



REGULAR MEETING

January 08, 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 Chairman Lorenzo Heard.
2. Roll Call.
3. Invocation.
4. Pledge of Allegiance.
5. Recognition of Commissioner Gloria Gaines, Vice Chairman for Calendar Year 2024 per Resolution No. 91-011.
6. Minutes.
 - a. Consider for action the Minutes of the December 4th Regular Meeting and December 11th Special Called Meeting.
7. 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. Alyse Wolf, Southwest Regional Outreach Coordinator, on behalf of U.S. Senator Jon Ossoff is present to recognize the Marine Corps Logistics Base (MCLB) Albany for receiving the Commander in Chief's Annual Award for Installation Excellence. MCLB Albany was recently selected as one of six military installations recognized by the Secretary of Defense based on how well they achieve the Department's objectives in several areas of installation management, including mission support, energy conservation, quality of life and unit morale, environmental stewardship, real property management, safety, health and security, communications, and public relations. MCLB has been recognized via an Official U.S. Senate Commendation. MCLB representatives are present.

8. Zoning.

- a. Lanier Engineering, applicant, Woodall Holdings, LLLP & Southwood Development, owner (23-081) request to rezone 20 acres from AG (Agricultural District) to R-E (Estate District). The rezoning would allow for the subdivision of an existing parcel less than 40 acres. The property is at 2416 Tarva Rd. The Planning Commission recommends approval. Angel Gray, Deputy Planning Director will address. *The Public Hearing and Action on this item are scheduled for the January 22, 2024 Regular Meeting.*
- b. Glen J. Gosa, owner and applicant (23-088) requests to rezone .55 acre lot from C-1 (Neighborhood Mixed-Use Business District) to C-3 (Commercial District). The rezoning would allow for the commercial use as a storage building sales lot. The property is 3401 Sylvester Hwy. The Planning Commission recommends approval with the condition of using opaque fencing (buffering). Angel Gray, Deputy Planning Director will address. *The Public Hearing and Action on this item are scheduled for the January 22, 2024 Regular Meeting.*
- c. Glen J. Gosa, owner and applicant (23-089) requests to rezone .68 acre lot from C-1 (Neighborhood Mixed-Use Business District) to C-3 (Commercial District). The rezoning would allow for the commercial use as a storage building sales lot. The property is 3403 Sylvester Hwy. The Planning Commission recommends approval. Angel Gray, Deputy Planning Director will address. *The Public Hearing and Action on this item are scheduled for the January 22, 2024 Regular Meeting.*
- d. Larry & Alma Blakely, owner and applicant (23-090) request to rezone 3.0 acres from R-2 (Single-Family Residential District) to C-7 (Mixed-Use Planned Development District). The rezoning would allow for the residential and commercial use as a travel agency for touring buses. The property is at 3228 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive. The Planning Commission recommends approval with the following conditions: (1) The travel agency is limited to two travel buses parked onsite. (2) Customer loading and offloading are prohibited. (3) The use of the property is restricted to single-family residential use, the proposed travel agency office, and parking of two tour buses. Angel Gray, Deputy Planning Director will address. *The Public Hearing and Action on this item are scheduled for the January 22, 2024 Regular Meeting.*
- e. Mary Alice Thomas, owner and applicant (23-093) requests to rezone .49 acres from R-2 (Single-Family Residential District) to RMHS (Mobile Home Single-Family District). The rezoning would allow for the installation of a manufactured home for single-family residency. The property is at 505 Engram Court. The Planning Commission recommends approval. Angel Gray, Deputy Planning Director will address. *The Public Hearing and Action on this item are scheduled for the January 22, 2024 Regular Meeting.*

9. Purchases.

- a. Consider for action the recommendation to purchase a Caterpillar 938 Wheel Loader for Public Works from State Contract GA #99999-001-SPD0000177-0024 from Yancey Bros. Co. (Albany, GA) in the amount of \$272,520 with a trade in allowance of \$77,950. The final expenditure is \$194,750. Funding is budgeted in SPLOST VII. Assistant County Administrator Barry Brooks will address. Public Works Director Chuck Mathis is present. **ACTION:**

- b. Consider for action the recommendation to purchase a 2023 Dodge Ram 3500 Truck with flat bed for Public Works from the lowest quoted vendor Griffin CDJR (Tifton, GA) in the amount of \$68,205. Funding is budgeted in SPLOST VII. Assistant County Administrator Barry Brooks will address. Public Works Director Chuck Mathis is present. **ACTION:**
- c. Consider for action the recommendation to accept the quote to replace two air compressors at the Judicial Building from Safe Aire Heating and Cooling (Leesburg, GA) in the amount of \$33,427. Three quotes were obtained with the highest being \$33,654. Funding is available in the General Fund. Assistant County Administrator Barry Brooks will address. Facilities Management Director Heidi Hailey is present. **ACTION:**

10. Additional Business.

- a. Consider for action the Resolution establishing the Qualifying Fees for the public offices in Dougherty County for the 2024 Election. Elections Supervisor Ginger Nickerson will address. **ACTION:**
- b. Consider for action the recommendation to approve the Alcohol Application from Kupii 2012, Inc., Krupali V. Bodar licensee, dba Pacecar Express, at 3503 Sylvester Road for Package- Beer and Wine. The Albany-Dougherty Marshal's Office recommends approval. Deputy Marshal Marcus Mitchell, Code Enforcement Department, will address. **ACTION:**
- c. Consider for action the Joint Resolution of the City of Albany and Dougherty County, GA providing for the acceptance and execution of the Memorandum of Understanding to establish the Albany-Dougherty County Special Investigative Unit (SIU). The SIU was created upon the merger of the Albany Dougherty Drug Unit (ADDU) and the City of Albany Gang Unit and will address illegal firearm possession, illegal drug activity, and gang violence. County Attorney Alex Shalishali will address. Dougherty County Chief of Police Kenneth Johnson and City of Albany Chief of Police Michael Persley are present. **ACTION:**

11. Updates from the Assistant County Administrator.

- a. Update on Dougherty County's Public Information Officer (PIO) role and the proposed external managed communications and marketing support services with The Levee Studios in the amount of \$51,000 (annually).
- b. Discussion of the recommendation from the Public Works Department to apply for a Georgia Transportation Infrastructure (GTIB) Grant through the coordination of the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission in the amount of \$1,418,153,50. This is a 60/40% grant requiring a local match. There is a cash match from the County of 14% (\$198,541.49) and will be funded from TSPLOST. Forty-six percent (46%) of the funding \$652,350.61 will be provided by a GTIB loan. The application would include the construction of the five road projects and the design of the two bridges on Gravel Hill. The application deadline is January 25, 2024. If approved, the grant will save the County approximately \$560,000. Assistant County Administrator Barry Brooks, Public Works Director Chuck Mathis, Project Manager Jeremy Brown, and SWGRC Planner Kay Olubowale will address.

- c. **REMINDER** - There will be no meeting on Monday, January 15, 2024 due to the observance of the Martin Luther King Jr's Birthday Holiday. The next meeting will be on Monday, January 22, 2024.
 - d. **REMINDER** - Albany Dougherty Day will be held on Tuesday, January 30th in Atlanta with an event on the evening of Monday, January 29th.
 - e. **REMINDER** - The Dougherty County Commission Annual Retreat will be held on February 1, 2024 at Calloway Gardens.
12. Updates from the County Attorney.
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- a. Chairman Heard to announce the 2024 Subcommittee Appointments.
14. Consider for action the recommendation from the County Attorney to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel, pending and potential litigation, and then to adjourn. **ACTION:**

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