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## MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

The Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, convened in a scheduled meeting on Tuesday, October 25, 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; 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: None. Mrs. Reeves and Mrs. Vest acted as clerks of the Meeting. Mr. Clark 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  
Andrea Cantrell, Morgan County Resident, Lacey's Spring  
Cole Mahan, Morgan County Resident, Lacey's Spring  
Wesley C. McCarty, Morgan County Resident, Lacey's Spring  
Chrystalynn Beard, Hartselle Area Chamber of Commerce  
Heather McIngvale, Morgan County Sheriff's Office

### PUBLIC COMMENT:

Andrea Cantrell, Cole Mahan, and Wesley McCarty individually addressed the Commission regarding the proposed quarry on Fields Road in Lacey's Spring. Each one asked the Commissioners to help them put a stop to the building of a quarry based on location and the proximity of such is within 2 miles of a public school. They cited a precedent from a Limestone County case that states a quarry could not be within 2 and ½ miles of a public school. They also maintained the roads would not be able to withstand the increased traffic and weight from the trucks from the quarry as well as a concern for the safety of other drivers on the curving road. They spoke of the negative impact the quarry would have on property value in the area. A passionate plea was made by each speaker as they asked the Commissioners, as their first line of defense, to help them stop the quarry.

### AGENDA

The Agenda for the meeting of Tuesday, October 25, 2022, 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, October 11, 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. 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 CHAIRMAN TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR (8) SUVs ON BEHALF OF COMMISSION ON AGING FOR THE PURPOSE OF MEAL DELIVERY AND SENIOR CITIZEN TRANSPORTATION AND ALLOW THE CHAIRMAN TO OPEN AND ACCEPT BID FROM LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BIDDER ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2022.**

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 23-016**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby authorize the Chairman to solicit bids for (8) SUVs on behalf of Commission on Aging for the purpose of meal delivery and senior citizen transportation and allow the Chairman to open and accept bid from lowest responsible bidder on Tuesday, November 1, 2022, this the 25th day of October 2022.

**ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO SOLICIT BIDS FROM THE MOST RESPONSIVE BIDDER MEETING SPECIFICATIONS FOR (3) HVAC UNITS/SYSTEMS FOR FARM SERVICES.**

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 23-017**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby authorize the Chairman to solicit bids from the most responsive bidder meeting specifications for (3) HVAC units/systems for farm services, this the 25th day of October 2022.

**ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSION TO JOIN NACO AND THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICERS BY DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 7 THROUGH NOVEMBER 13 AS OPERATION GREEN LIGHT FOR VETERANS BY LIGHTING COUNTY BUILDINGS GREEN.**

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 23-018**

**Supporting Operation Green Light for Veterans**

WHEREAS, the residents of Morgan County have great respect, admiration, and the utmost gratitude for all of the men and women who have selflessly served our country and this community in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, the contributions and sacrifices of the men and women who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and

WHEREAS, Morgan County seeks to honor these individuals who have paid the high price for freedom by placing themselves in harm's way for the good of all; and

WHEREAS, Veterans continue to serve our community in the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, religious groups, civil service, and by functioning as County Veteran Service Officers in 29 states to help fellow former service members access more than \$52 billion in federal health, disability and compensation benefits each year; and

WHEREAS, Approximately 200,000 service members transition to civilian communities annually; and