

## MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES



July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025

### 3:00 AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING

#### 4:00 WORK SESSION

#### 5:00 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.*

**NOTE: Commissioner Mike Newton may attend virtually**

#### COUNTY COMMISSION

Commission Chair Matt Wilson  
Commission Vice Chair Vaughn Nickerson  
Commissioner Raelene Blocker  
Commissioner Blaine Fackrell

#### OTHER EMPLOYEES

IT Director Jeremy Archibald  
Deputy Clerk/Auditor Katie Lasater  
Administrative Manager Kate Becker (CAM)  
County Attorney Garrett Smith (CA)  
Clerk/Auditor Leslie Hyde  
Planning Director Josh Cook  
Planner 1 Jeremy Lance  
Fire Warden Dave Vickers  
Public Works Director Bret Heiner  
Recreation Director Lydia Hebdon

#### OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Debbie Sessions  
Tina Kelley  
Aaron Hixson  
Brandy Grace  
Carrie Jacobson  
Dan Hemmert  
Michelle Jenson  
Kevin Eastman  
Nobu Iizuka  
Ed Schultz

### 3:00 AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING

A review with HBME of Morgan County's Audit for the year 2024.

[Commission Members on the Audit Committee are **Blocker, Fackrell, and Nickerson**]

- The Audit Committee discussed the Auditor's findings regarding the impact fee schedule. It was highlighted that most submissions did not meet the detailed criteria. The committee was advised to contact Seth Overson at the State for a template to ensure compliance.

### 4:00 WORK SESSION

**Brandy Grace, CEO Utah Association of Counties – Housing Foundation**

- Brandy Grace and Dan Hemmert discussed the creation of a Housing Foundation to address affordable housing needs in rural counties. The foundation aims to manage a 10% affordable housing set-aside from project areas, focusing on workforce housing for those earning between 80% and 100% of the area median income. Dan Hemmert, a former state senator, emphasized the importance of housing affordability for economic growth and proposed a grant program to incentivize developers to build attainable housing. The foundation would administer these grants, ensuring funds are used locally and align with federal guidelines.

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### 5:00 COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING

#### (A) Opening Ceremonies –

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

#### (B) Consent Agenda Items

1. Approval of the Morgan County Commission Minutes from July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025.
2. Approval of the Recorder's FY26 PLSS Grant (no match funds required)
3. Notice of Library Board of Trustees opening due to expiration of term and term limits.

**Commissioner Nickerson moved to approve the consent agenda items.**

**Seconded by Commissioner Blocker**

VOTE:

Commission Chair Wilson AYE

Commissioner Newton ABSENT

Commissioner Blocker AYE

Commission Vice Chair Nickerson AYE

Commissioner Fackrell AYE

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

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

- Chair Wilson declared conflict of interest with Buster Delmonte as he has done work for his business 9Line.

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

- **None.**

#### (E) Presentations

##### 1. **Dave Vickers** – Morgan County Fire Warden

Gun Range Fuel Break Maintenance & Wildland Fire Risk Assessment

1. Active and potential safety hazards
2. Wildland fire mitigation needs
3. Recommendations for site improvements

- The Fire Warden presented this to the Commission where he discussed the increased fire activity in Utah and the need for a moratorium on long-range rifle shooting at the local gun range due to fire safety concerns. He provided detailed information on the current conditions of the gun range, including the presence of vegetation and rocks that could ignite from bullets. He suggested a moratorium on long-range rifle shooting until the end of the summer, with a re-evaluation in early September. He also suggested improvements to the gun range to prevent fires, emphasizing the urgency due to current fire conditions and resource constraints.
- The Commissioners discussed the feasibility of making improvements to the gun range, including clearing vegetation and building berms.
- The Fire Warden emphasized the importance of preventing fires and suggests that the county consider a major overhaul of the rifle range in the future.

##### 2. **Carrie Jacobson** – Traffic Operations Engineer, UDOT

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### Presenting on a potential stop light in Morgan.

- Carrie Jacobson addressed the Commission and clarified that a traffic study was conducted at the eastbound I-84 off-ramp into Morgan City in response to concerns about traffic backing up during morning school hours. The study revealed that approximately 400 vehicles exit the ramp in the morning and 500 in the evening. While the volume threshold for a four-way stop was met, the required delay threshold was not, making it an unsuitable option. Sight lines at the ramp were found to be adequate, and the intersection is close to meeting the traffic signal warrant based on four-hour volume criteria, currently meeting two hours, with just a 5% traffic increase needed to meet the full requirement. Widening the ramp was also considered, but due to the proximity of the railroad and the cost of associated infrastructure such as retaining walls, it was deemed cost-prohibitive. Installing a traffic signal emerged as the most cost-effective solution. The proposed signal will use sensors to respond to real-time traffic conditions, minimizing unnecessary delays. A designer has already been secured through a streamlined procurement process, and a kickoff meeting has taken place to initiate design work, including visibility enhancements and advance signage due to nearby railroad structures. A design review will occur in the coming months, and construction is anticipated to begin before the end of the year, depending on contractor availability. This signal is expected to effectively reduce ramp congestion during peak traffic periods.
- The Commissioners raised concerns regarding traffic congestion near Commercial Street, particularly just past the railroad tracks. When vehicles are heading out of town and traffic backs up, a single car attempting to turn left onto Commercial Street (e.g., toward Larry's) can block the entire flow. This results in a complete stop for all vehicles behind, including those exiting the freeway. The situation already occurs during peak times, especially with traffic coming down from 711 toward the freeway and could worsen with additional traffic or signal changes.

### (F) Action Items

#### 1. Michelle Jenson & Kevin Eastman – Discussion/Decision – Weber Human Services

Presentation on what Weber Human Services offers to Morgan County residents and discussion/decision on financial commitments.

- a. Michelle Jenson presented an overview of Weber Human Services, which serves both Morgan and Weber counties. She provided statistics on the number of households and individuals in Morgan County eligible for Medicaid and the services provided by Weber Human Services. The presentation included details on the full continuum of behavioral health services offered, including outpatient therapy, case management, and residential care. She also discussed the Meals on Wheels program which serves 30 meals per day to home-bound seniors in Morgan County, with a current waitlist of one to three individuals. She provided highlights of the prevention activities provided by Weber Human Services, including training youth on strategic prevention frameworks and community readiness surveys. The Morgan Cares initiative is mentioned as a key asset for preventing substance use issues and suicide.

**Item was discussion only, this will be approved during budget discussions.**

#### 2. Morgan Jr. Livestock Committee – Discussion/Decision – Fairgrounds

The Morgan Jr. Livestock has been approved for a grant to improve the Livestock building at the Morgan County Fairgrounds. Requesting permission to make improvements to County property.

- a. Craig Shupe, representing the Morgan County Junior Livestock program, provided an overview of the program's growth and a request for support. The program offers youth ages

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8–18 the opportunity to raise and show livestock, and has seen a 25% increase in participation over the past decade, from 174 exhibitors in 2015 to 238 in the current year. Due to this growth, the existing livestock barn no longer meets the program's needs. A grant has been secured to fully fund the construction of an expanded facility, and the program is requesting permission to build the expansion on Morgan County property. The expansion is fully funded by a grant from the Morgan DAF.

**Commissioner Nickerson moved to approve the Morgan Junior livestock to be able to increase the size of the livestock barn on county property.**

**Seconded by Commissioner Fackrell**

VOTE:

Commission Chair Wilson AYE

Commissioner Newton ABSENT

Commissioner Blocker AYE

Commission Vice Chair Nickerson AYE

Commissioner Fackrell AYE

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

### **3. Bret Heiner – Discussion/Decision – Morgan Public Works Director**

Discussion and decision of the additional cost of speed signs approved at the 06/17 meeting and potential purchase of two additional signs that would be donor funded.

- a. Bret discussed the order and installation of traffic signals in Mountain Green on Old HWY including the additional cost due to the need for higher-grade signals as recommended by UDOT.
- b. Commissioner Blocker mentioned that a private donor will fund two additional speed radar signs, bringing the total to four.

**Commissioner Blocker moved to approve the extra \$2,366 for the radar speed signs, the funds will come from the Opioid fund.**

**Seconded by Commissioner Fackrell**

VOTE:

Commission Chair Wilson AYE

Commissioner Newton ABSENT

Commissioner Blocker AYE

Commission Vice Chair Nickerson AYE

Commissioner Fackrell AYE

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

### **4. Buster Delmonte – Discussion/Decision – Citizen Request**

Discussion and decision on a requested fee waiver. [Previously discussed 06/17]

- a. Chair Wilson introduced this stating there was discussion with the Commission and Buster Delmonte at the 6/17 meeting regarding the decision to waive certain fees on his behalf due to the need to relocate approximately \$60,000 worth of infrastructure. Bret, who is present, confirmed that the first permit Buster must obtain is for a road cut to access utilities. He would like to request waving \$9,000 waived for cutting the road.
- b. The CA suggested that instead of waiving permit fees, the Commission should determine a fair reimbursement amount based on the cost of removing the overburden left by Wardell's Construction during the airport project. The concern is that waiving fees sets an ongoing precedent and may lead to repeated requests for additional fee waivers in the future. By addressing the issue through a one-time payment, reflecting what the County did not pay Wardell's to remove, the matter can be resolved without establishing a pattern of waiving standard permit fees.

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**Commissioner Fackrell moved to postpone this item to the August 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.**

**Seconded by Commissioner Nickerson**

VOTE:

Commission Chair Wilson AYE

Commissioner Newton ABSENT

Commissioner Blocker AYE

Commission Vice Chair Nickerson AYE

Commissioner Fackrell AYE

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

### **5. Haley Johnson – Discussion/Decision – Morgan County Fair**

Discussion on a 10% profit share contract with Drage Second Chance Ranch for Pony Rides at the 2025 Morgan County Fair.

- a. The CA introduced this stating the Commission previously approved the Fun Run with conditions related to safety, requiring adjustments to the route or start time. He added that Commissioner Newton recommended using an advertising agreement instead of a fee-splitting model to avoid potential liability from co-sponsorship. Under this approach, event organizers would follow standard vendor agreements and insurance requirements, with the County's role limited to promotion. Fair Coordinator Haley Johnson has requested a similar setup for an upcoming fair event, despite plans to move toward advertising-only agreements in the future. Given the short timeline, it was suggested that if approved, the event follow the same terms as the Fun Run, requiring insurance, indemnity, and listing Morgan County as an additional insured by July 22. No agreement has been drafted yet, and if approved, this should be the final event using the current model.

**Commissioner Fackrell moved to approve the Drage Second Chance Ranch for pony rides at the Morgan County Fair according to the same contract that we did with the Fair Fun Run and that they provide the insurance and all the information by July 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

**Seconded by Commissioner Nickerson**

VOTE:

Commission Chair Wilson AYE

Commissioner Newton ABSENT

Commissioner Blocker AYE

Commission Vice Chair Nickerson AYE

Commissioner Fackrell AYE

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

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

Discussion and decision on a budget adjustment for additional outlook licenses.

- a. IT Director stated the Fire Chief will need \$1,500 to cover the new individuals who will be getting hired for the new fire stations that have been approved.

**Commissioner Blocker moved to postpone the budget adjustment for \$1,500 for the fire stations, email addresses.**

**Seconded by Commissioner Fackrell**

VOTE:

Commission Chair Wilson AYE

Commissioner Newton ABSENT

Commissioner Blocker AYE

Commission Vice Chair Nickerson AYE

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Commissioner Fackrell AYE

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

### 7. Hon. Leslie Hyde – Discussion/**Public Hearing**/Decision – County Clerk/Auditor

#### **Resolution CR 25-34** Amendment of Morgan County's 2025 Budget

- a) Request motion to adjourn public hearing and convene budget hearing
- b) Public comments (please limit to 3 minutes)
- c) Request motion to adjourn budget hearing and convene public meeting
- d) Approval of **Resolution CR 25-34** amending Morgan County's 2025 Budget
  - i. The Clerk/Auditor introduced this as a request was presented for approval of Resolution CR-25-34, which includes multiple budgetary adjustments. These adjustments involve certified tax rate updates, departmental and fund balance changes, and budgeting for grants related to the airport, library, and recorder's office. It also includes budget updates to reflect the new agreement between Morgan County Fire and the WPR Road and Fire District, along with various other fund transfers. All fund balance adjustments included have been reviewed in prior meetings. A \$1,500 request that was tabled earlier in the meeting will be removed from the resolution. Appreciation was expressed for the Commission's previous decision to require advance approval for fund balance use, which has streamlined the budgeting process. Notably, this round of adjustments did not include any negative impacts, and the certified tax rate changes were beneficial.

**Commissioner Blocker moved to close public meeting and convened public hearing**

**Seconded by Commissioner Nickerson**

VOTE:

Commission Chair Wilson AYE

Commissioner Newton ABSENT

Commissioner Blocker AYE

Commission Vice Chair Nickerson AYE

Commissioner Fackrell AYE

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

- No public comment.

**Commissioner Nickerson moved to close public hearing and reconvened public meeting**

**Seconded by Commissioner Fackrell**

VOTE:

Commission Chair Wilson AYE

Commissioner Newton ABSENT

Commissioner Blocker AYE

Commission Vice Chair Nickerson AYE

Commissioner Fackrell AYE

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

**Commissioner Fackrell moved to approve CR-25-34 with the adjustment to take out the \$1,500 that was motioned on item F6.**

**Seconded by Commissioner Blocker**

VOTE:

Commission Chair Wilson AYE

Commissioner Newton ABSENT

Commissioner Blocker AYE

Commission Vice Chair Nickerson AYE

Commissioner Fackrell AYE

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

### 8. Josh Cook – Discussion/**Public Hearing**/Decision – County Planning & Zoning

**Cemetery Code Text Amendment:** A request to adopt § 155.373 and amend §§ 155.008, 155.107, and 155.132 of the Morgan County Code to define public and private cemeteries, update zoning use tables, and establish approval standards for cemetery development. The proposed changes set minimum lot sizes, restrict burial in unsuitable areas, require detailed site plans, and formalize long-term maintenance obligations for private cemeteries through deed covenants and endowment funds. [Previously discussed 07/01]

- a. Planning Director introduced this stating, at the previous meeting, a cemetery text amendment was presented; however, the updated text was not included in the meeting packet. The Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval of the amendment on June 12. Since then, minor clarifications have been made, shown in red text. Some of these changes reflect feedback from the July 1 discussion, most notably, the landscaping section was revised to reference the County's existing commercial landscaping standards rather than creating new ones specific to cemeteries. Additionally, the minimum acreage requirement was reduced from five acres to one. In response to a recent request from Commissioner Blocker, the proposed setbacks have been updated to align with the zoning district in which the cemetery is located. The applicant expressed no concerns with these adjustments and is willing to modify setbacks as directed.
- b. The Commission discussed the need for paved roads in cemeteries, with some members preferring asphalt and others suggesting shale.
- c. The CA raised a concern stating, allowing variances without clearly defined criteria in the statute, as it could lead to inconsistencies, especially with changes in Commission membership. While he is not opposed to moving forward if that is the Commission's preference, he noted that having established standards would help ensure consistency. Additionally, he emphasized that there are already existing avenues for residents or businesses to propose changes, such as submitting a formal text amendment request or working with a commissioner or planning commissioner to initiate one.
- d. The Commission agreed on the setback being 20 feet and to allow for perimeter roads.

**Commissioner Blocker moved to close public meeting and convened public hearing**

**Seconded by Commissioner Nickerson**

VOTE:

Commission Chair Wilson AYE

Commissioner Newton ABSENT

Commissioner Blocker AYE

Commission Vice Chair Nickerson AYE

Commissioner Fackrell AYE

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

- No public comment.

**Commissioner Fackrell moved to close public hearing and reconvened public meeting**

**Seconded by Commissioner Nickerson**

VOTE:

Commission Chair Wilson AYE

Commissioner Newton ABSENT

Commissioner Blocker AYE

Commission Vice Chair Nickerson AYE

Commissioner Fackrell AYE

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

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**Commissioner Blocker moved to approve the Cemetery Code Text Amendment, amending the setbacks to 20 feet.**

**Seconded by Commissioner Nickerson**

VOTE:

Commission Chair Wilson AYE

Commissioner Newton ABSENT

Commissioner Blocker AYE

Commission Vice Chair Nickerson AYE

Commissioner Fackrell AYE

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

### **9. Josh Cook – Discussion/[Public Hearing](#)/Decision – County Planning & Zoning**

**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. [Previously discussed 06/03]

- a. Deputy Attorney introduced this stating the code enforcement text amendment is being presented again after previously coming before the County Commission without first going through the Planning Commission due to a canceled meeting. Commissioner Newton had made several suggestions, prompting the Commission to request the amendment be reviewed by the Planning Commission before moving forward. One key issue involved proposed changes to three sections of code that would have redirected subdivision appeals from the County Commission to the appeal authority. After review, the Planning Commission recommended keeping the County Commission as the appeal authority for these matters. If the Commission agrees, the relevant sections—15.05.3971, 15.05.3437, and 15.05.440—will remain unchanged.
- b. Deputy Attorney also noted that the original ordinance allowed fines of up to \$100 per day; the proposed amendment increased that cap to \$1,000 per day. In response, the Planning Commission recommended a progressive fine structure based on repeated violations within a 12-month period—starting at \$500/day for a first violation, \$750/day for a second, and \$1,000/day for a third. While these amounts are higher than the previous structure, they are consistent with fines in other jurisdictions. However, unlike other jurisdictions where fines begin immediately, this proposal allows for a 30-day compliance period before fines accrue. Enforcement begins only after a formal notice of non-compliance is issued, which follows an initial 10-day courtesy notice. Extensions can be requested, and fine amounts may be appealed to the Zoning Administrator.

**Commissioner Nickerson moved to close public meeting and convened public hearing**

**Seconded by Commissioner Fackrell**

VOTE:

Commission Chair Wilson AYE

Commissioner Newton ABSENT

Commissioner Blocker AYE

Commission Vice Chair Nickerson AYE

Commissioner Fackrell AYE

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

- No public comment.

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

**Seconded by Commissioner Nickerson**

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### VOTE:

Commission Chair Wilson AYE

Commissioner Newton ABSENT

Commissioner Blocker AYE

Commission Vice Chair Nickerson AYE

Commissioner Fackrell AYE

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

**Commissioner Nickerson moved to approve the Ordinance CO-25-11 the Code Enforcement Code Text Amendment.**

**Seconded by Commissioner Blocker**

### VOTE:

Commission Chair Wilson AYE

Commissioner Newton ABSENT

Commissioner Blocker AYE

Commission Vice Chair Nickerson AYE

Commissioner Fackrell AYE

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

### **10. Kate Becker & Josh Cook – Discussion/Decision – Morgan County Department Heads** Prioritization of outstanding code text amendments.

- a. The CAM presented a list of pending code text amendments, including commercial design standards, food trucks, and geo-hazard restrictions.
- b. The Commission will email the Planning Director of what they would like worked on in order of priorities and he will work on those accordingly.

**Discussion and direction only.**

### **11. Hon. Morgan County Commission – Discussion/Decision – Commission Travel** UAC Annual Conference Attendees: Early Bird Registration (Aug 8) is \$460/ guest \$40

- a. The Commission decided that Commissioners Newton, Blocker and Fackrell.

**Commissioner Nickerson moved to approve three Commissioners to attend the UAC Annual Conference.**

**Seconded by Commissioner Blocker**

### VOTE:

Commission Chair Wilson AYE

Commissioner Newton ABSENT

Commissioner Blocker AYE

Commission Vice Chair Nickerson AYE

Commissioner Fackrell AYE

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

### **12. Hon. Matthew Wilson – Discussion – County Commission Chair** Morgan County Food Pantry

- a. Chair Wilson introduced this raising concerns about the Morgan Food Pantry's funding and operations.
- b. The CA clarified that the pantry was previously managed by the county but is now operated by Grace Fellowship Church.
- c. The Commission discussed the need for a sustainable funding model and the importance of community support.

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- d. The Commission agreed on the decision to continue monitoring the pantry's operations and funding needs.

**Discussion only, no motion made.**

### **13. Jeremy Archibald – Discussion/Decision – Morgan County I.T. Manager**

Discussion and decision on a budget adjustment to extend server warranty.

- a. The IT Director introduced this, he requests approval to renew the warranty for a \$50,000 server, which is set to expire on August 11.

**Commissioner Nickerson moved to approve the amount of \$1,134.96 for the IT Department to renew the warranty for our server, coming out of the general fund and moving it to fund 10-4149-310.**

**Seconded by Commissioner Fackrell**

**VOTE:**

Commission Chair Wilson AYE

Commissioner Newton ABSENT

Commissioner Blocker AYE

Commission Vice Chair Nickerson AYE

Commissioner Fackrell AYE

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

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

Discussion and decision on a budget adjustment to purchase additional fleet.

- a. The CAM introduced this stating, she is requesting approval to buy 3 vehicles at the state bid price for fleet vehicles and the need for additional funding to purchase four vehicles, including one with a tow package.
- b. The Commissioners inquired about which offices need vehicles.
- c. The CAM clarified that there is need for at least 3 in Planning and Development, the Assessor's office, Recreation, and other needs for County employees.

**Commissioner Fackrell moved to approve an additional expenditure of \$6,673 to purchase two vehicles, including the towing package on one of them.**

**Seconded by Commissioner Blocker**

**VOTE:**

Commission Chair Wilson AYE

Commissioner Newton ABSENT

Commissioner Blocker AYE

Commission Vice Chair Nickerson AYE

Commissioner Fackrell AYE

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

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

**'Get Healthy Utah' Designation for unincorporated portions of Morgan County.**

- a. The CAM introduced this stating an email invitation was received regarding participation in the Healthy Utah Communities program. Upon inquiry, it was clarified that counties are not eligible to apply directly, as the program is administered through the Utah League of Cities and Towns. However, unincorporated areas within counties may be eligible if the county supports their participation in the process. While Morgan City does not currently have the designation, and most of Morgan County is unincorporated, the County has consistently ranked among the top 10 healthiest counties in the U.S. for six consecutive years, indicating

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potential qualification. This is being brought to the attention of officials who represent unincorporated areas, such as Enterprise, to consider whether they might pursue the designation. She has a 45-minute training is scheduled with them, and the application requirements for the designation have been shared for reference.

**No motion, discussion only.**

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

- a. Review and possible award of the Fairgrounds Multiuse Field RFP
- b. Request to repost the Fairgrounds Electrical RFP due to lack of bids.
  - i. The Commission reviewed the bids for the Fairground Multiuse Field RFP. With one being over budget and one under budget.
  - ii. The Commission discussed the need for drilling a well for the field. It was discussed that this would only need secondary water.
  - iii. The Commissioners debated the inclusion of parking lots and fences in the RFP and consider revisiting the bids with these modifications.
  - iv. The Recreation Director addressed the Commission stating she didn't include a parking lot in the RFP as there is no need for one.
  - v. The CAM stated that there were no bids for the electrical RFP. This will need to be reposted.

**No motion or vote taken, item was agreed on by Commission to be discussed at the August 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.**

### **17. Hon. Garrett Smith – Discussion/Decision – Morgan County Attorney**

**Opioid Settlement signature authority and continued participation.**

- a. The CA introduced this stating an updated opioid settlement email was received today, which differs from the one included in the agenda packet. The previous settlement involved Purdue Pharma and the Sackler family, with a substantial amount of \$6.5 billion. The new email pertains to eight additional settlements. Historically, authorization was granted to review and sign opioid settlement documents to ensure the County received its share of the funds. Since all new settlements are using the same forms previously reviewed, a request was made to retain that signing authority to avoid bringing each settlement back for separate approval. The request includes continuing this authorization until formally rescinded, with ongoing email updates to the Commission for transparency.

**Commissioner Fackrell moved to authorize Garrett Smith, the County Attorney, to retain signature authority on behalf of the County for all matters related to the continued participation in the opioid settlement, until rescinded.**

**Seconded by Commissioner Blocker**

**VOTE:**

Commission Chair Wilson AYE

Commissioner Newton ABSENT

Commissioner Blocker AYE

Commission Vice Chair Nickerson AYE

Commissioner Fackrell AYE

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

### **18. Hon. Garrett Smith – Discussion/Decision – Morgan County Attorney**

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### Retroactive fee request for the 'No One Fights Alone 5K'

- a. The CA informs the commission about a request to waive a \$50 permitting fee for the No One Fights Alone 5K event.

**Commissioner Blocker moved to reimburse the \$50 fee charged to No One Fights Alone 5K.**

**Seconded by Commissioner Fackrell**

**VOTE:**

Commission Chair Wilson AYE

Commissioner Newton ABSENT

Commissioner Blocker AYE

Commission Vice Chair Nickerson AYE

Commissioner Fackrell AYE

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

### **(G) Commissioner Comments**

- **Commissioner Blocker**
  - She attended Intermountain Health Needs Assessment for Morgan County, she noted a 5% increase in food insecurity in the county since 2021. 30% of local overdoses are accidental, often due to elderly individuals forgetting they already took their medications.
  - She attended the YCC meeting, where they discussed the Love Better program, it focuses on teen outreach and education regarding healthy relationships. Teaches youth how to identify and avoid abusive relationships through prevention and awareness efforts.
- **Commissioner Newton**
  - **ABSENT.**
- **Commissioner Fackrell**
  - The 4<sup>th</sup> of July event that was put on by the Chamber went great and had great attendance. They had a lot of participation with the cardboard regatta.
  - He asked the Commission to consider doing a float for the fair.
- **Commission Vice-Chair Nickerson**
  - The new farm bill passed and the Conservation District expressed support and satisfaction with the passage of the new farm bill.
  - There is a grant available for weed control, the grant is to help landowners purchase herbicides for weed management. Though late in the season, chemicals can still be bought now and reimbursed, then used in the spring. Grant forms will be available in the coming weeks. Once the grant form is ready, it will be shared with Kate Becker for posting on the appropriate website
  - He mentioned a fence in/fence out discussion, Concerns were raised about developers removing existing fences during property development. The district recommends that developers be responsible for reinstalling fences to prevent livestock from entering residential areas. Specific concern was noted in areas like Summer Ridge and The Ridges subdivisions.
- **Commission Chair Wilson**
  - **None.**
  - The CAM provided an update on 9 Springs Resort. A meeting was held on June 26 with the County Attorney, the Clerk/Auditor, and the consulting firm hired to conduct the Lieutenant Governor's pre-incorporation (feasibility) study for the Nine Springs area. During the discussion, the firm requested several documents necessary to advance their analysis. These include all existing agreements with the City of Morgan, as well as proprietary data from Wasatch Peaks Ranch and the road and fire districts, if they are willing to share it. Commissioner Blocker has already provided one of the requested

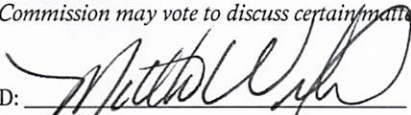
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documents, but additional information is still needed to complete the data submission. This serves as an update on that meeting and the next steps in the study process.

### Adjourn – 9:00 p.m.

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

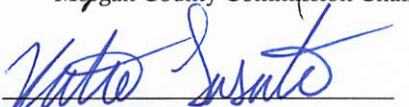
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Morgan County Commission Chair

DATE:

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

The Commission may vote to discuss certain matters in closed Session (Executive Session) pursuant to Utah Code Annotated §52-4-205. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing auxiliary services for these meetings should call Kate Becker at 435-800-8724 at least 24 hours prior to this meeting. This meeting is streamed live.

**If you want to participate virtually in any public comment listed on this agenda, you need to contact**

**[Jeremy@morgancountyutah.gov](mailto:Jeremy@morgancountyutah.gov) at least 24 hours before the scheduled meeting.**