

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 5:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Commissioner Kurtz, Seconded by Commissioner McCormack to approve the agenda with the following modification: add real estate to executive session. Motion Passed Unanimously.

SCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENT

Morgan County resident Tamara White addressed the Board regarding an unpleasant experience that she encountered with the Morgan County Animal Services Department. Ms. White stated the following concerns that she has with the Animal Services Department: supervision, medical care of the animals, and outdoor time for animals. Ms. White also noted that better signage is needed for the facility along with a volunteer program.

MINUTES

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

RESOLUTION - APPROVING THE PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE 2023 GEORGIA INITIATIVE FOR COMMUNITY HOUSING PROGRAM

Planning Director, Chuck Jarrell presented a resolution that is required to be submitted with a grant application to fund training for a housing committee that Jarrell and his staff are currently working to form.

With the cost of housing continuing to increase, it is becoming more difficult for residents in Morgan County to find affordable housing, even in the rental market. Therefore, the Comprehensive Plan identified the need to create housing options in appropriate locations that give people in all stages of life and all economic means viable choices for safe, stable, and affordable homes. The committee will be tasked with creating an action plan of how the community needs to move forward to address housing needs in the community in the future.

The 2023 Georgia Initiative for Community Housing Program is a three-year program. If Morgan County is chosen, the grant will pay for the training of committee members.

Motion by Commissioner Harris, Seconded by Commissioner McCormack to approve resolution 2023-RES-002 to submit with the application to be considered for the 2023 GA Initiative for Community Housing Program. Motion Passed Unanimously.

PURCHASE OF SHERIFF'S OFFICE VEHICLES

The purchase of four vehicles was approved in the FY2024 Sheriff's Office budget. One vehicle was pre-purchased in FY2023. To avoid extended wait times experienced by custom orders, the Sheriff's Office contacted multiple dealerships to locate vehicles. Brannen Motors has two

Chevrolet Tahoes and one Chevrolet Silverado that meet the Sheriff's Office specifications on the lot available for purchase. The total cost for the three vehicles is \$139,000 and is within the approved budgeted amount.

Motion by Commissioner von Hanstein, Seconded by Commissioner Kurtz to approve the purchase of three vehicles from Brannen Motors for \$139,000. Motion Passed Unanimously.

PURCHASE OF HEAVY-DUTY TRUCK

Quotes were obtained to replace one heavy-duty truck in Public Works and two heavy-duty trucks in Public Buildings.

Public Works		
Allan Vigil Ford	F350	\$68,511.96
Hardy Chevrolet	3500	\$64,134.96

Public Buildings		
Allan Vigil Ford	F250	\$62,855.00 each
Hardy Chevrolet	2500	\$59,940.00 each

The quotes from Hardy Chevrolet are within the amount approved in the FY2024 budget. Staff recommends purchasing from Hardy Chevrolet.

Motion by Commissioner Kurtz, Seconded by Commissioner Harris to approve the purchase of trucks from Hardy Chevrolet for \$184,014.96. Motion Passed Unanimously.

PROPERTY TO BE DECLARED SURPLUS

DESCRIPTION	DEPT
2005 Ford Crown Vic VIN: 2FAFP71W05X120705	Fire
1991 Ford SuperDuty Pickup VIN: 2FDLF47MOMCA31822	Fire
1991 Ford F-700 VIN: 1FDNF70JONVA04948	Fire
Cisco Phones Sets	IT
Outdated Computers, Laptops, Monitors & Accessories	IT
2003 Ford F150 VIN: 1FTRF17243KA21266	Public Buildings
John Deere F935 Front Mower, SN: MOF935x160063	Public Buildings
Bushhog 96 Inch Rotary Cutter	Recreation
2008 Ford F250 VIN: 1FTSF21Y18EE42792	Recreation
Truck Bed Tool Boxes	Roads & Bridges
Crafco SS125D Crack Sealer VIN: 1C9SY101491418112	Roads & Bridges
Rhino Model TR308 Rotary Cutter SN: 10119	Roads & Bridges
Rhino Model 4150-4 Flex Wing Rotary Cutter SN: 41330	Roads & Bridges
Bush Hog 3710 Rotary Cutter SN: 12-00437	Roads & Bridges
Rhino Model 4150-4 Flex Wing Rotary Cutter SN: 41331	Roads & Bridges
Bushhog Model 326 Rotary Cutter SN 12-00009	Roads & Bridges
2020 Ford F-150 VIN: 1FTMF1CB1LFA81689	Sanitation
1 Compactor	Sanitation
3 Recycling Bins (30 yards)	Sanitation

Motion by Commissioner McCormack, Seconded by Commissioner Harris to approve the items to be declared surplus and sold/disposed. Motion Passed Unanimously.

AMENDMENT TO PROBATION SERVICE AGREEMENTS

The Judicial Alternatives of Georgia (JAG) is the private probation contractor for Morgan County. They have submitted amendments to the contracts that were approved on November 1, 2022, for Magistrate, Probate, and Superior Court. The amendment is to increase the fee schedule for probation services effective for new cases with court dates after July 1, 2023. All 3 Judges have reviewed and signed off on the amendment. The amendment does not extend the previously approved contracts, which will expire on November 30, 2027.

Motion by Commissioner von Hanstein, Seconded by Commissioner Harris to approve the amendment to the Probation Services fee schedule for Magistrate, Probate, and Superior Court as presented. Motion Passed Unanimously.

DFACS BOARD VACANCY

Velde Hardy submitted an application to be considered for reappointment to the DFACS Board. No other applications were received. If reappointed, the new term would expire June 30, 2028.

Motion by Commissioner Harris, Seconded by Commissioner Kurtz to reappoint Velde Hardy to the DFACS Board with term ending June 30, 2028. Motion Passed Unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

JoEllen Artz, Rutledge resident commented on the GA Initiative for Community Housing Program Resolution.

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 5:58 p.m. Motion Passed Unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION- PERSONNEL & REAL ESTATE

MOTION by Commissioner Kurtz, seconded by Commissioner von Hanstein to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel and real estate at 6:07 p.m. Motion Passed Unanimously. (Original signed Affidavit in Executive Session Legal Requirement Book).

MOTION by Commissioner McCormack, seconded by Commissioner Harris to exit Executive Session and adjourn at 8:04 p.m. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Ben Riden, Jr., Chairman

ATTEST:

Leslie Brandt, County Clerk