

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 Andy A. Ainslie, Jr.

**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 Ainslie, Seconded by Commissioner Kurtz to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Passed Unanimously.

### **CVB PRESENTATION**

MMCVB Director Jennifer Rosa gave an update on the Convention and Visitors Bureau.

### **MINUTES**

July 5, 2022 BOC Meeting

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

### **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 2022-2036**

The Joint Comprehensive Plan includes the identification of prominent issues that the residents and business owners of Morgan County and the Cities of Bostwick, Buckhead, and Rutledge expressed during an extensive public involvement process. The process included an initial overview of the comprehensive planning process, visioning, identification of character areas, refinement of the issues, and a public hearing on the draft plan. The plan represents the culmination of seven public meetings, conducted to solicit input from residents and community stakeholders. The resulting plan is designed to meet the citizens vision for the county and their respective cities.

All requirements for advertising, public hearings, and public comments have been met. DCA granted approval of the plan on June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Kurtz, Seconded by Commissioner Harris to approve the 2022-2036 Comprehensive Plan update as presented. Motion Passed Unanimously.

### **PURCHASE OF SCBAS**

The FY23 budget includes funding for the purchase of 8 SCBA for the Fire Department. This purchase will continue the effort to ensure SCBAs are replaced before they are out of date. This is a sole source purchase from Municipal Emergency Services. Recommend approval of the purchase of 8 SCBAs, 8 facemasks and 16 air bottles from MES for \$75,440.00.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Harris, Seconded by Commissioner Kurtz to approve the purchase from MES for \$75,440. Motion Passed Unanimously.

### **PURCHASE REPLACEMENT LAPTOPS**

The FY23 budget includes funding for the replacement of mobile laptops for the Sheriff s Office. The Sheriff s Office and IT worked closely together to evaluate laptops that would be most effective in patrol units. The Deputies use the laptops to check driver's license and tag information, write incident reports and issue traffic citations. After selecting the best units,

three bids were obtained. Recommendation is the purchase the laptops and necessary accessories from Howard Technologies for \$102,751.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Ainslie, Seconded by Commissioner Harris to approve the purchase from Howard Technologies for \$102,751. Motion Passed Unanimously.

**PURCHASE OF VEHICLES**

The FY23 budget includes funding for the purchase of vehicles for several departments. Attempts were made to obtain bids from Ford, Chevrolet, and Ram. However, the bidding window had already closed for Chevrolet and Ram's order period will not open until 2023. Allan Vigil Ford holds the state contract for the F150, F250, and F350. Staff recommends purchasing the following from Allan Vigil Ford:

- Animal Services-Ford F150 \$31,410
- Building Inspections-Ford F150 \$34,872
- Fire-Ford F250 \$48,575
- Planning-Ford F150 \$34,872
- Public Works-Ford F350 \$52,475
- Recreation-Ford F150 \$35,574
- Solid Waste-Ford F150 \$29,074
- Tax Assessor-Ford F150 \$32,642

**MOTION** by Commissioner Ainslie, Seconded by Commissioner Kurtz to approve the purchase of vehicles from Allan Vigil Ford for \$299,494. Motion Passed Unanimously.

**LICENSE PLATE READERS**

The Sheriff s Office is requesting to purchase 12 Flock Safety License Plate Readers. Flock Safety provides innovative solar powered license plate reader cameras that identify license plates or unique vehicle features when the license plate is not visible. This information is stored for 30 days in a cloud database that is accessible and shared with hundreds of public safety agencies around the nation. Currently, there are four Morgan County HOAs that have Flock LPRs in their subdivisions.

This request was included in the approved FY23 budget for a total cost of \$37,000.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Kurtz, Seconded by Commissioner Harris to approve the purchase of the 12 LPR cameras from Flock Safety for \$37,000 as recommended and approved in the FY23 general budget. Motion Passed Unanimously.

**ROW DEED**

This request is being made by the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) to quitclaim deed a portion of Davis Academy Road from Old Mill to the County line as well as portions of Lynch Road/Sewell Church Road and Retreat Lane. If approved, this would give right of way maintenance over to GDOT and the County would no longer be required to provide maintenance on the roadways included in the request.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Harris, Seconded by Commissioner Ainslie to approve the Right of Way Quitclaim Deed between GDOT and Morgan County as presented. Motion Passed Unanimously.

**REPLACEMENT OF COMPACTORS**

Replacement of the Seven Islands Road and Prospect Road compactor sites to new auto-compacting unit will complete our conversion of the compactor sites. This is sole source purchase from Container Repair Service. The cost is \$34,775 each for a total of \$69,550 including delivery and installation. Funds for the project were included in the FY23 budget.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Kurtz, Seconded by Commissioner Harris to approve the purchase and installation of two compactors from Container Repair Service for \$69,550. Motion Passed Unanimously.

**COMMISSIONER LIAISON REPORTS**

Commissioners gave updates on Liaison assignments.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

No public comments were made.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Ainslie, seconded by Commissioner Kurtz to exit regular session at 5:57 p.m. Motion Passed Unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION- LITIGATION**

**MOTION** by Commissioner Ainslie, seconded by Commissioner Kurtz to enter Executive Session to discuss litigation at 6:03p.m. Motion Passed Unanimously. (Original signed Affidavit in Executive Session Legal Requirement Book).

**MOTION** by Commissioner Ainslie, seconded by Commissioner Kurtz to exit Executive Session and adjourn at 7:39 p.m. Motion Passed Unanimously.

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Ben Riden, Jr., Chairman

ATTEST:

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Leslie Brandt, County Clerk