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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Meeting

May 21, 2019

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at 9:07 a.m. with Chairman James Zwetzig, Commissioner Mark Arndt, and Commissioner Jon Becker in attendance.

CITIZEN'S COMMENT

There was no citizen comment provided.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Becker made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented, with Commissioner Arndt seconding the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval of meeting minutes dated May 14, 2019

Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval of Contract 2019 CNT 058, Southern Fried, Morgan County Fair Concert, Term of Contract August 7, 2019 through December 31, 2019

Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval of Contract 2019 CNT 059, Hill Petroleum, Supply and Deliver Fuel to all County Sites, Term of Contract April 01, 2019 through September 30, 2019

Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval of Contract 2019 CNT 060, High Plains Adventures Travel Guide / Western Nebraska Observer, Print Advertising Marketing, Term of Contract April 01, 2019 through August 31, 2019

Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval of Contract 2019 CNT 061, Wakefield & Associates Inc., Ambulance Billing Services Term of Contract April 01, 2019 through March 31, 2020

Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval on assignment of debt collections to State Collections, Client #182208, #182375

Commissioner Arndt made a motion to approve items 1-6 as presented, Commissioner Becker seconded the motion and motion carried 3-0.

GENERAL BUSINESS AND ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Consideration of Approval – PROCLAMATION – May 2019 as Mental Health Month

PROCLAMATION MENTAL HEALTH MONTH MAY 2019

WHEREAS, Mental Health Month has been observed since 1949 to raise awareness of mental health and the importance of mental health; and

WHEREAS, mental health promotion and substance use disorder prevention is a critical component of every community's resilience and wellbeing, and all Coloradans deserve to access the services that keep them healthy and thriving; and

WHEREAS, Colorado's rural communities have a rich history of coming together to share resources, solve problems, and promote wellbeing; and

WHEREAS, mental health and substance use disorder resources in rural communities may often be limited in their accessibility due to geographic distance, workforce shortages, or social aspects that hinder access to care; and

WHEREAS, a farmer or rancher facing a financial crisis can experience an emotional toll affecting every aspect of life, and this worry and anxiety can be overwhelming; and

WHEREAS, Colorado is a leader in innovation in mental health promotion and substance use disorder prevention and service delivery statewide and is committed to creative solutions to meet the needs of all communities; and

WHEREAS, Colorado communities are stronger and healthier with robust, local mental health and substance use services from prevention and wellness through treatment and recovery; and

WHEREAS, Colorado continues to increase access to services that contribute to the promotion of a healthier state to ensure citizens in urban, rural, and frontier communities can receive the support that they need to thrive.

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Therefore, the Board of Morgan County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim the month of May, 2019 as
MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

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

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

s/Mark A. Arndt
Mark A. Arndt, Commissioner

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

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

s/ Susan L. Bailey
Susan L. Bailey

Morgan County Department of Human Services Director Jacque Frenier, who indicated she currently serves as a board member for the Centennial Mental Health Board of Directors and introduced Phil Moss, the Regional Director of from Centennial Mental Health who then presented to the Board for approval and recognition the Proclamation proclaiming May 2019 as Mental Health Month. At this time, Mr. Moss read the proclamation aloud.

Commissioner Becker made a motion to approve and adopt the Proclamation proclaiming May 2019 as Mental Health Month as presented by Centennial Mental Health Center Director Phil Moss. Commissioner Arndt seconded the motion and motion carried 3-0.

At this time, Mr. Moss provided an overview of the services that are provided by Centennial Mental Health Center to Morgan County. Discussion followed with Commissioner Arndt asking what Mr. Moss sees as the biggest hurdles in providing mental health services to the ten regional counties. Mr. Moss stated that staff retention seems to be the biggest hurdle they currently face and this is at both the local and the national level. Mr. Moss also spoke of the issues in working with the population and the no show rate, which continues to be a difficult piece of their day to day work. Commissioner Becker asked about the access to mental health beds and facilities, if it is getting any better, with Mr. Moss stating he started the mobile crisis team in 2009, stating they have gone from 64 beds available to the rural area to zero at this time. He states they have no access to the state hospital at this time and it has been this way for a number of years. He stated there have been a few new facilities that currently provide around 90 beds each, and indicated there is still some access to care that way, speaking of the respite care facility located in Sterling that they utilize for those individuals who need service provided at a lower level of care.

Commissioner Becker asked about mental health access for schools at this time, with Mr. Moss stating because of the difficulty with not having enough staff, there have been decisions made and unfortunately, integrated care has taken priority. He stated they are working with the prevention team from Sterling that will provide programs to schools ranging from smoking cessation to suicide, self harm, anxiety, and depression. He stated there are approximately 136 schools within the ten county region and stated they have not been able to have enough staff to meet the needs of all the schools, but try to maintain relationships with the school counselors and at this time the best thing they can do is offer the ability to refer those to the outpatient facility.

Mr. Moss further spoke about a poker run they will be hosting on June 15th to raise awareness about mental health and provided the details of this event. Mr. Moss spoke about his awareness of mental health speaking on a personal level and explained how the awareness of mental health evolves in people's lives and its affects.

Ms. Frenier also spoke about the issue of staff retention and how it affects the Department of Human Services stating she works closely with Centennial Mental Health Center.

Commissioner Becker expressed his concerns as to the lack of funding at the state level and the political nature of the awareness of mental health stating those at the higher legislative level needing to be held accountable.

Consideration of Approval – Morgan County Government Personnel Policy

Morgan County Human Resources Director Tracy Amen presented to the Board for approval the updated Morgan County Government Policy. Ms. Amen summarized the changes that have been made to the policy and stated the elected officials were provided a copy of the draft policy to be given the opportunity to provide input and those recommendations have been reviewed and what could be implemented have been included in this updated policy. Commissioner Becker thanked the department heads and elected officials for their assistance and input to come to this

Commissioner Arndt made a motion to approve the revisions to Morgan County Government Personnel Policy as presented by Human Resources Director Tracy Amen and directed the policy be forwarded to all elected officials to sign. Commissioner Becker seconded the motion and motion carried 3-0.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

COUNTY OFFICIAL AND DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Building Maintenance Update – Fairgrounds Cleanup with 25 Brush High School Students

Morgan County Building Maintenance Director, Dave Cornwell, provided an update to the Board regarding the recent Fairgrounds Cleanup where 25 Brush High School students and three teachers assisted. Mr. Cornwell named the areas that were part of this cleanup expressing his gratitude to the students for a job well done. The Board thanked the students for the work they did and Commissioner Arndt stated this is the third year this work has been done and how happy he is with the work that has been done as well.

Commissioners reviewed the calendar dated May 17, 2019 through May 28, 2019 with no changes.

PUBLIC HEARING

Chairman Zwetzig called the hearing to order at 9:44 a.m. in the Assembly Room of the Morgan County Administration Building. Present were Chairman James Zwetzig, Commissioner Mark Arndt and Commissioner Jon Becker. Also present was Morgan County Planning and Zoning Planning Director/Floodplain Administrator Pam Cherry.

1. Applicant: Deb Christensen Landowners: Debora K. Christensen and Robert F. Christensen

Legal Description- A parcel of land located in the SW1/4 SE1/4 of Section 19, Township 4, Range 57 West of the 6th p.m., Morgan County, Colorado aka 20138 Hwy 52, Fort Morgan, CO 80701.

Reason- A Planned Development to create 6 lots for residential use in four phases.

Ms. Cherry stated this application was considered by the Planning Commission at the meeting on March 11, 2019. Planning Commission recommended approval of the Planned Development to be known as Turkey Ridge subject a number of conditions including the preparation of a Drainage Report. The applicant's consultant completed the drainage report last week and this did not allow sufficient time for review to consider this item today. She further stated on May 13, 2019 the applicant has requested a continuance of this hearing until May 28, 2019 and provided a copy of the email she received from the applicant to the Board.

Chairman Zwetzig made note that the drainage report was requested by the Planning Commission and this was not required at the time of the application being submitted by the applicant.

A motion was made by Commissioner Arndt to approve the extension and continuance regarding the application to create 6 lots for residential use in four phases for Debora K. Christensen and Robert F. Christensen as Landowners. With the legal description being a parcel of land located in the SW1/4 SE1/4 of Section 19, Township 4, Range 57 West of the 6th p.m., Morgan County, Colorado aka 20138 Hwy 52, Fort Morgan, CO 80701 from today to May 28, 2019. Commissioner Becker seconded the motion. At this, time motion carried 3-0.

At this time, a motion was made by Commissioner Arndt to set the time of this continuance to May 28, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. Commissioner Becker seconded the motion and motion carried 3-0.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan L. Bailey
Clerk to the Board

(Minutes ratified May 28, 2019)

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MORGAN COUNTY, COLORADO

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