

# **REGULAR MEETING**

May 20, 2024 10:00 AM

Albany-Dougherty Government Center 222 Pine Ave, Room 100, Albany, GA 31701

# AGENDA

The public will also have access to the live meeting by accessing the Dougherty County Georgia Government Facebook page at facebook.com/Dougherty.ga.us or viewing the public government access channel (Channel 16).

- 1. Call the meeting to order by Vice Chairwoman Gloria Gaines.
- 2. Roll Call.
- 3. Invocation.
- 4. Pledge of Allegiance.
- 5. Minutes.
  - <u>a.</u> Consider for action the Minutes of April 15th Regular Meeting and April 29th Work Session. **ACTION:**
- 6. Delegations (The Commission will hear comments on those items pertaining to Dougherty County for which a public hearing has not been held or scheduled. Please be brief, to the point, and considerate of time for others).
  - a. Debra Richardson, County Representative on the Department of Behavioral Health and Development Disabilities- Region 4 Board, present to provide an update and share information about the May 24, 2024 Mental Health Event.
  - b. EMS Director Sam Allen present to accept the Proclamation recognizing May 19-25, 2024 as Emergency Management Services Week in Dougherty County.
  - c. Public Works Director Chuck Mathis present to accept the Proclamation recognizing May 19-25, 2024 as Public Works Week in Dougherty County. Construction/Maintenance Supervisor Brandon Oliver, the 2023 Supervisor of the Year, and Environmental Control Technician Salitorious Hurley, 2023 Employee of the Year, are present.

- 7. Traffic Calming Public Hearing (Those wishing to speak on this matter should sign the Sign Up Sheet in the rear of the Chamber before the beginning of the meeting).
  - <u>a.</u> Petition for three Speed Hump Installations for Thompson Drive (Roseland Subdivision). The estimated cost is \$16,225 and funding is available in TSPLOST. Public Works Director Chuck Mathis will address. *Action on this item follows later on the agenda.*
  - b. Petition for nine Speed Hump Installations for Van Cise Lane (Van Cise Subdivision). The estimated cost is \$51,150 and funding is available in TSPLOST. Public Works Director Chuck Mathis will address. *Action on this item follows later on the agenda.*
  - c. Petition for three Speed Hump Installations for Phoebe Road (Phoebe Park Subdivision). The estimated cost is \$17,055 and funding is available in TSPLOST. Public Works Director Chuck Mathis will address. *Action on this item follows later on the agenda.*
- 8. Additional Business.
  - a. Consider for action the recommendation from Solid Waste to amend the Solid Waste Operating Budget by transferring \$80,900 from use of Fund Balance to various accounts. The amendment is required due to the increased costs in heavy equipment maintenance. **ACTION:**
  - b. Consider for action the recommendation from Facilities Management to reallocate \$400,000 from SPLOST VII Festival Springs Fountain to SPLOST VII RiverQuarium Improvements. The reallocation will allow Dougherty County Facilities Management to expend up to \$400,000 to work with the Artesian Alliance for the drafting, demolition, and construction plans of Phase 1 improvements. The Commission approved the project in the May 6, 2024 Regular Meeting. ACTION:
  - c. Consider for action the recommendation for three Speed Hump Installations for Thompson Drive (Roseland Subdivision). The estimated cost is \$16,225 and funding is available in TSPLOST. **ACTION:**
  - d. Consider for action the recommendation for nine Speed Hump Installations for Van Cise Lane (Van Cise Subdivision). The estimated cost is \$51,150 and funding is available in TSPLOST. **ACTION:**
  - e. Consider for action the recommendation for three Speed Hump Installations for Phoebe Road (Phoebe Park Subdivision). The estimated cost is \$17,055 and funding is available in TSPLOST. **ACTION:**

- <u>f.</u> Consider for action the Zoning Consideration of new owner and applicant, Sea Breeze Suburban, LLC, (24-006) request to rezone a 6.76 acre developed parcel from C-R (Community Residential Multiple-Dwelling District) to R-MHP (Mobile Home Park District). The rezoning would allow the current expired manufactured home park to be re-established to meet the regulations per Dougherty County Ordinance Part II, Chapter 2-9, Articles I & II. The property is at 3325 Sylvester Hwy. The Planning Commission recommends approval. The County Commission tabled the initial request presented in the March 18, 2024 Regular Meeting. Per the Albany-Dougherty County Zoning Ordinance Title III, Article 4, Section 4.04 C(2), the Board of Commissioners must take action within 70 days of the Public Hearing. Angel Gray, Deputy Director of Planning and Development Services, will address. ACTION:
- 9. Updates from the Acting County Administrator.
  - **a. REMINDER -** There will be no County Commission meeting on Monday, May 27, 2024 in observance of Memorial Day. The next Regular Meeting will Monday, June 3rd.
  - **b. UPDATE** The Finance Committee has revised the meeting schedule. They will meet immediately following the Regular Meeting today in Room 120 and at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, May 22nd also in Room 120.
- 10. Updates from the County Attorney.
- 11. Updates from the County Commission.
- 12. Adjourn.

# **Dougherty County's Vision Statement**

Dougherty County will be a committed leader in sustaining a high quality of life by partnering with citizens, businesses, and other government agencies to make this a community of choice for living, working, and leisure activities.

# **Dougherty County's Mission Statement**

To improve the quality of life for all our citizens by being accessible and good stewards of our resources while delivering cost-effective, responsive, services with integrity, fairness, and friendliness.

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# DOUGHERTY COUNTY COMMISSION

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# **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

### April 15, 2024

The Dougherty County Commission met in Room 100 of the Albany-Dougherty Government Center on April 15, 2024. Chairman Lorenzo Heard presided and called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Victor Edwards, Gloria Gaines, Russell Gray, Anthony Jones, Clinton Johnson, and Ed Newsome. Also present were County Attorney Alex Shalishali, Assistant County Administrator Barry Brooks, County Clerk Jawahn Ware and other staff. The public and representatives of the media participated in person and via live streaming of the meeting on the County's Facebook page and the government public access channel.

After the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance by the Chairman, he called for approval of the minutes of the March 18th Regular Meeting and March 25th Work Session.

Commissioner Edwards moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Newsome, the minutes were unanimously approved.

The Chairman recognized Kanisha Jones, Black Voters Matter Fund Southwest Georgia Regional Organizer, to accept the Proclamation of Dougherty County's support of closing Georgia's Health Insurance Coverage Gap. She answered questions posed by Commissioner Johnson and Commissioner Jones. The proclamation reads as follows:

WHEREAS 18% of people in Dougherty County do not have health insurance coverage and would be eligible if Georgia accepted federal Medicaid funding to expand coverage; and

WHEREAS, healthy citizens and access to affordable health care are key to Georgia's economy and critical to business, government, healthcare and families across Georgia; and

WHEREAS, closing the healthcare coverage gap would help Dougherty County thrive by increasing the number of insured members of our community, improve the financial footing of health care providers and hospitals who treat our residents, bring new economic activity to our County, and improve the financial position of local healthcare providers and hospitals, which act as an economic multiplier by creating community-based jobs, and buoying the hospitality, retail, transportation, and real estate sectors of our local economy; and WHEREAS, closing the health insurance coverage gap would extend affordable health insurance coverage to nearly 500,000 people across the State who cannot access the healthcare they need; and closing the healthcare coverage gap would foster a healthier workforce and boost workforce participation in Georgia; and

**WHEREAS,** federal funding from taxes that Georgians have already paid would cover 90% of costs for states closing the health insurance coverage gap to residents who need access to affordable health insurance; and

**WHEREAS,** additional incentive funds would flow under the American Rescue Plan with a two-year, five percent increase in the federal match-rate for Medicaid, which will bring an additional \$619 million to Georgia; and

WHEREAS, over the next six years, closing the health insurance coverage gap would create 20,000 new jobs in Georgia, yield a total savings of \$2.38 billion, and generate an annual economic impact of \$1.89 billion; and

WHEREAS, closing the healthcare coverage gap would increase coverage and access to healthcare for our veteran population to support and supplement the costs for their medical and mental health needs; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners of Dougherty Country, Georgia calls upon the General Assembly and the Governor of Georgia to close the health insurance coverage gap in 2024.

# BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA

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LORENZO L. HEARD, Chairman

The Chairman recognized Angelia Jones, Chair of the Historic Preservation Committee, to discuss historical markers in the unincorporated area of Dougherty County. South Central District is also known as the African-American historical area. She provided information pertaining to purchasing historic district signs/markers. There were no locations in the unincorporated area noted as historic and placing signs would require a process for placement. However, the areas within the City that have been designated do not require additional methods beyond deciding the type of sign. Commissioner Gaines requested that the trail mention W.E.B. Dubois' book "Souls of Black Folk" and be researched because our area is specifically noted. Commissioner Jones would like Ms. Jones to identify all the historic areas throughout the entire county, which included some areas that were already noted. Ms. Jones provided the process for designation. Attorney Shalishali did share the County's ordinance pertaining to historic preservation.

The Chairman called for consideration of the recommendation from the Public Works Department to purchase two light towers from the Sourcewell Contract Vendor, United Rentals (Leesburg, GA) in the amount of \$24,840. The light towers are necessary for emergency and overnight work and will be used in areas where lighting is scarce. Funding is budgeted in SPLOST VII. Assistant County Administrator Barry Brooks addressed. Public Works Director Chuck Mathis was present.

Commissioner Johnson moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Newsome, the motion for approval passed unanimously.

The Chairman called for consideration of the recommendation from Juvenile Court to apply for a Criminal Justice Incentive Grant Program in the amount of \$410,000 for Functional Family Therapy use. This is an annual request for the 100% grant with no local match.

Commissioner Johnson moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Edwards, the motion for approval passed unanimously.

The Chairman called for consideration of the recommendation from the Dougherty County Jail and Dougherty County Public Defender's Office to participate in the "My Justice Portal" pilot program. The program anticipates reducing back-logged cases in the court system and the average length-of-stay for jail inmates. The cost of the program is \$136,464 and funding is available in SPLOST V. The Public Safety Committee recommends the use of the application.

Commissioner Jones moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Johnson, the motion for approval passed unanimously.

The Chairman called for consideration of the recommendation from the Dougherty County Jail and Dougherty County Public Defender's Office to apply for a Georgia Bar Foundation Grant in the amount of \$140,000 for the "My Justice Portal" pilot program. Approval of the grant application is requested to offset the cost of the program.

Commissioner Newsome moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Gray, the motion for approval passed unanimously.

The Chairman called for consideration to accept the resolution declaring a 2013 Dodge Charger (from the Dougherty County Police) as surplus and authorize the sale through Charles Taylor TPA. Assistant County Administrator Barry Brooks addressed. Mr. Brooks shared that this is standard information to transfer property to our TPA.

Commissioner Johnson moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Edwards, the motion for approval passed unanimously. Resolution 24-017 is entitled:

# A RESOLUTION

# ENTITLED

# A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE AS SURPLUS A SALVAGED 2013 DODGE CHARGER (VIN NO. 2C3CDXAT9DH694776) AND HAVE SAID SURPLUSED SALVAGED VEHICLE DISPOSED OF THROUGH CHARLES TAYLOR TPA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY'S THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATOR; REPEALING RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSE.

The Chairman called for consideration of the resolution providing for the approval and execution of two Permanent Sewer Easements to the City of Albany for the purpose of allowing the City to erect, construct, install, operate, inspect and repair sewer infrastructure on County-owned property across from the National Guard Armory between N. Jefferson and Monroe Street. County Attorney Alex Shalishali and Jeff Hughes, City of Albany Sewer Projects Engineer addressed.

Commissioner Gaines motioned for approval and received a second by Commissioner Jones. Commissioner Johnson motioned to table and Commissioner Gray seconded the motion. Under discussion, Attorney Shalishali shared that this was part of the City's sewer project and Mr. Hughes addressed questions of the Board. The Commission was concerned with the impact on the County's development plan. There being no further discussion, the motion to table passed unanimously by roll call.

Mr. Brooks reminded the Board of upcoming National Crime Victim's Week and joint proclamation signing. He also reminded the Board that there will be no Commission meeting on Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Commissioner Jones thanked Ms. Angie Jones for her update to the Board.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 11:01 a.m.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK

#### DOUGHERTY COUNTY COMMISSION

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# WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES

#### April 29, 2024

The Dougherty County Commission met in Room 100 of the Albany-Dougherty Government Center on April 29, 2024. Chairman Lorenzo Heard presided and called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Victor Edwards, Gloria Gaines, Russell Gray, Clinton Johnson, Anthony Jones, and Ed Newsome. Also present were Assistant County Administrator Barry Brooks, County Attorney Alex Shalishali, County Clerk Jawahn Ware, and other staff. The public and representatives of the media participated in person and via live streaming of the meeting on the County's Facebook page and the government public access channel.

After the invocation by Chairman Heard, he asked the Commission to review the minutes of the April 1st Regular Meeting, April 8th Work Session, and April 8th Special Called Meeting.

The Chairman recognized Chief Executive Officer of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Albany, Jacqueline Robinson, to introduce herself to the Board. Before leaving Albany, Ms. Robinson served as the Chief Operating Officer under Director Marvin Laster. She is the 1st female CEO in the local organization's history. Questions were answered for the Board and kudos were provided alongside welcoming her back to Albany.

The Chairman recognized Clennon L. King, Cultural Projects Consultant, AugustineMonica Films, to inform the Commission of the historic and cultural significance of events and individuals from Albany, GA, and request the Commission establish a Dougherty County Black Heritage Trail, to include the commissioning of the design and erecting of historic markers to underscore the region's cultural value and enhance it as a tourist destination. After presenting an interactive video to the Board, he shared that he was requesting to first create a virtual tour, then a physical 20-stop tour, and place an artistic marker (for example: statue) at the Courthouse. The presentation was welcomed because one of the Board's goals was tourism. Commissioner Jones shared that this was an opportunity for collaboration with the Historic Preservation Commission, Artesian Alliance, Welcome Center and others. Commissioners Gray and Newsome suggested that the Convention and Visitor's Bureau (CVB) be included because they have already started [a project] on the federal level and have funding available and Mr. King's expertise would be needed. Commissioner Ewards asked that our County Administrator initiate a meeting between all parties, but Mr. King was reluctant to partner. The Chairman said that he would like for the County to remain involved and there will be an initial meeting spearheaded by our Board that will involve all Commissioners, staff, and other stakeholders.

The Chairman recognized Angelia Jones, Chair of the Historic Preservation Committee, who shared that she agreed with Mr. King's presentation. She mentioned how the Welcome Center and Executive Director of the Albany Convention and Visitors Bureau Rashelle Minix attempted to present this request approximately 10 years ago but there was no interest. She stressed collaboration for the project.

The Chairman called for the zoning discussion of JFT Public Properties LP, Mark Taylor, applicant and owner (24-015) request to rezone a 20.37-acre undeveloped parcel from C-3c (Commercial Business District, Conditional) to C-R (Community Residential Multiple Dwelling District). The rezoning would allow the development of a townhouse subdivision. The property is on a South Mock Road parcel. The Planning Commission's public hearing will be May 2, 2024 and a recommendation will be provided. Planning & Development Services Director, Paul Forgey, addressed. The Board of Commissioner's Public Hearing and Action on this item are scheduled for the May 6, 2024 Regular Meeting. Mr. Forgey shared that this was odd that the Planning Commission will meet after the Board of Commissioners. However, the process is not impacted because the consideration was introduced. The Planning Commission's vote was just not available today. Commissioner Gray wanted to ensure that no discussion would influence the Planning Commission's consideration. Mr. Forgey shared that he could address any questions from the staff report.

The Chairman called for the zoning discussion of Tommy Crosby, applicant and owner (24-021) request to rezone a 3.69-acre from AG (Agricultural District) and C-2 (General Mixed-Use Business District) to C-3 (Commercial District). The rezoning would allow for the operation of a manufactured home sales and repair business. The property address is 1932 Liberty Expressway. The Planning Commission's public hearing will be May 2, 2024 and a recommendation will be provided. Planning & Development Services Director, Paul Forgey, addressed. The Board of Commissioner's Public Hearing and Action on this item are scheduled for the May 6, 2024 Regular Meeting. Commissioner Edwards said that work had commenced, and Mr. Forgey shared he would investigate because no work should have started.

The Chairman called for a recommendation from the Dougherty County Sheriff's Office to purchase one 2024 Ford F150 Police Responder 4X4 in the amount \$55,095 from State Contract vendor, Wade Ford (Smyrna, Ga). Funding is available in SPLOST VIII. Assistant County Administrator Barry Brooks and Major Ken Faust were present.

The Chairman called for a recommendation from Facilities Management to purchase one 2023 Ford F350 Super Duty Service Truck in the amount \$75,414 from State Contract vendor, Wade Ford (Smyrna, Ga). Funding is available in SPLOST VIII. The truck is upfitted with a service body and is available for delivery. Assistant County Administrator Barry Brooks and Facilities Management Director Heidi Hailey were present.

The Chairman called for a recommendation from Facilities Management to accept the quotes to replace the Air Handling Unit (AHU) #9 and controls at the Dougherty County Health Department for a total expenditure of \$130,917.20. Service Pro's (Leesburg, Ga) is the lowest quoted vendor to replace the AHU in the amount of \$62,317.20. Sole source vendor, ESS (Albany, Ga) will replace the controls in the amount of \$68,600. Funding is budgeted in SPLOST VII. Assistant County Administrator Barry Brooks and Facilities Management Director Heidi Hailey were present.

The Chairman called for a recommendation from Facilities Management to accept the quote to paint the hallways on the first floor of the Central Square Building from the lowest quoted vendor

MSK, LLC (Leesburg, Ga) in the amount of \$27,950. Funding is budgeted in SPLOST VII. Assistant County Administrator Barry Brooks addressed. Facilities Management Director Heidi Hailey was present.

The Chairman called for a recommendation to accept the Work Based Learning Program Agreement between Dougherty County and Turner Job Corps (TJC) Center. Assistant County Administrator Barry Brooks, HR Director Erica Potts and TJC Director Nathaniel Cooper were present. Mr. Brooks shared that the County Administration was working with the center.

The Chairman called for a recommendation from the Retirement Fund Committee to accept Amendment Number Two to the Dougherty County Defined Benefit Retirement Plan and Trust. Assistant County Administrator Barry Brooks, HR Director Erica Potts, and County Attorney Alex Shalishali addressed. Benefits Law Group Attorney Terri Taylor was present via teleconference. It was noted that the 401(a) qualifications do not qualify for the defined benefit plan. Mr. Brooks shared that it impacted the senior management team and there will be one choice at the time of hire. The change will only impact Mr. Brooks and future [external] senior management hires. Commissioner Newsome shared that this request "cleans up" an action taken earlier that the benefits attorney deemed should not have been done. Commissioner Newsome further noted that this allowed Dougherty County to attract additional personnel based on better benefits. Mr. Brooks will provide financial impact numbers for Commissioner Gaines but shared that it would be a miniscule impact because there were still over 600 participants in the plan. If a senior management employee opted to not participate in the defined benefit plan, there would not be a 3% contribution.

The Chairman called for a recommendation from the Retirement Fund Committee to change Dougherty County's current Retirement Life Insurance (Death Benefit) from Lincoln Financial to Securian. HUB International representatives, FSA Glen Gahan and Senior Strategic Account Executive Christi Speck addressed. Assistant County Administrator Barry Brooks and HR Director Erica Potts were present. Ms. Speck provided an overview of the RFP process.

The Chairman called for a recommendation to ratify the application to the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) Grant Program and accept the award in the amount of \$40,485. There is a local fund share amount of \$2,429.10 required. The grant will be used to update the Dougherty County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan to meet the federal requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000. The local funding requirements will be offset by volunteer time. EMA Director Chief Cedric Scott and Consultant, Disaster Recovery & Grant Programs, Georgia Collier-Bolling addressed. Ms. Collier-Bolling provided an overview and shared that it was time for our plan to be updated. Chief Scott clarified that the use was for consultant fees [to prepare the plan]. It was noted that the consultant fee was approximate and may be lowered. If so, the County's maximum match is 6% and the maximum grant amount is \$40,485. Mr. Brooks clarified that the County labor could be considered in-kind.

The Chairman called for a recommendation to transfer property at 2419 Sylvester Highway to the Albany Dougherty Land Bank. County Attorney Alex Shalishali and Planning & Development Services Director, Paul Forgey addressed. The Land Bank would receive a 10% administrative fee and Commissioner Edwards inquired about doing the same [in regard to transferring land] for

the Fire Department on Mock Road. Mr. Brooks shared that he believed the building was now under new ownership of the City of Albany.

The Chairman called for the recommendation to work with the Artesian Alliance to demo the current Festival Springs Fountain for the drafting and construction of plans that will replace the current splashpad. Dougherty County will work in partnership with the Artesian Alliance for Phase I. Assistant County Administrator Barry Brooks and Facilities Management Director Heidi Hailey addressed. Artesian Alliance Executive Director Tommy Gregors was present to share the Flint RiverQuarium Master Plan and the redevelopment of River Front Park. Mr. Brooks provided an overview of the 1<sup>st</sup> phase which would include an interactive water feature for the public. Ms. Hailey shared that the current fountain was failing, and Mr. Gregors was willing to work with the Board to mitigate costs for Chehaw during construction.

The Chairman called for the recommendation of the proposed board appointments. County Clerk Jawahn Ware addressed. Mrs. Ware asked the Board to please see the information presented in the packet.

<u>Albany-Dougherty Land Bank Authority</u>- There is one County appointment with a two-year term ending July 31, 2026. Assistant County Administrator Barry Brooks recommended the reappointment of incumbent Jim McBride. The bylaws require a recommendation to be provided from the listing of applicants.

<u>ASPIRE Behavioral Health & Developmental Disability Services Board</u>- There is one appointment with a three-year term ending June 30, 2027. Incumbent Dr. Eugene Sherman desires reappointment. There are two new applicants: Nathaniel Cooper III and Commissioner Clinton Johnson.

<u>Citizens Transportation Committee</u> – There is one appointment with a three–year unexpired term ending December 31, 2025. There are no new applicants. There is one vacancy.

<u>Department of Family & Children Services</u> – There are two appointments with a five-year term ending June 30, 2029. Incumbents Henry Mathis, Jr. and Barbara Johnson Clark desire reappointment. There are three new applicants: Nathaniel Cooper III, Christy Faison, and Martez Favis.

<u>Electrical Board</u> – There are four appointments: one County appointment for a Master Electrician, one joint appointment for an Electrical Supplier, one joint appointment for a Professional Engineer and one appointment for a joint citizen member, all with a one-year term ending December 31, 2024. There are no new applicants. All joint appointments must be ratified by the City of Albany. There are four vacancies.

<u>Fire Code Board of Appeals</u> – There are three appointments with a three-year unexpired term ending December 31, 2025. There are no new applicants. There are three vacancies.

<u>Flood Plain Management Review Board</u> – There is one County appointment with a three-year unexpired term ending December 31, 2024. There are no new applicants. There is one vacancy.

<u>Gas Board</u> – There is one County appointment with a one-year term ending December 31, 2024. There are no new applicants. All joint appointments must be ratified by the City of Albany. There is one vacancy.

<u>Planning Commission</u> – There is one County appointment with a three-year unexpired term ending December 31, 2025. Incumbent Billy Merrit is no longer able to serve. There are two new applicants: Casey Beane and Demetrius Love. There is one vacancy.

Mr. Brooks shared that notices went to the public regarding revaluation, and it was a state requirement for the County to have a total revaluation. He also mentioned that a Governmental Affairs Meeting was being scheduled to review the vegetation and timber harvest ordinances. Attorney Shalishali provided the broad authority given to the Development Authority and noted the limitations of them only being able to issue revenue bonds. They cannot issue any bonds that would bind the Board. The Development Authority cannot operate the project but can only provide financing. Our authority has been inactive for many years, but we do have other active authorities [with similar capabilities]. It was also shared that the Payroll Development Authority (PDA) does have a significant overlap [in function] but the difference is who appoints the members. Mr. Brooks would like staff to have the Development Authority reactivated with special goals. Commissioner Gray shared that PDA was very viable and could be used. Commissioner Edwards inquired about the County picnic and Commissioner Johnson inquired about alley paving. Mr. Brooks provided an update that the funding for the alley paving was matched with the TSPLOST interest. It was noted that use of interest was designed to cover any shortfalls. Commissioner Johnson also said that he met a vendor at the ACCG conference and would like him to present information. Commissioner Gaines recognized Chairman Heard for completing the ACCG Core Certification, Commissioner Jones for completing Quality Life/Social Issues Specialty Certification, Commissioner Newsome for completing Public Safety Specialty Certification and Commissioner Johnson was recognized as the incoming 1st Vice President. PIO Phyllis Banks was thanked for her hard work, especially with her effectiveness on social media. Commissioner Jones inquired about our current code not having replacement [of damage by large trucks] for our roads. Chairman Heard said that this was Dougherty County Spirit Week and citizens would see staff dressed more creatively. Individuals who were dressed for mismatch day were recognized (in the meeting earlier).

There being no further business to discuss the Commission the meeting adjourned at 12:24 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK



Item 6c.

# Board Of Commissioners





# Proclamation

National Public Works Week Proclamation

May 19–25, 2024

"Advancing Quality of Life for All"

WHEREAS, public works professionals focus on infrastructure, facilities and services that are of vital importance to sustainable and resilient communities and to the public health, high quality of life and well-being of the people of Dougherty County, Albany, Georgia; and,

WHEREAS, these infrastructure, facilities and services could not be provided without the dedicated efforts of public works professionals, who are engineers, managers, and employees at all levels of government and the private sector, who are responsible for rebuilding, improving, and protecting our nation's transportation, water supply, water treatment and solid waste systems, public buildings, and other structures and facilities essential for our citizens; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest for the citizens, civic leaders and children in Dougherty County, Albany, Georgia to gain knowledge of and to maintain an ongoing interest and understanding of the importance of public works and public works programs in their respective communities; and,

WHEREAS, the year 2024 marks the 64th annual National Public Works Week sponsored by the American Public Works Association/Canadian Public Works Association be it now,

RESOLVED, I, Lorenzo L. Heard, Commission Chairman, do hereby designate the week May 19-25, 2024 as National Public Works Week; J urge all citizens to join with representatives of the American Public Works Association and government agencies in activities, events, and ceremonies designed to pay tribute to our public works professionals, engineers, managers, and employees and to recognize the substantial contributions they make to protecting our national health, safety, and quality of life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Dougherty, Georgia to be affixed,

DONE in Dougherty County, Albany, Georgia this 20th day of May 2024.

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Item	Description	Qty	Unit	Unit Price	Extension	
1	21' Speed Hump (Materials)	3	EA	\$1,625.00	\$4,875.00	
2	Speed Hump Signs	6	EA	\$225.00	\$1,350.00	
3	Shipping Estimate	1	LS	\$400.00	\$400.00	
4	Contractor Installation	3	EA	\$3,200.00	\$9,600.00	
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Item	Description	Qty	Unit	Unit Price	Extension	
1	24' Speed Hump (Materials)	9	EA	\$1,900.00	\$17,100.00	
2	Speed Hump Signs	18	EA	\$225.00	\$4,050.00	
3	Shipping Estimate	1	LS	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	
4	Contractor Installation	9	EA	\$3,200.00	\$28,800.00	
			TOTAL CO	OST ESTIMATE	\$51,150.00	
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% of P	etitiion Signatures Obtained:	80%				
All Re	quirements Met:	Yes				
Pheobe Road - Construction Cost Estimate (4/2023)						
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ltem	Description	Qty	Unit	Unit Price	Extension	
1	24' Speed Hump (Materials)	3	EA	\$1,900.00	\$5,700.00	
2	Speed Hump Signs	6	EA	\$225.00 \$405.00	\$1,350.00	
3 4	Shipping Estimate Contractor Installation	1 3	LS EA	\$405.00 \$3.200.00	\$405.00 \$9,600.00	
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# City of Albany Engineering Department

Traffic Division



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Appendix B - Petition Cover Letter

Date: 8823

Dougherty County Public Works Engineering Division 2038 Newton Road Albany, Georgia 31701

Attn: Engineering Manager

SPEED KU Petition for Location THOMPSON DRWE (POSELAND S/1

WE THE UNDERSIGNED, ALL BEING PROPERTY OWNERS IN **CELAND** NEIGHBORHOOD, ON **CELAND** 

THERE ARE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ NUMBER OF LOTS CURRENTLY EXISTING IN "\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ AND EACH OWNER AS SHOWN ON THE TAX RECORDS HAVE AFFIRMATIVELY SIGNED THIS PETITION OR THEIR INDICATION FOR DISAPPROVAL IS NOTED HEREIN.

THIS PETITION REPRESENTS \_% OF THE PROPERTY OWNERS OF THIS SUBDIVISION TO BE IMPACTED JOINING IN THIS REQUEST.

\*Special Note\*

Your signature on this petition indicates that you have read and fully understand all information concerning the traffic-calming program.

Sworn and Subscribed before me.

This day of 20 23

Homeowners' Assn. or Neighborhood Rec Subscribing Witness

Notary Public State of Georgia





# THOMPSON

Item 7a.

#### Appendix B - Petition Cover Letter

Date: 04/05/24

Dougherty County Public Works Engineering Division 2038 Newton Road Albany, Georgia 31701

#### Attn: Engineering Manager

Location

Petition for Traffic Calming Speed Bumps

Van Cise Lane

WE THE UNDERSIGNED, ALL BEING PROPERTY OWNERS IN Van Cise NEIGHBORHOOD, ON Van Cise Lane STREET, DO HERBY PETITION THROUGH OUR COMMUNITY FOR INSTALLATION OF 9 speed bumps AND AGREE TO PAY \$0 TO DOUGHERTY COUNTY PRIOR TO INSTALLATION OF ANY TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES AS OUTLINED IN THE FUNDING SECTION OF THE TRAFFIC CALMING PROGRAM.

THERE ARE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_NUMBER OF LOTS CURRENTLY EXISTING IN "\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Van Cise Lane \_\_\_\_\_\_" AND EACH OWNER AS SHOWN ON THE TAX RECORDS HAVE AFFIRMATIVELY SIGNED THIS PETITION OR THEIR INDICATION FOR DISAPPROVAL IS NOTED HEREIN.

THIS PETITION REPRESENTS \_\_\_\_\_64 \_\_\_\_% OF THE PROPERTY OWNERS OF THIS SUBDIVISION TO BE IMPACTED JOINING IN THIS REQUEST.

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Sworn and Subscribed before me.

This day of

Public Notary ] Georgia State of



Homeowners' Assn. or Neighborhood Rep.

Subscribing Witness



# VAN CISE

#### Appendix B - Petition Cover Letter

Date:

**Dougherty County Public Works Engineering Division** 2038 Newton Road Albany, Georgia 31701

Attn: Engineering Manager

3 SPEED BUMPS Petition for Phoebe Road Location

WE THE UNDERSIGNED, ALL BEING PROPERTY OWNERS IN\_ Phoebe Roak STREET. DO NEIGHBORHOOD, ON HERBY PETITION, THROUGH OUR COMMUNITY FOR INSTALLATION OF BUMPS Speed AND AGREE TO PAY TO DOUGHERTY COUNTY PRIOR TO INSTALLATION OF ANY TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES AS OUTLINED IN THE FUNDING SECTION OF THE TRAFFIC CALMING PROGRAM.

THERE ARE NUMBER OF LOTS CURRENTLY EXISTING IN 50 " AND EACH OWNER AS SHOWN heobe Park ON THE TAX RECORDS HAVE AFFIRMATIVELY SIGNED THIS PETITION OR THEIR INDICATION FOR DISAPPROVAL IS NOTED HEREIN.

80 THIS PETITION REPRESENTS % OF THE PROPERTY OWNERS OF THIS SUBDIVISION TO BE IMPACTED JOINING IN THIS REQUEST.

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Your signature on this petition indicates that you have read and fully understand all information concerning the traffic-calming program.

Personally, appeared before me a Notary Public, the undersigned affiant, who says an oath that Viderial Cheatham is one of the subscribing witnesses to the within instrument; that each of said witnesses saw the execution and delivery of the same by each grantor therein for the purpose set forth; and that each of said witnesses signed the same as purported.

Sworn and Subscribed before me.

This day of 907

WILLIAN MANUNAN Notary Public State of Georgia

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Subscribing Witness



# PHOEBE

# Solid Waste FY 24 Budget Amendment

Recommendation from Solid Waste to amend the Solid Waste Operating Budget by transferring \$80,900 from use of Fund Balance to the following various accounts. The amendment is required due to the increased costs in heavy equipment maintenance.

Transfer \$62,000 to equipment maintenance – 5404530-522224 Transfer \$5,000 to vehicle maintenance – 5404530-522220 Transfer \$1,000 to general supplies – 5404530-531100 Transfer \$10,000 to gasoline – 5404530-531270 Transfer \$2,000 to uniforms – 5404530-531722 Transfer \$900 to floor mats – 5404530-52231



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SUBJECT:	Agenda "Action Item" May 20, 2024, Zoning 24-006 3225 Sylvester Hwy District 6
FROM:	M. Angel Gray, Deputy Director of Planning & Development Services Paul Forgey, AICP, CFM, Director of Planning & Development Services PF
TO:	Jawahn Ware, CPM, Dougherty County Clerk
DATE:	May 15, 2024

**Zoning Action 24-006;** The applicant requests to rezone a 6.76-acre developed parcel from C-R (Community Residential Multiple-Dwelling District) to R-MHP (Mobile Home Park District). The rezoning would allow the current expired manufactured home park to be re-established to meet the regulations per Dougherty County Ordinance Part II Chapter 2-9 Articles I & II. **District 6** 

We request that an Action Item be added to the May 20, 2024, Dougherty County Commission Meeting Agenda. The Zoning Case 24-006 3225 Sylvester Hwy was presented at the Public Hearing on March 18, 2024, where the Dougherty Commission tabled the decision for rezoning until the Dougherty County Public Works could assess the property for wetlands and citizen concerns for water accumulation on Bennet Drive.

The Albany-Dougherty County Zoning Ordinance Title III Article 4 Section 4.04 C (2) requires decisions for zoning action must be made within seventy (70) days of the Public Hearing. Adding the item to the May 20, 2024, agenda complies with the timeframe in which we are on the cusp of the deadline.

The concerns have been addressed by Staff and the new owners (Sea Breeze Suburban, LLC) are prepared to update the Dougherty County Commission to receive a decision of zoning change.

# The new applicant information:

Operating LLC Manager of Sea breeze Suburban, LLC; Gary R. Osterberg CPA; PO Box 8869 – Newport Beach, CA 92658-8869 GaryOsterberg@gmail.com \* Tel: 562-400 -5570

Should you need further information, I am available by phone or email at 229-302-1849 or <u>mgray@albany.gov</u>

### PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

A FAMILY CENTERED MANUFACTURED HOME COMMUNITY

May 15, 2024

3225 Sylvester Road - Albany GA 31705 Rezoning Information

Dear Ms. Gray and Rezoning Committee Members,

Thank you for your assistance in providing the necessary information for us to complete for Mondays Rezoning Meeting at 222 Pine Ste #100 (commissioners office) in Albany, GA at 10AM. Since I will not personally be able to attend the meeting, our manager as well as our real estate agent Malinda Pollock will be present to answer any questions you may have.

Prior to our ownership heard that a resident on the other side our property had complained about water leak at a past rezoning meeting. After we purchased the property we researched this and discovered a large water leak on the property. We then notified the City of Albany who repaired the leak and happily it is no longer an issue. Hopefully with this issue behind us we can now respectfully request that the current zoning revert back to its original use prior to the tornado in 2017 as a mobile home park.

Ms. Gray kindly provided us information to Amend the Zoning Map of Dougherty County, Verification of Ownership and The Applicant/Agent Disclosure Campaign Contribution forms which are notarized and attached.

Please note we have been a good neighbor to the City of Albany by upgrading and improving the quality of life for residents at our next door Suburban Mobile Home Community (located 3205 Sylvester Road) and have provided a few pictures reflecting the quality of our current community which adjoins this parcel.

Our intention in the future to also clean up this property and provide the same quality affordable mobile homes onto this property at 3225 Sylvester Road for Albany residents however, rezoning is imperative to accomplish such. To that end we have also enclosed:

- 1) A few pictures to give you an indication of the quality lifestyle we provide to our residents.
- 2) Copy of our Settlement Statement showing our purchase ownership
- 3) Quit Claim deed showing the previous owners ownership
- 4) Notice and Disclaimer to Borrowers (Purchasers) and Sellers
- 5) Ou manager will bring a Site Plan for your review.
- 6) The balance of our purchase sale document are being mailed to us by our attorney thus we can provide additional items as requested.

In conclusion, we thank Ms. Gray and the committee for assisting us in our rezoning efforts and my representatives at the meeting will be happy to answer any questions you may have to proceed with the rezoning.

Sincerely,

Gary Osterberg-Manager Sea Breeze Suburban, LLC PO Box 8869 Newport Beach, AC 92658-8869