

MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

The Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, convened in a rescheduled meeting on Thursday, July 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, Don Stisher and Greg Abercrombie. Also present: Julie Reeves, Chief Administrative Officer; Jessica Smith, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer; Mike Wetzel, Communications Director; Laura Vest, Business Services Coordinator. Absent: Greg Bodley, County Engineer; David Langston, County Attorney. 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

Erica Smith, Decatur Daily
Heather McIngvale, Morgan County Sheriff's Office
Zach Starnes, Harris Caddell & Shanks, P.C.
Hilary Granbois, Morgan County EMA

AGENDA

The Agenda for the meeting of Thursday, July 27, 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, July 11, 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 CHAIRMAN TO ACCEPT TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE HAZARDOUS MATERIALS EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (HMEP) GRANT COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT OF THE ALABAMA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (AEMA) FOR A SUBRECIPIENT AWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$32,000 WITH \$25,600 BEING FEDERAL FUNDS AND \$6,400 BEING LOCAL MATCH, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2024.

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 23-410

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby authorize the Chairman to accept terms and conditions of the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant Cooperative Agreement of the Alabama Emergency Management Agency (AEMA) for a Subrecipient Award in the amount of \$32,000 with \$25,600 being Federal Funds and \$6,400 being local match, effective October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024, this the 27th day of July 2023.

ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE STATE-LOCAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT, FEMA 4710-DR-AL, CFA #097.036, ON BEHALF OF THE MORGAN COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, TO RECEIVE FUNDING BY OR THROUGH THE STATE OF ALABAMA AS A RESULT OF DISASTER OCCURRING DURING THE PERIOD MARCH 24, 2023 THROUGH MARCH 27, 2023.

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 23-411

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby authorize the Chairman to sign the State-Local Disaster Assistance Agreement, FEMA 4710-DR-AL, CFA #097.036, on behalf of the Morgan County Emergency Management Agency, to receive funding by or through the State of Alabama as a result of disaster occurring during the period March 24, 2023 through March 27, 2023, this the 27th day of July 2023.

ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MORGAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO APPLY FOR THE FY2023 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM (SHSP) GRANT THROUGH ALABAMA LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY (ALEA) FOR TACTICAL EQUIPMENT FOR THE MORGAN COUNTY NARCOTICS/INVESTIGATIONS UNIT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$52,600.

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 23-412

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commission of Morgan County, Alabama, that the Commission does hereby authorize the Morgan County Sheriff's Office to apply for the FY2023 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Grant through Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA) for tactical equipment for the Morgan County Narcotics/Investigations unit in the amount of \$52,600, this the 27th day of July 2023.

ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSION TO CONDITIONALLY ALLOCATE UP TO \$1,760,000 OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT REVENUE REPLACEMENT FUNDS TO ELIGIBLE ENTITIES TO COVER COST OF IMPLEMENTING PROPOSED UPDATES TO THEIR RESPECTIVE WATER DISTRIBUTION OR WASTEWATER SYSTEMS.

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 23-413

RESOLUTION FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT REVENUE REPLACEMENT FUNDS FOR GOVERNMENT SERVICES PROJECTS

WHEREAS, the County has received American Rescue Plan Act Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds ("ARPA funds"); and

WHEREAS, the Morgan County Commission (the "Commission") is charged with ensuring that these funds are expended in accordance with state and federal law; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of the final rule published by the United States Department of Treasury dated January 6, 2022, the County has duly elected to designate a standard allowance of \$10,000,000 of its ARPA funds as revenue replacement ("ARPA revenue replacement funds"); and

WHEREAS, the County may use ARPA revenue replacement funds to facilitate the provision of government services, including updates and improvements to water and sewer infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Section 11-1-10, Code of Alabama 1975, authorizes the County to enter into agreements with municipalities in the state for the purpose of receiving benefits deemed to be for the public interest in the promotion of any beneficial development; and