

DOUGHERTY COUNTY COMMISSION

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

March 15, 2021

The Dougherty County Commission met in Room 100 of the Albany-Dougherty Government Center on March 15, 2021. Chairman Christopher Cohilas presided. Commissioners present were Victor Edwards, Russell Gray, and Ed Newsome. Commissioners Gloria Gaines and Anthony Jones participated via the audio-conferencing feature. Also present were County Administrator Michael McCoy, 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. Commissioner Clinton Johnson and Assistant County Administrator Scott Addison were absent.

After the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance, the Chairman called for approval of the February 15th Regular Meeting, February 22nd Work Session, and February 22nd Special Called Meeting minutes.

Commissioner Gray moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Newsome, the minutes were unanimously approved.

The Chairman recognized Chief Kenneth Johnson to recognize Corporal Calvin Hodge as the Officer of the Year and the Traffic Citation Officer of the Year; Senior Clerk Dispatcher Venise Haskins as Support Staff of Year; Officer Donald Eubanks as High Shooter "Top Gun" of Year; and update the Commission with the 2020 Annual Report for the Dougherty County Police Department. Chief Johnson honored Lieutenant Rouse for his services. It has been 10 years since his death. Chief Johnson mentioned that there are 12 current vacancies, the revenue generated from citations was \$142,984.02 and there is a total of 16 registered neighborhood watches in the community.

The Chairman recognized Sheriff Kevin Sproul to recognize Sergeant Deborah Platt, Employee of the Year for the Jail, and Deputy Eddie Jackson, as Employee of the Year for the Sheriff's Office and update the Commission with the 2020 Annual Report. Sheriff Sproul stated that court proceedings and interventions with other statistics decreased due to the pandemic. He stressed the critical need for personnel with the current amount of vacancies at 55 individuals. He mentioned that it is hard to recruit and retain employees and would appreciate any consideration the Commission could provide to assist.

The Chairman opened the Public Hearing on The Estate of Donald W. & Lovella Terry, owner, and Lynn Marie Montgerard, applicant; request to rezone 3.0 acres from AG (Agricultural District)

to R-G (Single-Family Residential District County Only). The property address is 928 Gaissert Rd. The Planning Commission recommended approval. Mary Teter, Planning Manager, addressed. There being no additional individuals present in support for or opposition to the rezoning request, the Chairman closed the public hearing.

The Chairman called for the consideration of the resolution providing for the execution and acceptance of the proposal in the amount of \$74,512 from Yielding, Wakeford & McGee Architects (Albany, GA) to provide professional architectural and engineering services. The services will provide for the development of the design plans and construction oversight for the Radium Springs Master Plan – Phase I Improvements, as recommended by the Recreation Committee. Funding is available in SPLOST V.

Commissioner Gray moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Newsome, the motion for approval passed unanimously. Resolution 21-010 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ACCEPTANCE AND EXECUTION OF A PROPOSAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$74,512.00 FROM YIELDING, WAKEFORD AND MCGHEE ARCHITECTS TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES AND DEVELOP CONSTRUCTION PLANS FOR THE RADIUM SPRINGS MASTER PLAN – PHASE I IMPROVEMENTS; REPEALING RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Chairman called for the consideration of the resolution declaring the listed vehicles and equipment as surplus and authorizing the sale of same via an online auction.

Commissioner Gray moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Jones, the motion for approval passed unanimously. Resolution 21-011 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED

A RESOLUTION DECLARING AS SURPLUS THE ATTACHED LIST OF EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLES; PROVIDING FOR DISPOSAL OF OR SALE OF SAME VIA AN ONLINE AUCTION; REPEALING PRIOR RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Chairman called for the consideration of the resolution declaring one 2009 Peterbilt Low-Boy Tractor as surplus and authorizing an Intergovernmental Transfer of the same in the sale amount of \$25,000 to the Worth County Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Gray moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Edwards, the motion for approval passed unanimously. Resolution 21-012 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR DECLARING SURPLUS A COUNTY OWNED 2009 PETERBILT LOW-BOY TRACTOR AND AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SAID TRACTOR IN AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL TRANSFER TO THE WORTH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE SUM OF \$25,000.00; REPEALING RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Chairman called for the consideration of the proposed board appointments. County Clerk Jawahn Ware addressed.

Upon nomination by Commissioner Gray, the recommendation from County Administrator Michael McCoy for Jim Pace to replace Robert Middleton was unanimously accepted for a two-year unexpired term ending July 31, 2022.

The recommendation for Wayne Shaw to replace J. Bruce Gunnels Williams was for a three-year unexpired term ending December 31, 2021, which was presented before the Commission. Commissioner Johnson moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Gray, the appointment and resolution were accepted unanimously. Resolution 21-013 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER TO POST 4 OF THE DOUGHERTY COUNTY BOARD OF TAX ASSESSORS FOR THE UNEXPIRED TERM CREATED BY THE RESIGNATION OF THE INCUMBENT, J. BRUCE GUNNELS; REPEALING RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Chairman called for the consideration of the resolution providing for the acceptance and execution of the proposed Intergovernmental License Agreement between the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia and Dougherty County relative to the ASU to Downtown Albany multi-use Flint River Trail project improve the area.

Commissioner Jones moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Gray, the motion for approval passed unanimously. Resolution 21-014 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE APPROVAL AND EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA AND THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA PROVIDING FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGNING, CONSTRUCTING AND OPERATING OF THE ASU TO DOWNTOWN CONNECTOR SEGMENT OF THE FLINT RIVER TRAILS GREENWAY SYSTEM; REPEALING RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Chairman called for the consideration of the resolution for use of the Dougherty County Nuisance Abatement Resolution No 02-034 to address one purported dilapidated structure located at 2229 Duitman Drive, Albany, Georgia.

Commissioner Jones moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Edwards, the motion for approval passed unanimously. Resolution 21-015 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR INVESTIGATION AND/OR INSPECTION BY THE PUBLIC OFFICER AS DESIGNATED UNDER DOUGHERTY COUNTY NUISANCE ABATEMENT RESOLUTION NUMBER 02-034 AND/OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE AND PROVIDING FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE DOUGHERTY COUNTY NUISANCE ABATEMENT RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY; REPEALING RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Chairman called for the consideration from Superior Court to apply for the FY 2022 Accountability Court Funding Program reimbursement grant from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council agency in the amount of \$278,000 for the mental health treatment of ASPIRE participants. There is a 10% local match required and will be provided from the DATE (Drug Abuse Treatment Education) Fund. Superior Court Judge Victoria Darrisaw and Substance Abuse Coordinator Patricia Griffin addressed.

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

The Chairman called for the consideration of the resolution providing for the acceptance and execution of the Georgia Defense Community Economic Development Fund Program Memorandum of Understanding between Dougherty County, the City of Albany, and Albany Technical College. This grant is a partnership between the entities and will provide career and technical education to military personnel and their spouses who are transitioning out of service.

Dougherty County will be required to provide a match in the amount of \$15,000. The Commission approved the Work Source grant application in the May 6, 2019, Regular Meeting. The new grant amount is \$59,900. County Administrator Michael McCoy addressed.

Commissioner Newsome moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Jones, the motion for approval passed unanimously. Resolution 21-016 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED
A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE APPROVAL AND
EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN DOUGHERTY COUNTY, THE CITY OF ALBANY AND
THE ALBANY TECHNICAL COLLEGE APPROVING THE FILING
AND RECEIVING OF A GRANT FROM THE GEORGIA DEFENSE
COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND PROGRAM
FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING AN INTERNSHIP
PROGRAM; REPEALING RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF
RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

The Chairman called for approval of the zoning consideration for The Estate of Donald W. & Lovella Terry, owner, and Lynn Marie Montgerard, applicant; request to rezone 3.0 acres from AG (Agricultural District) to R-G (Single-Family Residential District County Only). The property address is 928 Gaissert Rd. The Planning Commission recommended approval.

Commissioner Jones moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Gray, the motion passed unanimously. The Zoning Resolution is as follows:

A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED
A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE ZONING REGULATIONS
AND MAP OF THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF
DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA (RESOLUTION NO. 212,
AS AMENDED) SO AS TO CHANGE THE STATUS OF THE
PROPERTY HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Dougherty County, Georgia, and IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by authority of same:

SECTION I: That from and after the passage of this Resolution, the official Zoning Regulations and Map of the unincorporated area of Dougherty County, adopted December 1, 1969, as amended, be, and the same are hereinafter described as follows:

CHANGE FROM: A-G (Agricultural District)

TO: R-G (Single- Family Residential District County Only)

OWNER/APPLICANT: Estate of Donald W. & Lovella Terry/Lynn Marie
Montgerard

LOCATION: 928 Gaissert Road

ESTATE OF DONALD W. & LOVELLA TERRY

All that tract or parcel of land lying in or being in Land Lot 70 of the First Land District of Dougherty County, Georgia and being more particularly described as follows:

To find the point of beginning, commence at a 3/4" rebar located at the Northeast corner of said Land Lot 70; THENCE South 01 degrees 43 minutes 59 seconds East for a distance of 726.82 feet along the East line of said Land Lot 70 to a 5/8" rebar located on the South right of way of Landfill Road (a 80' wide right of way); THENCE South 01 degrees 44 minutes 10 seconds East for a distance of 1965.54 feet along the East line of said Land Lot 70 to a 1/2" rebar; THENCE South 40 degrees 24 minutes 26 seconds West for a distance of 190.61 feet to a 5/8" rebar located at the POINT OF BEGINNING of the following described tract of land:

THENCE South 40 degrees 24 minutes 26 seconds West for a distance of 246.30 feet to a 1/2" rebar located on the Northeast right of way of Gaissert Road (a 80' wide right of way); THENCE North 49 degrees 27 minutes 45 seconds West for a distance of 513.46 feet along the Northeast right of way of Gaissert Road to a 5/8" rebar; THENCE North 41 degrees 51 minutes 26 seconds East for a distance of 330.68 feet to a 5/8" rebar; THENCE South 14 degrees 26 minutes 55 seconds East for a distance of 148.44 feet to a 5/8" rebar; THENCE South 49 degrees 35 minutes 33 seconds East for a distance of 383.71 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Together with and subject to covenants, easements, and restrictions of record said property contains 3.000 acres more or less all according to a Rezoning survey for The Estate of Donald W. & Lovella Terry prepared by Larry Burnsed, Georgia Registered Land Surveyor No. 2634 on the Date of February 9, 2021, and said plat is incorporated herein by this express reference thereto.

SECTION III: That all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same hereby are repealed.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

CLERK

APPROVED: March 15, 2021

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK