



REGULAR MEETING

November 21, 2022
10:00 AM

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

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 Christopher Cohilas.
2. Roll Call.
3. Invocation.
4. Pledge of Allegiance.
5. Minutes.
 - a. Consider for action the Minutes of the October 17th Regular Meeting, October 31st Work Session and October 31st Special Called Meeting. **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).*
7. Zoning- Public Hearing. **(Those wishing to speak on these matters should print their name on the Sign Up Sheet in the rear of the Chamber prior to the start of the meeting).**
 - a. Vicente S. Sontay, owner and Lanier Engineering, Inc., applicant (22-074) request Special Approval to construct a Religious Institution with cemetery (Church) in a R-2 (Single-Family Residential District). The parcel is a 5.0-acre vacant parcel. The property is located at 1416 Nelms Rd. The Planning Commission recommends approval. Angel Gray, Planning Manager, will address.

- b. Ivy RV Park, LLC, owner and Joseph Jackson, applicant (22-077) request Special Approval to construct a Recreational Vehicle Park in a C-8 (Commercial Recreation District). The parcel is a 4.195-acre vacant parcel. The property is located at 3420 Sylvester Rd. The Planning Commission recommends approval. Angel Gray, Planning Manager will address.

8. Additional Business.

- a. Consider for action the recommendation to approve the proposed Alcoholic Beverage License renewals for Calendar Year 2023. Chief Deputy Anthony Donaldson will address. **ACTION:**
- b. Consider for action the request from the Voter Registration and Elections Board to amend the General Fund Budget to fund early voting at the Civic Center and pay employees for extended hours in the amount of \$94,000. Chairman Frederick Williams and Elections Supervisor Ginger Nickerson will address. **ACTION:**
- c. Consider for action the recommendation from the Emergency Medical Services Department to apply for a First Responders State Microgrant in the amount of \$20,000 for use to equipment, supplies, technology, and other materials directly related to first responder functions. This is a 100% grant with no local match. The application deadline is November 22, 2022. EMS Director Sam Allen will address. **ACTION:**
- d. Consider for action the proposed Board Appointments. **Appointments are made by nominations.** Pages for each board are indicated below.

Joint Board of Adjustments & Appeals – Two (2) joint appointments with a three-year term ending October 1, 2025. Incumbent Arwena Jones desires reappointment. No new applicants. There is one vacancy. All joint appointments must be ratified by the City of Albany. See page 42.

Air Conditioning, Heating, & Ventilation Board – Four (4) appointments: one (1) County, two (2) joint, and one (1) rotational, all with a one-year term ending December 31, 2023. Incumbents Thomas Driggers (joint), Quianna Lavant (County), Clint Newsome (joint) and Clifford Tolbert (rotational) desire reappointment. No new applicants. All joint appointments must be ratified by the City of Albany. See page 46.

Citizens Transportation Committee – Two (2) appointments with a three-year term ending December 31, 2025. Incumbent Sonja Johnson desires reappointment. Incumbent Dr. Surendra Pandey relocated outside of Dougherty County. No new applicants. There is one vacancy. See page 50.

Economic Development Committee – Three (3) appointments with a two-year term ending December 31, 2024. Incumbents Lawrence Knighton and Matt Reed desire reappointment. Two new applicants: Emmett Griswold and John Inman IV. There is one vacancy. See page 54.

Electrical Board – Five (5) appointments: one (1) County appointment for a Master Electrician, two (2) joint appointments for an Electrical Supplier, one (1) joint appointment for a Professional Engineer and one (1) appointment for a joint citizen member, all with a one-year term ending December 31, 2023. Incumbent Sanford Hillsman (joint citizen member) desires reappointment. No new applicants. There are four vacancies. All joint appointments must be ratified by the City of Albany. See page 66.

Fire Code Board of Appeals – Four (4) County appointments with a three-year term ending December 31, 2025. Incumbent Rosa Malone desires reappointment. There was no response from incumbent Charles Mitchell. Incumbent Zell Scott is deceased. Incumbent Bruce Campbell does not desire reappointment. No new applicants. There are three vacancies. See page 68.

Flood Plain Management Review Board – Two (2) County appointments with a three-year unexpired term ending December 31, 2024. No new applicants. There are two vacancies. See page 72.

Gas Board – Three (3) appointments: one (1) County, one (1) joint and one (1) rotational with a one-year term ending December 31, 2023. Incumbents Sanford Hillsman (county) and Rhett Parker (joint) desire reappointment. No new applicants. There is one vacancy. All joint appointments must be ratified by the City of Albany. See page 74.

Golden Triangle RC & D Council – Two (2) appointments with a two-year term ending December 31, 2024. Incumbent Doug Wilson desires reappointment. Incumbent J. Douglas Porter relocated outside of Dougherty County. No new applicants. There is one vacancy. See page 78.

Dougherty County Health Department- One (1) appointment with a six-year term ending December 31, 2028. Incumbent Dr. Charles King Jr. desires reappointment. No new applicants. See page 82.

Historic Preservation Commission- Four (4) appointments with a two-year term ending December 31, 2024. Incumbents Angela Cain Jones, Quianna Lavant and Kenneth Loudenbarger desire reappointment. There is one vacancy. One new applicant: Will Davis. See page 86.

Albany/Dougherty Hospital Authority – Two (2) appointments with a five-year term ending December 31, 2027. Incumbents Dorothy Hubbard and Sharon “Nyota” Tucker desire reappointment. One new applicant: Sheri Barlow. See page 94.

Keep Albany-Dougherty Beautiful – Six (6) appointments: five (5) with a three-year term ending December 31, 2025, and one (1) three-year unexpired term ending December 31, 2024. Incumbent J.D. Sumner, Lew Culpepper and Jay Smith desire reappointment. Incumbent Dennis Barthelmy and Lisa Harrell do not desire reappointment. KADB recommends the appointment of Jerry Goodman to replace Bryant Harden and fill an unexpired three-year term ending December 31, 2024. KADB recommends the appointment of Tomekia Cooper to replace Lisa Harrell and fill a three-year term ending December 31, 2025. KADB will advertise for one vacancy. See page 102.

Library Board – Three (3) appointments with a three-year term ending December 31, 2025. Incumbents Dr. Brenda Hodges Tiller and Will Davis desire reappointment. Three new applicants: Haryl Dabney, Genevieve Marcus and Joseph Stubbs. See page 114.

Planning Commission – Three (3) appointments with a three-year term ending December 31, 2025. Incumbents Billy Merritt, Art Brown and Jimmy Hall Jr. desire reappointment. No new applicants. See page 132.

Plumbing Board - Three (3) appointments with a one-year term ending December 31, 2023. Two (2) County appointments must be a Master Plumber and one (1) appointment represents a citizen member. Incumbents Lee Eppley (County, Master Plumber), Glenn Tyler Harris (Citizen Member) and Rhett Parker (County Master Plumber) desire reappointment. No new applicants. See page 136.

Retirement Fund Committee – Two (2) appointments with a four-year term ending December 31, 2026, one must be a retiree representative and one must be a citizen appointee. Incumbent Greg Rowe (retiree representative) desires reappointment. No new applicants. There is one vacancy. **Commission Chairman makes all appointments.** See page 140.

Southwest Georgia Community Action Council- One (1) appointment with a one-year term ending December 31, 2023. Incumbent Glenn Tyler Harris desires reappointment. One new applicant: Haryl Dabney: See page 144.

Southwest Georgia Housing Task Force - One (1) appointment with a one-year term ending December 31, 2023. Incumbent Sonya Johnson desires reappointment. No new applicants. See page 150.

Southwest Georgia Regional Commission - Three (3) appointments: one (1) County, one (1) Chairman designee (appointee must be a Commissioner) and one (1) joint with a one-year term ending December 31, 2023. Incumbents Raymond Breaux (County) and Anthony Jones (Chairman designee) desire reappointment. Incumbent Casawn-Lhuillier Yheweis resigned from the Commission. No new applicants. The Chairman will appoint his designee. There is one vacancy. See page 154.

Tax Assessors Board– One (1) appointment with a three-year term ending December 31, 2025. Incumbent William Ashberry desires reappointment. One new applicant: Rhonda Stewart. **Resolution for said appointment attached. Action scheduled for next agenda item.** See page 158.

Voter Registration and Elections– One (1) appointment with a two-year term ending December 31, 2024. Incumbent Frederick Williams desires reappointment. Two new applicants: Dr. Jacob Clawson and Alvin “Al” Hatcher. See page 166.

- e. Consider for action the Resolution confirming the appointment to the Dougherty County Board of Tax Assessors for the term beginning January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2025. **ACTION:**
- f. Consider for action the Zoning Consideration of the Fish House Campgrounds, Inc, owner and Lanier Engineering, Inc., applicant (22-022) request for Special Approval to operate a Women's Recovery Center in a C-1 (Neighborhood Mixed-Use Business District). The parcel is a 73.261 acre developed parcel. The property is located at 2908 Gillionville Road. The Planning Commission recommends approval. According to the Georgia Zoning Procedures Law and Conflict of Interest in Zoning Actions 36-66-4(f)&(g), the public hearing on this consideration shall be held at least six (6) months and no more than nine (9) months prior to the date of final action on the zoning decision. The Dougherty County Commission was presented the application for Special Approval in the May 16, 2022 Regular Meeting. Angel Gray, Planning Manager, will address. **ACTION:**

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- 9. Updates from the County Administrator.
 - 10. Updates from the County Attorney.
 - 11. Updates from the County Commission.
 - 12. Adjourn.

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