



## WORK SESSION

November 14, 2022  
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.*

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](https://facebook.com/Dougherty.ga.us) or viewing the public government access channel (Channel 16).

1. Call the meeting to order by Chairman Christopher Cohilas.
2. Roll Call.
3. Minutes.
  - a. Minutes of the October 17th Regular Meeting, October 31st Work Session and October 31st Special Called Meeting.
4. 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. Erica Potts, Interim HR Director, present to provide an update on the County's compliance to the Fair Standards Labor Act and the complaint and grievance procedures.
  - b. William Wright, representative for AFRAM Tech, Inc. present to continue discussing an issue of unfair practices with the ARPA funding.
5. Zoning.
  - 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 the 1416 Nelms Rd. The Planning Commission recommends approval. Angel Gray, Planning Manager, will address. *The Public Hearing and Action are scheduled for November 21, 2022.*

- 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 the 3420 Sylvester Rd. The Planning Commission recommends approval. Angel Gray, Planning Manager will address. *The Public Hearing and Action are scheduled for November 21, 2022.*

6. Additional Business.

- a. Discussion of proposed renaming of the Dougherty County Judicial Building. Judge Willie Lockette and Chairman Christopher Cohilas will address.
- b. Continued discussion of the zoning variance approval process. County Attorney Alex Shalishali and Director of Planning and Development Services Paul Forgey are present to address concerns.

7. Board Appointments.

- a. County Clerk Jawahn Ware will address. 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 44.

**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. Dr. Surendra Pandey relocated outside of Dougherty County. No new applicants. There is one vacancy. See page 48.

**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 50.

**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 58.

**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 incumbents Zell Scott and Charles Mitchell. Incumbent Bruce Campbell does not desire reappointment. No new applicants. There are three vacancies. See page 59.

**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 61.

**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 62.

**Golden Triangle RC & D Council** – Two (2) appointments with a two-year term ending December 31, 2024. Incumbent Doug Wilson desires reappointment. J. Douglas Porter relocated outside of Dougherty County. No new applicants. There is one vacancy. See page 64.

**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 66.

**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 68.

**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 73.

**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 Barthelemy 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 Harrel and fill a three-year term ending December 31, 2025. KADB will advertise for one vacancy. See page 78.

**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 84.

**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 99.

**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 101.

**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 103.

**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 105.

**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 109.

**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. Casawn-L Yheyeis resigned from the Commission. No new applicants. The Chairman will appoint his designee. There is one vacancy. See page 111.

**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. See page 113.

**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 119.

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

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