

DOUGHERTY COUNTY COMMISSION

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

November 15, 2021

The Dougherty County Commission met in Room 100 of the Albany-Dougherty Government Center on November 15, 2021. Chairman Christopher Cohilas presided and called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. Commissioners present were Victor Edwards, Gloria Gaines and Anthony Jones. Also present were County Administrator Michael McCoy, Assistant County Administrator Scott Addison, County Attorney Spencer Lee, County Clerk Jawahn Ware, and other staff. The public and representatives of the media participated in person and via live streaming of the meeting on the County's Facebook page and the government public access channel. Commissioners Russell Gray, Clinton Johnson and Ed Newsome were absent due to conference participation in Savannah, Georgia.

After the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance, Chairman Cohilas noted a letter that had to be signed on an urgent nature for the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission to support Feeding the Valley Food Bank. The November 2, 2021 Preapproval Cost Approval (PACA) letter was called for ratification. County Administrator Michael McCoy, Southwest Georgia Regional Commission Director of Planning/Deputy Director Barbara Reddick and Southwest Georgia Regional Commission Grant Administration Manager Brenda Wade addressed the requirements for DCA and noted that there is no financial obligation for the County.

Commissioner Jones moved to modify the agenda and include the additional item. Upon a second by Commissioner Gaines, the motion for agenda modification passed unanimously.

Commissioner Jones moved to ratify the letter. Commissioner Gaines seconded the motion. Under discussion, the Chairman clarified all the actions were being taken on behalf of the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission. The motion passed unanimously.

The Chairman called for approval of the October 18th Regular Meeting and October 25th Work Session Minutes.

Commissioner Jones moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Edwards, the minutes were unanimously approved.

The Chairman recognized Nedra Fortson, N.P., to advocate the need for mental health services. Mrs. Fortson mentioned that she saw news coverage that the County has funding provided by the government through the American Rescue Plan (ARP). She added as a citizen and medical professional, she is concerned about the mental wellness of insured and uninsured individuals

and is asking that the Commissioners provide funding and attention to the needs for mental health services to be proactive in care.

The Chairman recognized William Wright, dba Afram-Tech, Inc. to express his concern about the requests presented by the SWGA Regional Commission. He shared that he has provided information referencing that the entity is not following the law and their actions are suspect; especially noting that public participation is required [in the process] and is not being done. Mr. Wright stated that he will contact the Federal District Court to file his concerns as discrimination in regards to the 1964 Civil Rights Law. He mentioned other cities that he will contact in regards to noncompliance. He asked that the Board not take action on the requests for the SWGA Regional Commission.

The Chairman called for consideration of the resolution providing for acceptance of the contract for Dougherty County's Property/Casualty Insurance & Risk Management Services Broker from the most responsive vendor Alliant (Charlotte, NC) at an annualized fee of \$69,750, subject to the execution by the County Administrator.

Commissioner Jones moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Edwards, the motion for approval passed unanimously. Resolution 21-063 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED
A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE APPROVAL AND
EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT BETWEEN DOUGHERTY
COUNTY AND ALLIANT (CHARLOTTE, NC) AS DOUGHERTY
COUNTY'S PROPERTY/CASUALTY INSURANCE AND RISK
MANAGEMENT SERVICES BROKER AT AN ANNUALIZED
FEE OF \$69,750.00; REPEALING RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF
RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Chairman called for consideration to accept the change order from LRA Constructors, Inc. (Albany, GA) in the amount of \$107,035 to repair the bank erosion for the Radium Spring Run Bridge Rehabilitation. Funding is available in SPLOST VI – Storm Drainage Improvements. Assistant County Administrator Scott Addison addressed. Engineering Manager Jeremy Brown was present. Mr. Addison said that this repair is needed prior to trail installation on the berm.

Commissioner Jones moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Edwards, the motion for approval passed unanimously.

The Chairman called for consideration to approve the proposed alcoholic beverage license renewals for Calendar Year 2022.

Commissioner Jones moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Edwards, the motion for approval passed unanimously.

The Chairman called for consideration of the resolution providing for the approval and execution of a Right Of Way Maintenance Agreement between the Georgia Department of Transportation and Dougherty County relative to a roundabout to be constructed at the intersection of SR133 and Lovers Lane Road. The County will be responsible for maintaining the landscaping that will be installed during construction in the center of and around the roundabout. GDOT will be responsible for the installation of the landscape items.

Commissioner Jones moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Edwards, the motion for approval passed unanimously. Resolution 21-064 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED
A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE APPROVAL AND
EXECUTION OF A RIGHT OF WAY MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
AND DOUGHERTY COUNTY RELATIVE TO A ROUNDABOUT TO
BE CONSTRUCTED AT THE INTERSECTION OF SR133 AND
LOVERS LANE ROAD; REPEALING RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF
RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Chairman called for consideration of the resolution providing for the acceptance and execution of three Stormwater Facility Maintenance Agreements between Pratt Properties, Inc, Robert K. Taylor and Boyd EA, LLC and Dougherty County, Georgia.

Commissioner Jones moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Edwards, the motion for approval passed unanimously. Resolution 21-065 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED
A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE APPROVAL AND
EXECUTION OF THREE STORMWATER FACILITY
MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS BETWEEN DOUGHERTY
COUNTY, GEORGIA AND PRATT PROPERTIES, INC., ROBERT
K. TAYLOR AND BOYD EA LLC; REPEALING RESOLUTIONS
OR PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Chairman called for consideration of the resolution declaring a 2017 Nissan Rogue (from the Albany Dougherty Drug Unit) as surplus and authorizing the sale through Underwriters

Safety & Claims. Assistant County Administrator Scott Addison addressed. He said that this was a standard protocol for action to allow a vehicle to be sold.

Commissioner Jones moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Edwards, the motion for approval passed unanimously. Resolution 21-066 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED
A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE AS SURPLUS A SALVAGED 2017
NISSAN ROGUE
(VIN NO. KNMAT2MT4HP596471) AND HAVE SAID SURPLUSED
SALVAGED VEHICLE DISPOSED OF THROUGH UNDERWRITERS
SAFETY AND CLAIMS, DOUGHERTY COUNTY'S THIRD PARTY
ADMINISTRATOR; REPEALING RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF
RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

The Chairman called for consideration of the resolution for Dougherty County, Georgia accepting the Memorandum Of Understanding between the State Of Georgia and certain Local Government Entities concerning The National Distributor And J&J Settlements and directing the Execution of the "Acknowledgment And Agreement To Be Bound By Memorandum Of Understanding," "Subdivision Distributor Settlement Participation Form," And "Janssen Settlement Participation Form."

Commissioner Jones moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Gaines, the motion for approval passed unanimously. Resolution 21-067 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA
("COUNTY") AGREEING TO BE BOUND BY THE
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE
STATE OF GEORGIA AND CERTAIN LOCAL GOVERNMENT
ENTITIES CONCERNING THE NATIONAL DISTRIBUTOR
AND J&J SETTLEMENTS AND DIRECTING THE
EXECUTION OF THE "ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND
AGREEMENT TO BE BOUND BY MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING," "SUBDIVISION DISTRIBUTOR
SETTLEMENT PARTICIPATION FORM," AND "JANSSEN
SETTLEMENT PARTICIPATION FORM."

The Chairman called for consideration of the resolution providing for the acceptance and execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement between Dougherty County, GA and the Albany Dougherty Payroll Development Authority (PDA). The agreement will allow the PDA to hold title to the project on behalf of Dougherty County for the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission to administer the program relative to a local community food bank. County

Administrator Michael McCoy and Southwest Georgia Regional Commission Grant Administration Manager Brenda Wade addressed. Albany-Dougherty Economic Development Commission President and CEO Jana Dyke, Southwest Georgia Regional Commission Executive Director Suzanne Angell and Southwest Georgia Regional Commission Director of Planning/Deputy Director Barbara Reddick were present for additional concerns.

Commissioner Jones moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Edwards, the motion for approval passed unanimously. Resolution 21-068 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED
A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ACCEPTANCE AND
EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT
BETWEEN DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA AND THE
ALBANY DOUGHERTY PAYROLL DEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY AND SOUTHWEST GEORGIA REGIONAL
COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER A CDBG-CV FOOD BANK
PROJECT; REPEALING RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF
RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Chairman called for consideration of the two resolutions and related forms from the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission. The related forms were the CDBG-CV Subrogation Agreement –PDA, CDBG-CV Duplication of Benefits Policy & Benefit Worksheet, Memorandum of Agreement (Grant writing and Admin. Services -SWGRC and Dougherty County), Memorandum of Understanding (MOU- Food Bank and Dougherty County), Dougherty County Matching Funds Resolution, Dougherty County Continuous of Use Policy, In-Kind services Purchase of Furnishings, Ongoing Operation, and Maintenance Resolution, and the Refrigerated Warehousing, Inc. Contract Services Agreement (Dougherty County and Architectural Services-Refrigerated Warehousing). Southwest Georgia Regional Commission Grant Administration Manager Brenda Wade addressed. Southwest Georgia Regional Commission Executive Director Suzanne Angell and Southwest Georgia Regional Commission Director of Planning/Deputy Director Barbara Reddick were present.

Commissioner Jones moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Edwards, the motion for approval passed unanimously. Resolutions 21-069 & 21-070 are entitled:

RESOLUTION BY
DOUGHERTY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MATCHING FUNDS

RESOLUTION BY
DOUGHERTY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CONTINUOUS OF USE POLICY, IN-KIND SERVICES FOR PURCHASE OF
FURNISHINGS, ONGOING OPERATIONS, AND MAINTENANCE PLAN

The Chairman called for consideration to accept the Memorandum of Agreement between the Albany Dougherty Payroll Development Authority (PDA) and Feeding the Valley, Inc. The Board of Commissioners plans to enter into an agreement with the PDA to administer CARES ACT funding and work with the Food Bank to expand its service capabilities through capital improvements. County Administrator Michael McCoy and Southwest Georgia Regional Commission Grant Administration Manager Brenda Wade addressed. Albany-Dougherty Economic Development Commission President and CEO Jana Dyke and Feeding the Valley, Inc. President and CEO Frank Shepard were present.

Commissioner Jones moved for approval. Commissioner Edwards seconded the motion. Under discussion, Commissioner Gaines asked if what Mr. Wright alleged was correct referencing if public participation is required. Ms. Wade addressed and stated that a hearing was held and advertised in the Albany Herald. There being no further discussion, the motion for approval passed unanimously.

The Chairman called for consideration of the proposed board appointments.

Upon nomination by Commissioner Jones, incumbents Stephen Dew and Ronald Smith were unanimously recommended to the City of Albany for ratification for a three-year term ending October 1, 2024. The County will re-advertise for one vacancy to fill an unexpired three-year term ending October 1, 2022.

Upon nomination by Commissioner Jones, incumbents Thomas Driggers (joint), and Clint Newsome (joint) were unanimously recommended to the City of Albany for ratification of appointment and incumbent Clifford Tolbert (rotational) was reappointed to the Air Conditioning, Heating & Ventilation Board for a one-year term ending December 31, 2022. The County will re-advertise for one vacancy to fill a one-year term ending December 31, 2022.

Upon nomination by Commissioner Jones, incumbents Peter Akinnubi and Charles "Bruce" Capps were unanimously reappointed to the Dougherty County Development Authority for a four-year term ending December 31, 2025. Upon nomination by Commissioner Edwards, the recommendation for Felicia Brown to replace Winifred Benson was unanimously accepted for a four-year term ending December 31, 2025. Upon nomination by Commissioner Edwards, the recommendation for Demetrius Love to replace J.C. Odom was unanimously accepted for a four-year term ending December 31, 2025. The County will re-advertise for one vacancy to fill an unexpired four-year term ending December 31, 2023.

Upon nomination by Commissioner Jones, incumbent Sanford Hillsman (rotational) was unanimously reappointed to the Electrical Board for a one-year term ending December 31, 2022. The County will re-advertise for four vacancies to fill a one-year term ending on December 31, 2022.

Upon nomination by Commissioner Gaines, incumbent Tod Lanier was unanimously reappointed to the Flood Plain Management Review Board for a three-year term ending December 31, 2024. The County will re-advertise for two vacancies for a three-year term ending December 31, 2024.

Upon nomination by Commissioner Jones, incumbent Sanford Hillsman (County) was unanimously reappointed to the Gas Board for a one-year term ending December 31, 2022 and incumbent Rhett Parker (joint) was recommended to the City of Albany for ratification of appointment. The County will re-advertise for one vacancy to fill a one-year term ending December 31, 2022.

Upon nomination by Commissioner Jones, incumbent Wilbert Moore was unanimously reappointed to the Dougherty County Health Board for a six-year term ending December 31, 2027. Upon appointment of Chairman Cohilas, Commissioner Russell Gray was reappointed to serve as his designee for the Dougherty County Health Board with a six-year term ending December 31, 2027.

Upon nomination by Commissioner Jones, incumbent Robert Metts was unanimously reappointed to the Keep Albany Dougherty Beautiful Board to fill a three-year term ending December 31, 2024. Upon a nomination by Commissioner Jones, the recommendation for Bryant Harden to replace Virginia Johnson was unanimously accepted for a three-year term ending December 31, 2024.

Upon nomination by Commissioner Gaines, incumbents Dr. James Hill and Commissioner Anthony Jones were unanimously reappointed to the Library Board of Trustees for a three-year term ending December 31, 2024.

Upon nomination by Commissioner Jones, incumbents Gail Davenport and Debra Richardson were unanimously reappointed to the Department of Behavioral Health & Development Disabilities Regional 4 for a three-year term ending December 31, 2024.

There was a consensus by the Commission to re-advertise the position as recommended by Commissioner Gaines for the Payroll Development Authority for a three-year term ending December 31, 2024.

Upon nomination by Commissioner Jones, incumbents William Geer and Sanford Hillsman were unanimously reappointed to the Planning Commission for a three-year term ending December 31, 2024. Mrs. Ware addressed Commissioner Gaines' question in reference to information provided to the Board for attendance purposes.

Upon nomination by Commissioner Jones, incumbents Lee Eppley (Master Plumber), Rhett Parker (Master Plumber) and Glenn Harris (Citizen Member) were unanimously reappointed to the Plumbing Board for a one-year term ending December 31, 2022.

Upon nomination by Chairman Cohilas, incumbent William Cooling (citizen appointee) was unanimously reappointed to the Retirement Fund Committee for a four-year term ending December 31, 2025. The County will re-advertise for one vacancy to fill a four-year term ending December 31, 2025. The Chairman asked staff to provide recommendations on individuals that can serve on this board.

Upon nomination by Commissioner Jones, incumbent Glenn Harris was unanimously reappointed to the Southwest Georgia Community Action Council for a one-year term ending December 31, 2022.

Upon nomination by Commissioner Jones, incumbent Sonya Johnson was unanimously reappointed to the Southwest Georgia Housing Task Force for a one-year term ending December 31, 2022.

Upon nomination by Commissioner Jones, Raymond Breaux (County) was unanimously reappointed to the Southwest Georgia Community Action Council for a one-year term ending December 31, 2022. Upon the same nomination, the appointment of Casawn Lhuillier-Yheyeis (joint) was recommended to the City of Albany for ratification. Upon appointment of Chairman Cohilas, Commissioner Anthony Jones was reappointed to serve as his designee for the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission with a one-year term ending December 31, 2022.

Upon nomination of Commissioner Jones, incumbent Chuck Roberts was unanimously reappointed to the Stadium Authority for a four-year term ending in December 31, 2025.

Upon nomination of Commissioner Jones, incumbents George Anderson and Wayne Shaw were unanimously reappointed to the Tax Assessors Board for a three-year term ending December 31, 2024.

The Chairman called for consideration of the resolution confirming the appointments to the Dougherty County Board of Tax Assessors for the term beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2024.

Commissioner Jones moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Edwards the motion for approval passed unanimously. Resolution 21-071 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED
A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF
MEMBERS TO POSTS 4 AND 5 OF THE DOUGHERTY COUNTY
BOARD OF TAX ASSESSORS FOR A TERM BEGINNING
JANUARY 1, 2022 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024;
REPEALING RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS IN
CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Mr. McCoy informed the Commission that the 2022 Dougherty County Meeting Schedule Calendar is available. Commissioner Gaines asked Mr. McCoy for an update on the ordinances for aesthetic requests. He said that he will contact Planning Director Paul Forgey to determine a timeframe. Chairman Cohilas recognized Commissioners Newsome and Edwards who both became certified ACCG Commissioners. Commissioner Newsome received his certificate at the conference and the Chairman presented Commissioner Edwards his plaque and pin at the meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK