

THE HONORABLE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, MADISON, GEORGIA,
MET THIS DAY IN REGULAR SESSION.

MEETING WAS HELD ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.

PRESENT: Chairman Ben Riden, Jr., Vice-Chair Bill Kurtz, Commissioners Philipp von Hanstein, Donald Harris, and Blake McCormack.

STAFF: County Manager Adam Mestres, Assistant County Manager Mark Williams, County Attorney Christian Henry, and County Clerk Leslie Brandt.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Commissioner Kurtz, Seconded by Commissioner von Hanstein to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Passed Unanimously.

SCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENT-NICOLE WASENDORF

Nicole Wasendorf spoke before the Board requesting that they consider moving the second monthly BOC meeting from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. to allow working residents a better opportunity to attend. She also asked the Board to consider live streaming all meetings and having them archived in a central location for residents to access at all times.

MINUTES

February 21, 2023 BOC Meeting

MOTION by Commissioner McCormack, Seconded by Commissioner Harris to approve the minutes as presented. Motion Passed Unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to accept as information the February 2023 payables to include General Fund in the amount of \$651,521.89, TSPLOST in the amount of \$192,291.15, SPLOST in the amount of \$575,858.69, and the February 2023 financials.

MOTION by Commissioner Harris, Seconded by Commissioner McCormack to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion Passed Unanimously.

MORGAN COUNTY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT IS REQUESTING A TEXT AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 17 OF THE MORGAN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION RELATED TO SIGNS

Planning Director, Chuck Jarrell presented an amendment to Article 17 of the Morgan County Zoning Ordinance that relates to signs for permitting purposes. The proposed draft will regulate the size and placement of signage, help better identify what is prohibited, and what is and is not required to have a permit.

MOTION by Commissioner McCormack, seconded by Commissioner Kurtz to table the text amendment request until the April 4, 2023 BOC meeting to allow time for further review. Motion Passed Unanimously.

REPLACEMENT PUMP AT MADISON LAKES

The pump at the wastewater plant in Madison Lakes is the original pump and has experienced issues recently. If the pump fails, the system will not function. Bids were received from Rome Electric for \$12,340 and Goforth Williamson for \$17,180. Staff recommends purchasing from Rome Electric.

MOTION by Commissioner von Hanstein, seconded by Commissioner Kurtz to approve purchase of replacement pump from Rome Electric for \$12,340. Motion Passed Unanimously.

LEASE RENEWAL WITH PITNEY BOWES

The current postage meter lease with Pitney Bowes will expire June 29, 2023. Pitney Bowes will replace the current machine with a new one. The new monthly lease payment will decrease \$3.98 to \$190.02. The new lease would expire 06/29/2026.

A bid was also obtained from Quadient Solution Proposal for a comparable postage meter for \$195.86 per month with a 3-year lease.

Staff recommends renewing lease with Pitney Bowes.

MOTION by Commissioner McCormack, seconded by Commissioner Harris to approve the 36-month lease agreement with Pitney Bowes with a monthly rate of \$190.02. Motion Passed Unanimously.

REPLACEMENT TIRES FOR LOADER

One of the tires on the loader at Solid Waste completely fell apart, and the other tires are worn out. Bids were obtained to replace all tires on the loader. Staff's recommendation is to have all four tires replaced with solid tires for \$25,946. In addition, a loader will need to be rented for 3 to 4 weeks from Hertz Equipment Rental for an estimated cost of \$7,500.

MOTION by Commissioner McCormack, seconded by Commissioner Kurtz to approve the purchase of tires from Southern Tire Mart, rental of loader from Hertz, and amend the budget to transfer \$33,500 from contingency to Solid Waste fund. Motion Passed Unanimously.

BILLY CAMPBELL TEXT AMENDMENT REQUEST

Billy Campbell is requesting a text amendment to subdivide a 5-acre tract from his property on Godfrey Road for a family member to build a home to act as a farm manager for his property. Mr. Campbell previously subdivided his property in two tracts. With the current regulations, no additional splits are allowed for three years from the time he previously divided the property. Mr. Campbell was not aware of the minor subdivision regulation and went by information he received from a CUVA (Conservation Use Value Assessment) pamphlet from the Tax Assessors Office. However, CUVA is a separate program and the rules listed in the pamphlet are strictly for that program, and do not address county zoning regulations.

Mark Wilkins spoke on behalf of Billy Campbell, who was not present at the meeting. Mr. Wilkins stated that had Mr. Campbell known of the minor subdivision regulation, he would have divided his land three times from the beginning, but he went by information received in the CUVA pamphlet. He was not aware he needed to check with the Planning and Development office regarding land splits. Mr. Wilkins urged the Board to have the zoning regulations match the information for CUVA to eliminate confusion and future issues.

Commissioners discussed several options to potentially resolve the issue; however, none would work with the current regulations.

MOTION by Commissioner von Hanstein, seconded by Commissioner Kurtz to deny the request for a text amendment. Motion Passed Unanimously.

COUNTY MANAGER REPORT

County Manager, Adam Mestres, presented a monthly overview of Morgan County government's current projects and/or issues.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Debbie Crowe commented on the Billy Campbell text amendment request.

MOTION by Commissioner McCormack, seconded by Commissioner von Hanstein to exit regular session and adjourn at 11:25 a.m. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Ben Riden, Jr., Chairman

ATTEST:

Leslie Brandt, County Clerk