



**Morrow County Board of Commissioners
&
Morrow County Health District Board
Joint Special Meeting
Thursday, February 8, 2024**



Present in Person: Morrow County Board of Commissioners Chair David Sykes, Commissioner Roy Drago, Commissioner Jeff Wenholz, Valerie Ballard, Gregory Goebel; Morrow County Health District Chair Diane Kilkenny, Emily Roberts, Sam Van Laer, Trista Seastone, Stephen Munkers, Scott Ezell, and approximately 30 members of the public.

Present Via-Zoom: Morrow County Health District Board member, John Murray and approximately 55 members of the public.

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance: Morrow County Chair, David Sykes and Morrow County Health District Chair, Diane Kilkenny called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

After Commissioners, Board members, and staff introduced themselves, Morrow County Health District Board Chair, Diane Kilkenny explained the purpose of the meeting. "The purpose of the meeting is for us to bring both boards together, so we can find common ground and move forward." She then listed the agenda topics to be addressed. The goal is to find a solution that is best for Morrow County residents, Morrow County Government, and the Morrow County Health District.

Morrow County Board of Commissioners Chair, David Sykes said he agreed with Ms. Kilkenny. Mr. Sykes emphasized the importance of collaboration and not making "he said, she said" accusations. The next meeting will address specific problems that are to be solved, not addressing past transgressions.

It was decided that discussions would be between board members. Staff present can be asked questions and provide information, but not be a part of the discussion. Both sides would keep opinions off social media, maintain factual information, and press releases would be worked on together between both Chairs. Information which staff want to release online is to be run by their respective Board Chairs and to be held to the official websites. New rules may come into effect at further meetings.

Both sides will take minutes. If the parties come to a resolution, each side will vote. Meetings are to be held in neutral areas, alternating between the North and South ends of the County. There isn't a set schedule for meetings, but the meetings will be set as needed, with a minimum of meeting once a week. The next joint Special Meeting will be held Tuesday, February 13 at 6:00 p.m. at the Port of Morrow. The meeting is not to exceed three hours in length unless it's decided progress is made, and then both boards can vote to extend the meeting.

Meetings between the Boards may continue after an agreement is made for ambulance services and the Ambulance Service Area Plan, to be decided at a later meeting.

Adjourned: 6:43 p.m.