



REGULAR MEETING

August 21, 2023
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. Minutes.
 - a. Consider for Action the Minutes of the July 17th Regular Meeting, July 31st Work Session, July 31st Joint Meeting with the City of Albany and July 31st Special Called Meeting. **ACTION:**
6. 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).**
 - a. Proposed tax increase of .57% for the County-Wide Digest and the proposed tax increase of .17% 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 9.1730.
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. Jana Dyke, President & CEO, Albany-Dougherty Economic Development Commission, present to provide the quarterly update.

8. Zoning - 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).**
 - a. Vincente S. Sontay, owner and applicant (23-039) requests Special Approval to construct a Religious Institution (church) at 1416 Nelms Road. The property is zoned R-2 (Single-Family Residential District) and would allow a Religious Institution by Special Approval. The Planning Commission recommends approval. Angel Gray, Deputy Planning Director will address.

9. Purchases.
 - a. Consider for action the recommendation to accept the quote replacing the flooring of the main building for Public Works by the lowest responsive and responsible vendor meeting specifications, Custom Interiors (Leesburg, GA) in the amount of \$31,055.65. Funding is available in SPLOST VII. **ACTION:**

10. Additional Business.
 - a. Consider for action the recommendation from Finance to adjust the SPLOST VII Budget that was approved in the June 5, 2023 Regular Meeting. The approved line item for SPVII Government Center was initially \$955,000. The amount for the line item should have been \$305,000. The difference of \$650,000 is requested to add a budget of \$400,000 for the Festival of Springs Fountain and \$250,000 for the replacement chiller in the Judicial Building. **ACTION:**
 - b. Consider for action the recommendation from Finance to amend the FY 2024 Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Fund. The request is made on behalf of Superior Court Judge Willie Lockette to transfer \$163,000 from the ADR Fund Balance to cover planned expenditures for the Dougherty Judicial ADR Program. The amendment will allocate \$100,000 to the Mediation/Arbitration line item and \$63,000 to the Coordinator line item. **ACTION:**
 - c. Consider for action the Resolution providing for the appointment of Assistant County Administrator Barry Brooks to serve as the County Legislative Coordinator (CLC) to the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG). This appointment will replace former appointee Michael McCoy. **ACTION:**
 - d. Consider for action the nomination for the County Voting Delegate at the ACCG Legislative Conference Business Session on October 12, 2023 in Jekyll Island. *Appointments are made by nominations.* **ACTION:**
 - e. Consider for action the Special Approval request of Vincente S. Sontay, owner and applicant (23-039) to construct a Religious Institution (church) at 1416 Nelms Road. The property is zoned R-2 (Single-Family Residential District) and would allow a Religious Institution by Special Approval. The Planning Commission recommends approval. **ACTION:**

11. Updates from the Assistant County Administrator.
 - a. **Reminder** - There are two additional Tax Public Hearings scheduled. The first will be 6 p.m. August 21st and the second on 10 a.m. August 28th, both in Room 100.

12. Updates from the County Attorney.
13. Updates from the County Commission.
14. Adjourn.

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