

DOUGHERTY COUNTY COMMISSION

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

April 1, 2024

The Dougherty County Commission met in Room 100 of the Albany-Dougherty Government Center on April 1, 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, and Ed Newsome. Also present were Assistant County Administrator Barry Brooks, 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. County Attorney Alex Shalishali participated via teleconference and County Clerk Jawahn Ware was present online. Commissioner Clinton Johnson was absent.

After the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance by the Chairman, he called for approval of the minutes of the March 4th Regular Meeting and March 11th Work Session.

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

The Chairman called for consideration of the resolution providing for the acceptance and execution of the proposal for Disaster Debris Removal Services from the most responsive and responsible vendor meeting specifications, Ceres Environmental Services, Inc. (Sarasota, FL), subject to execution of the contract by the Acting County Administrator. The proposal is for a total, complete, turn-key disaster disposal relief service to be utilized on an as needed basis in the occurrence of a major storm event. This will be a one-year contract with four options to renew for additional one-year terms. If required, funding will be provided by the Special Services District Fund.

Commissioner Newsome moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Gray, the motion for approval passed unanimously. Resolution 24-010 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION

ENTITLED A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF  
THE PROPOSAL FOR DISASTER DEBRIS REMOVAL SERVICES FROM  
THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE VENDOR MEETING  
SPECIFICATIONS, CERES ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS, INC.;  
REPEALING RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS IN  
CONFLICT HEREWITH;  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Chairman called for consideration of the resolution providing for the acceptance and execution of the bid for Phase III Alley Improvements for Public Works from the most responsive and responsible bidder meeting specifications, Concrete Enterprises (Albany, GA) in the amount of \$1,496,873.04, subject to execution by the Acting County Administrator. Funding is budgeted in T-SPLOST.

Commissioner Gray moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Newsome, the motion for approval passed unanimously. Resolution 24-011 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION  
ENTITLED A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE  
ACCEPTANCE AND EXECUTION OF THE CONTRACT TO  
ACCEPT THE BID FROM THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE AND  
RESPONSIBLE BIDDER MEETING SPECIFICATIONS,  
CONCRETE ENTERPRISES, FOR PHASE III ALLEY  
IMPROVEMENTS FOR PUBLIC WORKS; REPEALING  
RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT  
HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Chairman called for consideration of the resolution providing for the acceptance and execution of the agreement from Granicus (Denver, Colorado) in the amount of \$48,820, subject to execution by the Acting County Administrator. The recommendation includes the product, maintenance, and services for Government Experience Cloud (SERVE), Government Experience Cloud (SERVE) Set-up and Configuration, and Government Experience Cloud (SERVE) Training. Maintenance costs for year two is \$21,464.20 and year three is \$22,966.69. Funding for the first year will be available in General Fund-Contingency.

Commissioner Gaines moved for approval. Commissioner Newsome seconded the motion. Under discussion, Commissioner Gaines requested a schedule of implementation for the new web services. There being no further discussion, the motion for approval passed unanimously. Resolution 24-012 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION  
ENTITLED  
A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ACCEPTANCE AND  
APPROVAL AND EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT WITH GRANICUS  
TO PROVIDE PRODUCT, MAINTENANCE, SET UP,  
CONFIGURATION AND SERVICES FOR GOVERNMENT  
EXPERIENCE CLOUD (SERVE); REPEALING RESOLUTIONS OR  
PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR  
OTHER PURPOSES.

The Chairman called for consideration of the resolution declaring the listed vehicles and equipment as surplus and authorizing the disposal of or sale of same via an online auction.

Commissioner Gaines moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Newsome, the motion for approval passed unanimously. Resolution 24-013 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION  
ENTITLED  
A RESOLUTION DECLARING AS SURPLUS THE  
ATTACHED LIST OF EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLES;  
PROVIDING FOR DISPOSAL OF OR SALE OF SAME VIA  
AN ONLINE AUCTION; REPEALING PRIOR RESOLUTIONS  
IN CONFLICT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Chairman called for consideration to approve the alcohol application from Jimmy Sylvester Investments LLC, Azim Abdul Sultan Shroff licensee, dba Kash Food Mart, at 3333 Sylvester Road for Package- Beer and Wine. The Albany-Dougherty Marshal's Office recommended approval.

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

The Chairman called for consideration to approve the alcohol application from SVR Brands, Inc., Prashant Patel licensee, dba Big E Country Store, at 2100 Cordele Road for Package-Beer and Wine. The Albany-Dougherty Marshal's Office recommended approval.

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

The Chairman called for consideration of the resolution providing for the acceptance and execution of the Statewide Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement with the State of Georgia. The contract allows Dougherty County to make agreements for mutual aid assistance in emergencies.

Commissioner Newsome moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Gray, the motion for approval passed unanimously. Resolution 24-014 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION  
ENTITLED  
A RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL AND EXECUTION OF THE  
MUTUAL AID AND ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT RENEWAL  
WITH THE STATE OF GEORGIA ALLOWING DOUGHERTY  
COUNTY TO MAKE AGREEMENTS FOR MUTUAL AID

ASSISTANCE IN EMERGENCIES; REPEALING RESOLUTIONS  
OR PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH;  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Chairman called for consideration of the resolution declaring two Stryker Pro-Cot Stretchers as surplus and authorizing the Intergovernmental Transfer of the same at no cost of the same to Albany Technical College. The equipment will be used by the college's Paramedicine Program.

Commissioner Gray moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Gaines, the motion for approval passed unanimously. Resolution 24-015 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION  
ENTITLED  
A RESOLUTION DECLARING TWO COUNTY-  
OWNED STRYKER PRO-COT STRETCHERS AS  
SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER  
AT NO COST FOR THE SAME TO ALBANY  
TECHNICAL COLLEGE; REPEALING  
RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS IN  
CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES.

The Chairman called for consideration of the resolution providing for the acceptance of the proposed Emergency Medical Service Standby Event & Service Priority Policy effective April 1, 2024.

Commissioner Gray moved for approval. Commissioner Newsome seconded the motion. Under discussion, Commissioner Edwards' questions were addressed by Mr. Brooks, Commissioner Gaines, Gray, and Jones. Attorney Shalishali interjected and redirected the conversation to that subject to an open meeting. There being no further discussion, the motion for approval passed with six ayes and one nay by Commissioner Edwards. Resolution 24-016 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION  
ENTITLED  
A RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL AND ACCEPTANCE OF  
THE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PUBLIC HEALTH  
COMMITTEE TO ACCEPT THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL  
SERVICE STANDBY EVENT & SERVICE PRIORITY POLICY;  
REPEALING RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS  
IN CONFLICT HEREWITH;  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Chairman called for consideration of the recommendation to present to the City of Albany the proposed Memorandum of Understanding regarding the construction of a tennis center. Commissioner Gaines moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Gray, the motion for approval passed unanimously.

Commissioner Edwards shared that he distributed a memorandum of the County Government structure and requested that it be reviewed and submitted for ordinance review. He also inquired about the requested meeting regarding the County's Internship Program and the expectations of the Board. He also reported a roadway issue in the Radium Springs area, noting that it may be in the city limits. Commissioner Jones updated the Board on the funding received from the State Legislators for the Westtown Library improvements. The Board and the public were invited to the upcoming Dollars Make Sense Literacy program graduation. The Chairman requested prayers for the Board's Clerk and Deputy Clerk who both experience death in their families.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

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CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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COUNTY CLERK