



## WORK SESSION

June 12, 2023  
10:00 AM

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

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### AGENDA

*To comply with the request set forth by the Chairman of Dougherty County, GA and the guidelines of the Center for Disease Control (CDC) regarding the Coronavirus (COVID19) pandemic and social distancing, face coverings (masks) are optional for all meeting participants.*

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1. Call the meeting to order by Chairman Lorenzo Heard.
2. Roll Call.
3. Minutes.
  - a. Minutes of the May 15th Regular Meeting, May 22nd Work Session and May 25th Special Called Meeting.
4. Public Hearing on the Proposed FY 2023-24 Budgets. ***(If you are interested in speaking in reference to the Budgets, please sign the Sign-In Sheet provided).***
5. 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. James Morgan, County Extension Coordinator, present to update the Commission with the quarterly report.
6. Zoning.
  - a. Deborah Johnson, owner and Johnathan Johnson, applicant (23-030) request Special Approval to convert an in-home daycare serving up to six (6) clients to a daycare learning center to allow an increase up to 18 daycare clients on a 1-acre parcel zoned R-2 (Single-Family Residential). The Planning Commission recommends approval. Angel Gray, Deputy Planning Director will address. *The Public Hearing and Action are scheduled for June 26, 2023.*

7. Purchases.

- a. Recommendation to accept the bid for six (6) 2023 Police Pursuit Utility AWD, from the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder, Wade Ford (Smyrna, GA) in the amount of \$261,960. Two bids were received with the highest being \$271,200. Funding is budgeted in SPLOST VII. Assistant County Administrator Barry Brooks will address. City of Albany Buyer Corey Gamble and Captain Jason Hager are present.

8. Additional Business.

- a. Recommendation from the Library to apply for the Georgia Public Library Service Grant in the amount of \$600,000 to renovate the Westtown Branch. This grant requires a 50% match. Funding for the local match in the amount of \$300,000 will come from SPLOST VI and VII. Finance Director Martha Hendley and Library Director Gail Evans will address.
- b. Recommendation from the Library to apply for the Georgia Public Library Service Capital Outlay Grant in the amount of \$1,000,000 for capital improvements at the Westtown Branch. This grant requires a 10% match. Funding for the local match in the amount of \$100,000 will come from SPLOST VII. Finance Director Martha Hendley and Library Director Gail Evans will address.
- c. Recommendation to retroactively apply and accept the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council and the Council of Accountability Courts Judges 2024 Accountability Court Operating Grant for FY 2024 (J24-8-064) in the amount of \$124,182 with a 12% match. The match is traditionally met through use of DATE funds. The grant is a reimbursement grant provided by the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council. The grant must be applied for and accepted by the Commission each year. Finance Director Martha Hendley and Grant Administrator Patricia Griffin will address.
- d. Recommendation to accept the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council and the Council of Accountability Courts Judges 2024 Accountability Court Operating Grant for FY 2024 (K52-8-004) in the amount of \$199,988. The grant is a reimbursement grant provided by the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council and no match is required. The grant must be accepted by the Commission each year. Finance Director Martha Hendley and Grant Administrator Patricia Griffin will address.
- e. Recommendation to accept the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council and the Council of Accountability Courts Judges 2024 Accountability Court Operating Grant for FY 2024 (K52-8-005) in the amount of \$177,776. The grant is a reimbursement grant provided by the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council and no match is required. The grant must be accepted by the Commission each year. Finance Director Martha Hendley and Grant Administrator Patricia Griffin will address.
- f. Board Appointments. County Clerk Jawahn Ware will address.

**ASPIRE Behavioral Health & Developmental Disability Services Board** – Three (3) appointments with a three-year term ending June 30, 2026. Incumbents Coroner Michael Fowler (Elected official appointment) and Richard Ware desire reappointment. Incumbent Leonard Minter is deceased. Two new applicants: Becky Farkas and Jeanette Henderson.

**Chehaw Park Authority** – One (1) appointment with a three-year term ending July 1, 2026. Incumbent Scott Steiner desires reappointment. No new applicants.

- g. Continued presentation and review of the proposed FY 2024 Budgets as recommended by the Finance Committee. Finance Director Martha Hendley will address. **See Budget Books.**
  
9. Updates from the Assistant County Administrator.
  
10. Updates from the County Attorney.
  
11. Updates from the County Commission.
  - a. In observance of the Juneteenth Holiday on Monday, June 19, 2023, there will not be a meeting held. The next meeting will be on Monday, June 26, 2023.
  
12. Consider for action the recommendation from the County Attorney to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel issues and then to adjourn. **ACTION:**

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