

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 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 McCormack, Seconded by Commissioner von Hanstein to approve the agenda with the following modification, add Unfinished Business and move agenda item #7 - Budget Amendment to unfinished business and move agenda item #8 - Frontage Road Intergovernmental Contract to Presentations. Motion Passed Unanimously.

SCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENTS: (comments only, no action taken)

- **TINA HIGDON**

Tina Higdon addressed the Board regarding a legacy land split. She would like to split a portion of her property to her son, but she does not meet the criteria under the county development regulations to do so.

The Board advised Ms. Higdon to either apply for a Board Variance or Text Amendment.

- **RHONDA & THOMAS SHERIDAN**

Rhonda and Thomas Sheridan commented on a recent letter they received from Code Enforcement regarding a mailbox violation in which they were given 30 days to remove their stone mailbox structure. The notice informed them, along with other residents in the Morgan Estates subdivision, that they were in violation of the Morgan County Code relating to mailbox right-of-way encroachment.

The Board advised Planning Director, Chuck Jarrell, to extend the 30-day notice an additional 60 days to allow time to review the issue.

- **JOSH LANFORD**

Josh Lanford commented on the Morgan County billboard/sign ordinance and the denial of his business license.

The Board instructed Planning Director, Chuck Jarrell, to allow Mr. Lanford to continue his business operation without penalty to allow time for the Board to review the current regulations to see if changes need to be made.

PRESENTATIONS:

- **FY2025 BUDGET PRESENTATION**

County Manager, Adam Mestres presented the FY2024 proposed budget. There will be a public hearing regarding the FY2025 proposed budget June 5th, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. and the budget adoption will be June 18th, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

- **FRONTAGE ROAD INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONTRACT**

GA DOT is going to turn over the Frontage Road to the Joint Development Authority (JDA). They hope to do this by June 1, 2024. This is tied to a 2021 infrastructure agreement where the county agreed to participate when the frontage road was from Highway 278 to Sewell Road.

Now, the frontage road has been extended to Old Mill Road due to additional acquired properties that have slightly altered the path.

In the 50-year agreement, the JDA will own the road, and the County would provide the following services only to the 1.6 miles located in Morgan County: police enforcement, fire, emergency assistance, and inclement weather assistance.

The Authority will be responsible for all maintenance to the roads and turnaround, including but not limited to mowing, paving, signage, lighting, electrical costs, and striping.

County Attorney, Christian Henry asked the Board to consider putting the contract back on the agenda under new business, because the JDA has an agreement with Facebook that the Sewell Road turnaround has to be paved by the end of June.

Commissioner McCormack stated the Board received the proposed contract on Friday, and he does not feel comfortable voting on it. He would like to have additional time to fully vet the contract.

The Board will review the contract and vote at the June 04, 2024 BOC meeting.

MINUTES

April 02, 2024 BOC Meeting

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

BUDGET AMENDMENT

On March 19, 2024, a budget amendment was requested and tabled by the Board for an amount not to exceed \$29,500 from Contingency to Human Resources - Professional Services to fund an update to the County's compensation and classification system. The original plan was approved in 2019. It is recommended to update the plan every three to five years. This update will be similar to the 2019 project in that it will include a review/update of job descriptions, a market analysis of compensation with up to 15 organizations, a revision of the compensation chart, and a recommended implementation plan.

Motion by Commissioner Riden, Seconded by Commissioner Harris to amend the budget to transfer \$29,500 from Contingency to Human Resources-Professional Services. Commissioners von Hanstein and McCormack voted in opposition to the motion. Chairman Kurtz broke the tie by voting in favor of the motion to approve the request. Motion Passed 3-2.

TRANSFER STATION FEE INCREASES

On July 1, 2024 the fees the County pays for the disposal of waste will increase from \$47.97 per ton to \$49.54 per ton. The estimated cost for transport/disposal fee, labor, and equipment usage is \$53.29 per ton. The following fee changes are being recommended for the Transfer Station beginning July 1, 2024:

Material	Current	Proposed	Increase
Residential Rubbish	\$53.75 per ton	\$56.44 per ton	\$2.69
Commercial Rubbish	\$67.25 per ton	\$70.61 per ton	\$3.36
C&D	\$59.00 per ton	\$70.61 per ton	\$11.61
Inert	\$44.00 per ton	\$46.20 per ton	\$2.20
Batteries	\$5.00 each	\$5.25 each	\$0.25
Passenger Car Tires	\$4.00 each	\$4.20 each	\$0.20
Semi-Tractor Tires	\$10.00 each	\$10.50 each	\$0.50
Farm Tractor Tires	\$25.00 each	\$26.25 each	\$1.25
Skidder Tires	\$350.00 each	\$367.50 each	\$17.50

Additionally, a request is being made for the Board to authorize the County Manager or Assistant County Manager to approve discounted rates for the City of Madison and locally owned commercial haulers.

Motion by Commissioner McCormack, Seconded by Commissioner Riden to approve the recommended fees at the Transfer Station effective July 1, 2024 and to authorize the County Manager or Assistant County Manager to approve discounted rates for the City of Madison and locally owned commercial haulers. Motion Passed Unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

The following Morgan County residents made public comments:

- JoEllen Artz-regarding the Frontage Road Contract.
- Robert Bailey-regarding the proposed FY25 budget.
- Tom Underwood-regarding Rhonda and Thomas Sheridan scheduled public comments.
- Nicole Wasendorf-regarding the proposed FY25 budget and the Frontage Road Contract.
- Matt Shulze-regarding Josh Lanford scheduled public comment.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioners made comments and gave updates on liaison assignments.

MOTION by Commissioner McCormack, seconded by Commissioner Riden to exit regular session and adjourn at 7:17 p.m. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Bill Kurtz, Chairman

ATTEST:

Leslie Brandt, County Clerk