

DOUGHERTY COUNTY COMMISSION
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES

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August 5, 2022

The Dougherty County Commission met for a Special Called Meeting in Room 100 of the Albany-Dougherty Government Center on August 5, 2022. Chairman Christopher Cohilas presided and called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm. Present were Commissioners Gloria Gaines, Russell Gray, Clinton Johnson, Anthony Jones and Ed Newsome. Also present were County Administrator Michael McCoy, Assistant County Administrator Scott Addison, County Attorney Alex Shalishali, Deputy County Clerk Bristeria Hope 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. County Clerk Jawahn Ware participated remotely. County Attorney Spencer Lee and Commissioner Victor Edwards were absent.

The Chairman called for a discussion of the City's counterproposal received on August 4, 2022 and to develop a response. Chairman Cohilas provided an overview of the SPLOST dollars and read the letter that was attached to the packet. He said that the Board has a deadline that must be met and wanted to get a consensus today to possibly vote on the following Monday. He mentioned that if Dougherty County decided to proceed without an intergovernmental agreement, then the City of Albany will not get any funds for at least a year. Mr. McCoy said that the approach today will provide a high-level split. Mr. Addison shared the SPLOST VIII options summary table and said that every project will be affected if we decided to continue without an intergovernmental agreement.

Commissioner Gaines asked if we could put a line item [in the request] to help contribute to the City's sewer system. Chairman Cohilas agreed to consider this contingent upon LOST staying the same. He requested staff to generate a pro forma regarding making a direct allocation to the City's sewer project. The Chairman also asked for a consensus of the Board to write a letter to the City of Albany about direct allocations to support their sewer system and support was received.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 3:26 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK