

MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

The Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, convened in a scheduled meeting on Tuesday, June 27, 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, 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: Commissioner Don Stisher. Mrs. Reeves 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. The Chairman declared the Meeting open for the transaction of business.

VISITORS

Richard Moats, Morgan County Sheriff's Office Jail
Heather McIngvale, Morgan County Sheriff's Office
George Hill, IT
Hilary Granbois, Morgan County EMA
Xavier Wherry, WAAY-TV

AGENDA

The Agenda for the meeting of Tuesday, June 27, 2023, had been presented 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 listed agenda; it is hereby approved.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, June 13, 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. Greg Abercrombie, seconded by Mr. Randy Vest, 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 CHAIRMAN TO ACCEPT QUOTE FROM INTERWEAVE TECHNOLOGIES FOR WIRELESS DEVICE INFRASTRUCTURE INSTALLATION FOR THE MORGAN COUNTY JAIL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$28,700, PER RESOLUTION 23-323.

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 23-360

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby authorize the Chairman to accept quote from Interweave Technologies for wireless device infrastructure installation for the Morgan County Jail in the amount of \$28,700, per Resolution 23-323, this the 27th day of June 2023.

ADOPT RESOLUTION AWARDEING DEBRIS SITE FENCING LOCATED IN DISTRICT 1 TO RENEGADE FENCING, LLC IN FLORENCE, AL, AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$162,000, 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 23-361

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby award debris site fencing located in District 1 to Renegade Fencing, LLC in Florence, AL, and authorize the Chairman to execute the contract in the amount of \$162,000, and amend budget accordingly, this the 27th day of June 2023.

ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UP TO \$110,000 OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS TO THE ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH FOR THE PURPOSE OF OUTFITTING AND FURNISHING AN ANNEX AT THE PUBLIC HEALTH FACILITY.

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 23-362

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 Alabama Department of Public Health, a state agency, where this assistance will serve a public purpose that is an eligible use of ARPA funds; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Department of Public Health, has submitted a request for ARPA funding and project proposal; and

WHEREAS, the 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; and
- 2) That the entity has demonstrated that an award of ARPA funds to carry out the proposed project would serve a public purpose; and
- 3) More specifically, that the entity will construct an annex at the new public health facility that will be better suited for servicing the public health needs of the community, including provision of services to persons that were disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency, as well as mitigation and prevention efforts against COVID-19 and other communicable diseases; and
- 4) That providing this benefit or service is within the County's state statutory or constitutional authority under Code of Alabama 1975 § 11-1-10.

WHEREAS, the Commission desires to enter into an agreement with the Alabama Department of Public Health, to carry out the proposed project;

WHEREAS, the County has conducted a satisfactory risk assessment of the Alabama Department of Mental Health, and will develop a monitoring plan for the project; and,

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 allocates up to \$110,000 of ARPA funds towards outfitting and furnishing an annex at the new public health facility by and through a subaward to the Alabama Department of Public Health.

2) This subaward is conditioned upon the completion of a written justification of this project to satisfy the County's requirements for the use of ARPA funds.

3) The Commission hereby directs the Chairman to negotiate the terms and conditions of a subrecipient agreement with the Alabama Department of Public Health, 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 Morgan County Commission 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 27th day of June 2023.

**ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE
CONTRACT WITH THE HARTFORD FOR PROVIDING EMPLOYEE GROUP TERM
LIFE, ACCIDENTAL DEATH & DISMEMBERMENT INSURANCE AND
SUPPLEMENTAL LIFE EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023.**

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 23-363

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby authorize the Chairman to execute contract with The Hartford for providing Employee Group Term Life, Accidental Death & Dismemberment Insurance and Supplemental Life effective October 1, 2023, this the 27th day of June 2023.

**ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE THE
AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF EXAMINERS OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS
FOR AN AUDIT OF THE FEDERAL ASSISTANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022, AT
A MAXIMUM COST NOT TO EXCEED \$16,340, FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING
OCTOBER 1, 2021 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2022.**

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 23-364

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby authorize the Chairman to execute the agreement with the Department of Examiners of Public Accounts for an audit of the federal assistance for Fiscal Year 2021-2022, at a maximum cost not to exceed \$16,340, for the period beginning October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022, this the 27th day of June 2023.

**ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO ADOPT
THE MORGAN COUNTY RADIOLOGICAL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLAN,
REVISION SIX DATE JUNE 2023, THAT HAS BEEN UPDATED AND IS
IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE REP PROGRAM MANUAL ISSUED BY
FEMA IN DECEMBER 2019.**

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 23-365

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby authorize the Chairman to adopt the Morgan County Radiological Emergency Preparedness Plan, Revision Six date June 2023, that has been updated and is in compliance with the REP Program Manual issued by FEMA in December 2019, this the 27th day of June 2023.

ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO APPLY FOR THE ONLINE FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 ALABAMA RESOURCE CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT GRANT IN ORDER TO SECURE FUNDS FOR EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS OUTREACH TO RESIDENTS AND SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN IN MORGAN COUNTY.

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 23-366

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby authorize the Chairman to apply for the online Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Alabama Resource Conservation & Development Grant in order to secure funds for emergency preparedness outreach to residents and school-age children in Morgan County, this the 27th day of June 2023.

ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO REQUEST REIMBURSEMENT AND TO ELECTRONICALLY ACCEPT TERMS UNDER THE PATRICK LEAHY BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP GRANT ACT, ON BEHALF OF SHERIFF RON PUCKETT, FOR (20) BULLETPROOF VESTS PURCHASED WITH SHERIFF'S DISCRETIONARY FUNDS.

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 23-367

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby authorize the Chairman to request reimbursement and to electronically accept terms under the Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Act, on behalf of Sheriff Ron Puckett, for (20) bulletproof vests purchased with Sheriff's discretionary funds, this the 27th day of June 2023.

ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING GREG ABERCROMBIE, DISTRICT 4 COMMISSIONER, TO FILL ONE (1) EQUIPMENT OPERATOR POSITION, GRADE B05 (\$20.32-\$26.15).

Mr. Greg Abercrombie, 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 23-368

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby authorize Greg Abercrombie, District 4 Commissioner, to fill one (1) Equipment Operator position, Grade B05 (\$20.32-\$26.15), this the 27th day of June 2023.

ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DON STISHER, DISTRICT 3 COMMISSIONER, TO ELIMINATE TWO (2) DISTRICT LABORER POSITIONS AND CREATE AND FILL ONE (1) EQUIPMENT OPERATOR POSITION, GRADE B05 (\$20.32-\$26.15), AND AMEND BUDGET ACCORDINGLY.

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 23-369

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby authorize Don Stisher, District 3 Commissioner, to eliminate two (2) District Laborer positions and create and fill one (1) Equipment Operator position, Grade B05 (\$20.32-\$26.15), and amend budget accordingly, this the 27th day of June 2023.

ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DARREN TUCKER, ANIMAL CONTROL DIRECTOR, TO HIRE ONE (1) TEMPORARY PART-TIME EMPLOYEE.

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 23-370

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby authorize Darren Tucker, Animal Control Director, to hire one (1) temporary part-time employee, this the 27th day of June 2023.

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

- **MICHAEL SEAN WILSON
FROST ROAD, DISTRICT 3**
- **DEBRA THOMAS AS EXECUTRIX OF THE ESTATE OF
DOUGLAS STRONG AND MARIE STRONG
APPLE GROVE ROAD, DISTRICT 4**
- **BORDEN SUBDIVISION
TELEPHONE TOWER ROAD, DISTRICT 4**

Mr. Greg Abercrombie, 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 23-371

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:

- **Michael Sean Wilson
Frost Road, District 3**

this the 27th day of June 2023.

RESOLUTION 23-372

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:

- **Debra Thomas as Executrix of the Estate of Douglas Strong
and Marie Stron
Apple Grove Road, District 4**

this the 27th day of June 2023.

RESOLUTION 23-373

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

- Borden Subdivision
Telephone Tower Road, District 4

this the 27th day of June 2023.

**ADOPT RESOLUTION APPROVING REQUEST FROM JOHNNY HOWELL,
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DIRECTOR, TO PURCHASE ONE (1)
2024 FREIGHTLINER M2-106 TRUCK FROM INGRAM EQUIPMENT COMPANY,
UTILIZING SOURCEWELL PURCHASING COOPERATIVE CONTRACT
#091219-THC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$289,803.24.**

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 23-374

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby approve request from Johnny Howell, Environmental Services Director, to purchase one (1) 2024 Freightliner M2-106 truck from Ingram Equipment Company, utilizing Sourcewell Purchasing Cooperative Contract #091219-THC in the amount of \$289,803.24, this the 27th day of June 2023.

**ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SHERIFF RON PUCKETT TO
DISPOSE OF THE FOLLOWING ASSORTED TASERS, CARTRIDGES AND
ACCESSORY ITEMS TO AXON ENTERPRISES, INC. IN EXCHANGE FOR CREDIT,
PER CONTRACT OF RESOLUTION 23-030:**

- X1, X2, AND X26 TASERS, CARTRIDGES, AND ACCESSORIES – JAIL
- X26, X26P, AND X2 TASERS AND CARTRIDGES - PATROL

Mr. Greg Abercrombie, 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 23-375

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby authorize Sheriff Ron Puckett to dispose of the following assorted tasers, cartridges and accessory items to Axon Enterprises, Inc. in exchange for credit, per contract of Resolution 23-030, this the 27th day of June 2023.

- X1, X2, and X26 Tasers, Cartridges, and Accessories – Jail
- X26, X26P, and X2 Tasers and Cartridges - Patrol

**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:**

- HARTSELLE HIGH SCHOOL (FOOTBALL PROGRAM) ----- \$300

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 23-376

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:

- Hartselle High School (Football Program) ----- \$300

this the 27th day of June 2023.

REVIEW AND APPROVE THE FOLLOWING INVOICES, TOTALING \$30,135.55:

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
AL Mountains, Rivers & Valley	Membership Dues	\$3,000.00
Dean Plumbing Co., Inc.	Boiler Replacement – Final	4,812.55
Genesis Construction, Inc.	North Park Concession	9,500.00
Genesis Construction, Inc.	South Park Concession	12,825.00

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.

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

These Minutes were approved,
this the 11th day of July 2023.



RAY LONG, CHAIRMAN



JEFF CLARK, MEMBER



RANDY VEST, MEMBER



DON STISHER, MEMBER



GREG ABERCROMBIE, MEMBER