

## MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

The Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, convened in a scheduled meeting on Tuesday, April 26, 2022, at 9 a.m. in the Conference Room of the Commission in the Morgan County Commission Office, Morgan County Courthouse, Decatur, Alabama. The following members were present: Chairman Ray Long; Commissioners Jeff Clark, Randy Vest, and Greg Abercrombie. Also present: Greg Bodley, County Engineer; David Langston, County Attorney; Julie Reeves, Chief Administrative Officer; Jessica Smith, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer; Sheryl Marsh, Communications Director; Laura Vest, Business Services Coordinator. Absent: Commissioner Don Stisher. Mrs. Reeves and Mrs. Vest acted as clerks of the Meeting. Mr. Vest offered the prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. Mrs. Reeves called roll and stated that a quorum was present. The Chairman declared the Meeting open for the transaction of business.

### VISITORS

Bill Giguere, Mental Health Center of N. Central AL  
Lainie Alexander, West Morgan Football  
Laura Ritch, Farmers Market Board of Directors  
Willie Maynes, BugQuest Pest Control  
Lisa Coleman, Mental Health Center of N. Central AL  
Misty Cowger, Morgan County Child Advocacy Center  
George Hill, Morgan County IT  
Chrystalynn Beard, Hartselle Area Chamber of Commerce  
Jessica Payne, Community Free Clinic  
Mike Wetzel, Decatur Daily  
Jennifer Hempfling, EMA  
Heather McIngvale, Morgan County Sheriff's Office  
Channel 19 News

The Chairman asked if anyone would like to address the Commission. The following came forward to express their appreciation to the Commission for supporting the non-profit organizations they represent by the allocation of ARPA funds: Gill Giguere and Lisa Coleman, Jessica Payne, Laura Ritch, Misty Cowger, and Lainie Alexander. The Commissioners thanked each for the work they do for their clients and the community they serve and are happy to be able to assist their organizations with funding.

### PUBLIC HEARING:

**PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE WRITTEN OR ORAL COMMENTS CONCERNING A PETITION FROM NEW CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH, INC., THE ADJOINING PROPERTY OWNER, TO VACATE AN UN-NAMED COUNTY ROAD IN DISTRICT 2 WHICH IS LOCATED BETWEEN THE NEW CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH AND THE CEMETERY IN THE SW1/4 OF THE NE1/4 OF SECTION 33; TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH; RANGE 3 WEST AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN RIGHT-OF-WAY BOOK 12, PAGE 135, LOCATED IN THE MORGAN COUNTY PROBATE JUDGE'S OFFICE IN DISTRICT 2.**

The Chairman brought to the attention of the Commission that this was the date and time advertised to hold a "Public Hearing" for the purpose of receiving citizen input concerning the vacation of an un-named County Road in District 2.

Greg Bodley, County Engineer, addressed the Commission noting he received comment by phone from Joe Wheeler Electric Membership Cooperative and they are not opposed to the vacation. Mr. Bodley explained this is a very small section of roadway that is completely enclosed by the church's existing parking lot and is not of public benefit. The vacation of road will not adversely affect anyone.

There were no additional comments or questions regarding the vacation of an un-named County Road.

The Chairman declared the "Public Hearing" closed.

AGENDA

The Agenda for the meeting of Tuesday, April 26, 2022, had been presented to the Commission for review.

After due consideration, it is therefore ordered by the Commission on motion of Mr. Randy Vest, seconded by Mr. Jeff Clark, and unanimously carried that there being no further additions or corrections to the above listed agenda; it is hereby approved.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, April 12, 2022, had been presented via email to the Commission for review.

After due consideration, it is therefore ordered by the Commission on motion of Mr. Greg Abercrombie, seconded by Mr. Randy Vest, and unanimously carried that there being no further additions or corrections to the above referenced Minutes; they are hereby approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

ADOPT RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 22-239 AUTHORIZING EMA TO PURCHASE A ONE-YEAR SUBSCRIPTION AND ONE-TIME PURCHASE OF HARDWARE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,034.63 FROM SALAMANDER TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

Mr. Jeff Clark, member of the Commission, offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption. Upon the same being duly seconded by Mr. Greg Abercrombie, it was put to a vote and unanimously adopted to wit:

RESOLUTION 22-303

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby amend Resolution 22-239 authorizing EMA to purchase a *one-year subscription and one-time purchase of hardware in the amount of \$11,034.63* from Salamander Technologies, Inc, this the 26th day of April 2022.

ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO ACCEPT BID FROM DEFENSE PEST SOLUTIONS AS LOWEST RESPONSIVE BIDDER MEETING SPECIFICATIONS FOR PEST CONTROL SERVICES FOR ALL COUNTY-OWNED FACILITIES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,125 PER MONTH, FOR THE PERIOD MAY 1, 2022 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2023.

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
COOK’S PEST CONTROL	\$1,325.00
DEFENSE PEST SOLUTIONS	1,125.00**
SUPERIOR SERVICES	6,873.00
BUGQUEST PEST CONTROL, LLC	2,745.00
ACADEMY TERMITE & PEST CONTROL, LLC	1,303.00

Mr. Greg Abercrombie, member of the Commission, offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption. Upon the same being duly seconded by Mr. Jeff Clark, it was put to a vote and unanimously adopted to wit:

RESOLUTION 22-304

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby authorize the Chairman to accept bid from Defense Pest Solutions as lowest responsive bidder meeting specifications for pest control services for all County-owned facilities in the amount of \$1,125 per month, for the period May 1, 2022 through April 30, 2023, this the 26th day of April 2022.

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Cook's Pest Control	\$1,325.00
<b>Defense Pest Solutions</b>	<b>1,125.00</b>
Superior Services	6,873.00
BugQuest Pest Control, LLC	2,745.00
Academy Termite & Pest Control, LLC	1,303.00

**ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO ACCEPT BID FROM VICTORY SUPPLY AS LOWEST RESPONSIVE BIDDER MEETING SPECIFICATIONS FOR INMATE SUPPLIES FOR THE MORGAN COUNTY JAIL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$236.37, FOR THE PERIOD MAY 1, 2022 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2023.**

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
AMERICAN DETENTION SERVICES	\$475.92
VICTORY SUPPLY	236.37**
BOB BARKER	239.34

Mr. Randy Vest, member of the Commission, offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption. Upon the same being duly seconded by Mr. Jeff Clark, it was put to a vote and unanimously adopted to wit:

**RESOLUTION 22-305**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby authorize the Chairman to accept bid from Victory Supply as lowest responsive bidder meeting specifications for inmate supplies for the Morgan County Jail in the amount of \$236.37, for the period May 1, 2022 through April 30, 2023, this the 26th day of April 2022.

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
American Detention Services	\$475.92
<b>Victory Supply</b>	<b>236.37</b>
Bob Barker	239.34

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ADOPT RESOLUTION APPROVING THE VACATION OF AN UN-NAMED COUNTY ROAD IN DISTRICT 2 WHICH IS LOCATED BETWEEN THE NEW CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH AND THE CEMETERY IN THE SW1/4 OF THE NE1/4 OF SECTION 33; TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH; RANGE 3 WEST AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN RIGHT-OF-WAY BOOK 12, PAGE 135 LOCATED IN THE MORGAN COUNTY PROBATE JUDGE'S OFFICE. THIS ACTION REMOVES THE ROAD FROM MORGAN COUNTY'S ROAD SYSTEM, DIVESTS ALL THE PUBLIC RIGHTS AND LIABILITIES IN THE ROAD AND VEST TITLE WITH THE APPROPRIATE ABUTTING LANDOWNERS. HOWEVER, THIS ACTION DOES NOT DIVEST IN-PLACE UTILITY PROVIDER RIGHTS AND THE UTILITY PROVIDERS SHALL HAVE CONTINUED ACCESS TO MAINTAIN, EXTEND, AND ENLARGE THEIR LINES, EQUIPMENT, AND FACILITIES AS IF THE VACATION HAD NOT OCCURRED.**

Mr. Randy Vest, member of the Commission, offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption. Upon the same being duly seconded by Mr. Greg Abercrombie, it was put to a vote and unanimously adopted to wit:

**RESOLUTION 22-306**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby approve the vacation of an un-named County Road in District 2 which is located between the New Center Baptist Church and the cemetery in the SW1/4 of the NE1/4 of Section 33; Township 6 South; Range 3 West and more particularly described in Right-of-Way Book 12, Page 135 located in the Morgan County Probate Judge's Office. This action removes the road from Morgan County's road system, divests all the public rights and liabilities in the road and vest title with the appropriate abutting landowners. However, this action does not divest in-place utility provider rights and the utility providers shall have continued access to maintain, extend, and enlarge their lines, equipment, and facilities as if the vacation had not occurred, this the 26th day of April 2022.

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**ADOPT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE WEEK OF MAY 2 THROUGH MAY 6, 2022, AS WORLD TRADE WEEK IN MORGAN COUNTY, ALABAMA.**

Mr. Jeff Clark, member of the Commission, offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption. Upon the same being duly seconded by Mr. Randy Vest, it was put to a vote and unanimously adopted to wit:

**RESOLUTION 22-307**

STATE OF ALABAMA  
MORGAN COUNTY

**PROCLAMATION  
OF THE MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, exporting and international collaboration are of increasing importance to our nation's economic and political strength and are key drivers of innovation and economic diversity around the globe; and

WHEREAS, Morgan County and Alabama exports contributed to the value of U.S. exports of goods and services of \$2.5 trillion in 2021, supporting over 12 million jobs nationally. More than 40 million jobs depend on trade (including imports, exports, and trade services), and trade is critical to the success of many sectors in the U.S. economy. Half of all manufacturing jobs depends on exports, one in three acres on American farms is planted for export, and more than ninety-eight percent of America's exporters are small and medium-sized enterprises. To industry, exports mean profits and added opportunities for growth. To labor, exports mean jobs and higher wages. To the American consumer, fair trade and a level playing field mean better products in greater variety and at competitive prices; and

WHEREAS, Alabama exports reached a **total of \$20.9 billion** in 2021 to 189 countries, ranking Alabama as 24<sup>th</sup> in the nation for dollar value of exports – with top export markets being Germany, Canada, China, Mexico, and South Korea; and

WHEREAS, exports from the Decatur Metropolitan Statistical Area increased to almost \$315.6 million in 2020 with increased exports in the following sectors statewide: chemicals, iron and steel products, machinery, paper, plastics, fabricated metal products, and transportation equipment bringing more high-paying jobs for our citizens and greater tax revenue to support the growth of our infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Morgan County Commission salutes the many Morgan County businesses, organizations, and individuals who are involved in international trade and the promotion of such trade, and recognizes their significant contributions to Morgan County in the creation and retention of jobs and other benefits provided to the economy of Morgan County; and

WHEREAS, the North Alabama International Trade Association (NAITA) and the Export Alabama Alliance serve as statewide trade resources that provide education, advocacy, and connections and are available as a catalyst for businesses to expand and enhance their international trade opportunities and success.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission that the **Week of May 2–6, 2022**, be and the same is hereby proclaimed as **WORLD TRADE WEEK** in Morgan County, Alabama, and in recognition of and appreciation for the contributions made by the Export Alabama Alliance and the North Alabama International Trade Association (NAITA), and by all those involved in international trade.

DONE this 26th day of April 2022.

**ADOPT RESOLUTION IMPLEMENTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR  
PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO NONPROFITS USING AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN  
ACT (ARPA) FUNDS.**

Mr. Greg Abercrombie, member of the Commission, offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption. Upon the same being duly seconded by Mr. Randy Vest, it was put to a vote and unanimously adopted to wit:



**RESOLUTION 22-308**

**RESOLUTION FOR THE ADOPTION OF IMPLEMENTATION POLICIES AND  
PROCEDURES FOR PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO NONPROFITS USING AMERICAN  
RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS**

**WHEREAS**, Morgan County, Alabama (the "County") has received American Rescue Plan Act state and local fiscal recovery funds ("ARPA funds") and is charged with ensuring that such funds are expended in accordance with state and federal law; and

**WHEREAS**, under the Final Rule published by the U.S. Department of Treasury dated Jan. 6, 2022, the County may use ARPA funds to provide financial assistance to nonprofit entities to mitigate financial hardship caused by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to 603(c)(3) of the American Rescue Plan Act, PL 117-2, March 11, 2021, 135 Stat 4, the County may transfer ARPA funds to nonprofit entities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION** as follows:

The County Commission shall implement any project to provide assistance to nonprofit entities using ARPA funds in accordance with the implementation policies and procedures set forth in Addendum 1 to this Resolution, the provisions of which are fully adopted and incorporated herein by reference.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Morgan County Commission has caused this Resolution to be executed in its name and on its behalf by its Chairman on the 26th day of April 2022.

**ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSION TO GRANT \$25,000 OF  
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS TO THE MORGAN COUNTY  
CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER TO ASSIST WITH TRAUMA-FOCUSED COGNITIVE  
BEHAVIORAL THERAPY TO CHILDREN WHO ARE VICTIMS OF ABUSE OR  
HAVE WITNESSED DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OR HOMICIDE.**

Mr. Jeff Clark, member of the Commission, offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption. Upon the same being duly seconded by Mr. Randy Vest, it was put to a vote and unanimously adopted to wit:

**RESOLUTION 22-309**

**RESOLUTION FOR EXPENDITURE OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS  
FOR GRANTS TO ELIGIBLE NONPROFIT ENTITY**

**WHEREAS**, Morgan County, Alabama ("the County") has received American Rescue Plan Act state and local fiscal recovery funds ("ARPA funds") and is charged with ensuring that such funds are expended in accordance with state and federal law; and

**WHEREAS**, the County may provide financial assistance to nonprofit entities where this assistance will serve a public; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to 603(c)(3) of the ARPA, PL 117-2, March 11, 2021, 135 Stat 4, the County may transfer ARPA funds to nonprofit entities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Morgan County Child Advocacy Center submitted a timely application for a grant of ARPA funds to mitigate financial hardship caused by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, the County has considered and evaluated this entity's application and determined:

- 1) That the entity is eligible to receive ARPA funds;
- 2) That the entity has demonstrated that it suffered a significant, objectively quantifiable financial hardship caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and has not received any alternative funding to mitigate this hardship;
- 3) That the entity has demonstrated that an award of a grant of ARPA funds to the entity would serve a public purpose by conferring a direct benefit to a significant portion of the community; and
- 4) More specifically, that the entity will provide Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy to children who are victims of abuse or have witnessed domestic violence or homicide; and

- 5) That providing this benefit is within the County's state statutory or constitutional authority under Ala. Const. Art. IV, § 88.

**WHEREAS**, the Commission desires to provide a grant to Morgan County Child Advocacy Center, a nonprofit entity, to further this public purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission has determined that the program is a necessary, eligible, and reasonable use of these funds.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION** as follows:

- 1) The County shall use ARPA funds to provide a grant in the amount of \$25,000 to the Morgan County Child Advocacy Center.
- 2) The Chairman is hereby directed to provide a conditional award letter to the Morgan County Child Advocacy Center.
- 3) Upon receipt of the signed acknowledgment and acceptance of the award letter, including all related terms and conditions, by the Morgan County Child Advocacy Center, the Chairman is hereby authorized to expend ARPA funds consistent with this Resolution.
- 4) Expenditure of these funds, as authorized by this Resolution, shall be contingent on the continued appropriation and availability of ARPA funds for this purpose, and in no event shall the funds be issued after December 31, 2024.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Morgan County Commission has caused this Resolution to be executed in its name and on its behalf by its Chairman on the 26th day of April 2022.

**ADOPT RESOLUTION IMPLEMENTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR NON-INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS TO BE CARRIED OUT BY SUBRECIPIENTS USING AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDING.**

Mr. Greg Abercrombie, member of the Commission, offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption. Upon the same being duly seconded by Mr. Randy Vest, it was put to a vote and unanimously adopted to wit:

**RESOLUTION 22-310**

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR NON-INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS TO BE CARRIED OUT BY SUBRECIPIENTS**

**WHEREAS**, Morgan County, Alabama ("the County") has received American Rescue Plan Act state and local fiscal recovery funds ("ARPA funds") and is charged with ensuring that such funds are expended in accordance with state and federal law; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to 603(c)(3) of the ARPA, PL 117-2, March 11, 2021, 135 Stat 4, the County may transfer ARPA funds to eligible entities to carry out eligible ARPA funded projects; and

**WHEREAS**, the County may provide financial assistance to other entities using ARPA funds where this assistance will serve a public purpose that is an eligible use of ARPA funds.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION** as follows:

- 1) The County shall take necessary steps to determine the eligibility of ARPA funded projects to be carried out by subrecipients (other than water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure projects) and the transfer of any related funds in accordance with the implementation policies and procedures set forth in Addendum 1 to this Resolution, the provisions of which are fully adopted and incorporated herein by reference.
- 2) The Chairman of the Commission shall assign a Project Monitor to ensure compliance with federal guidance, the ARPA award, and the implementation policies and procedures in making these determinations.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Morgan County Commission has caused this Resolution to be executed in its name and on its behalf by its Chairman on the 26th day of April 2022.

**ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSION TO ALLOCATE UP TO \$600,000 OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS BY AND THROUGH A SUBAWARD TO THE MENTAL HEALTH CENTER OF NORTH CENTRAL ALABAMA, INC. FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING A NEW INPATIENT MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY.**

Mr. Randy Vest, member of the Commission, offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption. Upon the same being duly seconded by Mr. Jeff Clark, it was put to a vote and unanimously adopted to wit:

**RESOLUTION 22-311**

**RESOLUTION FOR ALLOCATION OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS TO CARRY OUT ELIGIBLE PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, Morgan County, Alabama (“the County”) has received American Rescue Plan Act state and local fiscal recovery funds (“ARPA funds”) and is charged with ensuring that such funds are expended in accordance with state and federal law; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to 603(c)(3) of the ARPA, PL 117-2, March 11, 2021, 135 Stat 4, the County may transfer ARPA funds to eligible entities to carry out eligible ARPA funded projects; and

**WHEREAS**, the County may provide financial assistance to the Mental Health Center of North Central Alabama, Inc., a private nonprofit entity, where this assistance will serve a public purpose that is an eligible use of ARPA funds; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mental Health Center of North Central Alabama, Inc., has submitted a request for ARPA funding and project proposal; and

**WHEREAS**, the County has considered and evaluated this entity’s request for funding and project proposal and determined:

- 1) That the entity is eligible to receive ARPA funds;
- 2) That the entity has demonstrated that an award of ARPA funds to carry out the proposed project would serve a public purpose; and
- 3) More specifically, that the entity will provide inpatient mental health services to the community; and
- 4) That providing this benefit or service is within the County’s state statutory or constitutional authority under Ala. Const. § 88 and Code of Alabama 1975 § 22-51-14.

**WHEREAS**, the Commission desires to enter into an agreement with the Mental Health Center of North Central Alabama, Inc., to carry out the proposed project;

**WHEREAS**, the County has conducted a satisfactory risk assessment of the Mental Health Center of North Central Alabama, Inc., and will develop a monitoring plan for the project; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Commission has determined that the project is a necessary, eligible, and reasonable use of these funds.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION** as follows:

1) The County hereby allocates up to \$600,000 of ARPA funds towards the construction of a new inpatient mental health facility by and through a subaward to the Mental Health Center of North Central Alabama, Inc.

2) The County hereby directs the Chairman to negotiate the terms and conditions of a subrecipient agreement with the Mental Health Center of North Central Alabama, Inc., consistent with this Resolution.

3) The Chairman is hereby delegated the authority to enter into the subrecipient agreement if the agreement is consistent with this resolution and if, in his discretion, the terms and conditions are in the best interest of the County.

4) Upon the execution of a subrecipient agreement, the Chairman is hereby authorized to expend ARPA funds for costs of the project in accordance with the terms of this Resolution and the subaward agreement.

5) Expenditure of these funds, as authorized by this Resolution, shall be contingent on the continued appropriation and availability of ARPA funds for this purpose and in no event shall be used for any costs associated with the project that are not obligated on or before December 31, 2024, and expended on or before December 31, 2026.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Morgan County Commission has caused this Resolution to be executed in its name and on its behalf by its Chairman on the 26th day of April 2022.

**ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSION TO ALLOCATE UP TO \$500,000 OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS BY AND THROUGH A SUBAWARD TO THE MORGAN COUNTY/DECATUR FARMER'S MARKET BOARD FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING A NEW FACILITY.**

Mr. Greg Abercrombie, member of the Commission, offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption. Upon the same being duly seconded by Mr. Jeff Clark, it was put to a vote and unanimously adopted to wit:

**RESOLUTION 22-312**

**RESOLUTION FOR ALLOCATION OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS TO CARRY OUT ELIGIBLE PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, Morgan County, Alabama ("the County") has received American Rescue Plan Act state and local fiscal recovery funds ("ARPA funds") and is charged with ensuring that such funds are expended in accordance with state and federal law; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to 603(c)(3) of the ARPA, PL 117-2, March 11, 2021, 135 Stat 4, the County may transfer ARPA funds to eligible entities to carry out eligible ARPA funded projects; and

**WHEREAS**, the Morgan County/Decatur Farmer's Market Board is a special purpose unit of local government established by the Code of Decatur, Art. XV, §2-311, *et seq.*, and by way of County Resolution on March 12, 1984, that is comprised of members appointed by the Morgan County Commission ("the Commission") and the City of Decatur; and

**WHEREAS**, the County may provide financial assistance to the Morgan County/Decatur Farmer's Market Board, where this assistance will serve a public purpose that is an eligible use of ARPA funds; and

**WHEREAS**, the Morgan County/Decatur Farmer's Market Board has submitted a request for ARPA funding and project proposal; and

**WHEREAS**, the County has considered and evaluated this entity's request for funding and project proposal and determined:

- 1) That the entity is eligible to receive ARPA funds;
- 2) That the entity has demonstrated that an award of ARPA funds to carry out the proposed project would serve a public purpose;
- 3) More specifically, that the entity will provide for the construction of a facility on public property to support industrial and economic development; and
- 4) That providing this benefit or service is within with the County's state statutory or constitutional authority under Alabama Const. Art. IV, §94.01 and consistent with Code of Alabama 1975 § 2-5a-15; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission desires to enter into an agreement with the Decatur/Morgan County Farmer's Market Board to carry out the proposed project; and

**WHEREAS**, the County has conducted a satisfactory risk assessment of the Morgan County/Decatur Farmer's Market Board and developed a monitoring plan for the project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission has determined that the project is a necessary, eligible, and reasonable use of these funds.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION** as follows:

The County hereby allocates up to \$500,000 of ARPA funds towards the construction of a new facility by and through a subaward to the Morgan County/Decatur Farmer's Market Board.

- 1) This allocation is conditioned upon the Morgan County/Decatur Farmer's Market Board's eligibility to receive federal funds, including, specifically, registration with SAM.gov.
- 2) The County hereby directs the Chairman to negotiate the terms and conditions of a subrecipient agreement with the Morgan County/Decatur Farmer's Market Board consistent with this Resolution.
- 3) The Chairman is hereby delegated the authority to enter into the subrecipient agreement if the agreement is consistent with this Resolution and if, in his discretion, the terms and conditions are in the best interest of the County.
- 4) Upon the execution of a subrecipient agreement, the Chairman is hereby authorized to expend ARPA funds for costs of the project in accordance with the terms of this Resolution and the subaward agreement.
- 5) Expenditure of these funds, as authorized by this Resolution, shall be contingent on the continued appropriation and availability of ARPA funds for this purpose and in no event shall be used for any costs associated with the project that are not obligated on or before December 31, 2024, and expended on or before December 31, 2026.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Morgan County Commission has caused this Resolution to be executed in its name and on its behalf by its Chairman on the 26th day of April 2022.

**ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSION TO ALLOCATE UP TO \$50,000 OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS BY AND THROUGH A SUBAWARD TO THE COMMUNITY FREE CLINIC OF DECATUR-MORGAN COUNTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENHANCING A COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM TO PROVIDE MEDICAL CARE TO LOW-TO-MODERATE INCOME HOUSEHOLDS.**

Mr. Jeff Clark, member of the Commission, offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption. Upon the same being duly seconded by Mr. Randy Vest, it was put to a vote and unanimously adopted to wit:

**RESOLUTION 22-313**

**RESOLUTION FOR ALLOCATION OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS TO CARRY OUT ELIGIBLE PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, Morgan County, Alabama ("the County") has received American Rescue Plan Act state and local fiscal recovery funds ("ARPA funds") and is charged with ensuring that such funds are expended in accordance with state and federal law; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to 603(c)(3) of the ARPA, PL 117-2, March 11, 2021, 135 Stat 4, the County may transfer ARPA funds to eligible entities to carry out eligible ARPA funded projects; and

**WHEREAS**, the County may provide financial assistance to the Community Free Clinic of Decatur-Morgan County ("Community Free Clinic"), a private nonprofit entity, where this assistance will serve a public purpose that is an eligible use of ARPA funds; and

**WHEREAS**, the Community Free Clinic has submitted a request for ARPA funding and project proposal; and

**WHEREAS**, the County has considered and evaluated this entity's request for funding and project proposal and determined:



- 1) That the entity is eligible to receive ARPA funds;
- 2) That the entity has demonstrated that an award of ARPA funds to carry out the proposed project would serve a public purpose;
- 3) More specifically, that the entity will provide community outreach to uninsured citizens in efforts to provide healthcare available to low- to moderate-income households; and
- 4) That providing this benefit or service is within the County's state statutory or constitutional authority under Ala. Const. § 88 and Code of Alabama 1975 § 22-51-14.

**WHEREAS**, the Commission desires to enter into an agreement with the Community Free Clinic to carry out the proposed project;

**WHEREAS**, the County has conducted a satisfactory risk assessment of the Community Free Clinic and developed a monitoring plan for the project; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Commission has determined that the project is a necessary, eligible, and reasonable use of these funds.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION** as follows:

- 1) The County hereby allocates up to \$50,000 of ARPA funds towards enhancing a community outreach program to provide medical care to low-to-moderate income households by and through a subaward to the Community Free Clinic of Decatur-Morgan County.
- 2) The County hereby directs the Chairman to negotiate the terms and conditions of a subrecipient agreement with the Community Free Clinic consistent with this Resolution.
- 3) The Chairman is hereby delegated the authority to enter into the subrecipient agreement if the agreement is consistent with this resolution and if, in his discretion, the terms and conditions are in the best interest of the County.
- 4) Upon the execution of a subrecipient agreement, the Chairman is hereby authorized to expend ARPA funds for costs of the project in accordance with the terms of this Resolution and the subaward agreement.
- 5) Expenditure of these funds, as authorized by this Resolution, shall be contingent on the continued appropriation and availability of ARPA funds for this purpose and in no event shall be used for any costs associated with the project that are not obligated on or before December 31, 2024, and expended on or before December 31, 2026.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Morgan County Commission has caused this Resolution to be executed in its name and on its behalf by its Chairman on the 26th day of April 2022.

**ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO RENEW CONTRACT WITH WOW! BUSINESS FOR INTERNET AND CABLE SERVICES FOR THE MORGAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$365.01 MONTHLY FOR A 36-MONTH TERM BEGINNING APRIL 27, 2022 THROUGH APRIL 26, 2025.**

Mr. Greg Abercrombie, member of the Commission, offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption. Upon the same being duly seconded by Mr. Randy Vest, it was put to a vote and unanimously adopted to wit:

**RESOLUTION 22-314**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby authorize the Chairman to renew contract with WOW! Business for internet and cable services for the Morgan County Courthouse in the amount of \$365.01 monthly for a 36-month term beginning April 27, 2022 through April 26, 2025, this the 26th day of April 2022.

**ADOPT RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE OF RIGHT-OF-WAY FROM MULTIPLE OWNERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,680 RELATED TO PROJECT MCP 52-153-22 CEDAR CREEK ROAD IN DISTRICT 3.**

Mr. Greg Abercrombie, member of the Commission, offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption. Upon the same being duly seconded by Mr. Jeff Clark, it was put to a vote and unanimously adopted to wit:

**RESOLUTION 22-315**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby approve purchase of Right-of-Way from multiple owners in the amount of \$3,680 related to Project MCP 52-153-22 Cedar Creek Road in District 3, this the 26th day of April 2022.

**ADOPT RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE OF RIGHT-OF-WAY FROM RICKY TAPSCOTT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,250 RELATED TO PROJECT MCP 52-152-22 NAT KEY ROAD IN DISTRICT 3.**

Mr. Jeff Clark, member of the Commission, offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption. Upon the same being duly seconded by Mr. Randy Vest, it was put to a vote and unanimously adopted to wit:

**RESOLUTION 22-316**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby approve purchase of Right-of-Way from Ricky Tapscott in the amount of \$3,250 related to Project MCP 52-152-22 Nat Key Road in District 3, this the 26th day of April 2022.

**ADOPT RESOLUTIONS APPROVING CERTIFICATE TO SUBDIVIDE PROPERTY AND SUBDIVISION PLAT LOCATED WITHIN MORGAN COUNTY FOR THE FOLLOWING:**

- **C. A. BLEVINS  
HWY 55 EAST, DUNLAP ROAD, DISTRICT 3**
- **HUMPHREY ESTATE SUBDIVISION  
HWY 67, COUEY ROAD, WATER TOWER ROAD, DISTRICT 4**

Mr. Greg Abercrombie, member of the Commission, offered the following resolutions and moved for their adoption. Upon the same being duly seconded by Mr. Randy Vest, it was put to a vote and unanimously adopted to wit:

**RESOLUTION 22-317**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby approve Certificate to Subdivide property located within Morgan County for the following:

- **C. A. Blevins  
Hwy 55 East, Dunlap Road, District 3**

this the 26th day of April 2022.

**RESOLUTION 22-318**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby approve Subdivision Plat located within Morgan County for the following:

- **Humphrey Estate Subdivision  
Hwy 67, Couey Road, Water Tower Road, District 4**

this the 26th day of April 2022.

**ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DON STISHER, DISTRICT 3 COMMISSIONER, TO CREATE AND FILL AN EQUIPMENT OPERATOR POSITION, GRADE 8 (\$19.06-\$24.87).**

Mr. Jeff Clark, member of the Commission, offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption. Upon the same being duly seconded by Mr. Greg Abercrombie, it was put to a vote and unanimously adopted to wit:

**RESOLUTION 22-319**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby authorize Don Stisher, District 3 Commissioner, to create and fill an Equipment Operator position, Grade 8 (\$19.06-\$24.87), this the 26th day of April 2022.

**ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATE ELECTED OFFICIALS  
TO FILL THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS:**

- **MECHANIC, GRADE 9 (\$20.39-\$26.00) ----- DISTRICT 3**
- **LABORER, GRADE 4 (\$13.69-\$17.87) ----- DISTRICT 3**
- **REAL PROPERTY APPRAISER II, GRADE 7 (\$17.17-\$23.12) -----  
REVENUE**

Mr. Randy Vest, member of the Commission, offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption. Upon the same being duly seconded by Mr. Greg Abercrombie, it was put to a vote and unanimously adopted to wit:

**RESOLUTION 22-320**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby authorize the appropriate elected officials to fill the following positions:

- Mechanic, Grade 9 (\$20.39-\$26.00) ----- District 3
- Laborer, Grade 4 (\$13.69-\$17.87) ----- District 3
- Real Property Appraiser II, Grade 7 (\$17.17-\$23.12) ----- Revenue

this the 26th day of April 2022.

**ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING GREG ABERCROMBIE, DISTRICT 4  
COMMISSIONER, TO PURCHASE (1) JOHN DEERE 6155M CAB TRACTOR  
FROM TRIGREEN EQUIPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$114,179.10  
UTILIZING STATE PURCHASING CONTRACT #MA999200000000020, AND  
AMEND BUDGET ACCORDINGLY.**

Mr. Greg Abercrombie, member of the Commission, offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption. Upon the same being duly seconded by Mr. Jeff Clark, it was put to a vote and unanimously adopted to wit:

**RESOLUTION 22-321**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby authorize Greg Abercrombie, District 4 Commissioner, to purchase (1) John Deere 6155M Cab Tractor from TriGreen Equipment in the amount of \$114,179.10 utilizing State Purchasing Contract #MA999200000000020, and amend budget accordingly, this the 26th day of April 2022.

**ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO PURCHASE A 10 X 12  
METAL BUILDING FOR THE ALABAMA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SYSTEM IN  
THE AMOUNT OF \$3,695 USING FARM SERVICES BUDGET, AND AMEND  
BUDGET ACCORDINGLY.**

Mr. Randy Vest, member of the Commission, offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption. Upon the same being duly seconded by Mr. Jeff Clark, it was put to a vote and unanimously adopted to wit:

**RESOLUTION 22-322**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby authorize the Chairman to purchase a 10 x 12 metal building for the Alabama Cooperative Extension System in the amount of \$3,695 using Farm Services budget, and amend budget accordingly, this the 26th day of April 2022.

**ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENTS  
TO DECLARE OFFICE FURNITURE AS SURPLUS AND DISPOSE OF PROPERLY.**

Mr. Greg Abercrombie, member of the Commission, offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption. Upon the same being duly seconded by Mr. Randy Vest, it was put to a vote and unanimously adopted to wit:

**RESOLUTION 22-323**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby authorize the appropriate departments to declare the following office furniture as surplus and dispose of properly, this the 26th day of April 2022:

- Parks & Recreation
  - Office Furniture
- Commission on Aging
  - Exercise Bike
  - Rehab Chair
  - (2) Computer Desks
- Commission Office
  - (10) Desks
  - Credenza

**ADOPT RESOLUTION APPROVING BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR APRIL 2022.**

Mr. Jeff Clark, member of the Commission, offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption. Upon the same being duly seconded by Mr. Randy Vest, it was put to a vote and unanimously adopted to wit:

**RESOLUTION 22-324**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby approve the following budget amendments for April 2022, this the 26th day of April 2022:

**Morgan County Commission  
Budget Amendments for Board Approval  
April 2022**

General Fund	Debit	Credit
00151100 50122 - Expenditures		6,302.87
00151105 50122 - Expenditures		316.20
00151110 50122 - Expenditures		5,793.17
00151151 50122 - Expenditures		10,536.78
00151300 50122 - Expenditures		6,659.86
00151400 50122 - Expenditures		3,790.58
00151600 50122 - Expenditures		8,108.15
00151750 50122 - Expenditures		4,895.37
00151751 50122 - Expenditures		815.90
00151920 50122 - Expenditures		632.40
00151965 50122 - Expenditures		1,947.99
00152100 50122 - Expenditures		34,747.62
00152105 50122 - Expenditures		316.20
00152201 50122 - Expenditures		51,760.14
00152203 50122 - Expenditures		11,953.34
00152300 50122 - Expenditures		2,071.36
00152600 50122 - Expenditures		5,527.77
00152950 50122 - Expenditures		4,079.48
00155400 50122 - Expenditures		2,763.89
00149999 61000 - Prior Year Revenue	163,019.07	
11153200 50122 - Expenditures		4,533.45
11153300 50122 - Expenditures		5,454.36
11153400 50122 - Expenditures		5,804.15
11153500 50122 - Expenditures		6,153.94
11153600 50122 - Expenditures		5,211.57

11149999 61000 - Prior Year Revenue	27,157.47	
11253200 50122 - Expenditures		1,942.91
11253300 50122 - Expenditures		2,337.59
11253400 50122 - Expenditures		2,487.50
11253500 50122 - Expenditures		2,637.41
11249999 61000 - Prior Year Revenue	9,405.41	
51054175 50122 - Expenditures		13,533.70
51049999 61000 - Prior Year Revenue	13,533.70	
00144052 44723 - Revenue	1,236.57	
00144052 44725 - Revenue	1,191.60	
00152100 50116 - Expenditures		2,428.17
00144052 44901 - Revenue	8,798.40	
00152201 50199 - Expenditures		480.81
00152100 50499 - Expenditures		6,984.19
00152201 50499 - Expenditures		1,333.40

(To amend budget for revenue and expenditures not previously budgeted)

**ADOPT RESOLUTION APPROVING DISBURSEMENTS FOR MARCH 2022,  
TOTALING \$8,555,035.21.**

Mr. Greg Abercrombie, member of the Commission, offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption. Upon the same being duly seconded by Mr. Randy Vest, it was put to a vote and unanimously adopted to wit:

**RESOLUTION 22-325**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby approve the following disbursements for March 2022, totaling \$8,555,035.21, this the 26th day of April 2022:

Morgan County Commission Accounts Payable Disbursements March 2022		
<b>Account</b>	<b>Check Numbers</b>	<b>Total Amount</b>
Accounts Payable	254123 - 254708	\$ 1,594,672.55
Accounts Payable ACH	8940 - 9029	6,960,362.66
<b>Total</b>		<u><u>\$ 8,555,035.21</u></u>

**ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE THE  
FOLLOWING CONTRACT REPRESENTING THE PROMOTION OF MORGAN  
COUNTY WHICH WILL BE PAYABLE FROM TOURISM, RECREATION  
& CONVENTION FUNDS:**

- **WEST MORGAN HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBAL ----- \$500**

Mr. Jeff Clark, member of the Commission, offered the following resolutions and moved for their adoption. Upon the same being duly seconded by Mr. Randy Vest, it was put to a vote and unanimously adopted to wit:

**RESOLUTION 22-326**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby authorize the Chairman to execute the following contract representing the promotion of Morgan County which will be payable from Tourism, Recreation & Convention funds:

- West Morgan High School Football ----- \$500

this the 26th day of April 2022.



REVIEW AND APPROVE THE FOLLOWING INVOICES, TOTALING \$104,799.69:

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Craft & Associates, Inc.	Morgan County Gym – West Park	\$25,744.50
Sue-Jac, Inc.	Morgan County Service Center East	25,884.26
Sue-Jac, Inc.	Morgan County Service Center - Retainage	52,660.93
Morgan Farmers’ Cooperative	Fertilizer for Falkville High Softball – D3	510.00

Mr. Randy Vest, member of the Commission, moved for its approval. Upon the same being duly seconded by Mr. Greg Abercrombie, it was put to a vote, and unanimously approved.


Before the Chairman gaveled for the meeting to be adjourned, he addressed the agencies represented receiving ARPA funds. He wanted them to know the Commission appreciated everyone coming and all they do. He expressed the monies given are an investment in Morgan County and in the community; and the Commission wants to be able to partner with each agency represented. He recognized what they do is not just a job but provides service and a heart for the community.

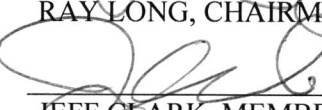
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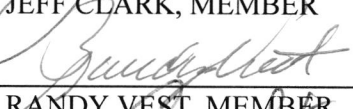
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that there being no further business to come before the Commission, the same on motion of Mr. Greg Abercrombie, seconded by Mr. Jeff Clark, and unanimously carried; the Morgan County Commission is duly adjourned.


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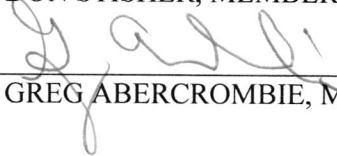
These Minutes were approved  
this the 10th day of May 2022.

  
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RAY LONG, CHAIRMAN

  
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JEFF CLARK, MEMBER

  
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RANDY VEST, MEMBER

  
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DON STISHER, MEMBER

  
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GREG ABERCROMBIE, MEMBER