

MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

The Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, convened in a scheduled meeting on Tuesday, March 14, 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; David Langston, County Attorney; Julie Reeves, Chief Administrative Officer; Jessica Smith, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer; Mike Wetzel, 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 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

Deputy Chief Alan Host, Morgan County Sheriff's Office
Erica Smith, Decatur Daily

AGENDA

The Agenda for the meeting of Tuesday, March 14, 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, February 28, 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:

ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO ACCEPT THE RECEIVED BIDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ONSITE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM AT MORGAN COUNTY WEST PARK AND AWARD THE CONTRACT TO THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE AND RESPONSIVE BIDDER MEETING SPECIFICATIONS, CONSTRUCTION SPECIALTY ASSOCIATES, INC. OF EVA, AL, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$183,384 IN 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 23-219

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby authorize the Chairman to accept the received bids for the construction of an Onsite Sewage Disposal System at Morgan County West Park and award the contract to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder meeting specifications, Construction Specialty Associates, Inc. of Eva, AL, in the amount of \$183,384 in District 2, this the 14th day of March 2023.

ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO ACCEPT BID FROM AVENU AS LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BIDDER MEETING SPECIFICATIONS FOR DIGITIZATION OF HISTORICAL RECORDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$167,099.10.

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
BSC SOLUTIONS	\$239,000.00
U.S. IMAGING	267,197.10
AVENU	167,099.10*

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 23-220

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby authorize the Chairman to accept bid from Avenu as lowest responsible bidder meeting specifications for digitization of historical records in the amount of \$167,099.10, this the 14th day of March 2023.

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
BSC Solutions	\$239,000.00
U.S. Imaging	267,197.10
Avenu	167,099.10

NEW BUSINESS:

ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO APPROVE EXTENDED WARRANTY CONTRACT WITH SOUTH WESTERN COMMUNICATIONS, INC. ON BEHALF OF SHERIFF RON PUCKETT, FOR THE ELECTRONIC SECURITY SYSTEM AT THE MORGAN COUNTY JAIL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,502.25 PER QUARTER, FOR THE PERIOD MARCH 1, 2023 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 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 23-221

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby authorize the Chairman to approve Extended Warranty Contract with South Western Communications, Inc. on behalf of Sheriff Ron Puckett, for the electronic security system at the Morgan County Jail in the amount of \$17,502.25 per quarter, for the period March 1, 2023 through February 28, 2024, this the 14th day of March 2023.

ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO REVOKE THE COUNTY'S ELECTION TO OPT-OUT OF THE ALABAMA TAX TRIBUNAL FOR SALES TAX APPEALS AND TO PROSPECTIVELY CONFER JURISDICTION FOR SALES TAX APPEALS TO THE ALABAMA TAX TRIBUNAL.

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 23-222

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby authorize the Chairman to revoke the county's election to opt-out of the Alabama Tax Tribunal for sales tax appeals and to prospectively confer jurisdiction for sales tax appeals to the Alabama Tax Tribunal, this the 14th day of March 2023.

ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO APPLY ONLINE FOR FUNDING FOR FY2024 CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED SPENDING FROM U.S. SENATOR TOMMY TUBERVILLE TO SUPPORT LAW ENFORCEMENT.

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 23-223

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 FY2024 Congressionally Directed Spending from U.S. Senator Tommy Tuberville to support law enforcement, this the 14th day of March 2023.

ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO APPLY FOR FY2024 NON-DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS FROM U.S. REPRESENTATIVE DALE STRONG IN SUPPORT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT.

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 23-224

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby authorize the Chairman to apply for FY2024 Non-Defense Appropriations from U.S. Representative Dale Strong in support of law enforcement, this the 14th day of March 2023.

ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO APPROVE ONLINE GRANT APPLICATION, ON BEHALF OF THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, FROM AIR PRODUCTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,500.

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 23-225

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby authorize the Chairman to approve online grant application, on behalf of the Emergency Management Agency, from Air Products in the amount of \$1,500, this the 14th day of March 2023.

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

- **CLERK II, GRADE A02 (\$15.83-\$20.37) ----- PROBATE**
- **DIRECTOR OF SALES TAX AND LICENSE ENFORCEMENT, GRADE E01 (\$27.50-\$35.31) ----- SALES TAX**
- **ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER, GRADE A02 (\$15.83-\$20.37) ----- ANIMAL CONTROL**
- **MECHANIC, GRADE B06 (\$22.05-\$28.38) ----- DISTRICT 1**
- **CUSTODIAN, GRADE B01 (\$14.66-\$18.87) ----- MAINTENANCE**

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 23-226

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:

- Clerk II, Grade A02 (\$15.83-\$20.37) ----- Probate
- Director of Sales Tax and License Enforcement, Grade E01 (\$27.50-\$35.31) ----- Sales Tax
- Animal Control Officer, Grade A02 (\$15.83-\$20.37) ----- Animal Control
- Mechanic, Grade B06 (\$22.05-\$28.38) ----- District 1
- Custodian, Grade B01 (\$14.66-\$18.87) ----- Maintenance

this the 14th day of March 2023.

ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO GRANT LEAVE WITHOUT PAY FOR DOMINIQUE COLEMAN FOR THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 26, 2023 THROUGH MARCH 11, 2023, AS REQUESTED BY SHERIFF RON PUCKETT.

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 23-227

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby authorize the Chairman to grant Leave Without Pay for Dominique Coleman for the period February 26, 2023 through March 11, 2023, as requested by Sheriff Ron Puckett, this the 14th day of March 2023.

ADOPT RESOLUTION APPROVING EMPLOYEE ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS FOR FEBRUARY.

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 23-228

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby approve the following employee additions and deletions for February, this the 14th day of March 2023:

<u>Additions</u>		<u>Deletions</u>	
William Coviak	Jail	Braxton Strawder	Jail
Amanda Brooks	Jail	Lisa Speegle	License
Michael Wetzel	Communications	Colin Underwood	Jail
Ivan Garrison	Jail	Kim Dean	Sales Tax
Sebastian Mears	Jail	Tori Green	Jail
Dareyale Coolie	Jail	Britt Parker	Sheriff
April Hardigree	Jail	Alexander Huggins	Environmental
Donnie Howell	Parks & Recreation	Alan Gastler	EMA/TVA
Bradley Pittman	IT	Michael Butler	Jail
Kelly Montgomery	Jail	Trenton Martin	Jail
Sarah Chavers	Jail	Kelly Roberts	Sheriff
		Jevon Turner	Sheriff
		Nyasia Jessie	License
		Aaron Dawson	Jail
		Shannon Leeth	Environmental
		Mason Brown	Jail
		Wayne Miller	District 1
		James Kilgore	Jail

**ADOPT RESOLUTIONS APPROVING CERTIFICATES TO SUBDIVIDE PROPERTY
LOCATED WITHIN MORGAN COUNTY FOR THE FOLLOWING:**

- **BARRY J HILL AND KIM J HILL
LOWER RIVER ROAD, DISTRICT 1**
- **LARRY WAYNE & DENNETT WOOD; AARON JOHN &
DANIELLE CHANDLER LANNING
WILHITE ROAD, DISTRICT 3**
- **CARTER S GUYSE
INDIAN HILLS ROAD, CEDAR LANE DRIVE, DISTRICT 1**
- **INTERSTATE DEVELOPMENT, LLC
MARSHA AVENUE, DISTRICT 1**

Mr. Don Stisher, 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 23-229

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,

- **Barry J Hill and Kim J Hill
Lower River Road, District 1**

this the 14th day of March 2023.

RESOLUTION 23-230

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 Wayne & Dennett Wood; Aaron John &
Danielle Chandler Lanning
Wilhite Road, District 3**

this the 14th day of March 2023.

RESOLUTION 23-231

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:

- **Carter S Guyse
Indian Hills Road, Cedar Lane Drive, District 1**

this the 14th day of March 2023.

RESOLUTION 23-232

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:

- **Interstate Development, LLC
Marsha Avenue, District 1**

this the 14th day of March 2023.

ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF SALES TAX DUE TO OVERPAYMENT TO THE FOLLOWING:

- **SOFTCHOICE CORPORATION ----- \$1,558.04**

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 23-233

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby authorize the refund of sales tax due to overpayment to the following:

- Softchoice Corporation ----- \$1,558.04

this the 14th day of March 2023.

ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING JEFF CLARK, DISTRICT 1 COMMISSIONER, TO DECLARE THE FOLLOWING EQUIPMENT AS SURPLUS AND DONATE TO THE TOWN OF TRINITY:

- **KUBOTA 4WD CAB TRACTOR WITH 22" BOOM MOWER (#4412)
SN #70044**

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 23-234

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby authorize Jeff Clark, District 1 Commissioner, to declare the following equipment as surplus and donate to the Town of Trinity:

- Kubota 4WD Cab Tractor with 22" Boom Mower (#4412)
SN #70044

this the 14th day of March 2023.

ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSION TO APPOINT JOHN STINSON TO THE MORGAN COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT BOARD FOR A 4-YEAR TERM BEGINNING MARCH 14, 2023 AND EXPIRING MARCH 14, 2027.

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 23-235

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby authorize the Commission to appoint John Stinson to the Morgan County Emergency Management Communications District Board for a 4-year term beginning March 14, 2023 and expiring March 14, 2027, this the 14th day of March 2023.

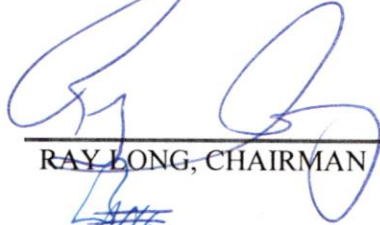
REVIEW AND APPROVE THE FOLLOWING INVOICE, TOTALING \$75.00:

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Alabama Assoc of Floodplain Mgrs	Membership Dues – Kelley, M.	\$75.00

Mr. Greg Abercrombie, member of the Commission, moved for its approval. Upon the same being duly seconded by Mr. Don Stisher, 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. Don Stisher, seconded by Mr. Greg Abercrombie, and unanimously carried; the Morgan County Commission is duly adjourned.

These Minutes were approved,
this the 28th day of March 2023.



RAY LONG, CHAIRMAN


JEFF CLARK, MEMBER


RANDY VEST, MEMBER


DON STISHER, MEMBER


GREG ABERCROMBIE, MEMBER