

DOUGHERTY COUNTY COMMISSION
WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES

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January 11, 2021

The Dougherty County Commission met in Room 100 of the Albany-Dougherty Government Center on January 11, 2021. Chairman Christopher Cohilas presided and called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Present [in the Chamber] were Commissioners Victor Edwards, Russell Gray, Clinton Johnson, and Ed Newsome. Commissioners Gloria Gaines and Anthony Jones participated via the audio-conferencing feature. Also participating in the Chamber 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, via live streaming of the meeting on the County's Facebook page and the government public access channel.

The Chairman called for a discussion of the recommendation to accept the proposal in the amount of \$38,750 from Maschke Associates to provide Architectural and Engineering Services needed to develop a Dougherty County Morgue. Funding is available in SPLOST VII. Assistant County Administrator Scott Addison addressed. Coroner Michael Fowler and Consultant David Maschke were present. Dougherty County has been using Phoebe's morgue and money has been set aside in SPLOST II. Mr. Fowler and Maschke addressed questions. Commissioner Gray asked if the GBI could possibly be consulted so the facility can include a crime lab and Chairman Cohilas asked about the building being a revenue source to assist surrounding counties. Commissioner Gaines asked that the travel reimbursement amount be included in the award total.

The Chairman called for a discussion of the recommendation to approve the proposals from Stones Aquatic Weed & Algae Removal LLC in the amount of \$55,800 for the enhancement of Radium Springs and the Spring Run Creek by removing aquatic vegetation. Funding is available in SPLOST V. Assistant County Administrator Scott Addison addressed. Owner Juston Stone was present. The Recreation Committee has looked at enhancements of Radium Springs. The vendor specialized in the recommendations were provided. Commissioner Jones suggested that a schedule be created for maintenance. Mr. Addison shared that maintenance will be planned after a determination was made on how fast the vegetation will grow back. Commissioner Jones requested an independent opinion by a UGA aquatic specialist. Historical action was shared. It is recommended to proceed during the hydrilla dormant cycle. Chairman Cohilas directed the Recreation Committee to come up with a recommendation on the maintenance scheduling and the proposal before the next meeting.

The Chairman called for a discussion of the recommendation to accept the list of roads to be resurfaced with the FY 2021 Local Maintenance & Improvements Grant (LMIG) funds (\$380,125.25), SPLOST VII 2021 Resurfacing Funds (\$425,000), and TSPLOST (\$2,149,249.93). The total cost estimate for 25.95 miles is \$2,954,375.18. Assistant County Administrator Scott Addison addressed. Public Works Director Larry Cook and Project Engineer Jeremy Brown were present. This item will be listed on the following Special Called Meeting. Commissioner Gaines asked that the sheet reflects the portion of 8-mile Road in District 5.

The Chairman called for a discussion of the recommendation for Dougherty County to provide the approval to submit applications for CDBG-MIT Planning funds and CDBG-MIT Infrastructure funding. Disaster Programs Manager Georgia Collier-Bolling addressed. Planning Development and Code Enforcement Representative Angel Gray was present. This item will be listed on the following Special Called Meeting.

Commissioner Johnson asked for a moment of silence for the lives recently lost at the capitol.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned to a Special Called Meeting at 10:40 a.m.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK