



Morgan County Economic Opportunity Board

Location: Morgan Business Resource Center/Virtual (Teams)

October Meeting Minutes

October 1, 2025, 8:00 am – 10:00 am

Attendees Invited: *John Barber, Mayor Steve Gale, Ty Bailey, Andrew Willis, Darren Rogers, Carol Brooks, Mandy Webb, Traca Wardell, Sherry Stevens, Justin Rees, Mercer Owen, Kate Becker, Andrea Brooks, Raelene Blocker, Adam Peek, Becca Nelson*

Present: Carol Brooks, Mandy Webb, Traca Wardell, Mercer Owen, Kate Becker, Andrea Brooks

- 1) Welcome to Morgan County Economic Development Board
 - a. Approval of the October 1, 2025 Agenda
 - No quorum was present will move to November Agenda
 - b. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest
 - None
 - c. Approval of Minutes from September 3, 2025
 - No quorum was present will move to November Agenda
- 2) Economic Outlook and Current Opportunities: **(2 minutes each)**
 - a. Workforce Services: Absent
 - b. State Parks:
 - Looking into the EDA grant for funding opportunities
 - c. Business Resource Center:
 - AI Series in October. 3-week series scheduled for Nov 7, 14th, 21st
 - CRM is up and running. CEO has a login but need to see if there is any way to take off the DUO authorization because that comes to Carol's phone to authorize before anyone can sign in.
 - d. Tourism: Absent
 - e. Chamber of Commerce:
 - Christmas on Commercial Dec 6th
 - Chamber Lunch and Learn October 8th. Lorin Jeppsen will be presenting on Challenging our Belief System for personal growth. 11:30-1pm Young Dodge
 - f. School District:
 - CTE Center at Morgan High is looking for presenters to come to the school and give a 15-minute presentation on their career field to select students.
 - Spread the work and if interested contact KyLee Rock at MHS
 - g. Governor's Office: Absent
 - h. Morgan City: Absent

- i. Morgan County:
 - No business to review
- j. Becca Report: Absent
 - Becca had sick children and emailed her report, will attach for review.
 - Becca has input all information and videos for reviewing.

3) Discussion on ROCG

1-Ty: I propose the County purchase the old poultry building and renovate it for a farmer's market or community events building. The City has been discussing this project a little and Justin Reese (the owner) would like to see it become a community asset as well. The City, however, is not eligible for another Rural Community Opportunities Grant as we currently have a grant on our books. We only get one at a time. The building needs to be restored but could be a great place to increase visitors to Morgan.

Discussion:

Would there be sufficient parking space?

Who would purchase the building, oversee the construction, be willing to match funds, run the building when fully renovated, get bids for project, is there time before the deadline to get detailed information that is needed to apply.

Sherry sent this information in an email, Just by way of information, I asked how many RCOG's have been approved by GOEO for the purchase of real estate. The answer was "none". More common approvals are for furnishing, fixtures, property build out. Such as for co-working spaces, remodels, etc.

2-Traca: Proposed Community / reception center hooked to the library or the trail along the river from the fairgrounds up towards the golf course.

Discussion:

Kate mentioned the trails are already in progress. The first phase is complete and waiting on fields to be completed before continuing with the next 3 phases of trails.

A discussion has been happening about attaching a new auditorium to the existing library as the County building is out of office space and could use the old auditorium for office space.

This project could possibly be submitted before the grant closes. Kate reached out to the engineer to see a timeline when they could get an engineer proposal completed to apply. Depending on what the engineer says will determine whether this project could be ready before the grant deadline.

It was also discussed that this building could also be designated as an emergency location for the county with Resources in case of a county disaster. More grant money could be accessed through EDA.

3-Raelene: Proposed Rural Communities Opportunity Grant would support critical road repairs along 5800 N, a private road serving as a business and commercial district in Mountain Green, Utah. This stretch of road is home to several local businesses, including Bearnson Woodworks, Short Field Landings Storage, Rosehill Dairy, Durant Slate Plumbing, Forever Bound Adoption, Winterton Automotive Towing, Mountain Green Secondary Water, Mountain Green Storage, Stauffer's Towing and Recovery, and Flap Jack Drizzle, among others. Although 5800 N is not a county-maintained road and currently lacks an egress, it plays a vital role in the local economy by providing access to a variety of essential goods and services. However, the road is currently in disrepair, which poses safety concerns for employees and hinders customer access. Improving the condition of this road would increase safety, encourage more customer traffic, and help sustain and grow the local economy.

Discussion: This proposal is actually on private property making it so it wouldn't qualify for this grant. As part of a long-term solution, it is recommended that the business owners look into fixing this road.

4-Remodel of the BRC

Discussion: Sherry verified this project would qualify for the grant. There would be several aspects to consider with all the guidelines. It was discussed that this project could be considered at a different time but with the time restrictions we have it would not be a good project because of all the requirements that will be needed before the grant expires. Davis Tech would also have to be involved in discussions for approvals and commitment for the grant match.

Moving forward:

We need to set up a teams meeting or try to meet in person asap to decide on whether we move forward with proposal Number 2. We need a quorum to make this decision. Would everyone be available maybe next Wednesday for this discussion? Morning or afternoon? We will try to schedule when the most people are available.