

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

STAFF: County Manager Adam Mestres, Assistant County Manager Mark Williams, County Attorney Christian Henry, and County Clerk Kim Cox

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Commissioner McCormack, Seconded by Commissioner Harris to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed Unanimously.

Minutes

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Motion to approve by Commissioner Riden, Seconded by Commissioner Harris to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed Unanimously.

Farmland Protection Advisory Board Bylaws

On July 16, 2024, the BOC Approved 2024-RES-006, the Creation of Farmland Protection Program. The follow-up action item was to approve the advisory board bylaws. A draft copy was presented on July 16, 2024. At the August 6, 2024, meeting several modifications were requested. The revised version that was presented incorporates all modifications requested by the Board of Commissioners.

Motion to adopt the Morgan County Farmland Protection Advisory Board Bylaws as presented by Commissioner McCormack, Seconded by Commissioner Riden to approve the agenda presented. Motion passed Unanimously.

Agriculture Conservation Easement Program Funding Request for Malcom Farms

On July 16, 2024, the BOC approved the 2024-RES-006 Creation of Farmland Protection Program. This resolution provides a path for the BOC to award funding for ACEP applicants. The request presented for consideration is for Malcom Farms for \$110,00.00.

Christine McCauley Watts with the Madison-Morgan County Conservancy presented the proposed request. Wynn Howard also commented on the presented maps.

Motion to approve the ACEP funding request for Malcom Farms for not exceeding \$110,000 to be payable in the FY26 fiscal year by Commissioner Riden, seconded by Commission McCormack. Motion passed Unanimously.

National EMS Ambulance Agreement

The county's previous agreement with National EMS had several amendments over the years. With the addition of the 12-hour ambulance on July 1, 2024, all parties thought it was in their best interest to create a new agreement for the current operation.

The services to be provided under the terms of this Agreement shall begin at 12:01 A.M. the 1st day of July 2024 and shall be for three (3) years, ending no later than 12:00 A.M. the 31st day of June 2027.

Motion to ratify the agreement for paramedic ambulance services and the non-appropriation addendum presented by Commissioner Riden, Seconded by Commissioner Harris. Motion passed Unanimously.

Software package for Planning and Development, Code Enforcement

Chuck Jarrell and his team have chosen OpenGov software after months of evaluation and vetting solutions for a comprehensive software solution for the Planning and Development—Code Enforcement departments.

Motion to approve the agreement with OpenGov contingent upon legal review for a 1-year cost not to exceed \$70,151.04 (subscription and implementation) and amend the budget to move \$30,151.04 from contingency to planning and development/code enforcement by Commissioner McCormack, Seconded by Commissioner Harris. Motion passed Unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

No public comments were made.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioners made comments and gave updates on liaison assignments.

MOTION by Commissioner Kurts, Seconded by Commissioner Harris, to exit the regular session and adjourn at 6:07 p.m.. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Bill Kurtz, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Kim Cox, County Clerk