April 4, 2017

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

PRESENT: Chairman Donald B. Harris, Vice-Chair Ron Milton, Commissioners Andy A. Ainslie, Jr., Philipp Von Hanstein and Ben M. Riden, Jr.

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

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

MINUTES

March 7, 2017 – Regular Meeting
March 21, 2017 – Work Session
March 21, 2017 – Special Called Meeting


CALENDARS
Assistant County Manager, Mark Williams reviewed the calendars for April, May and June 2017.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Motion to approve the March 2017 payables to include General Fund in the amount of $819,269.52, SPLOST in the amount of $70,585.19 and General Fund electronic payments in the amount of $78,711.84 and the 2017 financials.
2. Motion to accept the February 2017 Staff Reports.

MOTION by Comm. Milton, seconded by Comm. Riden to approve the consent agenda as presented. Unanimously Approved.

TAKE OFF THE TABLE - GRAND JURY RECOMMENDATION FOR BAILIFF PAY INCREASE PRESENTED AT MARCH 7, 2017 MEETING


Grand Jury is recommending to increase bailiff pay from $65.00 per day to $75.00 per day. A comparison to what other counties are paying bailiffs was presented and most were paying less. Commissioners decided to hold off on a decision and to consider again after checking to see if other counties plan to increase in the new fiscal year.

FEES FOR FILMING IN MORGAN COUNTY
Assistant County Manager, Mark Williams presented the Board with a list of recommended fees for filming in Morgan County. These fees will be incorporated into the filming application to provide set fees and ensure guidelines are followed.

Commissioner Riden asked for an addition that fees can be negotiated for road closures on main roads or high traffic areas.

MOTION by Comm. Von Hanstein, seconded by Comm. Riden to approve the Fees for Filming as presented with the addition that road closure fees can be negotiated if requesting to shut down main roads for high traffic areas. Unanimously Approved. (COPY: Miscellaneous Book)

DISCUSSION OF BROAD BAND SERVICE
Nate Griffin, Vice President Mach3 Technologies presented the Board with a new technology called eLTE (enterprise Long Term Evolution) technology to establish countywide broadband access. Mach3 Technology would use existing infrastructure to install the eLTE and provide broadband service at a fraction of the cost of traditional fiber and copper structures.

Morgan County would be the first county in the southeast to use the eLTE technology. In order for the eLTE to be the most efficient, it would be necessary for Mach3 to secure a lease with the Morgan County School District for the use of their designated radio spectrum. If an agreement is made with the School District, bandwidth would span a ten-mile radius from each tower site. If an agreement cannot be met, without the use of the School Districts radio spectrum, the bandwidth would span a 3-mile radius from each tower site.

Mr. Griffin presented three possible options to fund the project: Option 1-Mach3 to fund entire project, Option 2-County fund entire project or Option 3-Joint project financed by both parties.

Commissioner Ainslie stated that he would like to see a demonstration of the eLTE technology and speak with a contact from the University of Northern Michigan that is currently using the eLTE technology.

Commissioners have asked Mr. Griffin to prepare a demonstration to present at the May 2, 2017 regular meeting.

FREE SPRING TURN-IN WEEK
Commissioners discussed dates for the annual free spring turn-in-week.


ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER REPORT
Assistant County Manager Mark Williams 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:
Dan Porter-Morgan County Resident
Jay Moon-Morgan County Resident
Sheryll Freeman-Morgan County Resident

EXECUTIVE SESSION – PENDING LITIGATION AND PERSONNEL

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


MOTION by Comm. Ainslie, seconded by Comm. Riden to enter Regular Session.

ADD TO AGENDA – SELECTION OF ELECTION SUPERVISOR

MOTION by Comm. Ainslie, seconded by Comm. Riden to add to the agenda – Selection of Election Supervisor. Unanimously Approved.

SELECTION OF ELECTION SUPERVISOR

MOTION by Comm. Ainslie, seconded by Comm. Riden to offer employment and negotiate terms of hire with Jennifer Doran for position of County Election Supervisor, based upon the recommendation of the Chairman of the Board of Elections. Unanimously Approved.


Donald B. Harris, Chairman

ATTEST:

Jane S. Laseter, County Clerk  
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