

MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

The Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, convened in a scheduled meeting on Tuesday, January 24, 2023, 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; David Langston, County Attorney; Julie Reeves, Chief Administrative Officer; Jessica Smith, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer; Laura Vest, Business Services Coordinator. Absent: None. Mrs. Reeves and Mrs. Vest acted as clerks of the Meeting. Mr. Vest offered the prayer. Mrs. Reeves called roll and stated that a quorum was present. The Chairman declared the Meeting open for the transaction of business.

VISITORS

Heather McIngvale, Morgan County Sheriff's Office
George Hill, IT Director
Michael Wetzel, Decatur Daily
Hilary Granbois, MCEMA

AGENDA

The Agenda for the meeting of Tuesday, January 24, 2023, had been presented to the Commission for review.

After due consideration, it is therefore ordered by the Commission on motion of Mr. Don Stisher, seconded by Mr. Greg Abercrombie, 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, January 10, 2023, had been presented via email 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 referenced Minutes; they are hereby approved.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSION TO ALLOCATE UP TO \$150,000 OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS BY AND THROUGH A SUBAWARD TO THE MORGAN COUNTY SYSTEM OF SERVICES FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUPPORTING STAFFING NEEDS AT TWO RESIDENTIAL HOMES FOR TEENS.

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 23-144

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 expend ARPA funds to provide emergency housing assistance as well as to provide mental health and behavioral health care services to the community; and

WHEREAS, Morgan County System of Services, Inc., a nonprofit entity operating within the boundaries of a Qualified Census Tract, provides services, including temporary housing assistance, mental health counseling, and other services to support at-risk youth in the community; and

WHEREAS, Morgan County System of Services, Inc., has requested financial assistance to cover operating costs, and more particularly rising personnel costs, to provide and maintain two residential home programs in the community (the "program"); and

WHEREAS, County has considered the request for funding and determined:

- 1) That the entity is eligible to receive ARPA funds;
- 2) That an award of ARPA funds to support the proposed program would serve a public purpose;
- 3) More specifically, that the entity will provide housing assistance and behavioral health counseling to at-risk children in low-to-moderate income households, many of whom are victims of abuse or neglect; and
- 4) That providing this benefit or service is within the County's state statutory and constitutional authority under Ala. Const. § 88 and Code of Alabama 1975 §§ 11-96A-3, 30-6-13, et seq., and 38-2-9; and

WHEREAS, the Commission desires to enter into an agreement with the Morgan County System of Services, Inc., to provide ARPA funds to support the program; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has determined that the program is a necessary, eligible, and reasonable use of the County's ARPA funds.

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

- 1) The Commission hereby conditionally allocates up to \$150,000 of ARPA funds to the Morgan County System of Services, Inc., for operational costs associated with the program.
- 2) Disbursement of the funds allocated herein is conditioned upon the following:
 - a) The completion of a satisfactory risk assessment of the Morgan County System of Services, Inc., and the development of a monitoring plan for the program and the use of the funds allocated herein; and
 - b) The execution of a subrecipient agreement with Morgan County System of Services, Inc., the terms of which are consistent with this Resolution, the County's ARPA award, and applicable state and federal law.
- 3) The Commission hereby directs the County to initiate the steps necessary to perform a risk assessment and develop a monitoring plan for the program; and
- 4) Upon the completion of a satisfactory risk assessment and development of a monitoring plan, the Commission Chairman is hereby authorized to enter into the subrecipient agreement with Morgan County System of Services, Inc., upon his determination that the terms of the agreement are consistent with the provisions of this Resolution and are in the best interests of the County.
- 5) Upon the execution of a subrecipient agreement, the ARPA Program Manager is hereby authorized to expend ARPA funds for costs of the project in accordance with the terms of this Resolution and the subrecipient agreement.
- 6) Expenditure of ARPA 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 24th of January 2023.