
MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

The Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, convened in a scheduled meeting on Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at 9:00 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: David Langston, County Attorney; Greg Bodley, County Engineer; Julie Reeves, Chief Administrative Officer; Jessica Smith, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer; Mike Wetzell, Communications Director; Laura Vest, Business Services Coordinator. Absent: None. Mrs. Reeves and Mrs. Vest acted as clerks of the Meeting. Mr. Vest offered the prayer and 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

Richard Moats, Morgan County Sheriff's Office
Erica Smith, Decatur Daily
Matthew Frost, Resident
George Hill, Morgan County IT
Jonathan Warner, Morgan County EMA

ADD-ON ITEM:

Item #17

ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING GREG ABERCROMBIE, DISTRICT 4 COMMISSIONER, TO PURCHASE ONE (1) LOWBOY TRACTOR TRUCK FROM ADECA SURPLUS, EVA, AL, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000, TO BE PAID FROM DISTRICT 4 ROAD & BRIDGE FUNDS.

Change Item #17 to #18

AGENDA

The Agenda for the meeting of Tuesday, January 9, 2024, 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, December 12, 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:

ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO REJECT BIDS RECEIVED TO REPLACE FOUR (4) HVAC UNITS AT FARM SERVICES DUE TO INCORRECT SPECIFICATIONS AND TO REBID SERVICES WITH CORRECTED SPECIFICATIONS.

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 24-124

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby authorize the Chairman to reject bids received to replace four (4) HVAC units at Farm Services due to incorrect specifications and to rebid services with corrected specifications, this the 9th day of January 2024.

ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO ACCEPT BID FROM ORR BLINDS & SHADES AS LOWEST RESPONSIVE BIDDER MEETING SPECIFICATIONS FOR SHADES AND INSTALLATION FOR THE MORGAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$63,750.

Mr. Don Stisher, 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 24-125

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby authorize the Chairman to accept bid from Orr Blinds & Shades as lowest responsive bidder meeting specifications for shades and installation for the Morgan County Courthouse in the amount of \$63,750, this the 9th day of January 2024.

NEW BUSINESS:

ADOPT RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING DURING THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED COMMISSION MEETING AT 9:00 A.M. ON JANUARY 23, 2024, IN THE MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING ROOM, CONCERNING THE ADOPTION OF AN UPDATED FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE AS REQUIRED BY THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA).

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 24-126

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby set a public hearing during the next regularly scheduled Commission meeting at 9:00 a.m. on January 23, 2024, in the Morgan County Commission meeting room, concerning the adoption of an updated Floodplain Development Ordinance as required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), this the 9th day of January 2024.

ADOPT RESOLUTION ELECTING RANDY VEST, DISTRICT 2 COMMISSIONER, CHAIRMAN PRO TEM DURING 2024, IN COMPLIANCE WITH ACT NO. 129 OF THE 1939 ALABAMA LEGISLATURE AND ROTATION ESTABLISHED BY RESOLUTION OF JANUARY 2004.

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

RESOLUTION 24-127

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby elect Randy Vest, District 2 Commissioner, Chairman pro tem during 2024, in compliance with Act No. 129 of the 1939 Alabama Legislature and rotation established by Resolution of January 2004, this the 9th day of January 2024.

ADOPT RESOLUTION APPROVING A MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT RATE OF .67 CENTS PER MILE APPLICABLE FOR EMPLOYEES WHO TRAVEL IN PRIVATELY OWNED VEHICLES ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH RATES ESTABLISHED BY THE STATE OF ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE.

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

RESOLUTION 24-128

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby approve a mileage reimbursement rate of .67 cents per mile applicable for employees who travel in privately owned vehicles on official business, in accordance with rates established by the State of Alabama Department of Finance, this the 9th day of January 2024.

ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN, AS REQUESTED BY JONATHAN WARNER, EMA DIRECTOR, TO RENEW AGREEMENT WITH CLEARTRONIC, INC. DBA READYOP COMMUNICATIONS, INC., FOR INCIDENT REPORTING AND INVENTORY RECORDKEEPING AT AN ANNUAL COST OF \$8,000 FOR ONE (1) ADDITIONAL YEAR BEGINNING FEBRUARY 1, 2024 THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2025.

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 24-129

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby authorize the Chairman, as requested by Jonathan Warner, EMA Director, to renew agreement with Cleartronic, Inc. dba ReadyOp Communications, Inc., for incident reporting and inventory recordkeeping at an annual cost of \$8,000 for one (1) additional year beginning February 1, 2024 through January 31, 2025, this the 9th day of January 2024.

ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATE ELECTED OFFICIAL/DEPARTMENT HEAD TO FILL THE FOLLOWING POSITION:

- **CUSTODIAN, GRADE B01 (\$14.95-\$19.25) - MAINTENANCE**

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

RESOLUTION 24-130

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby authorize the appropriate elected official/department head to fill the following position:

- Custodian, Grade B01 (\$14.95-\$19.25) – Maintenance

this the 9th day of January 2024.

ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO GRANT LEAVE WITHOUT PAY FOR KRISTI MATTICOLA FOR THE PERIOD DECEMBER 17, 2023 THROUGH JANUARY 13, 2024, AS REQUESTED BY SHERIFF RON PUCKETT.

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

RESOLUTION 24-131

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby authorize the Chairman to grant Leave Without Pay for Kristi Matticola for the period December 17, 2023 through January 13, 2024, as requested by Sheriff Ron Puckett, this the 9th day of January 2024.

ADOPT RESOLUTION APPROVING EMPLOYEE ADDITIONS/DELETIONS FOR DECEMBER 2023.

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 24-132

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby approve the following employee additions/deletions for December 2023, this the 9th day of January 2024:

<u>Additions</u>		<u>Deletions</u>	
Skyler Byrd	Sheriff's Office	Sharon Toefield	Commission Office
Caleb Couch	Sheriff's Office	Aunnah Ayers	Commission Office
Collin Underwood	Jail	Gabrielle Catchings	Jail
Ann Heirtzler	Jail	Michael Austin	Jail
Nathan Smith	Jail	Lori Steele	Maintenance
Kevin Beasley	District 2	Phillip Spurgeon	Jail
Jacob Vanhorn	Sheriff's Office	Dakota Munger	Jail
Joshua Gillott	Jail	Garrett Smith	Sheriff's Office

ADOPT RESOLUTIONS APPROVING CERTIFICATES TO SUBDIVIDE PROPERTIES AND SUBDIVISION PLATS LOCATED WITHIN MORGAN COUNTY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- **ALEX TRENT HILL, AS EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF PAUL UPTON
TOM FRENCH ROAD, DISTRICT 3**
- **DANNY LYNN WALLACE AND CONNIE L. WALLACE
DANNY WALLACE ROAD, DISTRICT 2**
- **LYLE CIRCLE SUBDIVISION – ADDITION 2
A RESUBDIVISION OF LOT 1 OF LYLE CIRCLE SUBDIVISION
OLD SIX MILE ROAD & LYLE CIRCLE, DISTRICT 2**
- **BENNETT SUBDIVISION
RAILROAD STREET NW, DISTRICT 2**

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

RESOLUTION 24-133

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:

- Alex Trent Hill, as Executor of the Estate of Paul Upton
Tom French Road, District 3

this the 9th day of January 2024.

RESOLUTION 24-134

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:

- Danny Lynn Wallace and Connie L. Wallace
Danny Wallace Road, District 2

this the 9th day of January 2024.

RESOLUTION 24-135

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:

- Lyle Circle Subdivision – Addition 2
A Resubdivision of Lot 1 of Lyle Circle Subdivision
Old Six Mile Road & Lyle Circle, District 2

this the 9th day of January 2024.

RESOLUTION 24-136

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:

- Bennett Subdivision
Railroad Street NW, District 2

this the 9th day of January 2024.

ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF MORTGAGE TAX RECORDED IN ERROR IN THE MORGAN COUNTY PROBATE OFFICE FOR SANDRA JANET VELA-GONZALEZ, DANVILLE, AL, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$252.22.

Mr. Don Stisher, 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 24-137

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby authorize refund of mortgage tax recorded in error in the Morgan County Probate Office for Sandra Janet Vela-Gonzalez, Danville, AL, in the amount of \$252.22, this the 9th day of January 2024.

ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO MAKE BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE COUNTY-OWNED WAREHOUSE LOCATED AT 2531 HIGHWAY 20 W, DECATUR, AND TO ALLOW EXPENDITURES UP TO \$50,000 FROM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS, AND AMEND BUDGET ACCORDINGLY.

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 24-138

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby authorize the Chairman to make building improvements to the county-owned warehouse located at 2531 Highway 20 W, Decatur, and to allow expenditures up to \$50,000 from Capital Improvement funds, and amend budget accordingly, this the 9th day of January 2024.

ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING JONATHAN WARNER, EMA DIRECTOR, TO PURCHASE DECONTAMINATION SUPPLIES FROM PROPAC, INC. UTILIZING TIPS PURCHASING COOPERATIVE, CONTRACT #22050101, TO BE PAID FROM TVA FUNDS, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,034, 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 24-139

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby authorize Jonathan Warner, EMA Director, to purchase decontamination supplies from ProPac, Inc. utilizing TIPS Purchasing Cooperative, Contract #22050101, to be paid from TVA funds, in the amount of \$25,034, and amend budget accordingly, this the 9th day of January 2024.

ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING JONATHAN WARNER, EMA DIRECTOR, TO DECLARE A PODIUM AS SURPLUS AND SELL ON GOVDEALS OR DISPOSE OF PROPERLY.

Mr. Don Stisher, 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 24-140

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby authorize Jonathan Warner, EMA Director, to declare a podium as surplus and sell on Govdeals or dispose of properly, this the 9th day of January 2024.

ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SHERIFF RON PUCKETT TO DECLARE SELECT VEHICLES AS SURPLUS AND PLACE WITH ENTERPRISE FLEET MANAGEMENT PER CONSIGNMENT AUCTION AGREEMENT AND AGREEMENT TO SELL CUSTOMER VEHICLES, TO BE SOLD OR DISPOSED OF PROPERLY.

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 24-141

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby authorize Sheriff Ron Puckett to declare the following select vehicles as surplus and place with Enterprise Fleet Management per Consignment Auction Agreement and Agreement to Sell Customer Vehicles, to be sold or disposed of properly, this the 9th day of January 2024:

- 2018 Ford F150
VIN #1FTEW1C54JKC76351
- 2010 Chevrolet Tahoe
VIN #1GNUCBE04AR114987
- 2011 Chevrolet Tahoe
VIN #1GNSCBE09BR152000
- 2011 Chevrolet Tahoe
VIN #1GNSCCE09BR137230
- 2011 Chevrolet Tahoe (#4450)
VIN #1GNLC2E08BR308340
- 2013 GMC Terrain
VIN #2GKFLTE34D6405558
- 2015 Dodge Durango
VIN #1C4RDHAG7FC176508
- 2017 Chevrolet Camaro
VIN #1G1FH1R78H0142979
- 2013 Cadillac XTS
VIN #2G61U5S34D9175525

ADOPT RESOLUTION APPROVING DISBURSEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER 2023, TOTALING \$4,699,947.64.

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

RESOLUTION 24-142

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby approve the following disbursements for November 2023, totaling \$4,699,947.64, this the 9th day of January 2024:

Morgan County Commission Accounts Payable Disbursements November 2023		
<u>Account</u>	<u>Check Numbers</u>	<u>Total Amount</u>
Accounts Payable	264583 - 265108	\$ 2,699,547.16
Accounts Payable ACH	11576 - 11668	2,000,400.48
Total		<u>\$ 4,699,947.64</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:

- **BREWER HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL ----- \$300**

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

RESOLUTION 24-143

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:

- Brewer High School Softball ----- \$300

this the 9th day of January 2024.

REVIEW AND APPROVE THE FOLLOWING INVOICES, TOTALING \$79,496.40:

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
AL Chapter of the IAAO	Membership Dues – Scott, A.	\$50.00
NACIO	Membership Dues – Wetzal, M.	85.00
AL Assoc of Comm. Corrections	Membership Dues – Thurston, K.	100.00
N AL Mutual Assistance Assoc.	Membership Dues – EMA	100.00
The Election Center	Membership Dues – Boardman, L.	200.00
NANASP	Membership Dues – Adams, S.	225.00
Auto-Owners Insurance	Public Official Bond – Reed, M.	602.00
Simple Grants	Grant Strategy	4,250.00
Miller & Miller, Inc.	Nat Key Cedar Creek Road Project	32,934.40
Goodwyn Mills Cawood LLC	Morgan County Event Center	40,950.00

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

ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING GREG ABERCROMBIE, DISTRICT 4 COMMISSIONER, TO PURCHASE ONE (1) LOWBOY TRACTOR TRUCK FROM ADECA SURPLUS, EVA, AL, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000, TO BE PAID FROM DISTRICT 4 ROAD & BRIDGE FUNDS.


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

RESOLUTION 24-144


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 one (1) Lowboy Tractor Truck from ADECA Surplus, Eva, AL, in the amount of \$20,000, to be paid from District 4 Road & Bridge funds, this the 9th day of January 2024.

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. Don Stisher, seconded by Mr. Jeff Clark, and unanimously carried; the Morgan County Commission is duly adjourned.

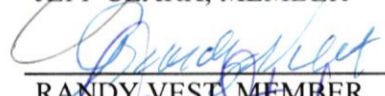
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this the 23rd day of January 2024.



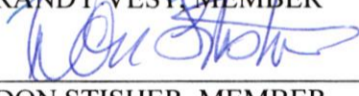
RAY LONG, CHAIRMAN



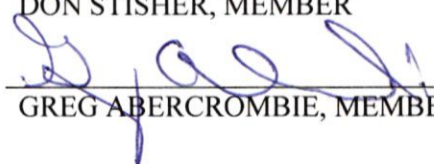
JEFF CLARK, MEMBER



RANDY VEST, MEMBER



DON STISHER, MEMBER



GREG ABERCROMBIE, MEMBER