

April 5, 2016

THE HONORABLE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, MADISON, GEORGIA,  
MET THIS DAY IN REGULAR SESSION.

PRESENT: Chairman Donald B. Harris, Vice-Chair Ellen Warren, Commissioners Andy A. Ainslie, Jr., Ron Milton and Philip Clack

STAFF: County Manager Michael Lamar, Assistant County Manager Mark Williams, County Attorney Christian Henry, County Clerk Jane Laseter and Staff Member Leslie Brandt

Donald B. Harris, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA WITH ADDITION OF REQUEST TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE SHOCKLEY ROAD

One item has been received to be added to the agenda – Request to Temporarily Close Shockley Road

MOTION by Comm. Clack, seconded by Comm. Warren to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of the Request to Temporarily Close Shockley Road under new business. Unanimously Approved.

MINUTES

March 1, 2016 – Regular Meeting

March 15, 2016 – Work Session

March 15, 2016 – Special Called Meeting

MOTION by Comm. Clack, seconded by Comm. Warren to approve the minutes for the March 1, 2016 Regular Meeting, March 15, 2016 Work Session, and March 15, 2016 Special Called Meeting. Unanimously Approved.

CALENDARS

Michael Lamar reviewed the calendars for May, June and July. Commissioners decided to continue having work sessions in different municipalities with the following schedule for work sessions: May work session to be held in Godfrey. July work session to be held in Bostwick. September work session to be held in Rutledge. November work session to be held in Buckhead.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Motion to approve the March 2016 financials and the March 2016 payables to include General Fund in the amount of \$654,436.39, SPLOST in the amount of \$179,758.66 and General Fund electronic payments in the amount of \$81,186.13.
2. Motion to accept the February 2016 Staff Reports as presented at the March 15, 2016 Work Session.

MOTION by Comm. Ainslie, seconded by Comm. Clack to approve the consent agenda as presented. Unanimously Approved.

NEW BUSINESS

DISCUSSION OF CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU (CVB) CONTRACT RENEWAL AND BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENTS

The CVB Board submitted a letter requesting renewal of the CVB contract. The original contract was a one-year contract that will end June 30, 2016. The CVB board also requested staggered terms for the two County appointed board members who wish to serve another term.

Stratton Hickey spoke on behalf of the CVB. Mr. Hickey stated one appointee will be assigned a two year term and the other appointee will be assigned a three year term for this first renewal and each term thereafter will be a three year term.

MOTION by Comm. Warren, seconded by Comm. Ainslie to renew the CVB contract for another year and to reappoint Patty Allgood for a three-year term and Kris Bray for a two-year term. Unanimously Approved. (COPY: Miscellaneous Book)

NOTICE TO RECYCLING VENDOR FOR CANCELLATION OF SERVICE WITH FCR RECYCLING

County Manager, Michael Lamar, made a recommendation to put FCR on notice to break the recycling agreement between FCR and Morgan County. Currently, the County is being charged for recycling close to the same rate as municipal solid waste. The contract with FCR will end June 1, 2016 and has a requirement of a thirty-day notice in order to break it.

MOTION by Comm. Warren, seconded by Comm. Milton to cancel the contract with FCR and to send the required notice of cancellation. Unanimously Approved.

PROPOSED NEW SERVICE PROVIDER WITH PRATT RECYCLING

County Manger, Michael Lamar, stated the Assistant County Manager, Mark Williams, has been negotiating with Pratt Recycling and they are willing to take the County waste at no cost.

Mark Williams stated that the initial contract was for five years, but if reduced to three years, it could be renegotiated when the market improves and there's a possibility the County could receive revenue again.

Commissioner Milton stated he would prefer a shorter term than three if that could be negotiated.

MOTION by Comm. Warren, seconded by Comm. Milton to approve the contract with Pratt Recycling with the condition of a one year contract, if accepted, and if not, no more than a two year contract. Unanimously Approved.

DISCUSSION OF CITY OF MADISON ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES

County Manager, Michael Lamar, spoke to the Board about approaching the City of Madison concerning furthering its existing partnership in Animal Control and making it more seamless due to their Animal Control Officer, Cindy Wyman, leaving. The County already houses the City's animals and this may be an opportunity that may be beneficial to both the City and County.

Discussion only. Commissioners agreed to starting dialogue with City of Madison for City Animal Control services.

CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE

The board discussed that the County has been negotiating with a party and working with the Board of Education on ways to expand recreation. There is a tremendous demand and limited supply of recreational facilities. For the purpose of developing joint-use recreational fields the County would like to collaborate with the Board of Education to purchase three tracts of land located along East Avenue and Old Buckhead Road, Tract #1 - 153.62 acres, Tract #2 - 10.25 acres, Tract #3 - 1.5 acres. The total land purchase is \$1,016,033.20 which would be split between the County and the Board of Education.

MOTION by Comm. Ainslie, seconded by Comm. Clack to approve the purchase of property from the seller, Louise W. Armour Living Trust, for \$1,016,033.20 for the purpose of expanding fields for the Recreation Department and athletic fields for the School System with Board of Commissioners and Board of Education sharing cost of property. Unanimously Approved. (COPY: Miscellaneous Book)

SELECTION OF LANDFILL GEOLOGIST

Bid results were presented for a Landfill Geologist. Finance Director, Lori Sayer, recommended Triple Point Engineering for their reliability and high recommendations.

MOTION by Comm. Milton, seconded by Comm. Warren to accept the bid from Triple Point for landfill compliance and general consulting services at the Morgan County landfill for the cost of \$24,900.00 and additional fees for general services on an as needed basis as spelled out in the proposal. Unanimously Approved.

REQUEST TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE A PORTION OF SHOCKLEY ROAD

Julieta Sharp, Key Assistant Locations Manager for the TV series The Originals, came before the board to request permission to temporarily close a portion of Shockley Road from 6:00 a.m. until midnight on April 6, 2016. The production company will use one lane to park production vehicles, while maintaining one emergency lane.

MOTION by Comm. Ainslie, seconded by Comm. Clack to temporarily close a portion of Shockley Road from 6:00 a.m. until midnight on April 6, 2016 for film production. Unanimously Approved.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

County Manager Michael Lamar presented a monthly overview of Morgan County government's current projects and/or issues. (COPY: Miscellaneous Book)

CHAIRMAN HARRIS ALLOWED PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments were made by:

Laura Butler-Local NAACP President/Morgan County Resident

Christian Henry-County Attorney/Morgan County Resident

Ellison Whitehead-Morgan County Resident

Dr. Fred Bell-Morgan County Resident

PLANNING COMMISSION

New Business:

1. Daile R. Allman, Sr. is requesting the rezoning of approximately 5 acres located at 2020 Swords Trail, Buckhead, Georgia, from Lakeshore Low Density Residential (LR1) to Agricultural Residential (AR) (Tax Parcel 058A-039C).

Tara Cooner, Senior Planner, stated Mr. Allman is requesting the rezoning of approximately 5 acres at the end of Swords Trail from LR1 to AR. This application is substantially similar to the Mr. Allman's request that was approved for an adjacent parcel in 2014, so there is a precedent. The subject parcel does not have a lake view or lake access. The applicant was present to answer questions. The Planning office did not receive any comments. The Planning Commission took two votes for the application: The vote to recommend approval for the rezoning was unanimous and the vote to modify the Future Land Use Map to reflect the

change in zoning was also unanimous. If the rezoning is approved today, we will also need to vote regarding the Future Land Use Map.

CHAIRMAN HARRIS ALLOWED OPPONENTS TO SPEAK.

No opponents spoke.

CHAIRMAN HARRIS ALLOWED PROPONENTS TO SPEAK.

No proponents spoke.

MOTION by Comm. Milton, seconded by Comm. Clack to approve the rezoning request of approximately 5 acres at the end of Swords Trail from LR1 to AR. Unanimously Approved.

MOTION by Comm. Milton, seconded by Comm. Clack to modify the future land use map to reflect change in zoning. Unanimously Approved.

MOTION by Comm. Clack, seconded by Comm. Ainslie to exit regular session. Unanimously Approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL & PENDING OR POTENTIAL LITIGATION

MOTION by Comm. Clack, seconded by Comm. Ainslie to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel and pending or potential litigation. Unanimously Approved. (Original signed Affidavit in Executive Session Legal Requirement Book).

MOTION by Comm. Ainslie, seconded by Comm. Clack to exit Executive Session. Unanimously Approved.

MOTION by Comm. Ainslie, seconded by Comm. Clack to adjourn. Unanimously Approved.

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Donald B. Harris, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Jane S. Laseter, County Clerk

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