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## BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS Minutes of Meeting August 29, 2017

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met Tuesday, August 29, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. with Chairman James Zwetzig and Commissioner Laura Teague in attendance with Commissioner Mark Arndt being absent. Chairman James Zwetzig called the meeting to order and asked Morgan County Chief Deputy Clerk Randee Aleman to lead the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Teague made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented, with Chairman Zwetzig seconding the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

### CONSENT AGENDA

- Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval of Public Hearing meeting minutes dated August 21, 2017
- Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval of meeting minutes dated August 22, 2017
- Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval on Contract 2017 CNT 179, CenturyLink, 911 ALI database extract agreement, Term of Contract August 17, 2017 until completed
- Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval on Contract 2017 CNT 180, Great Copier Service, yearly maintenance for multiple department copiers/printers, Term of Contract September 1, 2017 through August 31, 2018
- Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval on Contract 2017 CNT 181, ERI, recycling and shipping of electronics from landfill, Term of Contract August 19, 2017 until completed
- Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval on Contract 2017 CNT 182, Haynes Publishing dba Colby Free Press, lodging and tourism advertising, Term of Contract September 1, 2017 through September 31, 2017
- Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval on Contract 2017 CNT 183, APG Media of the Rockies LLC dba Wyoming Tribune Eagle, lodging and tourism advertising, Term of Contract September 1, 2017 through September 31, 2017
- Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval on Contract 2017 CNT 184, Wiggins Preschool/Child Care Center, TANF funding, Term of Contract June 3, 2018 through August 2, 2018
- Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval on Contract 2017 CNT 185, A & R Automotive, all wheel alignment on unit #47, Term of Contract August 15, 2017 until completed
- Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval on Contract 2017 CNT 186, Mid-West Millwright, machine and repair pivot joint on unit #330, Term of Contract August 17, 2017 until completed
- Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval on Contract 2017 CNT 187, Griffith Auto Body Repair, accident repairs on unit #5500, Term of Contract August 17, 2017 until completed
- Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval on Intergovernmental Agreement 2017 IGA 15 with the Weldon Valley School District RE-20J for the purpose of the 2017 coordinated election with the term of commencement through December 31, 2017
- Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval on Intergovernmental Agreement 2017 IGA 16 with Morgan County School District RE-3J for the purpose of the 2017 coordinated election with the term of commencement through December 31, 2017
- Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval on the Intergovernmental Agreement 2017 IGA 17 with Town of Log Lane for the purpose of the 2017 coordinated election with the term of commencement through December 31, 2017
- Ratify Chairman Jim Zwetzig's signature on the Stormwater Inspection Report dated on August 18, 2017

Commissioner Teague made a motion to approve all items on the Consent Agenda as presented. Chairman Zwetzig seconded the motion and motion carried 2-0.

### GENERAL BUSINESS AND ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

#### **Consideration of Approval – RIGHT OF WAY - 2017 PMT 27 – Morgan County Quality Water District**

Morgan County Roads Supervisor John Goodman presented to the Board for approval, a Right of Way Permit 2017 PMT 27, with Morgan County Quality Water District. Mr. Goodman stated this right of way permit is to trench in the south right of way of County Road W.7, starting at a point 2,370 feet southwest of County Road 31 on the south side of County Road W.7, southeast to the southeast right of way line of said County Road W.7, for the purpose of installing new water service. He stated the fees are attached in the amount of \$50.00 and the location has been inspected.

Commissioner Teague made a motion to approve Right of Way Permit 2017 PMT 27 with Morgan County Quality Water District as outlined in the narrative of the permit noting the fees are attached as presented by Morgan County Roads Supervisor John Goodman and authorized the Chair to sign. Chairman Zwetzig seconded the motion and motion carried 2-0.

Chairman Zwetzig asked Mr. Goodman if he would please discuss with Quality Water where they set the lines so these are not placed outside of the right of way due to some recent issues. Mr. Goodman stated he would discuss with Kyle representing Morgan County Quality Water regarding the matter.

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## **Legislative Update – Presented by Darlene Carpio, Regional Director for Senator Cory Gardner Office**

Darlene Carpio, Regional Director for Senator Cory Gardner Office presented a legislative update to the Board and asked if the County has any issues it would like to share with them as well. Ms. Carpio stated session resumes the day after Labor Day and indicated that healthcare will be one of the issues discussed. On September 6, hearings will begin with the appropriate stakeholders and continue with discussions with bipartisan senators. She stated Senator Gardner wants to find something that is both available and affordable, and shared one of the issues that were brought on regarding Medicaid, with more individuals being put into this program, the budget cannot sustain the numbers who would need the program.

Ms. Carpio asked if there were other questions, with Chairman Zwetzig stating the HR Director wanted the Board to be sure the County knows what the Senator is proposing due to the increased healthcare costs which prevents local governments to increase salaries for employees. Ms. Carpio stated she does not believe there is proposed legislation as of yet, however, the rising costs of health care and pharmaceuticals is a conversation that is being held and how those will be addressed she is not able to say today, but however there is the awareness.

Commissioner Teague expressed that in 2009 the healthcare costs for an employee was \$472.00, and now it is \$870.00 and the fact that it is not affordable and costs continues to rise. Ms. Carpio stated the Senator is very well aware of these issues of what individuals in the State of Colorado are facing as well as other issues surrounding healthcare.

Chairman Zwetzig inquired about the waters of the U.S. asking if Senator Gardner is involved with Ms. Carpio stating he does not sit on the committee directly but does have input and his greatest concerns are what it does to the agricultural committee he was definitely supportive of rolling back those regulations and does have input on the topic. Chairman Zwetzig stated he believes this is an important executive action taken. Discussion followed with Commissioner Teague stating the deadline has been extended until September 22, 2017 and she will provide feedback. Commissioner Teague also expressed her excitement about a visit to Frasier Farms by Scott Prewitt in regards to the development of the new rule that will primarily make it simpler and defensible in the Supreme Court and that is how they are looking at all new regulations.

Ms. Carpio stated she recently attended a meeting and the repeal of agricultural regulations has been so important, and further stated that she has spoken to others in regards to continuing with the repeals that will benefit the ag community. She stated the priority to maintain trade with other countries is also critical to keep markets open.

She commented that tax reform will be a big agenda item when they return to session and outlined different discussions and suggestions that are being made. She stated this will be a top item of discussion when they return. Other efforts on behalf of the senator's office he is the chairperson on the committee for East Asia and is very pleased with the sanctions that are being put in place. He stated he wants to continue a peaceful campaign and deescalate the nuclear threat as a top priority and the fact that Senator Gardner is happy that the sanctions that have been put in place.

Ms. Carpio further reported on the issue of the BLM Headquarters moving to Colorado which has been supported by the Secretary of Interior. She stated that Senator Gardner recently spent time at ? where discussions have been held in regards to Veterans being allowed to receive benefits on a timely basis and Senator Gardner continues to work on the VA issues indicating this is a priority.

Ms. Carpio spoke about broadband stating Senator Gardner introduced legislation that would commit ten percent of the annual government's annual sale of federal spectrum to broadband programs. She stated that this auction takes place very year and he wants to be sure that a significant chunk of the money goes to broadband. Chairman Zwetzig stressed the important part of this is the definition of rural, with Ms. Carpio stating that is a good point that needs to be continually defined. Chairman Zwetzig spoke about a conference he recently attended and how the difference in the definition of rural is different from this rural area versus that east of the Mississippi.

She asked for any other thoughts the Board would like to share, with Chairman Zwetzig stating the rural areas of our County faces issues with the waters of the US, veterans, and those things that have been mentioned here today and having Senator Gardner from Yuma County is beneficial for him to know what the issues are within our County.

Chairman Zwetzig made mention of the National Flood Insurance Program as being up for reauthorization and inquired about the status of this matter, with Ms. Carpio stating she read an update yesterday where it appears there has been some push back and deadlines are being delayed. She stated the activities the County had earlier in the year are very helpful in helping to implement and streamline what is being done. She stated there were comments that did stem from activity here locally which are going a long way as they look at this program to add to improvement, Chairman Zwetzig stated half of the City of Brush is in the floodplain and the affordability needs to be highly considered. Ms. Carpio again stated the information shared was helpful and Chairman Zwetzig stated that if Senator Gardner needs any additional information from NACO, to let him know as this is an issue that all counties face.

Commissioner Teague made mention of the Farm Bill, stating that it is important to maintain crop insurance, if farmers don't have crop insurance, that is one thing that has made low commodity prices sustainable, and stated that subsidized crop insurance is very important. Discussion followed with education as being what is critical to ensure the public is aware that this is not "car insurance".

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

Commissioners reviewed the calendar dated August 25, 2017 through September 5, 2017 with changes.

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Chairman Zwetzig noted that August is Child Support Awareness month, and stated that last week the Department of Human Services did host an open house to recognize this week.

Chairman Zwetzig asked to make note that the purchase price for the property was at \$315,000 not \$316,000 and also noted that the two counties in agreement of a proposed ballot issue were Morgan and Logan Counties, not Morgan and Phillips and the representative from Fort Morgan Times expressed his apologies for making the error in reporting.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

## **CITIZEN'S COMMENT**

There was no citizen's in attendance to provide citizens comment.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Susan L. Bailey  
Clerk to the Board

**(Minutes ratified September 5, 2017)**

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

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s/ James P. Zwetzig  
James P. Zwetzig, Chairman

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s/Laura D. Teague  
Laura D. Teague, Commissioner

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## **ATTEST:**

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s/ Susan L. Bailey  
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