

DOUGHERTY COUNTY COMMISSION

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

February 6, 2023

The Dougherty County Commission met in Room 100 of the Albany-Dougherty Government Center on February 6, 2023. Chairman Lorenzo Heard presided and called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Victor Edwards, Gloria Gaines, Russell Gray, Anthony Jones, Clinton Johnson and Ed Newsome. Also present were, County Attorney Alex Shalishali, Deputy County Clerk Bristeria Hope, 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. County Administrator Michael McCoy and County Clerk Jawahn Ware were absent.

After the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance by the Chairman, he called for approval of the minutes of the January 9th Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Jones moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Johnson, the minutes were unanimously approved.

The Chairman recognized Sherwood Christian Academy Headmaster, Kenny Roberts, Varsity Football team, Cheer Squad and Head Coaches for their recent accomplishments and accept the proclamation from the Board of Commissioners commemorating the season. The proclamation read as follows:

**A PROCLAMATION
BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA
COMMEMORATING THE EXTRAORDINARY SEASON OF THE SHERWOOD
CHRISTIAN ACADEMY EAGLES FOOTBALL TEAM.**

WHEREAS, the State Champion Sherwood Christian Academy Eagles football team, led by head coach, Kenneth Roberts, achieved a historic season this year, finishing No. 1 in the State of Georgia and 295th nationally;

WHEREAS, in winning the Georgia Association of Private and Parochial Schools AA Division 8-Man Football State Championship on November 25, 2022, the Eagles won their second football state championship in school history;

WHEREAS, on October 21, 2022, the Eagles also won the Georgia Association of

Private and Parochial Schools Region 2AA Championship, which was its fourth region championship in school history:

WHEREAS, the Eagles finished their historic 2022 Season with eleven wins and one loss;

WHEREAS, the Eagles were led by seniors William Price, Hudson Carter, Graham Anderson and Maddox Powers, and featured All-State and All-Region players William Price, Hudson Carter, Graham Anderson, Easton Enfinger, and Tripp Roberts along with other key contributors;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Dougherty County acknowledges Sherwood Christian Academy for its historic championship season. As a Board we wish to extend our warmest congratulations to the SCA Eagles football team and commend them for the pride they brought to Dougherty County.

This the 6th day of February, 2023.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA

BY: _____
LORENZO L. HEARD, Chairman
Dougherty County Commission

The Chairman recognized citizen Corinth Taylor to share concerns about the most recent tax sale. He mentioned that he purchased some property at the tax sale and the house was in demolition. His concern was that no one informed him of the demolition of the property. Chairman Heard redirected him to Attorney Shalishali. Commissioner Gray shared an overview of the overlapping process between the City of Albany and Dougherty County.

The Chairman called for consideration of the resolution providing for the acceptance of the bid from the lowest, most responsive and responsible vendor Preventia Security (Albany, Ga) to replace the fire alarm system for the Department of Human Services in the amount of \$72,333.73, subject to the execution of the contract by the County Administrator. Funding is budgeted in DHS CIP.

Commissioner Johnson moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Jones, the motion for approval passed unanimously. Resolution 23-002 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED
A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ACCEPTANCE AND
EXECUTION OF THE CONTRACT TO ACCEPT THE BID TO
REPLACE THE FIRE ALARM SYSTEM FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
HUMAN SERVICES FROM THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE AND
RESPONSIBLE VENDOR MEETING SPECIFICATIONS, PREVENTIA
SECURITY; REPEALING RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF
RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Chairman called for consideration of the resolution providing for the acceptance of the bid from the most responsive and responsible vendor Metro Waterproofing (Scottdale, Ga) to weatherproof and restore the exterior wall for the Dougherty County Health Department in the amount of \$135,000, subject to execution by the County Administrator. Funding is budgeted in SPLOST VII.

Commissioner Jones moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Newsome, the motion for approval passed unanimously. Resolution 23-003 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED
A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ACCEPTANCE AND
EXECUTION OF THE CONTRACT TO ACCEPT THE BID TO
WEATHERPROOF AND RESTORE THE EXTERIOR WALL FOR
THE DOUGHERTY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT FROM
THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE VENDOR
MEETING SPECIFICATIONS, METRO WATERPROOFING;
REPEALING RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS IN
CONFLICT HEREWITH;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Chairman called for consideration of the resolution providing for the acceptance of the bid from the most responsive and responsible vendor Crosby Roofing and Gutter, LLC (Macon, Ga) to provide roof restoration services for the Albany Rescue Mission in the amount of \$57,500, subject to the execution of the contract by the County Administrator. Funding is budgeted in ARPA.

Commissioner Jones moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Edwards, the motion for approval passed unanimously. Resolution 23-004 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED
A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ACCEPTANCE AND
EXECUTION OF THE CONTRACT TO ACCEPT THE BID TO
PROVIDE ROOF RESTORATION SERVICES FOR THE ALBANY
RESCUE MISSION FROM THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE AND
RESPONSIBLE VENDOR MEETING SPECIFICATIONS, CROSBY
ROOFING AND GUTTER, LLC; REPEALING RESOLUTIONS OR
PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Chairman called for consideration of the resolution providing for the amendment of Section II-4: Compensation Administration of the Dougherty County Board of Commissioners Personnel Policies & Procedures manual retroactive on January 1, 2023.

Commissioner Jones moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Gray, the motion for approval passed unanimously. Resolution 23-005 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED
A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE AMENDMENT OF
THE COMPENSATION ADMINISTRATION OF THE
DOUGHERTY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL;
REPEALING RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS IN
CONFLICT HEREWITH;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

Commissioner Jones moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Johnson, the motion for approval passed unanimously. Resolution 23-006 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 consideration of the proposed Board appointments:

Upon nomination by Commissioner Johnson, Julian Marcus was appointed to the Golden Triangle RC&D Council for a two-year unexpired term ending December 31, 2024. He received four ayes from Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Edwards, Chairman Heard and Commissioner Gaines and two nays. The nomination for David Gregors made by Commissioner Gray failed by receiving only two votes from Commissioner Gray and Commissioner Newsome. Commissioner Jones abstained from this nomination due to personal conflict.

Upon appointment by Chairman Heard, Rhonda Stewart was appointed to the Retirement Fund Committee for a four-year unexpired term ending December 31, 2026 as the citizen appointee.

The Chairman called for the consideration of a budget amendment to the FY23 approved budget for the Tax Department. The Commission approved Cell Tower Solutions to re-evaluate the cell towers in Dougherty County in the January 23, 2023 Regular Meeting. The total cost for the re-valuation is \$170,000 and the amount was not budgeted. The recommendation is to utilize the Fund Balance to increase the FY23 Budget. Finance Director Martha Hendley addressed.

Commissioner Johnson moved for approval. Commissioner Gray seconded the motion. Under discussion, Ms. Josey shared that Cell Tower Solutions will start working next month. Commissioner Gaines asked for a report after the completion of the reevaluation. Ms. Josey said that an update will be provided around the tax digest time. There being no further discussion, the motion for approval passed unanimously.

The Chairman called for consideration to accept the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) VOCA Grant # C22-8-076 for FY 2022-2023 in the amount of \$210,319. The local matching funds amount of \$52,580 was waived for all offices. The grant acceptance is required annually. Donna Garcia, Victim Witness Assistance Director addressed. Ms. Garcia said that there is a new requirement that involves a copy of the approved minutes by the Board to be included with the grant.

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

Commissioner Edwards asked that a discussion regarding the youth programs be placed on the work session. Commissioner Gaines wanted an update on the goals from the retreat. Chairman Heard shared that the report will be ready within 30 days.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 10:34 a.m.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK