

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 10:00 a.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR 2024

MOTION by Commissioner Riden, Seconded by Commissioner Harris to nominate Commissioner Kurtz as Chair for the year 2024. Unanimously Approved.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR 2024

MOTION by Commissioner Riden, Seconded by Commissioner Harris to nominate Commissioner McCormack as Vice-Chair for the year 2024. Unanimously Approved.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Commissioner Harris, Seconded by Commissioner von Hanstein to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Passed Unanimously.

MADISON-MORGAN CVB ANNUAL REPORT

Madison-Morgan CVB Executive Director, Jennifer Rosa León presented the CVB's annual report for FY2023.

MINUTES

December 19, 2023 BOC Meeting

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to accept as information the December 2023 payables and financials.

MOTION by Commissioner McCormack, Seconded by Commissioner Harris to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion Passed Unanimously.

PLANNING COMMISSION BOARD VACANCY

This item was tabled at the December 19, 2023 BOC meeting for further consideration.

The term of Tara Dillard expired on 12/31/2023 on the Planning Commission Board. Tara submitted an application to be considered for reappointment. Applications were also received from Chas Moore and Bob McCauley for consideration.

MOTION by Commissioner Riden, Seconded by Commissioner McCormack to reappoint Tara Dillard to the Planning Commission Board with a term ending 12/31/2026. Motion Passed Unanimously.

2024 QUALIFYING FEES-RESOLUTION 2024-RES-001

As required by O.C.G.A. 21-2-131, the Board of Commissioners must set and publish qualifying fees to be paid by candidates for elections in Morgan County in 2024. The qualifying fees are listed below.

OFFICE	QUALIFYING FEE
Board of Education (Districts 1, 2 and 3)	\$113.00
County Commissioner (Districts 3, 4 and 5)	\$394.00
Coroner	\$348.00
Clerk of Superior Court	\$1,779.00
Judge, Magistrate Court	\$1,782.00
Judge, Probate Court	\$1,779.00
Sheriff	\$2,123.00
Tax Commissioner	\$1,779.00

MOTION by Commissioner Harris, Seconded by Commissioner von Hanstein to approve the 2024 qualifying fees and resolution 2024-RES-001 as presented. Motion Passed Unanimously. (COPY: Resolution Book)

2024 COUNTY PHYSICIAN APPOINTMENT

Per the Morgan County Code of Ordinance, the Board of Commissioners must appoint a County Physician each year. Dr. Zant has filled this position for many years and is willing to serve once again for the year 2024.

MOTION by Commissioner Riden, Seconded by Commissioner McCormack to appoint Dr. Dan Zant as the County Physician for the year 2024. Motion Passed Unanimously.

COUNTY MANAGER REPORT

County Manager, Adam Mestres, presented a monthly overview of Morgan County government's current projects and/or issues.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

No public comments were made.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioners made comments and gave updates on Liaison assignments.

MOTION by Commissioner Riden, seconded by Commissioner Harris to exit regular session at 10:41 a.m. Motion Passed Unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION- PERSONNEL

MOTION by Commissioner Riden, seconded by Commissioner Harris to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel at 10:50 a.m. Motion Passed Unanimously. (Original signed Affidavit in Executive Session Legal Requirement Book).

MOTION by Commissioner Riden, seconded by Commissioner Harris to exit Executive Session at 12:52 p.m. Motion Passed Unanimously.

MOTION by Commissioner McCormack, seconded by Commissioner Harris to re-enter Regular Session at 12:52 p.m. Motion Passed Unanimously.

MOTION by Commissioner Riden, seconded by Commissioner Harris to add County Manager’s Contract to the agenda as new business. Motion Passed Unanimously.

COUNTY MANAGERS CONTRACT

County Manager, Adam Mestres presented an updated County Manager contract. The proposed contract is based on terms negotiated between the Morgan County Board of Commissioners and Adam Mestres for service as County Manager. The term of the contract shall commence upon execution of the agreement and end on June 30, 2027, and thereafter shall be renewed on an

annual basis from July 1 through June 30 of the following year unless either party provides notice of its intent not to renew.

MOTION by Commissioner Riden, seconded by Commissioner Harris to approve the County Manager’s Contract as presented. Motion Passed 3-1, with Commissioner von Hanstein voting in favor of the motion and Commissioner McCormack voting in opposition. (COPY: Electronic Documents)

MOTION by Commissioner Riden, seconded by Commissioner Harris to exit Regular Session and adjourn at 12:54 p.m. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Bill Kurtz, Chairman

ATTEST:

Leslie Brandt, County Clerk