

## DOUGHERTY COUNTY COMMISSION

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### REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

November 16, 2020

The Dougherty County Commission met in Room 100 of the Albany-Dougherty Government Center on November 16, 2020. Chairman Christopher Cohilas presided. Commissioners present were Victor Edwards, Lamar Hudgins, Russell Gray and Clinton Johnson. Commissioners Gloria Gaines and Anthony Jones participated via the audio-conferencing feature. 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.

After the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance, the Chairman called for approval of the October 19th Regular Meeting and October 26th Work Session minutes.

Commissioner Johnson moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Gray, the motion passed unanimously.

The Chairman called for consideration of the purchase of two 2021 Ford Explorers XLT for the EMS Department from the lowest responsive and responsible vendor meeting specifications, Peach State Ford (Cedartown, GA), in the amount of \$33,510 each for a total expenditure of \$67,020. Funding is budgeted in the SPLOST VII.

Commissioner Hudgins moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Johnson, the motion for approval passed unanimously.

The Chairman called for consideration of the purchase of one 2021 Ford F-350 Truck Chassis for the Solid Waste Department from the lowest responsive and responsible vendor meeting specifications, Peach State Ford (Cedartown, GA), in the amount of \$38,886. Funding is budgeted in the Solid Waste Capital Outlay.

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

The Chairman called for consideration of the resolution providing for the acceptance and execution of the contract to accept the bid for the installation of a concrete trail around the pond located at Robert Cross Park from the lowest responsible and responsive bidder meeting specifications, Zane Grace Construction (Leesburg, Ga) in the amount of \$76,937.81 subject to the execution of the contract by the County Administrator. Funding is budgeted in the SPLOST VII.

Commissioner Johnson moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Jones, the motion for approval passed unanimously. Resolution 20-066 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION  
ENTITLED  
A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ACCEPTANCE AND  
EXECUTION OF A PROCUREMENT RECOMMENDATION AND  
RELATED DOCUMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$76,937.81 WITH ZANE  
GRACE CONSTRUCTION OF LEESBURG, GEORGIA PROVIDING FOR  
INSTALLATION OF AN EIGHT FOOT (8') WIDE, FIBER REINFORCED,  
CONCRETE TRAIL AROUND THE POND LOCATED AT ROBERT  
CROSS PARK; REPEALING RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF  
RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES.

The Chairman called for consideration of the annual resolution authorizing the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission to execute and file the renewal of the annual application on behalf of Dougherty County with the Georgia Department of Transportation and the United States Department of Transportation for a grant for public transportation assistance under Section 5311 Regional Transit Program.

Commissioner Jones moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Johnson, the motion for approval passed unanimously. Resolution 20-067 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION  
ENTITLED  
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING  
OF AN APPLICATION  
WITH THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION AND THE UNITED  
STATES DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION FOR A GRANT FOR  
PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE  
UNDER TITLE 49 U.S.C., SECTION 5311.

The Chairman called for consideration of the request for the County Commission to authorize the Planning Commission and staff to provide a proposed text amendment to Title I, Article 5; Title II, Article 2 and Table II.2.01 of the Zoning Ordinance which creates the definitions of various types of Community Residences.

Commissioner Hudgins moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Johnson, the motion for approval passed unanimously.

County Administrator McCoy stated that the proposed 2021 County Commission Meeting Calendar was available and there will not be a meeting on Monday, November 23, 2020.

The Chairman wished Commissioner Jones a happy early birthday. Commissioner Johnson requested a timeline for the Radium Spring trail installation. Mr. McCoy gave an overview for the various trails being worked on. Afterwards, Commissioner Johnson gave an overview from the recent Recreation meeting. Commissioner Gray asked the County Administrator and County Attorney to look at a local vendor purchasing. Chairman Cohilas shared prior to Commissioner Gray coming on the board, the topic was evaluated, and the legal opinion was that such policy violated state law. Chairman Cohilas added that the issue was analyzed intensively and shared that most of the money on vehicle purchases do not stay locally but we spend an astronomical amount on maintenance which is kept locally. He said that it would be good for Commissioner Gray to get historical information and the topic can be reviewed if needed. Chairman Cohilas then provided an update from a conversation on the Emergency Management Agency (EMA) plans. It was concluded that EMA has operated in accordance to the plan and that all are clear on their responsibilities. He asked Mr. McCoy to send the GEMA a letter to all the Commissioners and he will have a meeting this week with the Mayor to discuss.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 10:13 a.m.

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CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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COUNTY CLERK