as presented for March 2024 in the amount of \$475,382.78 as presented and authorized the Chairman to sign with Chairman Pro Tem Becker seconding the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

#### **Consideration of Approval – DHS CERTIFICATION OF PROVIDER AND VENDOR BENEFIT AUTHORIZATIONS – March 2024**

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 2024. Ms. Nitzel summarized the Certification of Provider and Vendor Benefit Authorizations indicating the monthly total of \$881,607.67. Ms. Nitzel stated there was a decrease from February to March by \$128,000 due to LEAP and childcare. She also noted that there was less spent from the previous year due to food stamps by \$45,000.

Commissioner Westhoff asked if the difference between the food stamps was from a decrease in Federal food stamps. Ms. Nitzel, noted that was in part, correct. It was also due to a change in the number of affected households.

Commissioner Westhoff made the motion to approve the Certification of Provider and Vendor Benefits as presented for March 2024 in the amount of \$881,607.67 as presented and authorized the Chairman to sign, with Chairman Pro Tem Becker seconding the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Human Services Director, Jaque Frenier noted that DHS received a distinguished service award for Most Improved County from the Colorado Department of Human Services. She stated that on June 4<sup>th</sup>, the state will visit them and present them with the award.

Chairman Pro Tem Becker, thanked them and said that it was a reflection on the quality of staff that is at DHS.

Commissioner Westhoff also thanked them.

There being no further business, the Board stood in recess at 9:10 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/ Jon J. Becker  
Jon J. Becker, Commissioner

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s/ Gordon H. Westhoff  
Gordon H. Westhoff, Commissioner

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s/ Jacque Frenier  
Jacque Frenier, Human Services Director

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**ATTEST:**

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s/ Kevin Strauch  
Kevin Strauch

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## MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS Minutes of Meeting May 21, 2024

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The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 9:13 a.m. Chairman Pro Tem Jon Becker and Commissioner Gordon Westhoff were in attendance. Chairman Arndt was excused.

### CITIZEN'S COMMENT

There was no citizen comment provided.

### CONSENT AGENDA

1. Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval of meeting minutes dated May 7, 2024.
2. Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval of Executive Session meeting minutes dated May 14, 2024.
3. Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval on assignment of debt collections to Wakefield and Associates dated May 6, 2024. Client #232480.
4. Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval on assignment of debt collections to Wakefield and Associates dated May 13, 2024. Client #233339, #233406, #233407, #233282, #233337, #233185, #233261, #233182A, #233359, #233319, #233307, #233336, #233324, #233330, #233455
5. Ratify Chairman Mark Arndt's signature on March 2024 Morgan County Warrants, signed May 15, 2024.
6. Ratify Chairman Mark Arndt's signature on April 2024 Morgan County Warrants, signed May 15, 2024.
7. Ratify Chairman Mark Arndt's signature on Morgan County Public Trustee Report for April 2024.
8. Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval of Lease Agreement, Marla Dickson (Vancil Gravel Pit) term of lease April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025.
9. Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval on assignment of debt collections to EMS/MC dated April 17, 2024. Client ID #240345, #240149, #240409, #240264.
10. Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval on assignment of debt collections to EMS/MC dated May 16, 2024. Client ID #240460, #240569.

At this time, Commissioner Westhoff made a motion to approve items 1-10 as presented; Chairman Pro Tem Becker seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

### GENERAL BUSINESS AND ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

There was no general business or administrative items.

### COUNTY OFFICIAL AND DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

County Clerk and Recorder, Kevin Strauch noted that ballots will be mailed for the June Primary/ Vacancy Election June 3<sup>rd</sup>. He also noted that it may be a confusing ballot and that voters should make sure to vote both sides of the ballot.

Chairman Pro Tem Becker stated that he was misquoted in a story by CBS News written by Shaun Boyd. She wrote that he said that "it wasn't the commissioner's responsibility to do the due diligence on the water system, when that water system is approved". He noted that his actual quote should have been that "it is not the commissioner's responsibility to do due diligence after the water system has been approved because the State controls water and water systems, so it would fall upon the State". The initial approval of the system was vetted by the commissioners during approval and they thought at the time, the water system was appropriate. Chairman Pro Tem Becker and Commissioner Westhoff were not commissioners at this time. But once the complaints were brought forward, the commissioners have no power to regulate the water system and do due diligence. Commissioner Becker stated that he put this in an email with Ms. Boyd and it disappointed that he was misquoted.

Commissioners reviewed the calendar dated May 17, 2024 through May 28, 2024 with no changes.

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Being no further business the meeting was then adjourned at 9:17 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin Strauch  
Clerk to the Board

(Minutes ratified June 4, 2024)

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

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

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s/ Gordon H. Westhoff  
Gordon H. Westhoff, Commissioner

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**ATTEST:**

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s/ Kevin Strauch  
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