

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

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

**PRESENT:** Chairman Ben Riden, Jr., Vice-Chair Bill Kurtz, Commissioners Philipp von Hanstein, and Blake McCormack (McCormack via telephone).

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

**Absent:** Commissioner Donald Harris

**The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.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.

### **MINUTES**

June 06, 2023 Budget Hearing

**Motion** by Commissioner Kurtz, Seconded by Commissioner von Hanstein to approve the June 06, 2023 budget hearing minutes as presented. Motion Passed Unanimously.

June 06, 2023 BOC Meeting

**Motion** by Commissioner Kurtz, Seconded by Commissioner von Hanstein to approve the June 06, 2023 regular BOC meeting minutes as presented. Motion Passed Unanimously.

### **FY2024 BUDGET RESOLUTION**

County Manager, Adam Mestres reviewed the proposed FY2024 budget and 2023-RES-001 budget resolution.

**Motion** by Commissioner Kurtz, Seconded by Commissioner von Hanstein to approve the FY2024 Budget and 2023-RES-001 budget resolution as presented. Motion Passed Unanimously.

### **TYLER TECHNOLOGIES SOFTWARE AGREEMENT**

County Manager, Adam Mestres stated that over the last several years administration has been vetting numerous enterprise resource planning (ERP) software vendors to streamline county operations. An ERP solution provides a unified platform for finance, accounting, procurement budgeting, human resource management, invoicing, time & attendance, etc. While the county's current ERP software has been utilized for many years, administration believes it is time to switch to a more robust solution that will be easier for employees to use moving forward. The team has had the opportunity to demo several different solutions over the last few years.

The team has a consensus that Tyler Technologies will offer the best solution with the most competitive pricing for the county's overall needs.

The cost for the solution is broken down into a one-time fee of \$73,490 and an annual recurring fee of \$41,559. The funds for both are already included as part of the FY24 budget proposal.

**Motion** by Commissioner Kurtz, Seconded by Commissioner von Hanstein to adopt the software service agreement with Tyler Technologies as presented. Motion Passed Unanimously.

**CHANGE OF SECURITY SOFTWARE**

IT Director, Trevor Giddens stated that his team currently uses Palo Alto security software with a product called Cortex XDR. This software is a behavioral analytics platform that goes on every computer and device in Morgan County Government.

Giddens stated that his team previously utilized Palo Alto’s physical security hardware as well, but earlier this year, they moved to a new product from Fortinet that enables them to have a new platform that permits more visibility and control over what is seen and how data is tabulated. It allows more control over what is happening in the County network.

Today, Giddens is requesting to change to Fortinet’s endpoint security platform called FortiEDR. The FortiEDR platform will replace the Palo Alto cortex solution currently being used. This will allow the security hardware from Fortinet to automate remediation.

Currently, Fortinet is offering savings with a two-year price on a three-year contract. This will be about \$19,000 in savings over the three-year term. Additionally, the regular cost to continue will also be lower after the three-year term over Palo Alto.

**Motion** by Commissioner Kurtz, Seconded by Commissioner McCormack to approve the three-year IT Security agreement with Fortinet for \$36,865.11 and to transfer \$19,800 from contingency to IT. Motion Passed Unanimously.

**TRANSFER STATION FEE INCREASES**

On July 1, 2023, fees paid by the County for the disposal of waste will increase from \$46.46 per ton to \$47.97 per ton. Due to this increase, the Public Works Director, Tom Wooten is recommending the following fee changes at the Transfer Station, effective August 1, 2023.

Category	Current Price	Proposed Price
Commercial garbage/rubbish/bulk	\$65.00 per ton	\$67.25 per ton
Residential garbage/rubbish/bulk	\$52.00 per ton	\$53.75 per ton
C&D	\$57.00 per ton	\$59.00 per ton

**Motion** by Commissioner Kurtz, Seconded by Commissioner von Hanstein to approve the fee increases at the Transfer Station effective August 1, 2023. Motion Passed Unanimously.

**ADVANTAGE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD VACANCY**

The term of Frusanna Hayes expired December 21, 2022 on the Advantage Behavioral Health Board. Ms. Hayes submitted an application to be considered for reappointment. No other applications were received. If reappointed, the new term would expire December 31, 2025.

**Motion** by Commissioner Kurtz, Seconded by Commissioner von Hanstein to reappoint Frusanna Hayes to the Advantage Behavioral Health Board with term ending December 31, 2025. Motion Passed Unanimously.

**AG BOARD VACANCIES**

The term of Weyman Hunt and Lorrie Lavengood on the Ag Board will expire on June 30, 2023. There is also one vacant unexpired term that runs through June 30, 2025.

Mr. Hunt and Ms. Lavengood have both submitted applications to be considered for reappointment. Two other applications were submitted for consideration from James Cumming and Heather Rhoades.

If appointments are made, two positions will have term dates that expire June 30, 2026, and one that will expire June 30, 2025.

**Motion** by Commissioner von Hanstein, Seconded by Commissioner Kurtz to reappoint Weyman Hunt and Lorrie Lavengood to the Agricultural Center Board with term ending June 30, 2026 and appoint Heather Rhoades to fill the vacant unexpired term ending June 30, 2025. Motion Passed Unanimously.

**HOSPITAL BOARD VACANCIES**

The terms of John Moore, Sherry Terrell, and Huey Atkins will expire on June 30, 2023. All three members have submitted applications to be considered for reappointment. No other applications were received.

If reappointed, the new terms will expire on June 30, 2026.

**Motion** by Commissioner Kurtz, Seconded by Commissioner McCormack to reappoint John Moore, Sherry Terrell, and Huey Atkins to the Hospital Board with term ending June 30, 2026. Motion Passed Unanimously.

**NEGA REGIONAL COMMISSION VACANCY**

The term of Wendell McNeal will expire on June 30, 2023 on the NEGA Regional Commission. Mr. McNeal submitted an application to be considered for reappointment. No other applications were submitted.

If reappointed, the new term will expire on June 30, 2024.

**Motion** by Commissioner McCormack, Seconded by Commissioner von Hanstein to reappoint Wendell McNeal to the NEGA Regional Commission with term ending June 30, 2024. Motion Passed Unanimously.

**NEGA REGIONAL 10 EMS ADVISORY BOARD VACANCY**

The term of Adam Bedgood will expire June 30, 2023 on the NEGA Regional 10 EMS Advisory Board. Mr. Bedgood submitted an application to be considered for reappointment. No other applications were submitted.

If reappointed, the new term will expire June 30, 2026.

**Motion** by Commissioner Kurtz, Seconded by Commissioner von Hanstein to reappoint Adam Bedgood to the NEGA Regional 10 EMS Advisory Board with term ending June 30, 2026. Motion Passed Unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Alan Jenkins, Rutledge resident commented on the approved FY2024 budget.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioners made comments and gave updates on Liaison assignments.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Kurtz, seconded by Commissioner von Hanstein to exit regular session at 6:00 p.m. Motion Passed Unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION- PERSONNEL**

**MOTION** by Commissioner Kurtz, seconded by Commissioner von Hanstein to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel at 6:05 p.m. Motion Passed Unanimously. (Original signed Affidavit in Executive Session Legal Requirement Book).

**MOTION** by Commissioner Kurtz, seconded by Commissioner McCormack to exit Executive Session and adjourn at 6:38 p.m. Motion Passed Unanimously.

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Ben Riden, Jr., Chairman

ATTEST:

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Leslie Brandt, County Clerk