



## REGULAR MEETING

June 26, 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. Invocation.
4. Pledge of Allegiance.
5. Minutes.
  - a. Consider for action the Minutes of the May 15th Regular Meeting, May 22nd Work Session and May 25th 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.*)
  - a. Parks and Recreations Director Steven Belk and Recreation Supervisor Tee Taylor present to provide an update on the Juneteenth events.

7. Zoning Public Hearing. *(Those wishing to speak on the Zoning matter should print their name on the Sign Up Sheet in the rear of the chamber prior to the start of the meeting).*
  - 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 with the condition that the driveway be enlarged to accommodate two-way ingress and egress traffic. Paul Forgey, Planning Director will address.
  
8. Purchases.
  - a. Consider for action the 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. Funding is budgeted in SPLOST VII. **ACTION:**
  
9. Additional Business.
  - a. Consider for action the 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. Library Director Gail Evans will address. **ACTION:**
  - b. Consider for action the 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. Library Director Gail Evans will address. **ACTION:**
  - c. Consider for action the 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. **ACTION:**
  - d. Consider for action the 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. **ACTION:**
  - e. Consider for action the 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. **ACTION:**

- f. Consider for action the proposed Board Appointments. ***Appointments are made by nominations.***

**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. **ACTION:**

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

**Update on the Economic Development Commission Bylaw Changes-** County Clerk Jawahn Ware will address. EDC Chairman Chris Hatcher, EDC President & CEO Jana Dyke and EDC Board Member Matt Reed are present. The updated EDC Bylaws were received May 17, 2023. To be in compliance with the approved EDC Bylaws that were amended August 4, 2022, the City and County have to take retroactive action. The notable changes are **(1)** the City and County will each appoint six representatives. (The previous appointment was four); **(2)** The term of office, except for those serving by virtue of office, is now three years. (The previous term was two years); **(3)** The Commission will now elect a representative from our Board to the EDC. (Previously the Chairman or his designee served) and **(4)** one appointment has to be made to replace Dr. Anthony Parker. (Lawrence Knighton was appointed in the October 3, 2022 Regular Meeting to fill the unexpired vacancy of Dr. Parker until December 31, 2022. However, when the reappointments for those expiring December 2022 were presented to the County Commission, Rev. Knighton and Dr. Emmett Griswold were both appointed to the one position scheduled to expire December 31, 2024. As a result, the County now has seven representatives instead of six).

**Economic Development Commission Term Amendment-** Recommendation to amend the term of Matt Reed to expire December 31, 2025 to reflect the amendment of the EDC Bylaws. The term expiration of December 31, 2024 was approved in the November 21, 2022 Regular Meeting. **ACTION:**

**Economic Development Commission Term Amendment-** Recommendation to amend the appointment of the term expiring December 31, 2024. The Board will need to rectify the additional Board member appointment of either Lawrence Knighton or Dr. Emmett Griswold. **ACTION:**

**Economic Development Commission Member Rectification-** Recommendation to amend the term of \_\_\_\_\_ to expire December 31, 2025 to reflect the amendment of the EDC Bylaws. The term expiration of December 31, 2024 was approved in the November 21, 2022 Regular Meeting. The appointment of \_\_\_\_\_ made in the November 21, Regular Meeting is void. **ACTION:**

**Economic Development Commission** – Two (2) appointments with a three-year term ending June 30, 2026. Incumbents Commissioner Clinton Johnson (County Commission's appointment) and Chris Hatcher desire reappointment. One new applicant: Julian Marcus. **ACTION:**

- g. Consider for action the Zoning Consideration of Deborah Johnson, owner and Johnathan Johnson, applicant (23-030) request for 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 with the condition that the driveway be enlarged to accommodate two-way ingress and egress traffic. **ACTION:**
  - h. Consider for action the nomination of Commissioner Anthony Jones to serve as the County Voting Delegate at the NACO Annual Conference Business Session in Travis County, TX. Chairman Heard will address. **ACTION:**
  - i. Consider for action the Resolution providing for the acceptance and execution of the Contract of Sale of Real Property for 203 Skywater Blvd, Albany, GA in the amount of \$78,685.59 and 3600 Namdi Street, Albany, GA in the amount of \$238,800 under the HMGP 4297-008A Grant Award. Assistant County Administrator Barry Brooks, County Attorney Alex Shalishali and Grant Consultant Georgia Collier-Bolling will address. **ACTION:**
  - j. 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.**
  - k. Consider for action the acceptance of the proposed FY 2023-2024 Budget in the amount of \$91,258,919. **ACTION:**
10. Updates from the Assistant County Administrator.
- a. There will be a Special Called Meeting held in Room 100 at 1 pm.
11. Updates from the County Attorney.
12. Updates from the County Commission.
13. Consider for action the recommendation from the County Attorney to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing real estate and then to adjourn. **ACTION:**

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