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## BOARD OF MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Meeting

March 11, 2014

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met on Tuesday, March 11, 2014 at 9:05 a.m. with Chairman Jim Zwetzig and Commissioner Brian McCracken in attendance. Commissioner Laura Teague was absent. Chairman Zwetzig called the meeting to order with Morgan County Director of Human Services Steve Romero leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

### CONSENT AGENDA

Consideration of Approval of the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Minutes dated March 4, 2014

Ratify Chairman James Zwetzig's signature accepting the County Veterans Service Officers Monthly Report for the months of January 2014 and February 2014

Ratify Chairman James Zwetzig's signature for assignment of debt collection to Wakefield & Associates for Morgan County Ambulance Service Clients (#101430; #110628)

Ratify the Board of County Commissioners approval of Contract #2014 CNT 43 – G&K Services

Ratify Chairman James Zwetzig's signature accepting the Morgan County Treasurer and Public Trustee's Report for the Month of January 2014-February 2014

Commissioner McCracken made a motion to approve all items on the Consent Agenda. Chairman Zwetzig seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

### GENERAL BUSINESS AND ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

#### **CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL-RESOLUTION-2014 BCC 08-RESOLUTION ALLOCATING RETIREMENT FUND FOREITURES**

Morgan County Administrative Services Manager Susan Bailey asked that Resolution 2014 BCC 08 be tabled until the March 18, 2014 Board meeting so further revisions can be made. Commissioner McCracken made a motion to table Resolution 2014 BCC 08 until the March 18, 2014 Board meeting. Chairman Zwetzig seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

#### **CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL-RIGHT OF WAY PERMIT-2014 PMT 07-MORGAN COUNTY QUALITY WATER DISTRICT**

Morgan County Road Supervisor John Goodman presented to the Board for approval Right of Way Permit 2014 PMT 07 for Morgan County Quality Water District to bore across Morgan County Road 25 approximately six hundred forty feet south of County Road R on the east side of County Road 25 to install new water service. Goodman noted an inspection had been done and the fees were attached. Commissioner McCracken made a motion to approve Right of Way Permit 2014 PMT 07 with Morgan County Quality Water District for new water service and authorize the Chairman to sign. Chairman Zwetzig seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

#### **CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL-CONTRACT-2014 CNT 44-JACOBS ENGINEERING GROUP, INC-4<sup>TH</sup> AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT**

Morgan County Information Systems Manager Karol Kopetsky presented to the Board for approval Contract 2014 CNT 44 the 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the agreement between Morgan County and Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. for continued GIS Development for the County-wide Basemap Project with the term of the contract running from March 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 in the amount not to exceed \$69,500.00. Kopetsky noted Morgan County has been working with Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. with the scope of the work consisting of: assist the County as it moves from Autodesk to ESRI products, modify MCWebMapper based on county, department and use feedback, transfer map document for producing hard copy 30x30 assessor parcel maps, develop a mapping web service for the parcel layer capable of spatial editing, displaying edits in real time in MCWebMapper, migrate modules developed for internal departments from MC Mapper to MCWebMapper and continue providing support to the County IT Department for parcel and centerline development. Kopetsky reported the object is to assist the Road and Bridge Department with road, sign and grading spatial layers, increase searching abilities for the Communications Department and improve spatial data sharing for water districts. Commissioner McCracken made a motion to approve Contract 2014 CNT 44 the 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. Agreement for the purpose of continued GIS development utilizing 41-06-5947 funds in the amount not to exceed \$69,500.00 with the term of the contract running from March 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014. Chairman Zwetzig seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

#### **CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL-APPOINTMENT TO MORGAN COUNTY TOURISM PANEL**

Morgan County Administrative Services Manager Susan Bailey presented to the Board for approval the appointment of Cheryl Sanchez to fill the vacancy to the Morgan County Tourism Panel. Bailey indicated Ms. Sanchez is replacing Robin Northrup as Executive Director of the Fort Morgan Chamber of Commerce. Commissioner McCracken made a motion to appoint Cheryl Sanchez to the Morgan County Tourism Panel. Chairman Zwetzig seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0

#### **CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL-BID AWARD-2014-0227 MOTOR GRADER RFP**

Morgan County Administrative Services Manager Susan Bailey asked that Bid Award 2014-0227 Motor Grader RFP be tabled to the March 18, 2014 Board meeting in order for Morgan County Fleet Manager Bruce Bass to get

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more information. Commissioner McCracken made a motion to table Bid Award 2014-0227 to the March 18, 2014 Board meeting. Chairman Zwetzig seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

### **CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL-BID AWARD-MORGAN COUNTY AMBULANCE BILLING AND COLLECTION RFP**

Morgan County Ambulance Director Joe King presented to the Board for approval the Morgan County Ambulance Billing and Collection RFP Bid Award. King noted RFP's were sent out and fourteen bids for billing were received and nine bids for collections. King noted the fee ranges were very significant ranging from 4% to 8% and he took into consideration history and services. King stated for the billing portion of the RFP, his recommendation was to remain with Wakefield & Associates located in Fort Morgan, CO being a local company with a proven record for the past eight years. King noted other services provided internet portal for payment, however, Wakefield & Associates at this time does not offer this feature, but is working on it. King stated one other feature hopefully that will be enhanced is data reporting for better documentation with the ability to collect reimbursements from Medicare and Medicaid and have the tools to manage this area better. Matt Laws, CEO of Wakefield & Associates, was present and reported his company has been working with the County ambulance services for eight years on the insurance billing aspect. Mr. Laws noted his company has internet portal services for bad debt payments that Morgan County consumers can use and the active Accounts Receivable infrastructure is in place and is working on making it specific to Morgan County and hopes to have it available soon. Commissioner McCracken commented with Wakefield & Associates being a local company, this bid award is a good choice. Commissioner McCracken made a motion to approve the Morgan County Ambulance Billing Service Bid Award to Wakefield & Associates as recommended by King. Chairman Zwetzig seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Morgan County Ambulance Director Joe King presented the second portion RFP for the collection portion noting Wakefield & Associates is presently doing the County collections. King recommended using the State of Colorado for collections with the biggest advantage being there is not a fee to the County with the fee being passed onto the client. King stated Wakefield & Associates currently charges 33% of the amount of money recovered and 47% if an account goes to legal action whereas the State of Colorado agency charges 18% to the consumer and not the County. King reported Wakefield & Associates latest bid was 29% for amount of money recovered and 39% for legal action. King noted the State has access to web based information for submitting claims and can use private collection agencies including Wakefield & Associates with those fees passed on to the debtor. King stated he feels this is the logical way to go for a government agency. King noted the contract can be for a period of time and can be voided with thirty days notice.

Matt Laws, CEO of Wakefield & Associates, noted one of the interesting components about the State of Colorado collections is that not many private agencies can compete against government and state has spent half a million dollars to expand and upgrade their computer system and by statute, state can collect fees for governmental entities and pass those fees onto the consumer. Mr. Laws stated as a private agency under statute, the fees cannot be passed on to the customer, but is allowed for judicial debt which is ordered from the bench that goes uncollected. Mr. Laws noted a proactive house bill is being put together for equalization of the playing field which would allow Wakefield & Associates and other private agencies to add fees to the consumer just like state does and would provide access to the Colorado Department of Labor records to access employment records. Mr. Laws stated the house bill has passed the first committee and hopefully will be on the floor soon and asked the Board to table their decision based on the outcome of the house bill. Commissioner McCracken made a motion to approve the Morgan County Ambulance Collection Bid Award to the State of Colorado at this time. Chairman Zwetzig seconded the motion. Chairman Zwetzig pointed out he is supporting the motion as the contract with the State of Colorado may be voided within a thirty day notice and if the state agency is not working for the County, the County can go back to Wakefield & Associates. Motion carried 2-0.

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

Commissioners reviewed the calendar dated March 7, 2014 through March 18, 2014 with no changes.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

### **BOE-HEARING-ASSESSMENT TECHNOLOGIES, LTD-SCHEDULE NO P000558**

Hearing opened at 9:38 a.m.

Chairman Zwetzig opened the hearing to Assessment Technologies, Ltd. Schedule No. P000558 also known as Safeway, Inc. for property located at 620 W. Platte Ave., Fort Morgan, CO noting the appealing party is not present. Morgan County Assessor Bob Wooldridge reported his office received an abatement which is a continuation from last spring which was denied was by the Board at the time. Wooldridge stated the request came with no documentation and noted Safeway has appealed all of their assessments throughout the State. Chairman Zwetzig was advised a representative for Safeway Inc. wanted to participate by phone at 9:42 a.m. Chairman Zwetzig recessed the hearing at 9:42a.m. Chairman Zwetzig advised Administrative Services Manager Susan Bailey to inform the caller, Ken Zdrok, that it is Morgan County's policy that the appealing party be present in order to appeal or provide documentation to make an appeal. Hearing reconvened at 9:44 a.m. Wooldridge recommended denial. Commissioner McCracken made a motion to deny the appeal for Safeway, Inc., also known as Assessment Technologies, Ltd. for property located at 620 W. Platte Ave., Fort Morgan, CO Schedule Number P000558 as outlined by Wooldridge. Chairman Zwetzig seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Hearing closed at 9:47 a.m.

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## CITIZEN'S COMMENT PERIOD

Brenda Zion, former Executive Director of OneMorgan County said she continues to support that organization and now works as a volunteer to organize a human relations work group to help communities become more cohesive. Ms. Zion is proposing a proclamation and for outside services to assist with mediation between various groups of individuals in Morgan County and asked for the Board's support. Morgan County Human Services Director Steve Romero stated he appreciates all the work Ms. Zion has done, however, Romero noted he does not see the need for such a group at this time and is not sure of the purpose and is opposed.

We hereby adjourn and are in recess at 9:59 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dee Loose  
Deputy Clerk to the Board

## THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MORGAN COUNTY, COLORADO

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s/Jim Zwetzig  
Jim Zwetzig, Chairman

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s/Brian McCracken  
Brian McCracken, Commissioner

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**ATTEST:**

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s/ Connie Ingmire  
Connie Ingmire, Clerk to the Board