

MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

The Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, convened in a scheduled meeting on Tuesday, June 25, 2024, 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: David Langston, County Attorney; Greg Bodley, County Engineer; 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. Chairman Long declared the Meeting open for the transaction of business.

VISITORS

Erica Smith, Decatur Daily

AGENDA

The Agenda for the meeting of Tuesday, June 25, 2024, 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, June 11, 2024, 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 RESCINDING RESOLUTION 23-144 ALLOCATING \$150,000 OF ARPA FUNDS TO MORGAN COUNTY SYSTEM OF SERVICES FOR OPERATIONAL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROGRAM.

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 24-358

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby rescind Resolution 23-144 allocating \$150,000 of ARPA funds to Morgan County System of Services for operational costs associated with the program, this the 25th day of June 2024.

NEW BUSINESS:

ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO APPLY FOR A REIMBURSABLE EDUCATION RESOURCE CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (RC&D) COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT TO ASSIST WITH THE DESIGN OF NEW EXHIBITS AT THE MORGAN COUNTY ARCHIVES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,000.

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 24-359

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby authorize the Chairman to apply for a reimbursable Education Resource Conservation & Development Council (RC&D) Community Development Grant to assist with the design of new exhibits at the Morgan County Archives in the amount of \$30,000, this the 25th day of June 2024.

ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSION TO ALLOCATE UP TO \$95,000 OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS BY AND THROUGH A SUBAWARD TO THE MORGAN COUNTY SYSTEM OF SERVICES FOR THE PURPOSE OF OUTPATIENT COUNSELING AND SUPPORT SERVICES TO LOW-TO-MODERATE INCOME HOUSEHOLDS.

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 24-360

RESOLUTION FOR ALLOCATION OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS TO CARRY OUT ELIGIBLE PROJECT

WHEREAS, Morgan County, Alabama (“the County”) has received American Rescue Plan Act state and local fiscal recovery funds (“ARPA funds”) and is charged with ensuring that such funds are expended in accordance with state and federal law; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 603(c)(3) of the ARPA, PL 117-2, March 11, 2021, 135 Stat 4, the County may transfer ARPA funds to eligible entities to carry out eligible ARPA funded projects; and

WHEREAS, the County may provide financial assistance to the Morgan County System of Services (“System of Services”), a private nonprofit entity, and where this assistance will serve a public purpose that is an eligible use of ARPA funds; and

WHEREAS, the System of Services has submitted a request for ARPA funding and project proposal; and

WHEREAS, County has considered and evaluated this entity’s request for funding and project proposal and determined:

- 1) That the entity is eligible to receive ARPA funds;
- 2) That the entity has demonstrated that an award of ARPA funds to carry out the proposed project would serve a public purpose;
- 3) More specifically, that the entity will provide mental health services to low-to moderate income households in the community; and
- 4) That providing this benefit or service is within the County’s state statutory or constitutional authority under Ala. Const. §88 and Code of Alabama 1975 §22-21-291.

WHEREAS, the Commission desires to enter into an subrecipient agreement with the System of Services to carry out the proposed project;

WHEREAS, the Commission has determined that the project is a necessary, eligible, and reasonable use of these funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION as follows:

- 1) The County hereby conditionally allocates up to \$95,000 of ARPA funds towards the provision of outpatient counseling and support services to low-to-moderate income households by and through a subaward to the System of Services.
- 2) This award is hereby conditioned upon the following:
 - a. All preliminary administrative requirements as prescribed by the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards as it relates to subrecipient awards, including the completion of a satisfactory risk assessment;
 - b. All ARPA terms and conditions are met;
 - c. All state and federal laws are followed.
- 3) The County hereby directs the County to negotiate the terms and conditions of a subrecipient agreement with the System of Services consistent with this Resolution.
- 4) The Chairman is hereby delegated the authority to enter into the subrecipient agreement if the agreement is consistent with this Resolution and if, in his discretion, the terms and conditions are in the best interest of the County.

- 5) Upon the execution of a subrecipient agreement, the Chairman is hereby authorized to expend ARPA funds for costs of the project in accordance with the terms of this Resolution and the subaward agreement.
- 6) Expenditure of these funds, as authorized by this Resolution, shall be contingent on the continued appropriation and availability of ARPA funds for this purpose and in no event shall be used for any costs associated with the project that are not obligated on or before December 31, 2024, and expended on or before December 31, 2026.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Morgan County Commission has caused this Resolution to be executed in its name and on its behalf by its Chairman on the 25th day of June 2024.

ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO PARTICIPATE IN AND ACCEPT TERMS OF THE OPIOID LITIGATION SETTLEMENT WITH KROGER.

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 24-361

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby authorize the Chairman to participate in and accept terms of the Opioid Litigation Settlement with Kroger, this the 25th day of June 2024.

ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DAVID LANGSTON, MORGAN COUNTY ATTORNEY, TO REQUEST AN OPINION FROM THE ALABAMA ATTORNEY GENERAL CONCERNING THE QUALIFICATIONS NECESSARY FOR 3RD PARTY POLITICAL CANDIDATES TO APPEAR ON ELECTION BALLOTS.

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 24-362

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby authorize David Langston, Morgan County attorney, to request an Opinion from the Alabama Attorney General concerning the qualifications necessary for 3rd party political candidates to appear on election ballots, this the 25th day of June 2024.

ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH GOODWYN MILLS CAWOOD, LLC FOR CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL TESTING AT THE MORGAN COUNTY EVENT CENTER.

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 24-363

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby authorize the Chairman to enter into an agreement with Goodwyn Mills Cawood, LLC for construction material testing at the Morgan County Event Center, this the 25th day of June 2024.

ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN, ON BEHALF OF JONATHAN WARNER, MORGAN COUNTY EMA DIRECTOR, TO APPLY FOR ALABAMA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY FY 2025 US DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION HAZARDOUS MATERIALS EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (HMEP) GRANT, WITH A LOCAL MATCH OF 20% FOR CERTAIN ALLOWABLE PLANNING, TRAINING, AND EXERCISE ACTIVITIES.

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 24-364

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby authorize the Chairman, on behalf of Jonathan Warner, Morgan County EMA Director, to apply for Alabama Emergency Management Agency FY 2025 US Department of Transportation Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant, with a local match of 20% for certain allowable planning, training, and exercise activities, this the 25th day of June 2024.

ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN, ON BELHALF OF JONATHAN WARNER, MORGAN COUNTY EMA DIRECTOR, TO APPLY FOR THE 24-FIL-13 AMAS GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000 WITH DECATUR FIRE & RESCUE AS SUB-RECIPIENT.

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 24-365

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby authorize the Chairman, on behalf of Jonathan Warner, Morgan County EMA Director, to apply for the 24-FIL-13 AMAS grant in the amount of \$10,000 with Decatur Fire & Rescue as sub-recipient, this the 25th day of June 2024.

ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE 2024 MORGAN COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATION PLAN AS SUBMITTED BY JONATHAN WARNER, MORGAN COUNTY EMA DIRECTOR.

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 24-366

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby authorize the Commission to approve the 2024 Morgan County Emergency Operation Plan as submitted by Jonathan Warner, Morgan County EMA Director, this the 25th day of June 2024.

ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO ACCEPT QUOTE FROM WAREHOUSE RUGS & CARPETS, ON BEHALF OF SHERIFF RON PUCKETT, TO INSTALL FLOORING IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE SPACE AT THE JAIL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$34,308, 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 24-367

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby authorize the Chairman to accept quote from Warehouse Rugs & Carpets, on behalf of Sheriff Ron Puckett, to install flooring in the administrative office space at the jail in the amount of \$34,308, and amend budget accordingly, this the 25th day of June 2024.

ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SHERIFF TO ACCEPT AMENDED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN THE MORGAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND THE MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM ADDING ONE (1) ADDITIONAL OFFICER AND AN INCREASE OF MONTHLY INVOICING TO \$71,830, EXPIRING JULY 31, 2025.

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 24-368

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby authorize the Sheriff to accept amended Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Morgan County Sheriff's Office and the Morgan County Board of Education for a School Resource Officer Program adding one (1) additional officer and an increase of monthly invoicing to \$71,830, expiring July 31, 2025, this the 25th day of June 2024.

ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO ELIMINATE ONE (1) ENVIRONMENTAL DRIVER II POSITION, GRADE B04, AND CREATE AND FILL ONE (1) ENVIRONMENTAL DRIVER POSITION, GRADE B03 (\$17.61-\$22.66).

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 24-369

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby authorize the Chairman to eliminate one (1) Environmental Driver II position, Grade B04, and create and fill one (1) Environmental Driver position, Grade B03 (\$17.61-\$22.66), this the 25th day of June 2024.

ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSION TO APPROVE REHIRE OF MAGGIE WINSETT SVENSON IN ACCORDANCE WITH *MORGAN COUNTY POLICIES & PROCEDURES HANDBOOK*, SECTION 6.08 HIRING FORMER EMPLOYEES.

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 24-370

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby authorizing the Commission to approve rehire of Maggie Winsett Svenson in accordance with *Morgan County Policies & Procedures Handbook*, Section 6.08 Hiring Former Employees, this the 25th day of June 2024.

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

- **DAVID R. & WANDA F. WALSH AND PATRICK MATTHEW & BRANDI NICOLE EXUM WEST LACON ROAD, DISTRICT 3**
- **OTTIS J. SPARKS AND HOMER GUY JONES & JACKIE E. JONES KIRBY BRIDGE ROAD, WHITES DAIRY ROAD, & IRON MAN ROAD, DISTRICT 2**
- **ROYCE DERRELL TURNEY ESTATE ANTIOCH ROAD, DISTRICT 1 & 4**
- **MICKEY JONES MODAUS ROAD SW, DISTRICT 1**
- **RUTH D. RYSKA AND HORACE N. & SARA S. PLEMONS NEW CENTER ROAD, DISTRICT 2**
- **BETTY F. PATTERSON MAZE DRIVE, DISTRICT 2**
- **JOYCE T. MELSON NEW CENTER ROAD, DISTRICT 2**

Mr. Don Stisher, 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 24-371

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:

- David R. & Wanda F. Walsh and
Patrick Matthew & Brandi Nicole Exum
West Lacon Road, District 3

this the 25th day of June 2024.

RESOLUTION 24-372

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:

- Ottis J. Sparks and Homer Guy Jones & Jackie E. Jones
**Kirby Bridge Road, Whites Dairy Road, &
Iron Man Road, District 2**

this the 25th day of June 2024.

RESOLUTION 24-373

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:

- Royce Derrell Turney Estate
Antioch Road, District 1 &4

this the 25th day of June 2024.

RESOLUTION 24-374

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:

- Mickey Jones
Modaus Road SW, District 1

this the 25th day of June 2024.

RESOLUTION 24-375

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:

- Ruth D. Ryska and Horace N. & Sara S. Plemons
New Center Road, District 2

this the 25th day of June 2024.

RESOLUTION 24-376

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:

- Betty F. Patterson
Maze Drive, District 2

this the 25th day of June 2024.

RESOLUTION 24-377

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:

- Joyce T. Melson
New Center Road, District 2

this the 25th day of June 2024.

ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING JOHNNY HOWELL, ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DIRECTOR, TO PURCHASE ONE (1) SWING-ARM TIRE CHANGER FROM SNAP-ON TOOLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,835.

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 24-378

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby authorize Johnny Howell, Environmental Services Director, to purchase one (1) Swing-Arm Tire Changer from Snap-On Tools in the amount of \$8,835, this the 25th day of June 2024.

ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSION TO REAPPOINT MANDY SAMPLE AND PAM WERSTLER TO THE MORGAN COUNTY PERSONNEL REVIEW BOARD FOR ADDITIONAL THREE (3) YEAR TERMS EXPIRING APRIL 13, 2027.

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 24-379

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby authorize the Commission to reappoint Mandy Sample and Pam Werstler to the Morgan County Personnel Review Board for additional three (3) year terms expiring April 13, 2027, this is the 25th day of June 2024.

ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSION TO APPOINT ASHLEY LADD TO THE MORGAN COUNTY PERSONNEL REVIEW BOARD, REPLACING FORREST KEITH UPON HIS RETIREMENT, FOR THE DURATION OF TERM EXPIRING APRIL 13, 2027.

Mr. Jeff Clark, 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 24-380

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby authorize the Commission to appoint Ashley Ladd to the Morgan County Personnel Review Board, replacing Forrest Keith upon his retirement, for the duration of term expiring April 13, 2027, this the 25th day of June 2024.

ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO DECLARE AS SURPLUS AND DONATE TO THE CITY OF HARTSELLE A PORTION OF PROPERTY LOCATED WEST OF SHULL ROAD NE IN HARTSELLE.

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 24-381

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby authorize the Chairman to declare as surplus and donate to the City of Hartselle a portion of property located west of Shull Road NE in Hartselle, this the 25th day of June 2024.

ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE THE FOLLOWING CONTRACT REPRESENTING THE PROMOTION OF MORGAN COUNTY WHICH WILL BE PAYABLE FROM TOURISM, RECREATION & CONVENTION FUNDS:

- **EVA ART GUILD (FRONTIER DAYS) ----- \$1,000**

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

RESOLUTION 24-382

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:

- Eva Art Guild (Frontier Days) ----- \$1,000

this the 25th day of June 2024.

REVIEW AND APPROVE THE FOLLOWING INVOICE, TOTALING \$112.00:

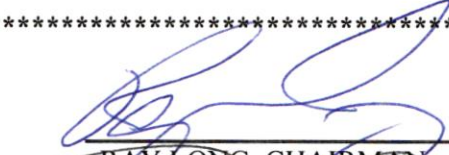
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| Auto-Owners Insurance | Public Official Bond – Echols, M. | \$112.00 |

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

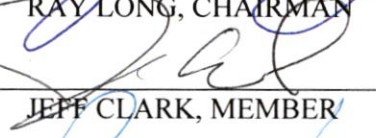
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that there being no further business to come before the Commission, the same on motion of Mr. Don Stisher, seconded by Mr. Greg Abercrombie, and unanimously carried; the Morgan County Commission is duly adjourned.


These Minutes were approved,
this the 9th day of July 2024.




 RAY LONG, CHAIRMAN



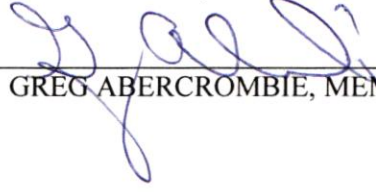
 JEFF CLARK, MEMBER



 RANDY VEST, MEMBER



 DON STISHER, MEMBER



 GREG ABERCROMBIE, MEMBER