

MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

The Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, convened in a scheduled meeting on Tuesday, February 27, 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. Chairman Long declared the Meeting open for the transaction of business.

VISITORS

Matthew Frost, Resident
Erica Smith, Decatur Daily
George Hill, Morgan County IT

AGENDA

The Agenda for the meeting of Tuesday, February 27, 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, February 13, 2024, 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 ACCEPTING A PETITION TO VACATE FROM THE ADJOINING PROPERTY OWNERS, TO VACATE PORTIONS OF THE DRAINAGE & UTILITY EASEMENTS BETWEEN TRACTS 1 & 4 AND BETWEEN TRACTS 2 & 3 AS RECORDED ON THE BORDEN SUBDIVISION PLAT, DISTRICT 4, IN THE MORGAN COUNTY PROBATE OFFICE PLAT BOOK 2023 AT PAGE 22, MORGAN COUNTY, AL, AND SET A PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD DURING THE WORK SESSION OF THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED COMMISSION MEETING AT 9:00 A.M., ON MARCH 26, 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. Greg Abercrombie, it was put to a vote and unanimously adopted to wit:

RESOLUTION 24-183

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby accept a petition to vacate from the adjoining property owners, to vacate portions of the Drainage & Utility Easements between Tracts 1 & 4 and between Tracts 2 & 3 as recorded on the Borden Subdivision plat, District 4, in the Morgan County Probate Office Plat Book 2023 at Page 22, Morgan County, AL, and set a public hearing to be held during the work session of the regularly scheduled Commission Meeting at 9:00 a.m., on March 26, 2024, this the 27th day of February 2024.

ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO SOLICIT SEALED BIDS FOR MICRO-SURFACING SEAL COAT ROAD SURFACE TREATMENTS.

Mr. Don Stisher, 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 24-184

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby authorize the Chairman to solicit sealed bids for Micro-Surfacing Seal Coat road surface treatments, this the 27th day of February 2024.

ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OR CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER TO APPROVE PUBLIC WORKS AGREEMENTS WITH QUOTES LESS THAN \$25,000.

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 24-185

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby authorize the Chairman or Chief Administrative Officer to approve Public Works agreements with quotes less than \$25,000, this the 27th day of February 2024.

ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO ACCEPT AWARD OF THE FY2023 ADECA GRANT, ADVANCEMENT IN EDUCATION, TECHNOLOGY, AND TRAINING FUND, PREVIOUSLY KNOWN AS PISTOL PERMIT REVENUE LOSS GRANT.

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 24-186

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby authorize the Chairman to accept award of the FY2023 ADECA grant, Advancement in Education, Technology, and Training Fund, previously known as Pistol Permit Revenue Loss grant, this the 27th day of February 2024.

ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO APPLY ONLINE FOR FUNDING FOR FY2025 CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED SPENDING FROM U.S. SENATOR TOMMY TUBERVILLE, SENATOR KATIE BRITT, AND REPRESENTATIVE DALE STRONG IN SUPPORT OF GENERAL GOVERNMENT.

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 24-187

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby authorize the Chairman to apply online for funding for FY2025 Congressionally Directed Spending from U.S. Senator Tommy Tuberville, Senator Katie Britt, and Representative Dale Strong in support of general government, this the 27th day of February 2024.

ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN, ON BEHALF OF TOM CAMP, MAINTENANCE DIRECTOR, TO ACCEPT QUOTE FROM S & S STRIPING AND SEALING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,456 FOR COURTHOUSE PARKING LOT STRIPING AND PAINTING, AND AMEND THE 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 24-188

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby authorize the Chairman, on behalf of Tom Camp, Maintenance Director, to accept quote from S & S Striping and Sealing in the amount of \$6,456 for Courthouse parking lot striping and painting, and amend the budget accordingly, this the 27th day of February 2024.

ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN, ON BEHALF OF MORGAN COUNTY EMA, TO EXECUTE THE FY2024 EMPG STATE SUBAWARD WITH THE STATE OF ALABAMA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,024 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. Greg Abercrombie, it was put to a vote and unanimously adopted to wit:

RESOLUTION 24-189

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby authorize the Chairman, on behalf of Morgan County EMA, to execute the FY2024 EMPG State Subaward with the State of Alabama Emergency Management Agency in the amount of \$2,024 effective October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024, this the 27th day of February 2024.

ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO ENTER INTO A PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY USE AGREEMENT WITH CROWN CASTLE FIBER, LLC GOVERNING THE INSTALLATION OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES IN COUNTY OWNED RIGHTS-OF-WAY

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 24-190

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby authorize the Chairman to enter into a Public Right-Of-Way Use Agreement with Crown Castle Fiber, LLC governing the installation of telecommunications infrastructure facilities in County owned rights-of-way, this the 27th day of February 2024.

ADOPT RESOLUTION SETTING A MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT FOR THE FOLLOWING ROADS IN DISTRICT 2 AND DISTRICT 3:

Brownee Lane	35 mph	Off of E. Parker Road in the W1/2 of Sec. 20; T7S; R3W	Dist. 2
Burleson Road	25 mph	Between Brownee Ln and Mt Tabor Rd in the N1/2 of Sec. 20; T7S; R3W	Dist. 2
Wynn Wallace Road	40 mph	Between Danville Rd and Ironman Rd in the E1/2 of Sec. 3; T7S; R5W	Dist. 2
Frost Road	40 mph	Off of Hwy 55, the Paved areas in Sec. 9, 16, 17, 18; T8S; R2W	Dist. 3

Mr. Randy Vest, 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 24-191

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby set a maximum speed limit for the following roads in District 2 and District 3, this the 27th day of February 2024:

Brownee Lane	35 mph	Off of E. Parker Road in the W1/2 of Sec. 20; T7S; R3W	Dist. 2
Burleson Road	25 mph	Between Brownee Ln and Mt Tabor Rd in the N1/2 of Sec. 20; T7S; R3W	Dist. 2
Wynn Wallace Road	40 mph	Between Danville Rd and Ironman Rd in the E1/2 of Sec. 3; T7S; R5W	Dist. 2
Frost Road	40 mph	Off of Hwy 55, the Paved areas in Sec. 9, 16, 17, 18; T8S; R2W	Dist. 3

ADOPT RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A DEED FOR A PORTION OF BEAN ROAD WHICH IS CURRENTLY BEING CLAIMED AND MAINTAINED BY MORGAN COUNTY DISTRICT 2.

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 24-192

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby accept a deed for a portion of Bean Road which is currently being claimed and maintained by Morgan County District 2, this the 27th day of February 2024.

ADOPT RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A DEED FOR A PORTION OF HAGA LOOP WHICH IS CURRENTLY BEING CLAIMED AND MAINTAINED BY MORGAN COUNTY DISTRICT 4.

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 24-193

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby accept a deed for a portion of Haga Loop which is currently being claimed and maintained by Morgan County District 4, this the 27th day of February 2024.

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

- **KAREITH WILLIAMS AND ALICIA WILLIAMS
BLUFF CITY ROAD, DISTRICT 1**
- **OUTREACH MINISTRIES OF ALABAMA, INC.
JOHNSON LANDING ROAD, DISTRICT 4**
- **LARRY JOE RICHARDS, PAMELA DIANE RICHARDS, AND
ERIC AND TERRI MCHAN
RICHARDS ROAD AND ANTIOCH ROAD, DISTRICT 4**
- **SHERMAN DOUGLAS KEEL
BEAN ROAD, HIGHWAY 36, & NEW CENTER ROAD, DISTRICT 2**
- **DAWSON SUBDIVISION
PARKER GAP ROAD, DISTRICT 3**

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

RESOLUTION 24-194

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:

- Kareith Williams and Alicia Williams
Bluff City Road, District 1

this the 27th day of February 2024.

RESOLUTION 24-195

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:

- Outreach Ministries of Alabama, Inc.
Johnson Landing Road, District 4

this the 27th day of February 2024.

RESOLUTION 24-196

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:

- Larry Joe Richards, Pamela Diane Richards, and Eric and Terri McHan
Richards Road and Antioch Road, District 4

this the 27th day of February 2024.

RESOLUTION 24-197

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:

- Sherman Douglas Keel
Bean Road, Highway 36, & New Center Road, District 2

this the 27th day of February 2024.

RESOLUTION 24-198

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:

- Dawson Subdivision
Parker Gap Road, District 3

this the 27th day of February 2024.

ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SEAN DAILEY, PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR, TO FILL A SEASONAL GROUNDSKEEPER POSITION, GRADE F01, (\$12.75).

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 24-199

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby authorize Sean Dailey, Parks and Recreation Director, to fill a Seasonal Groundskeeper position, Grade F01, (\$12.75), this the 27th day of February 2024.

ADOPT RESOLUTION APPROVING REQUEST FROM AVENU TO REFUND SALES TAX PAID IN ERROR TO SHIV KRUSHI INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,138.11.

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 24-200

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby approve request from Avenu to refund sales tax paid in error to Shiv Krushi Inc. in the amount of \$18,138.11, this the 27th day of February 2024.

ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO PURCHASE SOFTWARE, AT THE REQUEST OF GEORGE HILL, IT DIRECTOR, FROM AMAZON WEB SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,500 UTILIZING OMNIA CONTRACT #RH-22-026.

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 24-201

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby authorize the Chairman to purchase software, at the request of George Hill, IT Director, from Amazon Web Services in the amount of \$7,500 utilizing OMNIA contract #RH-22-026, this the 27th day of February 2024.

ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO PURCHASE TWO (2) MOWERS AND TWO (2) TRIMMERS FROM GARNETT'S LAWN EQUIPMENT FOR THE SHERIFF'S WORK RELEASE PROGRAM, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,966.96 USING CONTINGENCY FUNDS, AND AMEND THE BUDGET ACCORDINGLY.

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 24-202

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby authorize the Chairman to purchase two (2) mowers and two (2) trimmers from Garnett's Lawn Equipment for the Sheriff's work release program, in the amount of \$24,966.96 using Contingency Funds, and amend the budget accordingly, this the 27th day of February 2024.

ADOPT RESOLUTIONS AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE THE FOLLOWING CONTRACTS REPRESENTING THE PROMOTION OF MORGAN COUNTY WHICH WILL BE PAYABLE FROM TOURISM, RECREATION & CONVENTION FUNDS:

- **HARTSELLE MORGAN COUNTY COMMUNITY TASK FORCE ----- \$400**
- **MORGAN COUNTY SCHOOLS FOUNDATION ----- \$500**

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

RESOLUTION 24-203

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:

- Hartselle Morgan County Community Task Force ----- \$400

this the 27th day of February 2024.

RESOLUTION 24-204

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:

- Morgan County Schools Foundation ----- \$500

this the 27th day of February 2024.

REVIEW AND APPROVE THE FOLLOWING INVOICES, TOTALING \$92,058.13:

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Auto-Owners Insurance	Bond Coverage – Terry, K.	\$1,030.00
JMR+H Architecture, PC	Courthouse Renovations	91,028.13

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

ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING GREG ABERCROMBIE, DISTRICT 4 COMMISSIONER, TO PURCHASE ONE (1) ROAD WIDENER FH-R SINGLE DISCHARGE ATTACHMENT FROM THOMPSON TRACTOR CO. UTILIZING ACCA COUNTY JOINT BID PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$68,850, TO BE PAID FROM DISTRICT 4 ROAD & BRIDGE FUNDS, AND AMEND BUDGET ACCORDINGLY.

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 24-205

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) Road Widener FH-R single discharge attachment from Thompson Tractor Co. utilizing ACCA County Joint Bid program in the amount of \$68,850, to be paid from District 4 Road & Bridge funds, and amend budget accordingly, this the 27th day of February 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. Randy Vest, and unanimously carried; the Morgan County Commission is duly adjourned.


These Minutes were approved,
this the 12th day of March 2024.



RAY LONG, CHAIRMAN



JEFF CLARK, MEMBER



RANDY VEST, MEMBER



DON STISHER, MEMBER



GREG ABERCROMBIE, MEMBER