
MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

The Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, convened in a scheduled meeting on Tuesday, June 14, 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, Don Stisher, and Greg Abercrombie. Also present: Greg Bodley, County Engineer; Julie Reeves, Chief Administrative Officer; Jessica Smith, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer; Sheryl Marsh, Communications Director; Laura Vest, Business Services Coordinator. Absent: David Langston, County Attorney. 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

Michael Wetzel, Decatur Daily
George Hill, Morgan County IT Director
Heather McIngvale, Morgan County Sheriff's Office
Wade Weaver, Decatur Morgan County Tourism
Danielle Gibson, Decatur Morgan County Tourism
Kailey Schuyler, WAFF News
Matthew King, WAFF News
Chrystalynn Beard, Hartselle Area Chamber of Commerce
Zach Starnes, Harris, Caddell & Shanks

PUBLIC HEARING:

PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE WRITTEN OR ORAL COMMENTS AND DISCUSS, VOTE UPON, AND TAKE ACTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVE AN ALLOCATION OF UP TO \$100,000 OF THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS TO DECATUR MORGAN COUNTY TOURISM, INC. FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSISTING IN THE CONSTRUCTION OR PURCHASE OF A NEW WELCOME CENTER IN DECATUR, ALABAMA.

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 allocation of ARPA funds for the purpose of assisting in the construction or purchase of a new welcome center.

Danielle Gibson, Decatur Morgan County Tourism President, and CEO addressed the Commission. She expressed her appreciation for the potential allocation of ARPA funds and explained the tentative plans for location of the new facility. Initial plans for the new welcome center include a bottom level museum of county history and artifacts with the second level as a meeting space for corporate and industry within the area. She thanked the Commission for their desire to help promote Morgan County in this way.

Each Commissioner was given a chance to express their appreciation to Ms. Gibson and the Decatur Morgan County Tourism for what they do for the County, and they look forward to this new welcome center.

There were no additional comments or questions regarding the allocation of ARPA funds for the purpose of assisting in the construction or purchase of a new welcome center.

The Chairman declared the "Public Hearing" closed.

AGENDA

The Agenda for the meeting of Tuesday, June 14, 2022, had been presented to the Commission for review.