

DOUGHERTY COUNTY COMMISSION  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES

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September 28, 2020

The Dougherty County Commission met in Room 100 of the Albany-Dougherty Government Center on September 28, 2020. Chairman Christopher Cohilas presided. Commissioners present were Victor Edwards and Russell Gray. 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. Commissioner Lamar Hudgins and Commissioner Clinton Johnson were absent.

After the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance, the Chairman called for approval of the August 31st Regular Meeting and September 14th Work Session minutes.

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

The Chairman recognized Citizen Ned Newcomb to discuss flooding concerns in Dougherty County. Mr. Newcomb wanted Dougherty County to perform four tasks to help prevent flooding, specifically for those with homes. The four task are as follows:

1. He wanted the County to contact Federal Energy Regulation Commission (FERC) with the specific requests.
2. He wanted Dougherty County Emergency Management to coordinate with local agencies such as Crisp County and Georgia Power to prevent water dumps.
3. He wanted flood gauge on the lake installed.
4. He wanted one website that citizens could access needed information.

Chairman Cohilas asked Mr. McCoy to have Chief Scott come and make a public presentation in reference to the concern.

The Chairman recognized Sherrell Byrd, SOWEGA Rising to provide an update on their COVID-19 relief efforts. Ms. Byrd outlined activities that served nearly 122 sites in Southwest Georgia which included providing census materials. She mentioned how SOWEGA Rising has worked with families in the long-term phase and plans to provide a future update from the Food Justice Coalition. She highlighted additional plans from the coalition and thanked the Commission for their support for voting to install additional ballot drop boxes. She also announced a documentary that should be available in October highlighting Albany, Georgia.

The Chairman called for consideration of the resolution providing for the acceptance and execution of the contract to accept the bid to complete the replacement of the Candlestick Flare Station for Solid Waste from the lowest responsible and responsive bidder meeting specifications, Aptim

Environmental & Infrastructure, LLC (Findlay, OH) in the amount of \$157,010 subject to execution by the County Administrator. Four contractors submitted bids with the highest being \$292,166.98. Funding is budgeted in Solid Waste Capital Outlay. Assistant County Administrator Scott Addison addressed. Solid Waste Director Campbell Smith and Buyer Kimberly Allen were present. Mr. Addison said that this would replace the flare station that has been in operation since 2003 and is no longer functional or compatible for the needed use of the Marine Base.

Commissioner Gray moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Edwards, the motion passed unanimously. Resolution 20-59 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION  
ENTITLED  
A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE APPROVAL AND EXECUTION  
OF A PROCUREMENT RECOMMENDATION BETWEEN DOUGHERTY  
COUNTY AND APTIM ENVIRONMENTAL & INFRASTRUCTURE, LLC  
FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING REPLACEMENT OF THE  
CANDLESTICK FLARE STATION AT THE MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE  
LANDFILL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$157,010.00; REPEALING  
RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT  
HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Chairman called for consideration of the resolution authorizing the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Albany for the 2020 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program in the amount of \$13,516.40. The Agreement stipulates that the County will receive 20% of the total award (\$67,582). Assistant County Administrator Scott Addison addressed.

Commissioner Gray moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Edwards, the motion passed unanimously. Resolution 20-60 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION  
ENTITLED  
A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE APPROVAL AND  
EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN THE CITY OF ALBANY AND DOUGHERTY  
COUNTY, GEORGIA FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING A  
2020 BYRNE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG)  
PROGRAM AWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,516.40;  
REPEALING RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS  
IN CONFLICT HEREWITH;  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Chairman called for consideration of the resolution declaring one 2002 GMC Pickup Truck and one 2003 GMC Pickup Truck as surplus and authorizing the transfer at no cost of the same to the Chehaw Park Authority. This request is made on behalf of Executive Director Tommy Gregors. Assistant County Administrator Scott Addison addressed. Mr. Addison said that the vehicles will be used for inside the park.

Commissioner Gray moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Edwards, the motion passed unanimously. Resolution 20-61 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION  
ENTITLED  
A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR DECLARING AS SURPLUS  
BOTH A 2002 AND 2003 GMC PICKUP TRUCK AND  
AUTHORIZING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL TRANSFER OF  
SAME AT NO COST TO THE CHEHAW PARK AUTHORITY;  
REPEALING RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS IN  
CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Chairman called for consideration of the application for a one-day Alcoholic Beverages License for Jessica Rutledge for a Flint Riverkeeper, Inc. fundraiser at the Pretoria Fields Collective Farm, 5626 Walker Ducker Station Road, on October 24, 2020. The Albany-Dougherty Marshal's Office recommends approval. Chief Anthony Donaldson, Business and License Support Department addressed.

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

Commissioner Gray thanked the citizens that participated in his recent town hall meeting and read a letter from the Census Committee.

Chairman Christopher Cohilas addressed the letter from Mayor Bo Dorough dated May 11, 2020. Chairman Cohilas said that he would draft a response to the Mayor.

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

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CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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COUNTY CLERK