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June 3rd, 2025

**4:00 WORK SESSION 5:00 PM REGULAR MEETING**

*PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSION will hold a regular commission meeting in the Commission Meeting Room at 48 West Young Street, Morgan, Utah.*

**Commissioner's Blocker & Nickerson shall be attending remotely**

**COUNTY COMMISSION**

Commission Chair Matthew Wilson  
Commissioner Raelene Blocker  
Commissioner Mike Newton  
Commissioner Blaine Fackrell

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Debbie Sessions  
Tina Kelley  
Jake Peterson  
Gary Derck

**OTHER EMPLOYEES**

IT Director Jeremy Archibald  
Clerk/Auditor Leslie Hyde  
Administrative Manager Kate Becker (CAM)  
County Attorney Garrett Smith  
Deputy Attorney Janet Christoffersen  
County Assessor Janell Walker  
County Recorder Shaun Rose  
Planning Director Josh Cook  
Planner 1 Jeremy Lance

**4:00 WORK SESSION**

- a. Review of Croydon Fire Building RFP submissions [Bid Opening]
  - i. The Commission reviewed bids for a fire station, with concerns about the cost and longevity of a pole building. The lowest bid was \$250,000, up from the initial estimate. The commission discussed adding a footing and foundation, which could increase the cost. The Commission would like more detailed information. The CAM will reach out to the bidders.
- b. Discussion and Review of a proposed Temporary Ordinance suspending any further STR applications until the passing of an updated ordinance.
  - i. The CA introduced this, this is a proposed temporary ordinance to suspend new short-term rental (STR) applications until the updated ordinance is in place. The ordinance aims to manage the influx of new applications and gather feedback through surveys. The survey will be sent out by mail to residents, a work session for this will be held July 15<sup>th</sup> pertaining to the new STR ordinance, then it will go before Planning Commission August 14<sup>th</sup>. This will be brought back on the August 19<sup>th</sup> meeting for decision.

**5:00 COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING**

**(A) Opening Ceremonies –**

1. Welcome: Chair Wilson
2. Invocation and/or Moment of Reflection: **Hon. Commissioner Wilson**
3. Pledge of Allegiance: Chair Wilson

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### **(B) Consent Agenda Items**

1. Approval of the Morgan County Commission Minutes from May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025.
2. Notice of open Planning Commission Seat At-Large.
3. Resolution **CR 25-27** Appointing Public Works Director Bret Heiner as a voting member of the Morgan County Council of Governments.
4. Resolution **CR 25-28** approving the County's Travel Expense Policy and adding it to the Employee Handbook.
5. Approval of the Morgan County Fair Fun Run Agreement.
6. Approval of an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Morgan for Election Services in 2025.

**Commissioner Newton moved to approve items 1-3, 5 & 6 and remove item 4 to be discussed.**

**Seconded by Commissioner Fackrell**

VOTE:

Commission Chair Wilson AYE

Commissioner Newton AYE

Commissioner Blocker AYE

Commission Vice Chair Nickerson ABSENT

Commissioner Fackrell AYE

The Vote was 1 ABSENT, 4 AYE. The Motion passed.

### **(C) Commissioner Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

- None.

### **(D) Public Comments** (please limit comments to 3 minutes)

- Tina Kelly from Mountain Green addressed the Commission with concerns to the transient sales tax and sales tax, she is concerned about the tax burden being placed on the citizens of the County due to the increases in these.

### **(E) Presentations**

Morgan High School [FBLA Digital Video Production Team's project](#) that won first place with a near perfect score.

- The Commission watched a video created by the high school FBLA team, which won first prize in a competition. The video has been promoted on the tourism tax advisory board's social media and website.

1. **(B 4) Resolution CR 25-28** approving the County's Travel Expense Policy and adding it to the Employee Handbook.
  - a. Commissioner Fackrell discussed that he would like to see the need for approval of out-of-state travel to be approved by the Commission rather than by the CAM.
  - b. The Commission decided to have out of state travel to be included in the consent agenda items retroactively from this point forward in order for the Commission to review those.

**Commissioner Newton moved to approve CR-25-28 the County's Travel Expense Policy and adding it to the Employee Handbook.**

**Seconded by Commissioner Blocker**

VOTE:

Commission Chair Wilson AYE

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Commissioner Newton AYE  
Commissioner Blocker AYE  
Commission Vice Chair Nickerson ABSENT  
Commissioner Fackrell NAY  
The Vote was 1 ABSENT, 1 NAY, 3 AYE. The Motion passed.

### (F) Action Items

#### 1. Hon. Shaun Rose – Discussion/Decision – Morgan County Recorder

Discussion and decision on Resolution CR 25-26 abating back taxes on three erroneous parcels.

- a) 00-0004-0038 in the amount of \$ 171.51 + accrued interest for the years 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018
- b) 00-0072-4947 in the amount of \$ 71.11 + accrued interest for the years 2024, 2022, 2020
- c) 00-0073-7667 in the amount of \$ 110.63 + accrued interest for the years 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020
  - a. The Recorder presented three parcels for tax sale, explaining their non-existence or creation by mistake.

**Commissioner Newton moved to approve Resolution CR-25-26 abating back taxes on three erroneous parcels.**

**Seconded by Commissioner Fackrell**

VOTE:

Commission Chair Wilson AYE  
Commissioner Newton AYE  
Commissioner Blocker AYE  
Commission Vice Chair Nickerson ABSENT  
Commissioner Fackrell AYE  
The Vote was 1 ABSENT, 4 AYE. The Motion passed.

#### 2. Hon. Shaun Rose – Discussion/Decision – Morgan County Recorder

Discussion and decision on a budget adjustment for FY 2025; Allocating grant rollover grant monies from 2024 and increasing the expense line for FY 2025.

- a. The Recorder stated This request is for a budget adjustment related to the PLSS (Public Land Survey System) grant. The State awards this grant to counties for the preservation of section corners. Morgan County hired Jeremiah Cunningham, a licensed surveyor, to perform the work. The grant operates on a reimbursement basis. However, due to my absence during the prior budget cycle, it appears the funds from the FY25 grant were not properly allocated, leaving a shortfall in covering outstanding invoices. Additionally, funds need to be allocated for the FY26 PLSS grant under the state contract. This budget change request for \$42,345 is intended to address the remaining obligations under the FY25 grant.

**Commissioner Newton moved to approve the budget adjustment for the recorder's office for fiscal year 2025, the amount of \$42,345 as listed.**

**Seconded by Commissioner Blocker**

VOTE:

Commission Chair Wilson AYE  
Commissioner Newton AYE  
Commissioner Blocker AYE



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Commission Vice Chair Nickerson ABSENT

Commissioner Fackrell AYE

The Vote was 1 ABSENT, 4 AYE. The Motion passed.

### 3. **Kate Becker** – Discussion/Decision – Morgan County Administrative Manager

Discussion and decision on two web applications agreements with upfront costs to come out of Non-Departmental.

- a) **Medici Land Governance:** A land management tool for ownership maps and publicly recorded documents.
- b) **Polimorphic:** This tool would function as an interactive way for citizens to find information by asking questions, similar to how they would interact with a chatbot. Instead of just returning a list of links, it would aim to directly answer their queries using the content available on the website.
  - i. Medici is a new AI-powered document processing system being adopted by counties across Utah and beyond. It integrates with existing platforms like Simplifile to improve document accuracy, indexing, and recording. When a document is submitted, it first goes through Medici for indexing and verification, then through Simplifile for final processing. This enhances data accuracy and ensures timely updates. In addition to processing new documents, Medici allows the county to digitize and index historical documents, up to 40,000 at a time. These records, once processed, will be made accessible to the public through an online portal. Users will be able to create accounts and search for any recorded document, including subdivision plats, surveys, and other official filings with the Morgan County Recorder's Office. This initiative represents a significant step forward in modernizing document management and improving public access to county records.
  - ii. Chair Wilson raised a question regarding the benefit to title companies, specifically whether the new system would reduce the need for in-person visits to Morgan County for document recording. Title professionals have expressed interest in a more streamlined, remote recording process to increase efficiency and reduce travel.
  - iii. The Recorder stated the new system will be highly beneficial for title companies, as it eliminates the need for in-person visits by providing full online access. Additionally, the general public will also benefit, as all recorded documents will be available digitally, removing the need to visit the office to obtain records.
  - iv. The Recorder also clarified the cost, the onboarding fee for Medici is \$5,000, with an annual fee of \$1,000 and a 20-cent-per-page charge for daily reporting.

**Commissioner moved to approve the Medici Land Governance for a Land Management Tool for Ownership Maps, and publicly recorded documents.**

**Seconded by Commissioner Fackrell**

**VOTE:**

Commission Chair Wilson AYE

Commissioner Newton AYE

Commissioner Blocker AYE

Commission Vice Chair Nickerson ABSENT

Commissioner Fackrell AYE

The Vote was 1 ABSENT, 4 AYE. The Motion passed.

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**Commissioner Newton moved to postpone item 3 (b) to next Commission meeting.**

**Seconded by Commissioner Blocker**

**VOTE:**

Commission Chair Wilson AYE

Commissioner Newton AYE

Commissioner Blocker AYE

Commission Vice Chair Nickerson ABSENT

Commissioner Fackrell AYE

The Vote was 1 ABSENT, 4 AYE. The Motion passed.

#### **4. Morgan County Board of Equalization – Discussion/Decision**

Discussion and decision on Resolution **CR 25-01-BOE** designating Brad Neff as the County's Board of Equalization Hearing Officer for the County's Tax Year 2025.

**Commissioner Newton moved to close public meeting and convene as the Board of Equalization.**

**Seconded by Commissioner Fackrell**

**VOTE:**

Commission Chair Wilson AYE

Commissioner Newton AYE

Commissioner Blocker AYE

Commission Vice Chair Nickerson ABSENT

Commissioner Fackrell AYE

The Vote was 1 ABSENT, 4 AYE. The Motion passed.

- The Assessor introduced this stating that the Clerk's office has reached out to different Hearing Officers for this years BOE hearings and Brad Neff was the best fit for the county.

**Commissioner Fackrell moved to approve Resolution CR-25-01-BOE Appointing Brad Neff to act as our hearing officer for a period of one year.**

**Seconded by Commissioner Newton**

**VOTE:**

Commission Chair Wilson AYE

Commissioner Newton AYE

Commissioner Blocker AYE

Commission Vice Chair Nickerson ABSENT

Commissioner Fackrell AYE

The Vote was 1 ABSENT, 4 AYE. The Motion passed.

**Commissioner Newton moved to adjourn as the Board of Equalization and reconvene public meeting.**

**Seconded by Commissioner Fackrell**

**VOTE:**

Commission Chair Wilson AYE

Commissioner Newton AYE

Commissioner Blocker AYE

Commission Vice Chair Nickerson ABSENT

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Commissioner Fackrell AYE

The Vote was 1 ABSENT, 4 AYE. The Motion passed.

### 5. **Hon. Matthew Wilson** – Discussion/Decision – Morgan County Commissioner

Discussion on advertising costs for public notices in the Standard Examiner.

- a. Chair Wilson introduced this stating in a recent conversation with the CA, they discussed the cost associated with reposting public notices for Planning and Development in the Standard-Examiner, which is approximately \$400 per posting. Given that some of these postings may not be required, he'd like to open a discussion on the necessity of these expenses to avoid unnecessary spending.
- b. The Commission and CA discussed that the Utah Public Notice Website and the Morgan County Website are sufficient for State requirements and following to notify the public, rather than the Standard-Examiner, Morgan County Website and the Public Notice Site.

**Commissioner Newton moved to direct staff to work on the code, updating the need to advertise notices via Utah Public Notice Website for legislative specific items.**

**Seconded by Commissioner Fackrell**

VOTE:

Commission Chair Wilson AYE

Commissioner Newton AYE

Commissioner Blocker AYE

Commission Vice Chair Nickerson ABSENT

Commissioner Fackrell AYE

The Vote was 1 ABSENT, 4 AYE. The Motion passed.

### 6. **Josh Cook** – Discussion/Decision – County Planning Director

**Deywós Mountain Estate CUP** – A request for approval of a Conditional Use Permit (C2) that is required for a private recreational resort, which is identified by parcel number 00-0068-1129 and serial number 03-005-011-01-8 and is approximately located at 7533 N Trappers Loop Rd in unincorporated Morgan County.

- a. Planner 1 introduced this. This item pertains to a Conditional Use Permit application for Davis Mountain Estate, submitted by the property owner/applicant, Mr. Josh Hughes, who is present at the meeting. The project site is located at approximately 7533 North Trappers Loop Road, with parcel and serial numbers detailed in the meeting packet. The property underwent a zoning change approved on April 1 under Application 25.003, resulting in a split zoning designation: primarily A-20 (Agricultural) with two smaller areas zoned RR-5 (Rural Residential). The current request is to obtain a CUP within the A-20 zone to allow for a private recreational resort—a use that requires such a permit. Staff has reviewed the application and provided relevant legal guidance and proposed conditions for mitigating potential impacts. The Planning Commission was originally scheduled to hear the item on May 22, but the meeting was canceled due to lack of quorum. Consequently, the item has been forwarded to this body for consideration, despite the C-2 code designation assigning approval authority to the Planning Commission.
- b. Chair Wilson clarified that this situation is what initially prompted the conversation between Garrett and me. Due to the Planning Commission's lack of quorum, we've determined that items like this will only be brought directly to this body when a quorum is not present—solely to avoid unnecessary delays in the process.
- c. The CA added that under state code, if a recommendation is not made in a timely manner, it is treated as a denial. Therefore, for this and the next agenda item, the Planning



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Commission's lack of action is procedurally treated as a denial, even though no meeting or formal vote occurred.

- d. The applicant spoke to the Commission Regarding coordination with UDOT, the applicant explained that discussions have been ongoing for over a year, though primarily focused on other aspects of the property. They clarified that UDOT has indicated no new access will be granted; rather, modifications to the existing access point would be required. As such, they respectfully requested revising the language in Condition #1 from "new access" to "updated access" or similar wording to reflect UDOT's position. Additionally, following prior discussions, the applicant commissioned a traffic study from Hales Engineering, which will accompany their formal application to UDOT. The study outlines vehicle thresholds and potential infrastructure needs (e.g., a deceleration lane if traffic exceeds certain levels). The project is intentionally designed to avoid triggering costly roadway modifications, such as a left-turn lane on Trappers Loop Road.

**Commissioner Newton moved to approve a conditional use permit for the day wolves, Mountain Estate CUP, parcel number 00-0681129, serial number 03-005-011-01-8, with the findings and conditions listed in the staff report with one adjustment to condition number one that the word new be stricken just reads access and not new access.**

**Seconded by Commissioner Fackrell**

VOTE:

Commission Chair Wilson AYE

Commissioner Newton AYE

Commissioner Blocker AYE

Commission Vice Chair Nickerson ABSENT

Commissioner Fackrell AYE

The Vote was 1 ABSENT, 4 AYE. The Motion passed.

### **7. Josh Cook – Discussion/[Public Hearing](#)/Decision – County Planning Director**

**Code Enforcement Code Text Amendment:** A request for approval of a text amendment to modify Morgan County Code to establish revised enforcement procedures, processes, and expand available civil and criminal remedies.

- a. Planner 1 introduced this stating, this item addresses a proposed amendment to Section 150.5.999 of the Morgan County Code aimed at modernizing and expanding the county's code enforcement framework. Thanks to significant efforts by the new Planning Office staff members, including Code Compliance Officer Chris and the DA, the amendment removes outdated language, introduces both civil and criminal remedies based on offense severity, and aligns appeal procedures with state law. Additionally, the amendment eliminates broad third-party lawsuit provisions to strengthen enforcement authority and clarifies the civil billing process. The changes involve a comprehensive reorganization, including the deletion and replacement of Section 150.5.999 with a revised version, detailed in the staff report starting on page three. The DA is present to provide further details. Although initially scheduled for Planning Commission review on May 22, that meeting was canceled due to lack of quorum. Consequently, the item has been forwarded to this body with a procedural recommendation of denial.
- b. Commissioner Newton suggested that, given the scope and significance of the proposed changes, the code enforcement amendment should be formally reviewed by the Planning Commission before any action—approval or denial—is taken by this body. He emphasized the importance of obtaining an official recommendation from the commission to ensure thorough evaluation. While recommending a referral back to the Planning Commission, he also encouraged continued discussion at the current meeting to address any immediate questions or concerns.



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**Commissioner Fackrell moved to close public meeting and convene public hearing.**

**Seconded by Commissioner Newton**

VOTE:

Commission Chair Wilson AYE

Commissioner Newton AYE

Commissioner Blocker AYE

Commission Vice Chair Nickerson ABSENT

Commissioner Fackrell AYE

The Vote was 1 ABSENT, 4 AYE. The Motion passed.

- **No public comment.**

**Commissioner Fackrell moved to close public hearing and reconvene public meeting.**

**Seconded by Commissioner Newton**

VOTE:

Commission Chair Wilson AYE

Commissioner Newton AYE

Commissioner Blocker AYE

Commission Vice Chair Nickerson ABSENT

Commissioner Fackrell AYE

The Vote was 1 ABSENT, 4 AYE. The Motion passed.

- Commissioner Newton expressed concerns about the penalty of up to \$1,000 a day and the appeal process.
- The CA supported the streamlined appeal process to reduce ambiguity and legal risk, noting it simplifies matters for both the county and appellants.

**Commissioner Fackrell moved to postpone this item so as to be heard by the Planning Commission June 12<sup>th</sup>.**

**Seconded by Commissioner Newton**

VOTE:

Commission Chair Wilson AYE

Commissioner Newton AYE

Commissioner Blocker AYE

Commission Vice Chair Nickerson ABSENT

Commissioner Fackrell AYE

The Vote was 1 ABSENT, 4 AYE. The Motion passed.

### **8. Josh Cook – Discussion/[Public Hearing](#)/Decision – County Planning Director**

**Snow Storage Code Text Amendment:** A request for approval of a text amendment to modify Morgan County Code to define requirements for snow storage at commercial properties.

- a. Planner 1 introduced this stating, this item proposes a text amendment to the Morgan County Code to establish snow storage requirements, which currently do not exist. This amendment seeks to improve winter site plan standards by defining snow storage guidelines for various zoning types—particularly commercial—and setting parking regulations and penalties to enhance safety and emergency access during winter months. The initiative follows a directive from the County Commission on February 6 and was developed by the Planning Department. The proposed code (Section 150.5.355) is included in the meeting packet, with key provisions highlighted in red for discussion. The Planning Commission reviewed the item on May 8, held a public hearing (with no public comments), and unanimously recommended approval. Some clarifying questions were raised regarding the minimum requirements, which



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were set conservatively to avoid regulatory overreach and can be revised over time. Minor formatting issues have been noted and corrected.

- b. Chair Wilson and Commissioner Newton discussed the minimum snow storage requirements, which vary by zone, 30% for residential, 25% for industrial, and 25% for commercial.
- c. The Commission and CA and DA discussed a better number would be 15%.

**Commissioner Newton moved to close public meeting and convene public hearing.**

**Seconded by Commissioner Fackrell**

VOTE:

Commission Chair Wilson AYE

Commissioner Newton AYE

Commissioner Blocker AYE

Commission Vice Chair Nickerson ABSENT

Commissioner Fackrell AYE

The Vote was 1 ABSENT, 4 AYE. The Motion passed.

- No public comment.

**Commissioner Newton moved to close public hearing and reconvene public meeting.**

**Seconded by Commissioner Blocker**

VOTE:

Commission Chair Wilson AYE

Commissioner Newton AYE

Commissioner Blocker AYE

Commission Vice Chair Nickerson ABSENT

Commissioner Fackrell AYE

The Vote was 1 ABSENT, 4 AYE. The Motion passed.

**Commissioner Newton moved to approve the Snow Storage Code Text Amendment with the modifications discussed in today's meeting.**

**Seconded by Commissioner Blocker**

VOTE:

Commission Chair Wilson AYE

Commissioner Newton AYE

Commissioner Blocker AYE

Commission Vice Chair Nickerson ABSENT

Commissioner Fackrell NAY

The Vote was 1 ABSENT, 4 AYE. The Motion passed.

### **9. Kate Becker – Discussion/[Public Hearing](#)/Decision – County Administrative Manager County Ordinance CO 25-12 passage of an increase to the transient room tax.**

- a. Commissioner Fackrell and Commissioner Newton discussed the potential tax increases, including a transient room tax (TRT) and a sales tax increase for public safety.
- b. Commissioner Fackrell discussed the importance of the TRT in promoting the county and supporting essential services.
- c. Commissioner Newton stated he wanted to clarify a common misconception: property tax revenue is budget-based, meaning it only increases if the county adjusts its budget, which constitutes a tax increase and triggers a public notice to residents. While rising property values might shift the tax burden and lower individual bills, adjusting the budget still results in a formal tax increase. Residents often assume that new developments, like WPR, generate

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additional revenue. In reality, unless the budget is increased, new properties primarily reduce the tax liability for others rather than bringing in new funds, aside from limited one-time sources such as rollback taxes.

**Commissioner Fackrell moved to close public meeting and convene public hearing.**

**Seconded by Commissioner Newton**

VOTE:

Commission Chair Wilson AYE

Commissioner Newton AYE

Commissioner Blocker AYE

Commission Vice Chair Nickerson ABSENT

Commissioner Fackrell AYE

The Vote was 1 ABSENT, 4 AYE. The Motion passed.

- No public comment.

**Commissioner Newton moved to close public hearing and reconvene public meeting.**

**Seconded by Commissioner Fackrell**

VOTE:

Commission Chair Wilson AYE

Commissioner Newton AYE

Commissioner Blocker AYE

Commission Vice Chair Nickerson ABSENT

Commissioner Fackrell AYE

The Vote was 1 ABSENT, 4 AYE. The Motion passed.

**Commissioner Fackrell moved to approve County Ordinance CO-25-12 to increase transient room tax to 4.5%.**

**Seconded by Commissioner Blocker**

VOTE:

Commission Chair Wilson AYE

Commissioner Newton AYE

Commissioner Blocker AYE

Commission Vice Chair Nickerson ABSENT

Commissioner Fackrell AYE

The Vote was 1 ABSENT, 4 AYE. The Motion passed.

**10. Kate Becker** – Discussion/**Public Hearing**/Decision – County Administrative Manager

**County Ordinance CO 25-13** passage of additional sales and use tax for the funding of Public Safety.

- a. The Commission would like this item postponed, but will hold public hearing for the item.

**Commissioner Fackrell moved to close public meeting and convene public hearing.**

**Seconded by Commissioner Nickerson**

VOTE:

Commission Chair Wilson AYE

Commissioner Newton AYE

Commissioner Blocker AYE

Commission Vice Chair Nickerson ABSENT

Commissioner Fackrell AYE

The Vote was 1 ABSENT, 4 AYE. The Motion passed.

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- No public comment.

**Commissioner Newton moved to close public hearing and reconvene public meeting.**

**Seconded by Commissioner Fackrell**

VOTE:

Commission Chair Wilson AYE

Commissioner Newton AYE

Commissioner Blocker AYE

Commission Vice Chair Nickerson ABSENT

Commissioner Fackrell NAY

The Vote was 1 ABSENT, 4 AYE. The Motion passed.

**Commissioner Newton moved to postpone item 10, the County Ordinance CO-25-13 to the June 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.**

**Seconded by Commissioner Blocker**

VOTE:

Commission Chair Wilson AYE

Commissioner Newton AYE

Commissioner Blocker AYE

Commission Vice Chair Nickerson ABSENT

Commissioner Fackrell AYE

The Vote was 1 ABSENT, 4 AYE. The Motion passed.

### **11. Lydia Hebdon – Discussion/Decision – Morgan County Recreation Director**

Approval and designation of match funding for the FY2025 Community Parks and Recreation Grant.

- a. The CAM introduced this stating The County has been awarded the Community Parks and Recreation Grant for the multi-use fields at the fairgrounds. The Recreation Director is currently focused on other recreation priorities, therefore the CAM has taken the lead on this project. The key financial detail is that the maximum grant amount of \$200,000 was awarded. The remaining project cost of \$329,400 will be covered by the County.

**Commissioner Fackrell moved to approve the grant by the Utah Office of Outdoor Recreation for FY2025, community parks and recreation grant for the fairgrounds.**

**Seconded by Commissioner Newton**

VOTE:

Commission Chair Wilson AYE

Commissioner Newton AYE

Commissioner Blocker AYE

Commission Vice Chair Nickerson ABSENT

Commissioner Fackrell AYE

The Vote was 1 ABSENT, 4 AYE. The Motion passed.

### **12. Kate Becker – Discussion/Decision – Morgan County Administrative Manager**

Discussion and decision on **Resolution CR 25-29** waiving fees for the 2025 Morgala Days.



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- a. The CAM introduced this stating this request is for a waiver of rental fees for the Morgan County Fairgrounds for a two-day period, as well as standby emergency medical services for the Morgana Days Rodeo. The organization has provided documentation confirming its nonprofit status, holds valid insurance, and has paid the required deposit.

**Commissioner Newton moved to approve Resolution CR-25-29.**

**Seconded by Commissioner Fackrell**

**VOTE:**

Commission Chair Wilson AYE

Commissioner Newton AYE

Commissioner Blocker AYE

Commission Vice Chair Nickerson ABSENT

Commissioner Fackrell AYE

The Vote was 1 ABSENT, 4 AYE. The Motion passed.

- 13. Kate Becker – Discussion/Decision – Morgan County Administrative Manager**  
Discussion and decision on awarding the RFP for the Croydon Fire Department Building and designating funding.

**Not discussed per the work session above.**

- 14. Hon. Garrett Smith – Discussion/Decision – Morgan County Attorney**  
Discussion and decision on a finalized interlocal agreement between Morgan County and Wasatch Peaks Ranch Road & Fire District.
  - a. The Interlocal agreement with Wasatch Peaks has been reviewed multiple times. Following recent discussions with Johnny Miller and the Wasatch Peaks Road and their Road and Fire District attorney, concerns were raised regarding indemnification and insurance provisions not being covered under UCIP. To ensure compliance with UCIP bylaws and avoid inadvertently affecting governmental immunity, staff recommends postponing the item once more. Staff will continue working with legal counsel to refine the agreement before bringing it back for approval at the next meeting.

**Commissioner Newton moved to postpone item 14 until the June 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.**

**Seconded by Commissioner Fackrell**

**VOTE:**

Commission Chair Wilson AYE

Commissioner Newton AYE

Commissioner Blocker AYE

Commission Vice Chair Nickerson ABSENT

Commissioner Fackrell AYE

The Vote was 1 ABSENT, 4 AYE. The Motion passed.

- 15. Hon. Garrett Smith – Discussion/Decision – Morgan County Attorney**  
Discussion and decision on Car Show Event specifically 1) Confirming that the Car Show is a Morgan County supported annual event; 2) Clarify that the volunteers are limited to the organizers/operators of the event and not to the participants; and 3)

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Discuss the criminal and civil liability for holding a burn out contest, including what precautions can be taken to make the even safe and legal.

- a. The CA introduced this stating he recommended that the Commission formally recognize the car show as a Morgan County-supported annual event for the record, ensuring clear documentation in case of any future claims. Additionally, he asked for clarification regarding volunteer status: only the event organizers and operators, similar to roles at the county fair, should be considered official county volunteers. Participants, such as those bringing cars or vendors, are not county volunteers and should not be treated as such for liability purposes under UCIP coverage.
- b. The CA and Toby Green who is overseeing the Car Show discussed the logistics of the annual car show, including volunteer forms and safety measures.
- c. The CA also focused specifically on the burnout event. After consulting with Sheriff Stark, it was agreed that the activity, as currently conducted, could be classified as reckless driving or a speed contest/exhibition under state law. While the event is not inherently prohibited, it must be restructured to ensure it is conducted safely and legally. Concerns were raised about a reported incident from last year where a vehicle allegedly lost control, underscoring the need to prioritize public safety and proper regulation going forward.
- d. The CA and Toby also explained to the Commission that this year for burnouts they will set up a stationary burnout with safety barricades so that spectators aren't in potential danger.
- e. Toby also mentioned that they would like to potentially look at extending this even to 2 days to get more cars and people out to it.

**No motion made, discussion and agreeance to declare this an annual event going forward.**

### **(G) County Administrative Manager Updates**

- She received a notice of intent from the City of Morgan to prepare a comprehensive general plan amendment, which likely addresses annexation boundaries. The document will be scanned and distributed shortly.

### **(H) Commissioner Comments**

- Commissioner Blocker
  - She provided updates on the Children's Justice Center ribbon-cutting ceremony and the airport board's progress. The Children's Justice Center is a safe and welcoming space for young children during interviews.
  - The airport board is working on various goals to improve the airport, including new facilities and increased safety measures.
- Commissioner Newton
  - He announced the retirement of the Wasatch Integrated Waste director and the appointment of Preston Lee as the new executive director.
- Commissioner Fackrell
  - He raised concerns about the spread of dyer's woad and the need for a community effort to address it.
- Commission Vice-Chair Nickerson
  - Absent.
- Commission Chair Wilson
  - None.

**Commissioner Newton moved to go into closed session to discuss the character and professional competency of an individual.**

**Seconded by Commissioner Fackrell**

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### VOTE:

Commission Chair Wilson AYE

Commissioner Newton AYE

Commissioner Blocker AYE

Commission Vice Chair Nickerson ABSENT

Commissioner Fackrell AYE

The Vote was 1 ABSENT, 4 AYE. The Motion passed.

**Commissioner Newton moved to convene the closed session where they discussed the character and professional competency of an individual.**

**Seconded by Commissioner Fackrell**

### VOTE:

Commission Chair Wilson AYE

Commissioner Newton AYE

Commissioner Blocker AYE

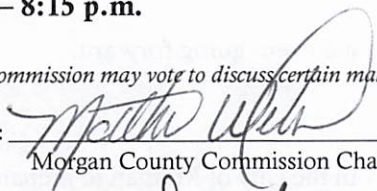
Commission Vice Chair Nickerson ABSENT

Commissioner Fackrell AYE

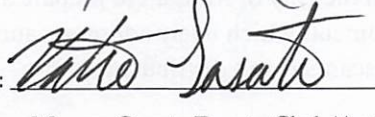
The Vote was 1 ABSENT, 4 AYE. The Motion passed.

### Adjourn – 8:15 p.m.

*Note: The Commission may vote to discuss certain matters in Closed Session (Executive Session) pursuant to Utah Code Annotated §52-4-205.*

APPROVED:   
Morgan County Commission Chair

DATE: 6/17/2025

ATTEST:   
Morgan County Deputy Clerk/Auditor

DATE 6/18/2025

### **\*Action Item(s) that includes Public Hearing(s) will be held at or after 6:00 PM**

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