



## WORK SESSION

April 08, 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. Minutes.
  - a. Minutes of the March 18th Regular Meeting and March 25th Work Session.
4. 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. Coroner Michael Fowler is present to update the Commission on the 2024 Swim for Life program.
5. Additional Business.
  - a. 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. Juvenile Court Clerk Tequilla Woods is present to address.
  - b. Recommendation from the Dougherty County Jail and Dougherty County Public Defender's Office to participate in the "My Justice Portal" pilot program. The "My Justice Portal" is an application that can be deployed on inmate tablets and enhances the quality, frequency, and confidentiality of inmate/attorney communication between the inmate and Public Defender's Office. The program anticipates reducing backlogged 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. Grant funding is desired. The Public Safety Committee recommends the use of the application. Public Safety Committee Chairman Anthony Jones, Assistant County Administrator Barry Brooks, and Chief Jailer John Ostrander will address.

- c. 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. Chief Jailer John Ostrander and Disaster Recovery and Grants, Program Manager, Harriet Y. Hollis are present to address.
  - d. Recommendation to approve the Memorandum of Agreement with Albany Technical College on behalf of the Dougherty County Sheriff's Office authorizing assistance to each other during a local emergency. Assistant County Administrator Barry Brooks will address. Chief Jailer John Ostrander is present.
6. Updates from the Assistant County Administrator.
- a. **REMINDER** - There will be a Special Called Meeting for the Retirement Fund Committee on Wednesday, April 10th at 9 am.
  - b. **REMINDER** - There is a Special Called Meeting scheduled immediately following the Work Session.
7. Updates from the County Attorney.
8. Updates from the County Commission.
9. Adjourn.

## **10. 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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