

# COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS 1

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
Morgan County Board of Social/Human Services  
Minutes of Meeting  
July 16, 2024**

As reflected in posted agenda:

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The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met on Tuesday, July 16, 2024 at 9:04 a.m. with Chairman Mark Arndt, Commissioner Jon Becker and Commissioner Gordon Westhoff in attendance. Chairman Arndt asked Morgan County Treasurer, Bob Sagel to lead the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

#### **Consideration of Approval –DHS Minutes dated June 18, 2024**

Chairman Arndt presented for review and approval the Department of Human Services Minutes dated June 18, 2024. A motion was made by Commissioner Westhoff to approve the minutes as presented with Commissioner Becker seconding the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

#### **Consideration of Approval – DHS WARRANTS – May 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 May 2024. Ms. Nitzel summarized the operating warrants as being a total of \$269,220.02 for operating costs and direct deposits for payroll were \$210,373.54, which totaled \$479,593.56. Ms. Nitzel stated that since April, activity dropped about \$40,000. She stated that the majority of that sum is the program contracts since April is the month that they catch up so that May is relatively quiet.

Commissioner Becker made the motion to approve the warrants as presented for May 2024 in the amount of \$479,593.56 as presented and authorized the Chairman to sign with Commissioner Westhoff seconding the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

#### **Consideration of Approval – DHS CERTIFICATION OF PROVIDER AND VENDOR BENEFIT AUTHORIZATIONS – May 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 May 2024. Ms. Nitzel summarized the Certification of Provider and Vendor Benefit Authorizations indicating the monthly total of \$896,469.50. Ms. Nitzel stated that compared to April there was an increase of \$7,000 which was mostly in child care but TANF decreased. Compared to a year ago, there was an increase of \$13,000 with the big increase in child care and a decrease in food stamps. She noted that the food stamp decrease was due to coming off of the PEBT program.

Commissioner Westhoff made the motion to approve the Certification of Provider and Vendor Benefits as presented for May 2024 in the amount of \$896,469.50 as presented and authorized the Chairman to sign, with Commissioner Becker seconding the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Morgan County Department of Human Services Director Jacque Frenier, stated that they were excited for their new parking lot but noted that the air conditioning has not been working but should be fixed soon.

There being no further business, the Board stood in recess at 9:10 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin Strauch  
Clerk to the Board

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

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

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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 July 16, 2024

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The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met Tuesday, July 16, 2024 at 9: 12 a.m. Chairman Mark Arndt, Jon Becker, and Commissioner Gordon Westhoff were in attendance.

### CITIZEN'S COMMENT

There was no citizen comment provided.

### CONSENT AGENDA

1. Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval of meeting minutes dated July 2, 2024.
2. Ratify Chairman Pro-Tem Jon Becker's signature on Colorado Liquor License Renewal Application for **High Plains Cattle Supply, LLC** signed June 26, 2024.
3. Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval on assignment of debt collections to **EMS/MC** dated June 26, 2024. Client #240366, #240368, #240205, #240129, #240052, #240157, #240158, #240199, #240015, #240170, #240161, #240676, #240208, #240020A, #240022, #240301, #240305, #240185A, #240185C, #240310, #240210, #240941, #240234, #240143, #240279, #240111, #240343, #240013, #240219, #240346, #240228, #240320, #240966, #240403A, #240093, #240057, #240449, #240323, #240431C, #240385, #240037, 240179, #240625, #240083, #240402, #240009, #240412, #240728, #240020B, #240539, #240295, #240084.
4. Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval on assignment of debt collections to **EMS/MC** dated July 2, 2024. Client #240717, #240715, #240710, #240707, #240348, #240477, #240525, #240564, #240695, #240558A, #240589, #240497, #240223, #240611D, #240322, #240754B, #240427, #240214, #240140, #240508, #2400059, #240142, #240749, #240669, #240670A, #240131, #240287, #240529, #240225, #241358, #240298, #240076, #240211, #240731, #241153, #240723, #240562, #240709, #240713, #240518, #240041, #240467, #240530, #240520, #240560, #240616, #240577, #240505, #240461, #240698, #240424, #241065, #241068, #240154, #240167, #240086.
5. Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval on assignment of debt collections to **Wakefield & Associates**. Client #233306, #232530, #233188.
6. Ratify Chairman Mark Arndt's signature on **June 2024 Morgan County Warrants**, signed July 16, 2024.
7. Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval of **NEAHR Grant Application**, (Morgan County Clerk Voter Service Center Emergency Generator Back-up) signed July 16, 2024.
8. Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval of **Contract 2024 CNT 078** Patricia M. Chase, Term of Contract July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.
9. Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval of **Contract 2024 CNT 079**, A Caring Crisis Pregnancy Center of Northeast Colorado dba A Caring Pregnancy Resource Center of Northeast Colorado, Term of Contract July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.
10. Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval of **Contract 2024 CNT 080**, Morgan County Family Center, Inc., Term of Contract July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.
11. Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval of **Contract 2024 CNT 081**, Morgan County Family Center, Inc., Term of Contract July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.
12. Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval of **Contract 2024 CNT 082**, Regional Home Visitation Program dba Baby Bear Hugs, Term of Contract July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.
13. Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval of **Contract 2024 CNT 083**, Rising Up, Term of Contract July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.
14. Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval of **Contract 2024 CNT 084**, S.A.R.A., Inc., Term of Contract July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.
15. Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval of **Contract 2024 CNT 085**, S.H.A.R.E., Inc., Term of Contract July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.
16. Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval of **Contract 2024 CNT 086**, Scott William Brindisi dba Duck Down Masonry & Tile, Term of Contract July 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.
17. Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval of **Contract Amendment 2022 CNT 059 AMD1**, Turnkey Health Clinics, LLC., Term of Contract July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

At this time, Commissioner Becker made a motion to approve items 1-17 as presented; Commissioner Westhoff seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

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## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

## GENERAL BUSINESS AND ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

### **Consideration of Approval – Morgan County Treasurer and Public Trustee Quarterly Report, 2nd Quarter 2024.**

Morgan County Treasurer and Public Trustee, Robert Sagel presented to the Board the Treasurer and Public Trustee 2nd Quarter Report. Mr. Sagel summarized the report and provided documentation reflecting the data.

#### **Morgan County Treasurer and Public Trustee Quarterly Report 2nd Quarter - 2024**

	This Quarter	This Year-to-Date	Last Year-to-Date	% Inc/Dec
<u>Tax Collections</u>	\$43,131,629.51	\$58,695,765.68	\$54,786,860.79	7.13%
<u>Collection % of Taxes</u>	70.65%	96.13%	96.13%	0.00%
<u>Treas Fees Earned</u>	\$516,058.97	\$702,179.29	\$603,893.68	16.28%
CD's, T-Bills & Gov Sec	\$28,447,060.59	\$28,447,060.59	\$29,774,379.52	-4.46%
Banks/Govt Pool Accts	\$67,275,714.00	\$67,275,714.00	\$55,370,643.24	21.50%
<u>Total Investments</u>	\$95,722,774.59	\$95,722,774.59	\$85,145,022.76	12.42%
<u>Reserve Accounts</u>	\$15,300,037.18	\$15,300,037.18	\$13,104,110.75	16.76%
<u>Average Daily Balance</u>	\$88,372,665.16	\$83,395,273.45	\$78,917,305.15	5.67%
<u>Interest Earned</u>	\$1,091,071.24	\$2,032,204.70	\$1,667,339.97	21.88%
<u>Average Interest Rate</u>	4.939%	4.874%	4.226%	0.65%
<u>Foreclosure Excess Fees</u>	\$1,020.94	\$2,576.88	\$2,237.19	15.18%
<u>Foreclosure Events</u>				
New Files	6	17	21	-19.05%
Cured	2	3	5	-40.00%
Withdrawn	8	18	22	-18.18%
Sold	2	6	8	-25.00%
Decided	3	6	8	-25.00%
<u>Releases of Deeds of Trust</u>	216	413	389	6.17%

Commissioner Westhoff made a motion to approve the Treasurer and Public Trustee 2nd Quarter Report as presented by Morgan County Treasurer and Public Trustee, Robert Sagel, Commissioner Becker seconded the motion. At this time the motion carried 3-0.

### **Consideration of Approval – Resolution 2024 BCC 30, A Resolution Granting Partial Closure of Morgan County Road GG.**

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

#### **RESOLUTION 2024 BCC 30**

**WHEREAS**, the County owns and controls County Road GG within the County of Morgan, Colorado;

**WHEREAS**, the County has received a request from Luke-Sky, LLC, a property owner, whose property accessed from and located adjacent to County Road GG, to close a portion of County Road GG between County Road 10 and County Road 8;

**WHEREAS**, the majority of County Road GG is not currently constructed between County Roads 8 and 10;

**WHEREAS**, County Road GG is not used as access to any other property but Luke-Sky, LLC's property;

**WHEREAS**, the closure is requested, because of possible illegal activity on this portion of County Road GG, including vandalism;

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners desire to close this portion of County Road GG as shown on Exhibit A, attached hereto;

**WHEREAS**, this closure shall not be deemed to be an abandonment or a vacation of the closed portion of County Road GG and the County retains all rights to County GG, including the right to rescind this Resolution and open County Road GG to public access; and

**WHEREAS**, Luke-Sky, LLC along with its invitees shall be provided access to the closed portion of the road as needed to access their property and may install a gate as provided for in this Resolution.

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**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** The portion of County Road GG shown on the attached Exhibit A is hereby ordered closed to public traffic; provided that the property owner, Luke-Sky, LLC, is authorized to access said property.

**Section 2.** The property owner, Luke-Sky, LLC, is authorized to install a gate as in the location shown on Exhibit A; provided its exact location and design are approved in advance of its installation by Morgan County's Road Department; and provided further, that Morgan County is provided with a means to open the gate at will.

**Section 3.** No buildings or structures may be installed or constructed within the closed right of way. The closure of the road will not modify or adjust the setback requirements for any new buildings, structures or uses on the adjacent properties. Setbacks shall be measured from the road right of way.

**Section 4.** The Morgan County Board of County Commissioners may reopen the closed portion of County Road GG at any time it determines it to be in the best interests of the County and its residents. If the roadway is reopened, the property owner shall remove the gate at its expense.

**Section 5.** Morgan County's Road Department is hereby directed to coordinate with the property owner to effectuate the closure.

**DATED** this 16th day of July, 2024.

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

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Mark A. Arndt, Chairman

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

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

(SEAL)  
**ATTEST:**

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s/ Kevin Strauch  
Kevin Strauch

John Goodman, Road and Bridge Supervisor presented to the Board Resolution 2024 BCC 30 a Resolution Granting Partial Closure of Morgan County Road GG. Mr. Goodman noted that one homeowner owns the property on both sides of the road and never sees that Morgan County would be able to extend the road in the future. The property owner stated that vandalism has been occurring and would like to gate the property.

Chairman Arndt noted that this is a process that does happen occasionally. He also noted that the county is not vacating this road and can still be used in the future if needed. He noted that this section of Road GG is between Road 8 and Road 10.

Commissioner Becker made a motion to approve Resolution 2024 BCC 30 a Resolution 2024 BCC 30 a Resolution Granting Partial Closure of Morgan County Road GG by Morgan County as presented by John Goodman, Road and Bridge Supervisor. Commissioner Westhoff seconded the motion and motion carried 3-0.

**Presentation on New Vision Withdrawal Management at St. Elizabeth Hospital.**

Sarah Arntt of St. Elizabeth Hospital explained that there is a new medical detox center available for the county and Northeastern Colorado. She noted that NewVision Withdrawal Management will be open to anyone needing their services and that they accept all the insurances that St. Elizabeth hospital does. She also noted that there has been a large need for the services in the area. She noted that if anyone has questions, they are encouraged to reach out.

Commissioner Westhoff noted that this service is needed and that is very important for the community. He also noted that he appreciated the level of anonymity that the patients are treated to.

Chairman Arndt asked what outreach has been done so far. Ms. Arntt noted that they have done a variety of outreach and will continue to do so in the future.

Sheriff Dave Martin noted that they are working together and that Ms. Arntt will speak before the Northeastern Colorado Chiefs and Sherriff's meeting soon. He also noted that farm workers are working in the county and that citizens need to pay attention and give these people a bit of space.

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Chairman Arndt asked about a study that Sheriff Martin had provided to the Board about stop signs on County Road 6. Sheriff Martin noted that with the Prairie View Ranch subdivision, there is far more traffic than in the past. He has recommended several new stop sign locations.

## **COUNTY OFFICIAL AND DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

County Clerk and Recorder, Kevin Strauch noted that last week the Canvass Board and Risk Limiting Audit was completed, which officially marked the end of the 2024 Primary Election. He also noted that a lot drawing will take place for the county commissioner candidates on July 30<sup>th</sup>. Lastly, he thanked the commissioners for approving a grant application that will provide backup generators for all of the Voter Service and Polling Centers going forward.

Commissioners reviewed the calendar dated July 12, 2024 through July 23, 2024 with no changes.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin Strauch  
Clerk to the Board

(Minutes ratified August 6, 2024)

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

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Mark A. Arndt, Chairman

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Jon J. Becker, Commissioner

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Gordon H. Westhoff, Commissioner

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Kevin Strauch