
MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

The Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, convened in a rescheduled meeting on Thursday, October 5, 2023, 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: Greg Bodley, County Engineer; Julie Reeves, Chief Administrative Officer; Jessica Smith, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer; Mike Wetzel, 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 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

Heather McIngvale, Morgan County Sheriff's Office
Erica Smith, Decatur Daily
George Hill, Morgan County IT
Zach Starnes, Harris Caddell & Shanks, PC
Jonathan Warner, EMA Director

AGENDA

The Agenda for the meeting of Thursday, October 5, 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, September 26, 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 CHAIRMAN TO SOLICIT SEALED BIDS FROM THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE BIDDER MEETING SPECIFICATIONS FOR FENCING AT NORTH PARK, WEST PARK, AND SOUTH PARK IN DISTRICTS 1, 2, & 3, RESPECTIVELY.

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 24-001

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby authorize the Chairman to solicit sealed bids from the lowest responsive bidder meeting specifications for fencing at North Park, West Park, and South Park in Districts 1, 2, & 3, respectively, this the 5th day of October 2023.

ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF EVA FOR POLICE PROTECTION TO BE PROVIDED BY THE MORGAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AT AN ANNUAL COST OF \$73,740, PAYABLE IN TWELVE (12) MONTHLY INSTALLMENTS OF \$6,145, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2024.

Mr. Don Stisher, 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 24-002

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby authorize the Chairman to execute the agreement with the Town of Eva for police protection to be provided by the Morgan County Sheriff's Department at an annual cost of \$73,740, payable in twelve (12) monthly installments of \$6,145, effective October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024, this the 5th day of October 2023.

ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NORTH CENTRAL ALABAMA HIGHWAY SAFETY OFFICE (NAHSO) AND THE MORGAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR OFFICIAL PARTICIPATION IN THE NORTH CENTRAL ALABAMA HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY OFFICE PROGRAM GRANTS(S) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2023 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2024.

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 24-003

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby authorize the Chairman to execute an agreement with the North Central Alabama Highway Safety Office (NAHSO) and the Morgan County Sheriff's Office for official participation in the North Central Alabama Highway Traffic Safety Office Program grants(s) for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 beginning October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024, this the 5th day of October 2023.

ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 GRANT AGREEMENT FROM THE ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH SERVICES IN COLLABORATION WITH THE MORGAN COUNTY JUVENILE COURT, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$350,438 FOR THE MITNICK WILDERNESS PROGRAM, PROVIDING A SERIES OF STRATEGIC ACTIVITIES, CHALLENGES, AND INTERACTIONS WITH NATURE IN A SHORT-TERM PROGRAM FOR YOUTH WHO WOULD OTHERWISE BE COMMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH SERVICES.

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 24-004

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby authorize the Chairman to execute the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 grant agreement from the Alabama Department of Youth Services in collaboration with the Morgan County Juvenile Court, in the amount of \$350,438 for the Mitnick Wilderness Program, providing a series of strategic activities, challenges, and interactions with nature in a short-term program for youth who would otherwise be committed to the Department of Youth Services, this the 5th day of October 2023.