

## DOUGHERTY COUNTY COMMISSION

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### WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES

October 26, 2020

The Dougherty County Commission met in Room 100 of the Albany-Dougherty Government Center on October 26, 2020. Chairman Christopher Cohilas presided and called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Present [in the Chamber] were Commissioners Victor Edwards, Russell Gray and Lamar Hudgins. Commissioners Gloria Gaines, Clinton Johnson 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 asked the Commission to review the minutes of the October 12th Work Session and October 12th Special Called Meeting.

The Chairman recognized Simone Turner, Regional Program Manager, Communities in Schools of Georgia, to provide an update to the Commission on the program and request a partnership. She shared that they served over 300 families and implemented their mission by coordinating community resources.

The Chairman recognized David Hodges, Chief Ranger, Georgia Forestry Commission, to update the Commission on the Annual Report. Commissioner Gray thanked Mr. Hodges on behalf of the Health Board for allowing the community to use their building for COVID-19 testing.

The Chairman recognized James Morgan, County Extension Coordinator, to update the Commission with the Quarterly Report. Mr. Morgan highlighted the program with the Marine Corps Base called Project Fostering Relationship Economic and Enrichment (FREE) and stated that the program was designed to provide education programs to help foster healthy relationships. The second program mentioned was the Relationship Smarts program that would provide education for students on prevention strategies.

The Chairman recognized William Wright, President, Afram-Tech, Inc. to discuss concerns regarding building capacity, contract award and grant awards to minority owned businesses. He was concerned that there were no minority awards in the Work Force Group proposal recently approved by the Commission. Other questions were posed pertaining to local companies receiving monetary awards with none being to African American businesses. He plans to present additional information to the Commission next month.

The Chairman called for a discussion of the recommendation to purchase two 2021 F-350 Type 1 Ambulances for the EMS Department from the state contract vendor Wade Ford (Smyrna, GA), in the amount of \$158,289 each for a total expenditure of \$316,578. Funding is budgeted in the SPLOST VII – EMS Ambulances & Equipment. Assistant County Administrator Scott Addison

addressed. EMS Director Sam Allen and City of Albany Buyer Tina Strassenberg were present. Mr. Addison stated that these were regularly scheduled replacements.

The Chairman called for a discussion of the recommendation to accept the quote to install an equipment shed at the Solid Waste Landfill from the lowest responsive and responsible vendor meeting specifications, Smith-Built Buildings (Dawson, Ga) in the amount of \$23,879.49. Three quotes were received with the highest being \$32,500. The shed will replace a previously demolished building. Funding is budgeted in Solid Waste Capital Outlay. Assistant County Administrator Scott Addison addressed. Facilities Management Director Heidi Minnick and Solid Waste Director Campbell Smith were present.

The Chairman called for a discussion of the recommendation to accept the quote to replace six security cameras at the Jail from the lowest responsive and responsible vendor meeting specifications, CooperCraft (Tifton, Ga) in the amount of \$23,676.99. Two quotes were received with the highest being \$26,045. Funding is budgeted in SPLOST VII - Jail Improvements. Assistant County Administrator Scott Addison addressed. Chief Jailer John Ostrander was present. Mr. Addison mentioned that the camera replacement will integrate with the existing system.

The Chairman called for a discussion of the recommendation to approve the Alcohol Application from Creekside 02 LLC., Sunita Patel licensee, dba Creekside 2, at 1900 Weymouth Dr. Ste B for Beer and Wine Package. The Albany-Dougherty Marshal's Office recommended approval. Chief Anthony Donaldson, Business and License Support Department, addressed.

The Chairman called for a discussion of the recommendation to approve the Alcohol Application from Temp Coffee & Brew, LLC, Viral Patel licensee, dba Temp Coffee & Brew, at 1900 Weymouth Dr. Ste B for Beer and Wine Consumption. The Albany-Dougherty Marshal's Office recommended approval. Chief Anthony Donaldson, Business and License Support Department, addressed.

The Chairman called for a discussion of the recommendation to approve the Alcohol Application from Shiv 2020 LLC., Bhagvatiben Patel licensee, dba Hill Corner Food Store, at 335 N. County Line Road for Beer and Wine Package. The Albany-Dougherty Marshal's Office recommended approval. Chief Anthony Donaldson, Business and License Support Department, addressed. Commissioner Jones shared that citizens were not pleased in District 6.

Commissioner Gray reminded the Commission and citizens of early voting hours. Commissioner Edwards asked that additional information be added at the Memorial at Radium Springs. Mr. McCoy shared that the marquees had the information and he will distribute. Upon Commissioner Edwards' request, Mr. McCoy provided information on the payout stats of Crime Stoppers. The organization plans to contact the City of Albany and Dougherty County for funding assistance. Commissioner Edwards asked if confiscated funds could be used and Attorney Lee will address later. Commissioner Gray provided additional information about the Crime Stoppers process and the validity of anonymous tips. Commissioner Johnson asked Mr. McCoy to ask if the JAG grant could be utilized. Chairman Cohilas supported the research of utilizing confiscated funds. Mr. McCoy later addressed Commissioner's Gaines questions. Commissioner Jones requested that Mr. McCoy determine how to provide tourist directions to the Memorial. Chairman

Cohilas asked that Mr. McCoy work with Rashelle Beasley at the Chamber for each location to have a digital footprint and provide an update later.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

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