



## REGULAR MEETING

April 15, 2024  
10:00 AM

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

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### 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](https://facebook.com/Dougherty.ga.us) or viewing the public government access channel (Channel 16).

1. Call the meeting to order by Chairman Lorenzo Heard.
2. Roll Call.
3. Invocation.
4. Pledge of Allegiance.
5. Minutes.
  - a. Consider for action the Minutes of the March 18th Regular Meeting and March 25th 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. Kanisha Jones, Black Voters Matter Fund Southwest Georgia Regional Organizer, present to accept the Proclamation of Dougherty County's support of closing Georgia's Health Insurance Coverage Gap.
  - b. Angelia Jones, Representative of the Historic Preservation Committee, present to discuss historical markers in the unincorporated area of Dougherty County.
7. Purchases.
  - a. Consider for action 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 will address. Public Works Director Chuck Mathis is present. **ACTION:**

8. Additional Business.
  - a. Consider for action 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. **ACTION:**
  - b. Consider for action 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. **ACTION:**
  - c. Consider for action 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. **ACTION:**
  - d. Consider for action the recommendation 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 will address. **ACTION:**
  - e. Consider for action 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 will address. Jeff Hughes, City of Albany Sewer Projects Engineer is present. **ACTION:**
9. Updates from the Assistant County Administrator.
  - a. **National Crime Victims Rights Week is April 21-26, 2024.** The Chairman and Mayor will be signing the Joint Proclamation on Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at Phoebe Northwest Conference Center, 2336 Dawson Road, Albany, GA at 9:00 AM. All are welcome to attend.
  - b. **REMINDER** - There will be NO County Commission meeting on Monday, April 22, 2024. The next meeting will be a Work Session in Room 100 on April 29, 2024.
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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