

MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

The Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, convened in a scheduled meeting on Tuesday, September 12, 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, and Greg Abercrombie. Also present: Greg Bodley, County Engineer; Julie Reeves, Chief Administrative Officer; Jessica Smith, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer; Laura Vest, Business Services Coordinator. Absent: Commissioner Don Stisher; David Langston, County Attorney; Mike Wetzell, Communications Director. Mrs. Reeves and Mrs. Vest acted as clerks of the Meeting. Mr. Randy 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
Scott Slate, Harris Caddell & Shanks, P.C.
George Hill, Morgan County IT

PUBLIC HEARING:

**PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE WRITTEN OR ORAL COMMENTS
CONCERNING A PETITION FROM JERRY ROBERSON, THE ADJOINING
PROPERTY OWNER, TO VACATE CHERRY TREE ROAD WHICH IS LOCATED
OFF NEW CUT ROAD IN THE SE1/4 OF THE SE1/4 OF SECTION 23; TOWNSHIP 7
SOUTH; RANGE 5 WEST IN DISTRICT 2.**

The Chairman brought to the attention of the Commission that this was the date and time advertised to hold a "Public Hearing" for the purpose of receiving citizen input concerning the vacation of Cherry Tree Road which is located off New Cut Road in the SE1/4 of the SE1/4 of Section 23; Township 7 South; Range 5 West in District 2.

Greg Bodley, County Engineer, stated he had not received any negative comments pertaining to the vacation. He said this road serves one property and he recommends the vacation.

Mr. Vest indicated he was good with the vacation saying he spoke with Mr. Roberson and he would like to put a gate up due to multiple thefts on the property.

There were no additional comments or questions regarding the vacation of Cherry Tree Road which is located off New Cut Road in the SE1/4 of the SE1/4 of Section 23; Township 7 South; Range 5 West in District 2.

The Chairman declared the "Public Hearing" closed.

AGENDA

The Agenda for the meeting of Tuesday, September 12, 2023, had been presented 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 listed agenda; it is hereby approved.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, August 29, 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. Greg Abercrombie, 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.

September 12, 2023

OLD BUSINESS:

ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO ACCEPT BID FROM LYNN LAYTON FORD AS LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BIDDER MEETING SPECIFICATIONS FOR ONE (1) 2023 FORD F-250 CREW CAB 4X4 TRUCK FOR PARKS & RECREATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$52,760, 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. Greg Abercrombie, it was put to a vote and unanimously adopted to wit:

RESOLUTION 23-498

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby authorize the Chairman to accept bid from Lynn Layton Ford as lowest responsible bidder meeting specifications for one (1) 2023 Ford F-250 Crew Cab 4x4 truck for Parks & Recreation in the amount of \$52,760, and amend budget accordingly, this the 12th day of September 2023.

ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO ACCEPT QUOTE FROM AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH RECENTERED RESTORATIONS FOR WINDOW REFURBISHMENT FOR THE MORGAN COUNTY ARCHIVES BUILDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$80,799.46, 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 23-499

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby authorize the Chairman to accept quote from and enter into Contract with Recentered Restorations for window refurbishment for the Morgan County Archives building in the amount of \$80,799.46, and amend budget accordingly, this the 12th day of September 2023.

NEW BUSINESS:

ADOPT RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 BUDGET FOR THE MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$71,299,046.26 (REVENUES) AND \$70,190,185.89 (EXPENDITURES), EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 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 23-500

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby approve the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget for the Morgan County Commission in the amount of \$71,299,046.26 (Revenues) and \$70,190,185.89 (Expenditures), effective October 1, 2023, this the 12th day of September 2023.

ADOPT RESOLUTION APPROVING A 2% COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT FOR ALL ELIGIBLE MORGAN COUNTY EMPLOYEES, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 8, 2023.

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: