

MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

The Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, convened in a scheduled meeting on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, 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, Matthew Frost, 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; and Laura Vest, Business Services Coordinator. Absent: None. Mrs. Reeves, Mrs. Smith, 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

George Hill, Morgan County IT
Jonathan Warner, Morgan County EMA
Michelle Echols, Morgan County Sales Tax
Erica Smith, Decatur Daily

AGENDA

The Agenda for the meeting of Tuesday, March 11, 2025, had been presented to the Commission for review.

After due consideration, it is therefore ordered by the Commission on motion of Mr. Jeff Clark, seconded by Mr. Randy Vest, 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 25, 2025, 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. Matthew Frost, and unanimously carried that there being no further additions or corrections to the above referenced Minutes; they are hereby approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

ADOPT RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 25-064 CHANGING MONTHLY PAYMENTS TO \$6,559.03.

Mr. Matthew Frost, 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 25-201

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby amend Resolution 25-064 changing monthly payments to \$6,559.03, this the 11th day of March 2025.

ADOPT RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 25-088 CHANGING MODEL YEAR TO 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 25-202

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby amend Resolution 25-088 changing model year to 2025, this the 11th day of March 2025.

NEW BUSINESS:

ADOPT RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND APPROVING THE APPLICATION PRESENTED BY WANDA FAYE RICE TO CLARIFY AND ADJUST THE BOUNDARY OF THE RICE FAMILY CEMETERY, A PRIVATE CEMETERY, WHICH IS LOCATED ON PORTER CIRCLE IN THE N ½ OF THE NW ¼ OF SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST IN MORGAN COUNTY DISTRICT 4. SAID MODIFICATION SHALL BE PART OF THE ORIGINAL CEMETERY AS ADOPTED BY MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSION, RESOLUTION 18-114.

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

RESOLUTION 25-203

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission hereby approves the application submitted by Wanda Faye Rice to clarify and adjust the boundary of the Rice Family Cemetery, a private cemetery, which is located on Porter Circle in the N ½ of the NW ¼ of Section 36, Township 5 South, Range 1 West in Morgan County District Four. Said modification shall be part of the original cemetery as adopted by Morgan County Commission Resolution 18-114 and filed in the Morgan County Probate Judge's Office in MISC Book 2018, Pages 1037-1041 and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Commission that the cemetery's operation, property, graves, structures, roads, and drives shall be maintained by the Rice Family Cemetery "Cemetery Management Committee" and that the Morgan County Commission cannot and will not be obligated for any services or maintenance in reference to this private cemetery, this the 11th day of March 2025.

ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN, ON BEHALF OF SHERIFF RON PUCKETT, TO ACCEPT QUOTE FROM DEAN PLUMBING & GAS PIPING REPLACING AND INSTALLING ONE (1) 432 GALLON HOLDING TANK WITH 3" COPPER PIPE AND TWO (2) ASME EXPANSION TANKS FOR THE MORGAN COUNTY JAIL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$42,512.

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

RESOLUTION 25-204

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby authorize the Chairman, on behalf of Sheriff Ron Puckett, to accept quote from Dean Plumbing & Gas Piping replacing and installing one (1) 432 gallon holding tank with 3" copper pipe and two (2) ASME expansion tanks for the Morgan County Jail in the amount of \$42,512, this the 11th day of March 2025.

ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN, ON BEHALF OF SHERIFF RON PUCKETT, TO ENTER INTO A MAIL HANDLING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH TECH FRIENDS, INC. PROVIDING MAIL HANDLING SERVICES FOR THE INMATES HOUSED IN THE MORGAN COUNTY JAIL, AT NO ADDITIONAL CHARGE, BEGINNING APRIL 1, 2025 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2026, AND AUTOMATICALLY RENEW IN PERIODS OF ONE (1) YEAR.

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 25-205

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby authorize the Chairman, on behalf of Sheriff Ron Puckett, to enter into a Mail Handling Services Agreement with Tech Friends, Inc. providing mail handling services for the inmates housed in the Morgan County Jail, at no additional charge, beginning April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026, and automatically renew in periods of one (1) year, this the 11th day of March 2025.

ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN, ON BEHALF OF SHERIFF RON PUCKETT, TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH LEGACY COMMISSARY SERVICES, LLC FOR TEMPORARY RIGHTS TO PROVIDE VIDEO VISITATION SERVICES FOR INMATES, FOR A 90-DAY PERIOD BEGINNING APRIL 1, 2025 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025.

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 25-206

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby authorize the Chairman, on behalf of Sheriff Ron Puckett, to enter into agreement with Legacy Commissary Services, LLC for temporary rights to provide video visitation services for inmates, for a 90-day period beginning April 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025, this the 11th day of March 2025.

ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN, ON BEHALF OF SHERIFF RON PUCKETT, TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH NUMI FINANCIAL TO ESTABLISH A PRESTIGE PREPAID MASTERCARD PROGRAM FOR INMATE COMMISSARY AND WORK RELEASE DISBURSEMENTS.

Mr. Matthew Frost, 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 25-207

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby authorize the Chairman, on behalf of Sheriff Ron Puckett, to enter into agreement with NUMI Financial to establish a Prestige Prepaid Mastercard Program for inmate commissary and work release disbursements, this the 11th day of March 2025.

ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO COMMIT \$25,000, ON BEHALF OF JONATHAN WARNER, EMA DIRECTOR, FOR THE PREPARATION OF A HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN DUE IN FISCAL YEAR 2027, TO BE COMPLETED BY TARCOG, 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 25-208

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby authorize the Chairman to commit \$25,000, on behalf of Jonathan Warner, EMA Director, for the preparation of a Hazard Mitigation Plan due in Fiscal Year 2027, to be completed by TARCOG, and amend budget accordingly, this the 11th day of March 2025.

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

- **JAMES D. ATKINSON, IV & MICHELE L. ATKINSON,
AND RICE FAMILY CEMETERY
WILSON ROAD & PORTER CIRCLE, DISTRICT 4**

- **NORTH ALABAMA HOUSE BUYER, LLC
SEAGROVES ROAD, DISTRICT 4**
- **EVERGREEN RIDGE ESTATES
HARDIN ROAD & MT. NEBO ROAD &
AL HWY 157, DISTRICT 3**

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

RESOLUTION 25-209

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:

- James D. Atkinson, IV & Michele L. Atkinson,
and Rice Family Cemetery
Wilson Road & Porter Circle, District 4

this the 11th day of March 2025.

RESOLUTION 25-210

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:

- North Alabama House Buyer, LLC
Seagroves Road, District 4

this the 11th day of March 2025.

RESOLUTION 25-211

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby approve Subdivision Plat for property located within Morgan County for the following:

- Evergreen Ridge Estates
**Hardin Road & Mt. Nebo Road &
AL Hwy 157, District 3**

this the 11th day of March 2025.

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

- **ASSESSMENT CLERK, GRADE A01 (\$16.14-\$20.79) – SALES TAX**
- **LICENSE INSPECTOR, GRADE A04 (\$20.63-\$26.55) – SALES TAX**

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 25-212

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 positions:

- Assessment Clerk, Grade A01 (\$16.14-\$20.79) – Sales Tax
- License Inspector, Grade A04 (\$20.63-\$26.55) – Sales Tax

this the 11th day of March 2025.

**ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO ELIMINATE
ONE (1) APPRAISAL CLERK POSITION, AS REQUESTED BY AMANDA SCOTT,
REVENUE COMMISSIONER.**

Mr. Matthew Frost, 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 25-213

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby authorize the Chairman to eliminate one (1) Appraisal Clerk position, as requested by Amanda Scott, Revenue Commissioner, this the 11th day of March 2025.

**ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN, ON BEHALF OF
SHERIFF RON PUCKETT, TO EXTEND LEAVE WITHOUT PAY FOR GARRETT
WALKER TO MARCH 24, 2025.**

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

RESOLUTION 25-214

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby authorize the Chairman, on behalf of Sheriff Ron Puckett, to extend Leave Without Pay for Garrett Walker to March 24, 2025, this the 11th day of March 2025.

**ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN, ON BEHALF OF RANDY
VEST, DISTRICT 2 COMMISSIONER, TO PURCHASE ONE (1) PITTS HEAVY HAUL
TA20 TRAILER FROM THOMPSON TRACTOR UTILIZING SOURCEWELL
CONTRACT #092922-PTT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$28,617.75, TO BE PAID FROM
DISTRICT 2 ROAD & BRIDGE FUNDS.**

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 25-215

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby authorize the Chairman, on behalf of Randy Vest, District 2 Commissioner, to purchase one (1) Pitts Heavy Haul TA20 Trailer from Thompson Tractor utilizing Sourcewell Contract #092922-PTT in the amount of \$28,617.75, to be paid from District 2 Road & Bridge funds, this the 11th day of March 2025.

**ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN, ON BEHALF OF JOHNNY
HOWELL, ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DIRECTOR, TO PURCHASE (30)
FLAT/SLANT FRONT-LOAD CONTAINERS IN VARIOUS SIZES, (4-YARD, 6-YARD,
8-YARD) FROM WASTEQUIP UTILIZING SOURCEWELL PURCHASING
CONTRACT #040621-WQI, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$29,100.**

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

RESOLUTION 25-216

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby authorize the Chairman, on behalf of Johnny Howell, Environmental Services Director, to purchase (30) flat/slant front-load containers in various sizes, (4-yard, 6-yard, 8-yard) from Wastequip utilizing Sourcewell Purchasing Contract #040621-WQI, in the amount of \$29,100, this the 11th day of March 2025.

**ADOPT RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REFUND OF MORTGAGE
TAX RECORDED IN ERROR IN THE MORGAN COUNTY PROBATE OFFICE
TO ALABAMA CLOSING & TITLE, LLC, HUNTSVILLE, AL, IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$95.00.**

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 25-217

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby approve the refund of mortgage tax recorded in error in the Morgan County Probate Office to Alabama Closing & Title, LLC, Huntsville, AL, in the amount of \$95.00, this the 11th day of March 2025.

**ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO DONATE \$14,000 TO
THE MORGAN COUNTY SPORTS HALL OF FAME FOR DISPLAY CABINET
ADDITION IN THE MORGAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE TO BE PAID FROM THE
CONTINGENCY FUND, 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 25-218

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby authorize the Chairman to donate \$14,000 to the Morgan County Sports Hall of Fame for display cabinet addition in the Morgan County Courthouse to be paid from the Contingency Fund, and amend budget accordingly, this the 11th day of March 2025.

**ADOPT RESOLUTION APPROVING DISBURSEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 2025,
TOTALING \$6,428,987.52.**

Mr. Greg Abercrombie, 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 25-219

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby approve the following disbursements for February 2025, totaling \$6,428,987.52, this the 11th day of March 2025:

Morgan County Commission Accounts Payable Disbursements February 2025		
Account	Check Numbers	Total Amount
Accounts Payable	272192 - 272598	\$ 1,743,329.38
Accounts Payable ACH	13221 - 13314	4,685,658.14
Total		<u><u>\$ 6,428,987.52</u></u>

**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:**

- DANVILLE HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL (FENCE SIGN RENEWAL) - \$200
- ONE VISION FOUNDATION (EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP) - \$500

March 11, 2025

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

RESOLUTION 25-220

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:

- Danville High School Softball (Fence Sign Renewal) - \$200

this the 11th day of March 2025.

RESOLUTION 25-221

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:

- One Vision Foundation (Excellence in Leadership) - \$500

this the 11th day of March 2025.


REVIEW AND APPROVE THE FOLLOWING INVOICES, TOTALING \$1,080,330.75:


<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Nat'l Assoc of Nutrition & Aging Serv Prog	Membership Dues – Dailey, S.	225.00
Standard Roofing of Montgomery	HVAC & Roof Repair Jail	771,263.75
Limestone Building Group	Event Center	308,842.00


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

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. Matthew Frost, seconded by Mr. Randy Vest, and unanimously carried; the Morgan County Commission is duly adjourned.


These Minutes were approved,
this the 25th day of March 2025.


RAY LONG, CHAIRMAN


JEFF CLARK, MEMBER


RANDY VEST, MEMBER


MATTHEW FROST, MEMBER


GREG ABERCROMBIE, MEMBER