

MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

The Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, convened in a scheduled meeting on Tuesday, March 28, 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 Randy Vest, Don Stisher, and Greg Abercrombie. Also present: Greg Bodley, County Engineer; David Langston, County Attorney; Jessica Smith, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer; Mike Wetzel, Communications Director; Laura Vest, Business Services Coordinator. Absent: Commissioner Jeff Clark; Julie Reeves, Chief Administrative Officer. Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Vest acted as clerks of the Meeting. Mr. Vest offered the prayer and Pledge of Allegiance. Mrs. Smith called roll and stated that a quorum was present. The Chairman declared the Meeting open for the transaction of business.

VISITORS

Vyron Lavender, WAFF 48 News
George Hill, Morgan County IT
Bradley Pittman, Morgan County IT
Erica Smith, Decatur Daily

PUBLIC HEARING:

PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE WRITTEN OR ORAL COMMENTS CONCERNING A PETITION FROM JOHN R. BURDEN, JR., THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF BETTY JEAN BURDEN, TO VACATE THE RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR AN UNIMPROVED SECTION OF PROJECT SACP-1186-A FROM STATION 172+65 TO STATION 243+42, AND AS RECORDED IN THE MORGAN COUNTY PROBATE OFFICE IN RIGHT-OF-WAY BOOK 6, PAGE 467, AND RIGHT-OF-WAY BOOK 6, PAGE 469 IN DISTRICT 3.

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 the right-of-way for an unimproved section of Project SACP-1186-A from Station 172+65 to Station 243+42 in District 3.

Greg Bodley, County Engineer, addressed the Commission noting he had received a verbal comment from a curious adjoiner and making sure the Commission was not vacating and trying to close the existing Gum Pond Road. After explanation of the situation, the adjoiner was fine with the vacation. Mr. Bodley also noted there were some other things that have come up about the vacation which may affect the approval. No adverse comments were noted.

The Chairman asked Mr. Bodley to continue with the discussion concerning the vacation. It has been brought to the attention of the county of a defect in the petition. It is his recommendation to deny due to the defect. The County is not against vacating; the denial is at the request of the property owners so as to include all additional owners as part of the petition to clarify and solidify the vacation so no issues would be able to come to light in the future. It has been advised to restart the petition to vacate process and is the recommendation of Mr. Bodley to deny this petition with the understanding the owners will come back with a new petition with all owners' signatures.

The Chairman asked if anyone had any questions or comments pertaining to Mr. Bodley's recommendation. Mr. Stisher stated that he has no problem with following the direction of the Engineering Department and no objections to restarting the petition to vacate for the good of the county. Mr. Langston, County Attorney, clarified for Mr. Stisher that all owners had not signed the petition and the petition will be resubmitted with all the owners' signatures. The Chairman said when the vote comes up to approve, there is to be no motion or second and this would kill the item and it would be brought back before the Commission when all landowners are included on the petition.

There were no additional comments or questions regarding the vacation of the right-of-way for an unimproved section of Project SACP-1186-A from Station 172+65 to Station 243+42 in District 3.

The Chairman declared the "Public Hearing" closed.

AGENDA

The Agenda for the meeting of Tuesday, March 28, 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, March 14, 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. Don Stisher, 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 QUOTE FROM GENESIS CONSTRUCTION FOR A LEAN-TO ADDITION FOR THE ANIMAL SERVICES BUILDING AS REQUESTED BY DARREN TUCKER, ANIMAL CONTROL DIRECTOR, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,450, 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. Don Stisher, it was put to a vote and unanimously adopted to wit:

RESOLUTION 23-236

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby authorize the Chairman to accept quote from Genesis Construction for a lean-to addition for the Animal Services Building as requested by Darren Tucker, Animal Control Director, in the amount of \$18,450, and amend budget accordingly, this the 28th day of March 2023.

ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO ACCEPT QUOTE FROM PRO-SCAPES FOR NEW ARTIFICIAL TURF FOR THE ANIMAL SERVICES BUILDING AS REQUESTED BY DARREN TUCKER, ANIMAL CONTROL DIRECTOR, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,577.00, 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 23-237

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby authorize the Chairman to accept quote from Pro-Scapes for new artificial turf for the Animal Services building as requested by Darren Tucker, Animal Control Director, in the amount of \$18,577.00, and amend budget accordingly, this the 28th day of March 2023.

ADOPT RESOLUTION RESCINDING THE DECEMBER 20, 2022, BID AWARD TO AMBER VIDEO AND AUDIO FOR AUDIO/VIDEO UPGRADES IN PROBATE COURTROOM AND COMMISSION MEETING ROOM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$64,751 AND \$22,874, RESPECTIVELY, DUE TO SUPPLY CHAIN ISSUES AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO MODIFY THE PROJECT AND RE-BID.

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: