
MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

The Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, convened in a scheduled meeting on Tuesday, May 9, 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 Wetzell, 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

Nathan Tomberlin, Pugh Wright McAnally
Erica Smith, Decatur Daily
Heather McIngvale, Morgan County Sheriff's Office
Jennifer Hempfling, Morgan County EMA
George Hill, IT
Scott Edmondson, Realty Executives

PUBLIC HEARING:

PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE WRITTEN OR ORAL COMMENTS CONCERNING A VACATE PETITION FROM THE ADJOINING PROPERTY OWNERS, TO VACATE THE RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR AN UNIMPROVED SECTION OF PROJECT SACP-1186-A, GUM POND ROAD IN DISTRICT 3, 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.

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, stated he had not received any adverse comments and everything pertaining to vacation was completed as required.

Mr. Stisher indicated he was good with the vacation and appreciated all the work done by Mr. Bodley.

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, May 9, 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, April 25, 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: None

NEW BUSINESS:

ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE VACATION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR AN UNIMPROVED SECTION OF PROJECT SACP-1186-A, GUM POND ROAD, DISTRICT 3, 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, AS REQUESTED BY ADJOINING PROPERTY OWNERS. THIS ACTION DIVESTS ALL THE PUBLIC RIGHTS AND LIABILITIES IN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY AS CURRENTLY FILED.

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 23-301

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby authorize the Commission to approve the vacation of Right-of-Way for an unimproved section of Project SACP-1186-A, Gum Pond Road, District 3, 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, as requested by adjoining property owners. This action divests all the public rights and liabilities in the Right-of-Way as currently filed, this the 9th day of May 2023.

ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING GREG BODLEY, COUNTY ENGINEER, TO ACCEPT AND FILE A RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR PORTIONS OF GUM POND ROAD AND MARTIN ROAD IN DISTRICT 3.

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 23-302

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby authorize Greg Bodley, County Engineer, to accept and file a Right-of-Way for portions of Gum Pond Road and Martin Road in District 3, this the 9th day of May 2023.

ADOPT RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PETITION TO VACATE FROM THE ADJOINING PROPERTY OWNERS A PORTION OF THE LOT 8 & 9 DRAINAGE & UTILITY EASEMENT AS SHOWN ON THE PENN SUBDIVISION PLAT RECORDED IN THE MORGAN COUNTY PROBATE OFFICE PLAT BOOK 2021 AT PAGE 31, DISTRICT 3, MORGAN COUNTY, AL, AND SET A PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD DURING THE WORK SESSION FOR THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED COMMISSION MEETING AT 9:00 A.M., ON JUNE 13, 2023.

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 23-303

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 a portion of the Lot 8 & 9 Drainage & Utility Easement as shown on the Penn Subdivision plat recorded in the Morgan County Probate Office Plat Book 2021 at Page 31, District 3, Morgan County, AL, and set a public hearing to be held during the work session for the regularly scheduled Commission Meeting at 9:00 a.m., on June 13, 2023, this the 9th day of May 2023.

ADOPT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE WEEK OF MAY 15, 2023 THROUGH MAY 21, 2023, AS NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S WEEK, WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVED MAY 16, 2023.