



WORK SESSION

August 26, 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. Minutes.
 - a. Minutes of the August 5th Regular Meeting and August 12th Work Session.
5. Tax - Public Hearing. ***(Those wishing to speak for or against this item should sign the Sign Up sheet located on the table in the rear of the Chamber before the start of the meeting).***
 - a. Proposed tax increase of .15% for the County-Wide Digest and the proposed tax increase of .15% for the Special Services Digest. The millage rates remain the same as last year. The County-Wide millage rate is 19.069 and the Special Services millage rate is 9.173.
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. Bianca Hamilton and Victoria Snowden, co-Executive Directors of Sowega Birthworkers Collective, present to provide information and receive the proclamations for National Breastfeeding Month and National Black Breastfeeding Week.

7. Purchases.

- a. Recommendation to purchase five (5) new 2024 Ford Interceptors from Wade Ford (Smyrna, GA) in the amount of \$237,500 for the Sheriff's Office. The vehicles are available for immediate delivery. Funding is budgeted in SPLOST VIII. Acting County Administrator Barry Brooks will address. Sheriff's Office Major Ken Faust is present. **Action on this item is scheduled in the following Special Called Meeting.**
- b. Recommendation to utilize single source provider, Dana Safety Supply, Inc. (Weston GA) to outfit five (5) new 2024 Ford Interceptors in the amount of \$41,080.55. Funding is budgeted in SPLOST VIII. Acting County Administrator Barry Brooks will address. Sheriff's Office Major Ken Faust is present. **Action on this item is scheduled in the following Special Called Meeting.**
- c. Recommendation to purchase five (5) new 2024 Ford Explorer Pursuit Vehicles for \$47,387 each and one (1) new 2023 Ford Explorer Admin Vehicle for \$40,945 from State Contract Vendor Wade Ford, (Smyrna, GA) for a total expenditure of \$277,880 for the Dougherty County Police Department. The vehicles are available for immediate delivery. Funding is budgeted in SPLOST VIII. Acting County Administrator Barry Brooks will address. Chief Kenneth Johnson is present. **Action on this item is scheduled in the following Special Called Meeting.**
- d. Recommendation to purchase three (3) new 2023 Ford F-150 Regular Cab trucks for \$41,125 each and one (1) new 2023 Ford F-150 Super crew truck for \$47,645 from State Contract Vendor Wade Ford (Smyrna, GA), for a total expenditure of \$171,020 for Solid Waste. The vehicles are available for immediate delivery. Funding is budgeted in Solid Waste - Capital Outlay. Acting County Administrator Barry Brooks will address. Solid Waste Interim Director Melvin Williams is present. **Action on this item is scheduled in the following Special Called Meeting.**
- e. Recommendation to purchase a Boom Mower with attachments from Sourcewell Contract Vendor National Equipment Dealers, LLC (Lexington, NC) in the amount of \$205,546.75 for Solid Waste. There is a four month delivery time frame. Funding is budgeted in Solid Waste - Capital Outlay. Acting County Administrator Barry Brooks will address. Solid Waste Interim Director Melvin Williams is present. **Action on this item is scheduled in the following Special Called Meeting.**

8. Additional Business.

- a. Discussion of the proposed Resolution providing for the approval of a stipend for the Coroner to supplement his annual salary. County Attorney Alex Shalishali will address.
- b. Discussion of the proposed Resolution establishing a Judicial Building Master Planning Task Force, providing for the purpose, establishing membership, organization, support, goals, and funding. Acting County Administrator Barry Brooks will address.
- c. Discussion of the cost estimate to pave the Poinciana Street (north) alley. Acting County Administrator Barry Brooks and Public Works Director Chuck Mathis will address.

9. Updates from the Acting County Administrator.
 - a. **REMINDER** -There will be a Special Called Meeting following the Work Session.
 - b. **REMINDER** - The Finance Committee will meet immediately following the Executive Session in Room 120.
 - c. **REMINDER** - In observance of Labor Day, there will be no County Commission meeting on Monday, September 2nd. The next meeting will a Regular Meeting on September 9th.
 - d. **REMINDER** - The Dougherty County Commission Retreat will be held September 17 to 19, 2024 at the Macon Convention Center.
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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