



## MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

**August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**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.*

### **COUNTY COMMISSION**

Commission Chair Matthew Wilson  
Commission Vice Chair Vaughn Nickerson  
Commissioner Raelene Blocker  
Commissioner Mike Newton  
Commissioner Blaine Fackrell

### **OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Debbie Sessions  
Tina Kelley

### **OTHER EMPLOYEES**

IT Director Jeremy Archibald  
Deputy Clerk/Auditor Katie Lasater  
Clerk/Auditor Leslie Hyde  
Administrative Manager Kate Becker (CAM)  
County Attorney Garrett Smith  
Sheriff Corey Stark  
Recorder Shaun Rose  
Library Director Erin Bott  
Airport Manager Joe Garfield

## **4:00 WORK SESSION**

### **1. Casey Basaker, Employee Performance Appraisals**

- a. Recommended updates to the Employee Performance Appraisal Form
- b. Recommended Performance Appraisal Form for Department Heads
  - The CAM introduced this with a focus on updates to employee performance evaluations, now including metrics like initiative and coaching, with a new deadline of August 15 to ensure budget items are set up.

### **2. Hon. Shaun Rose, Work Session on new County Record Search Portal**

- The Recorder introduced this stating the Morgan County search portal, developed in four months with Medici, allows public access to recorded documents, reducing reliance on other counties. The portal charges \$1 per page for document downloads, with a subscription tier for title companies. Historical documents will be digitized, and new digital ownership maps will improve accuracy and efficiency. The importance of section corners for property records was emphasized, with plans to digitize and make them accessible online.

## **5:00 COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING**

### **(A) Opening Ceremonies**

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

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

1. Approval of the Morgan County Commission Minutes from July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025.
2. Approval of an agreement with the Utah Courts for bailiff services.

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3. Approval of **Resolution CR 25-35** appointing Lindsey Hunt to the Library Board of Trustees
4. America 250 Stipend Request and approval of use agreement
5. Approval of an Ag Lease Agreement for County range ground at the Fairgrounds
6. Bill of Sale for transfer of WPR-RFD equipment to Morgan County
7. Notice of Statewide Stage 2 Fire Restriction Order 2025

**Commissioner Blocker moved to move items 1,2,3,4,5 and 7 and move item 6 to action item F2.**

**Seconded by Commissioner Newton**

VOTE:

Commission Chair Wilson AYE

Commissioner Newton AYE

Commissioner Blocker AYE

Commission Vice Chair Nickerson AYE

Commissioner Fackrell AYE

The Vote was unanimous. The Motion passed.

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

- Chair Wilson has a conflict with item F3 as he has done work for Buster Delmonte.

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

- Cindy Carter addressed the Commission stating approximately 90% of the local range land is leased, and those leasing the land are generally unable to afford fencing. The landowners also do not wish to install fencing. Given this, she expressed full support for a fence-out policy, emphasizing its importance in preserving the rural character of the area and supporting local ranchers. She referenced personal experience building a shared fence with a neighbor adjacent to range land and acknowledged a previous policy or measure that was passed but not easily located. She offered assistance in advancing this issue and noted that others share similar concerns.

### (E) Presentations

### (F) Action Items

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

Request to abate back taxes on erroneous parcel 00-0069-2199

- a. The Recorder introduced this stating approval is being requested to abate the back taxes on a parcel that should not exist. The property was deeded to the LDS Church in 2015, but the parcel was never officially deleted from the records. Abating the taxes will allow for the necessary deletion of the parcel.

**Commissioner Newton moved to approve the abatement of taxes of parcel 00-0069-2199 in the amount of \$53.90 plus accrued interest.**

**Seconded by Commissioner Fackrell**

VOTE:

Commission Chair Wilson AYE

Commissioner Newton AYE

Commissioner Blocker AYE

Commission Vice Chair Nickerson AYE

Commissioner Fackrell AYE

The Vote was unanimous. The Motion passed.

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### **2. Mountain Green Fire Protection District – Discussion/Decision – Entity Request**

The Mountain Green Fire Protection District and the Morgan City/County Fire Department would like to perform a Live Fire Demonstration of the activation of a residential sprinkler system. This demonstration aims to help policymakers understand how these systems function in the event of a structure fire and why they are necessary in areas with limited or no water supplies for fire suppression, for life safety, and property conservation.

**a. Bill of Sale for transfer of WPR-RFD equipment to Morgan County (Consent agenda item moved)**

- i. The Mountain Green Deputy Fire Chief Golden Barrett gave a live presentation on the impact of sprinkler systems on life safety and fire suppression.
- ii. Commissioner Nickerson raised a question regarding the implementation of the adopted state code, specifically whether there are alternative options to installing a sprinkler system for properties over 3,600 square feet. He inquired if the code allows for flexibility, such as offering acceptable alternatives, or if a sprinkler system is mandatory once the size threshold is exceeded.
- iii. Golden clarified that efforts are made to work collaboratively with homeowners during the design process to incorporate fire safety measures, such as firewalls and structural separations. However, there are limitations when homeowners have specific design preferences, which can restrict the extent of safety features that can be implemented.
- iv. The Commission and the CA discussed the bill of sale transfer, the CA gave his changes that he reviewed and updated.

**Commissioner Nickerson moved to approve the bill of sale transfer of the WPR RFD equipment to Morgan County with the correction noted by the CA.**

**Seconded by Commissioner Fackrell**

**VOTE:**

Commission Chair Wilson AYE

Commissioner Newton AYE

Commissioner Blocker AYE

Commission Vice Chair Nickerson AYE

Commissioner Fackrell AYE

The Vote was unanimous. The Motion passed.

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

Discussion and decision on a request for County contribution towards removing of overburden at the airport.

- a. Chair Wilson introduced this, he provided the bill that Buster paid moving the overburden at the airport.
- b. Commissioner Blocker expressed discomfort with reimbursing Buster the full \$65,000.
- c. Commissioner Newton suggested a \$9,000 reimbursement, reflecting the fees Buster paid.

**Commissioner Newton moved to approve \$9,000 to be paid to 9Line Holdings LLC from general fund, transferred to Fund 38, and paid from the Airport Building and Grounds account 38-4550-260.**

**Seconded by Commissioner Nickerson**

**VOTE:**

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Commission Chair Wilson AYE

Commissioner Newton AYE

Commissioner Blocker NAY

Commission Vice Chair Nickerson AYE

Commissioner Fackrell NAY

The Vote was 2 NAY, 3 AYE. The Motion passed.

### **4. Morgan County Airport Board – Discussion/Decision – Airport Recommendations**

- a. Transfer and assumption of Lease Hangar FF1**
- b. Transfer and assumption of Lease Hanger DD3**
- c. Request to lease privately improved tie down space in front of hangar FF1**
- d. Request for RFP publication and matching funds for airport berm improvements**
  - i. The CA stated the lease for hangar FF1 is not being formally transferred, as no assignment form was used. Instead, the original lessee is entering into a new lease under an LLC rather than as an individual. The revised lease, effective May 6, 2025, maintains the same terms and timeline, adjusted to a 26-year term instead of the original 30 years, aligning with the later start date. The lessee will continue paying the same fees, now structured under the LLC. The lease includes a 3% annual increase based on the 2021 base rate, rather than specifying the exact decimal rate. Additionally, the lease allows for a potential adjustment to the rent every five years based on the CPI, subject to Commission consideration.
  - ii. The CA clarified that the assignment and assumption form for DD3 has been completed and submitted correctly. The form, which was created by staff, was properly filled out and submitted to the appropriate individual. It has already been reviewed and signed, and now only requires formal approval and the county's signature to be finalized.
  - iii. The CA recommended against approving a proposed lease for a private tie-down at the airport, despite the airport advisory board's favorable recommendation. His concern is that leasing hard surface space, something not previously done, would grant exclusivity, allowing the lessee to restrict public access at a public airport. He noted that existing arrangements, such as those with Buster on the commercial side, preserve county control over tie-downs to avoid competition with county-owned spaces and ensure public accessibility. Leasing the hard surface would also increase county maintenance responsibilities, such as snow removal. He suggested either maintaining this consistent policy or referring the matter back to the airport advisory board for further discussion, where they could explain their concerns directly.
  - iv. The Commission discussed the lease for FF1 and the potential for a private tie-down at the airport, with concerns about exclusivity and maintenance.
  - v. The CA and the Commission discussed the RFP, they discussed a \$44,000 grant for berm improvements. Updated estimates would exceed the grant amount, prompting consideration of issuing an RFP and identifying additional funds. Suggestions included seeking contributions from other groups before committing county funds, adjusting project scope to stay within budget, and specifying drought-tolerant, potentially native plants to address water shortages. They also agreed on ensuring landscaping is consistent with existing future airport designs and

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including a one-year warranty. The consensus was to proceed with the RFP, with the commission deciding on any additional funding at the time of award.

**Commissioner Fackrell moved to approve the transfer and assumption of the lease hanger DD3 in accordance with the terms outlined in the lease agreement, including the updated rental payments and all associated provisions.**

**Seconded by Commissioner Blocker**

VOTE:

Commission Chair Wilson AYE

Commissioner Newton AYE

Commissioner Blocker AYE

Commission Vice Chair Nickerson AYE

Commissioner Fackrell AYE

The Vote was unanimous. The Motion passed.

**Commissioner Fackrell moved to reject the request to lease privately improved tie down space in front of hangar FF1.**

**Seconded by Commissioner Newton**

VOTE:

Commission Chair Wilson AYE

Commissioner Newton AYE

Commissioner Blocker AYE

Commission Vice Chair Nickerson AYE

Commissioner Fackrell AYE

The Vote was unanimous. The Motion passed.

**Commissioner Blocker moved to approve the airport recommendation of the transfer and assumption of leasing hangar FF1.**

**Seconded by Commissioner Newton**

VOTE:

Commission Chair Wilson AYE

Commissioner Newton AYE

Commissioner Blocker AYE

Commission Vice Chair Nickerson AYE

Commissioner Fackrell AYE

The Vote was unanimous. The Motion passed.

### **5. Hon. Garrett Smith – Discussion – Morgan County Attorney**

Discussion on allowable uses of County property for events; Specifically, the Airport

- a. The CA provided clarification stating three separate groups have recently inquired about holding events at the airport. Under the current airport code, event organizers must obtain county commission approval and submit their request to airport management at least 60 days before the event. Certain activities, such as test driving on the runway, are expressly prohibited, and events cannot disrupt normal airport operations. While questions may be raised about whether the code should be revised, any changes, particularly those involving the airport, should be approached cautiously to allow time for thorough research, including review of FAA regulations, to ensure compliance with all federal and state requirements.
- b. Commissioner Newton expressed openness to hosting events that are aeronautically related; however, he does not consider activities such as car shows, taxi runway test drives, or similar non-aeronautical uses to be an appropriate use of the airport.

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- c. The CA stated that the airport code requires prior written approval from the county commission for events, with requests submitted at least 60 days in advance. A recent request for an October 3 event meets that timeline and will proceed through the airport advisory board with recommendations from airport management. The code also requires liability insurance, possible conditional use permits, and limits non-aeronautical businesses to those that serve and support the airport and flying community. A combined car and plane show could qualify under this provision, provided it benefits the aviation community. To avoid taxpayer subsidization, the Commission discussed charging a rental fee or requiring participants to contribute to airport upkeep, such as berm maintenance. Additional requirements include compliance with all statutes, holding a business license, and potentially sharing revenue with the county for property use or advertising. Future requests will be evaluated against these code provisions, refining the process as experience is gained. The full code is available in the meeting packet and on the county website.
- d. The CA will work on a text amendment with Commissioner Blocker and Commissioner Nickerson and the Airport Advisory Board to allow certain events at the airport.

**No motion made, staff given direction.**

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

**Discussion and awarding of the RFP for the County's General Plan to Planning Outpost**

- a. Planning Director introduced this to the Commission stating staff issued an RFP approximately four months ago and received two responses. After reviewing the proposals and interviewing both respondents, staff determined that Planning Outpost would best meet the county's needs for a general plan rewrite. The firm also submitted the lowest bid. He is requesting approval to sign the consulting services contract so work can begin.
- b. Commissioner Nickerson inquired about outstanding area plans and their inclusion in the general plan.
- c. Planning Director clarified that previous area plans were not comprehensive and hopes for more detailed area plan chapters.
- d. The Commission discussed the importance of public meetings and the need for consistent representation of all areas, as well as the importance of incorporating all area plans.
- e. Valerie Claussen, owner of Planning Outpost in South Ogden, introduced her firm and project team, which includes Zions Municipal Finance, JUB Engineers, and Downtown Redevelopment Services. With over 20 years of planning experience in both public and private sectors, she emphasized the team's local presence, depth in economic development, infrastructure, and design, and their enthusiasm for working with Morgan County on this project.

**Commissioner Newton moved to approve and award the bid to Planning Outpost for the County General Plan Update.**

**Seconded by Commissioner Blocker**

**VOTE:**

Commission Chair Wilson AYE

Commissioner Newton AYE

Commissioner Blocker AYE

Commission Vice Chair Nickerson AYE

Commissioner Fackrell AYE

The Vote was unanimous. The Motion passed.

### **7. Kate Becker & Josh Cook – Discussion/Decision – Morgan County Planning & Zoning**



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Prioritization of outstanding code text amendments.

- a. The Planning Director provided an update on various text amendments and ordinances in progress, including food trucks, cargo containers, and geo hazards.
- b. The Commission discussed the finalization of the text amendments and the need for further meetings and consultations. The Commission also mentioned the importance of a sign code overhaul as well.

**No motion, discussion only.**

**8. Kate Becker – Discussion/[Public Hearing](#)/Decision – Morgan Administrative Manager Ordinance CO 25-05 Discussion and approval of an ordinance providing for the control of Noxious Weeds within the County and the establishment of a County Weed Board.**

- a. The CA introduced this stating this item has been reviewed multiple times to ensure compliance with search and seizure provisions and to confirm, in coordination with the Public Works Director, that all necessary licensing is in place for outlined activities. The primary revision clarifies that the County Weed Control Board will function as an advisory body to the County Commission, rather than serving as the final decision-making authority.
- b. Commissioner Newton asked for clarification on in section two, subsection B, clarification is needed to ensure the language does not imply that the advisory board has authority to direct the county weed control supervisor's specific actions or allocate their time. While the board may provide recommendations, it should be clear that final direction to county employees remains with appropriate county leadership.
- c. The CA agreed that direction to the county weed control supervisor should follow the established chain of command, with the Public Works Director as the direct supervisor, reporting to the CAM, who in turn reports to the Commission.
- d. The CA also recommended to keep weed control enforcement under the existing county code and compliance officer, avoiding a separate process. Work beyond the right-of-way should be done by licensed contractors to meet state requirements and limit liability. The changes streamline procedures under one code to reduce confusion and extend the compliance period from five days to the county's standard 10–40 days.
- e. Commissioner Fackrell expressed concerns about the county entering private property without permission. The CA explained that changes to the ordinance would require written permission before entering the property.
- f. The CA provided more clarifications on changes and updates he made.

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

**Seconded by Commissioner Nickerson**

VOTE:

Commission Chair Wilson AYE

Commissioner Newton AYE

Commissioner Blocker AYE

Commission Vice Chair Nickerson AYE

Commissioner Fackrell AYE

The Vote was unanimous. The Motion passed.

- Cindy Carter addressed the Commission stating her main concern is that the railroad, a major contributor to the problem, does not address it despite being a significant spreader of weeds. While not opposed to the proposal, there is uncertainty about how to hold the railroad accountable, as most other property owners manage the issue through their own means.

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**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 AYE

Commissioner Fackrell AYE

The Vote was unanimous. The Motion passed.

- The CAM addressed public comment stating that efforts are underway to coordinate with the railroad, which has been difficult to reach. Ongoing discussions address multiple issues, including trail projects and noxious weed control. In other counties, agreements have been established for the railroad to pay for spraying services, and similar arrangements are being pursued here.

**Commissioner Newton moved to approve Ordinance CO 25-05 with the updates from the evening's meeting, and with a request to recodify it under Section 33.085 of the county code.**

**Seconded by Commissioner Blocker**

**VOTE:**

Commission Chair Wilson AYE

Commissioner Newton AYE

Commissioner Blocker AYE

Commission Vice Chair Nickerson AYE

Commissioner Fackrell AYE

The Vote was unanimous. The Motion passed.

### **9. Hon. Garrett Smith – Discussion – Morgan County Attorney**

#### **Discussion / Clarification on Fence In / Fence Out in the Morgan County Code**

- a. The CA introduced this stating that following a review of prior research from the Deputy Attorney, it was clarified that the state follows a "fence in" policy, not "fence out" as previously stated. Commissioner Fackrell also noted that county code (Section 150.5.425) requires developers of new non-agricultural projects adjacent to agricultural areas to install and maintain agricultural fencing at their own cost. This ensures the burden is on the developer rather than existing agricultural operations, even though the term "fence out" is not explicitly used in the code.
- b. Commissioner Fackrell suggests making the county an open range and discusses the liability implications for livestock owners.
- c. The Commission agreed to schedule a work session to discuss the fence ordinance and open range status further.

**Discussion only, this will come back for work session.**

### **10. Hon. Morgan County Commission – Discussion/Decision – Commission Travel**

- a. Utah Tourism Conference: Destination Discovery; October 1, No Registration Fee
- b. One Utah Summit; October 6-8 in Cedar City, Registration is \$359.49
  - i. Commissioner Fackrell will be attending both conferences.

**No motion, discussion only.**



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### **11. Kate Becker – Discussion Only – County Administrative Manager**

Discussion on possibly additions for the upcoming 2026 Budget Prep

#### **a. Morgan County Food Pantry**

#### **b. Grant Administrator/Contractor**

- i. The CAM discussed the financial history of the food bank and the need for ongoing funding.
- ii. The Commission considers the possibility of contributing to the food bank's operating costs and grant administration.
- iii. The Commission and the CAM agreed to explore the possibility of hiring a grant administrator and to discuss it further in a work session.

**No motion made, discussion only.**

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

#### **a. Discussion and decision on a budget adjustment to purchase fleet.**

#### **b. Discussion and decision on a budget adjustment for the Admin Building Water.**

- i. The CAM stated at the last commission meeting, additional funds were approved for two fleet vehicles. After confirming with another vendor that the price was favorable, Chair Wilson. suggested revisiting the agenda to consider allocating funds for a total of four vehicles.
- ii. The City of Morgan recently audited and determined that water charges had not been paid. Billing began in June, and a \$2,000 budget adjustment is needed to cover costs through the end of the year. There will be no back charges, and the full annual amount will be included in the 2026 budget.

**Commissioner Fackrell moved to approve this budget adjustment to purchase two new vehicles for the motor pool of the county.**

**Seconded by Commissioner Newton**

**VOTE:**

Commission Chair Wilson AYE

Commissioner Newton AYE

Commissioner Blocker AYE

Commission Vice Chair Nickerson AYE

Commissioner Fackrell AYE

The Vote was unanimous. The Motion passed.

**Commissioner Newton moved to approve the budget adjustment or utilities for this building to move from non-departmental to utilities.**

**Seconded by Commissioner Nickerson**

**VOTE:**

Commission Chair Wilson AYE

Commissioner Newton AYE

Commissioner Blocker AYE

Commission Vice Chair Nickerson AYE

Commissioner Fackrell AYE

The Vote was unanimous. The Motion passed.

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

Temporary ban of long-range shooting at the Morgan County Rifle Range due to fire risks.

- a. Commissioner Nickerson stated he has been in communication and working with Jeff Wardell, he is donating and transporting over 6,000 yards of clean fill, valued at \$65,000, from Ogden to the rifle range at no cost. The material will be placed on berms to enhance safety and reduce fire risk. Placement locations have been coordinated with staff, and hauling will continue until the full amount is delivered.
- b. The Commission discussed that they would like the Fire Chief can review the work being done in order to see if it will improve the fire safety risks.

**Commissioner Fackrell moved to postpone the closing of long range shooting at the Morgan County rifle range due to fire risks until we have discussed it with the Fire Department.**

**Seconded by Commissioner Newton**

**VOTE:**

Commission Chair Wilson AYE

Commissioner Newton AYE

Commissioner Blocker AYE

Commission Vice Chair Nickerson AYE

Commissioner Fackrell AYE

The Vote was unanimous. The Motion passed.

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

- a. Review and possible award of the Fairgrounds Multiuse Field RFP.
- b. Review and possible award the Fairgrounds Electrical RFP.
  - i. The CAM provided the bids to the Commission and will refer to them as options A and B.
  - ii. The Commission reviewed bids for the multi-use field project, comparing two options. Option A, while not including a well, allows the County to handle well installation separately if desired. The Commission discussed water source requirements and potential diversion needs.
  - iii. Option B was deemed invalid due to reduced coverage, multiple contingencies, and exclusions that could increase costs.
  - iv. The commission discussed the bid for electrical improvements at the fairgrounds and the need for emergency power and including a large generator for these purposes.

**Commissioner Newton moved to approve and award the bid to the option A.**

**Seconded by Commissioner Blocker**

**VOTE:**

Commission Chair Wilson AYE

Commissioner Newton AYE

Commissioner Blocker AYE

Commission Vice Chair Nickerson AYE

Commissioner Fackrell AYE

The Vote was unanimous. The Motion passed.

**Commissioner Newton moved to award the bid for the fairgrounds electrical improvement to the one vendor who submitted an RFP.**

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### **Seconded by Commissioner Nickerson**

#### **VOTE:**

Commission Chair Wilson AYE

Commissioner Newton AYE

Commissioner Blocker AYE

Commission Vice Chair Nickerson AYE

Commissioner Fackrell AYE

The Vote was unanimous. The Motion passed.

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

Discussion and decision on changes to the Employee Performance Appraisal and establishing a separate performance appraisal for Department Heads.

- a. The CAM introduced this stating during the work session, a request was made to approve separate performance appraisal forms, one for employees and a newly created version for department heads, with the evaluation period adjusted to end on August 15.
- b. Commissioner Nickerson expressed concern that the employee evaluation and appraisal forms are optional, suggesting they should be mandatory for honest self-reflection.

**Commissioner Newton moved to approve the employee evaluation, performance and appraisal forms as updated in tonight's meeting.**

### **Seconded by Commissioner Fackrell**

#### **VOTE:**

Commission Chair Wilson AYE

Commissioner Newton AYE

Commissioner Blocker AYE

Commission Vice Chair Nickerson AYE

Commissioner Fackrell AYE

The Vote was unanimous. The Motion passed.

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

Discussion and decision on the additional cost of speed signs approved at the 06/17 & 07/05 meetings to be covered by UDOT and approval of agreement.

**Commissioner Newton moved to approve the agreement with UDOT to pay for the cost on the speed signs.**

### **Seconded by Commissioner Blocker**

#### **VOTE:**

Commission Chair Wilson AYE

Commissioner Newton AYE

Commissioner Blocker AYE

Commission Vice Chair Nickerson AYE

Commissioner Fackrell AYE

The Vote was unanimous. The Motion passed.

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

Discussion and decision on going out for RFP for the County Impact Fee Plan and Fees

- a. The CAM introduced this stating the county currently collects impact fees for regional parks, community parks, and road infrastructure, with the option to expand to public safety and fire/EMS. It was proposed that the upcoming RFP include all five categories, allowing the

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commission to exclude any later if desired. However, concerns were raised about issuing the RFP before completing the general plan, as it may limit understanding of infrastructure needs. Delaying the update also prevents adding new projects to the impact fee list, restricting the use of existing funds to only those projects identified in the previous impact fee report.

- b. The CAM also clarified that last year's estimate for the full impact fee analysis was \$65,000–\$90,000, covering needs assessments for fire/EMS, roads, community parks, regional parks, and related infrastructure over the next 10–15 years. Impact fees fund projects required by new development, not maintenance. A recommendation was made to consider adding another regional park, such as Taggarts, to ensure countywide access and equitable use of funds. Addressing an audit finding, staff are working to improve tracking so impact fees collected in specific areas are spent locally. Any new regional park designations should be decided before issuing the RFP to incorporate them into the budget allocation.
- c. The Commission discusses the impact of new development on infrastructure needs and the importance of spending impact fee money on relevant projects.

**Commissioner Newton moved to postpone this item to our next meeting pending further information.**

**Seconded by Commissioner Fackrell**

**VOTE:**

Commission Chair Wilson AYE

Commissioner Newton AYE

Commissioner Blocker AYE

Commission Vice Chair Nickerson AYE

Commissioner Fackrell AYE

The Vote was unanimous. The Motion passed.

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

- **Commissioner Blocker**
  - She is working with UAC policy committee on SB 197 regarding property tax relief.
  - Senator McCay aims to eliminate the circuit breaker tax by next year, and Governor Cox is unlikely to veto it. Efforts are underway to shape the bill to best serve local and statewide residents.
  - The Kitchen pickleball courts in Mountain Green held their grand opening in August 2<sup>nd</sup>.
  - She attended the YCC annual golf tournament.
  - A glider crash in Mountain Green resulted in the pilot's death and sparked a fire that burned approximately three acres. The incident was managed swiftly and effectively, with photos available on the Mountain Green Protection District's Facebook page.
- **Commissioner Newton**
  - During the county fair, Saturday night's rodeo tickets sold out, while Friday night had a few hundred seats remaining. There were minor incidents, including a youth breaking a leg in the ATV rodeo, a bull rider briefly losing consciousness, and another youth being knocked out after a fall in the pig pen. All individuals are reported to be okay. It went great and we had a great fair.
- **Commissioner Fackrell**
  - He and Commissioner Nickerson attended a meeting with the DWR regarding the East Canyon property purchase. Key issue: DWR claims ownership of all land, while the state legislature asserts it was purchased for public use. Ongoing discussions aim to ensure the property serves the public; another meeting is scheduled in the coming weeks.
  - He had a discussion with UDOT's Kerry Jacobson on Highway 66 safety improvements included proposals to install electronic speed signs, similar to Mountain Green, and lower speed limits. An independent July study showed average speeds of 60–70 mph despite a 45 mph limit from city limits to White's Crossing. Concerns were raised about

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excessive speeds in residential Porterville, with warnings of potential fatal accidents if not addressed.

- **Commission Vice-Chair Nickerson**
  - He commented about DWR meeting and the ongoing negotiations with DWR regarding the East Canyon property, emphasizing the public's ownership of the land. mentions Tiara's, one of our representatives involvement in advocating for the property's intended use and the need for OHV access.
  - He had several attendees praised the arena's condition, highlighting the excellent work of John Cannon and Bret. Many commented that it was the best the arena has looked in years, particularly after the floating preparation for the rodeo. Overall, feedback from the fair was very positive, with everyone enjoying the event.
- **Commission Chair Wilson**
  - None.

**Commissioner Newton moved to close public meeting and hold closed session for strategy sessions to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property and the character and professionally competency of an individual.**

**Seconded by Commissioner Fackrell**

VOTE:

Commission Chair Wilson AYE

Commissioner Newton AYE

Commissioner Blocker AYE

Commission Vice Chair Nickerson AYE

Commissioner Fackrell AYE

The Vote was unanimous. The Motion passed.

**Commissioner Nickerson moved to convene closed session where they discussed strategy sessions to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property and the character and professionally competency of an individual and reconvene public meeting.**

**Seconded by Commissioner Blocker**

VOTE:

Commission Chair Wilson AYE

Commissioner Newton AYE

Commissioner Blocker AYE

Commission Vice Chair Nickerson AYE

Commissioner Fackrell AYE

The Vote was unanimous. The Motion passed.



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### Closed Session:

Pursuant to Utah Code Annotated 52-4-205 (1) (d) strategy sessions to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property [...]

### Adjourn – 9:34 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 Vice Chair

DATE:

9/19/2025

ATTEST: 

Morgan County Deputy Clerk/Auditor

DATE

8/20/2025

### **\*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.**