

DOUGHERTY COUNTY COMMISSION
WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES

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March 14, 2022

The Dougherty County Commission met in Room 100 of the Albany-Dougherty Government Center on March 14, 2022. Chairman Christopher Cohilas presided and called the meeting to order at 10:07 am. Present [in the Chamber] were Commissioners Victor Edwards, Gloria Gaines, Russell Gray, Clinton Johnson, Anthony Jones and Ed Newsome. Also participating in the Chamber were Assistant County Administrator Scott Addison, County Attorney Spencer Lee, County Clerk Jawahn Ware, and other staff. County Administrator Michael McCoy participated via the audio-conferencing feature. The public and representatives of the media participated in person via live streaming of the meeting on the County's Facebook page and the government public access channel.

The Chairman asked the Commission to review the minutes of the February 21st Regular Meeting, February 28th Work Session and February 28th Special Called Meeting.

The Chairman recognized Dougherty County Police Chief Kenneth Johnson present to update the Commission with their annual report. Several statistics were shared. Chief Johnson added that the total years of law enforcement experience lost was 309 years with a 100% turnover rate. He verbally recognized Cpl Jercory McCray as the 2021 Officer of the year, Clerk Dispatcher Crystal Reynolds as the 2021 Staff of the year and Cpl Don Eubanks and Ptl Bert Jones as the 2021 Top Gun award; both of these individuals shot a perfect score. He also recognized Ptl David Gadd as the 2021 Traffic Officer of the year. Questions of the Commission were answered and the Chairman asked for an update on the discussion to combine the Gang Unit and ADDU.

The Chairman called for a discussion of a zoning consideration for Muggridge & Wimberly Limited, LLC, owner and Lanier Engineering, Inc., applicant (22-008) request for special approval to operate a Self-Storage Facility in a C-3 (Commercial District). The parcel is a .77-acre vacant lot. The property is located at 2707 Upland Ct. The Planning Commission recommended approval. Angel Gray, Planning Manager, addressed. The Public Hearing and Action are scheduled for March 21, 2022.

The Chairman called for a discussion to purchase one Batwing Mower for Public Works from the Sourcewell Contract servicing dealer Flint Equipment Company (Leesburg, GA) in the amount of \$24,252.36. Funding is budgeted in SPLOST VII. Assistant County Administrator Scott Addison addressed. Public Works Director Chuck Mathis was present. Mr. Addison said that this is a replacement of existing equipment and requested approval.

The Chairman called for a discussion to purchase one 2022 John Deere 6105E 4x4 Tractor and one 2022 John Deere HX7 Mower for Public Works from the Sourcewell Contract servicing dealer Flint Equipment Company (Leesburg, GA) for a total expenditure of \$76,466.52. Funding is budgeted in SPLOST VII. Assistant County Administrator Scott Addison

addressed. Public Works Director Chuck Mathis was present. Mr. Addison said that these are life cycle replacements and requested approval.

The Chairman called for a discussion to declare the listed vehicles and equipment as surplus and authorize the disposal of or sale of same via an online auction. Assistant County Administrator Scott Addison addressed. Mr. Addison said that this was a standard process.

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

Department of Family and Children Services- There is one appointment with an unexpired five-year term ending June 30, 2024. There is one new applicant: Barbara Johnson-Clark.

Payroll Development Authority – There is one appointment with an unexpired three-year term ending December 31, 2024. There are four new applicants: Will Davis, Roderick Garner, Jeretha Peters and William Wright.

It was shared that Commissioner Edwards (District 2), Commissioner Gray (District 4) and Commissioner Jones (District 6) will all serve another 4-year term. Commissioner Johnson thanked Public Works for the work done on the holding pond.

There being no further business to discuss the Commission the meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK