

DOUGHERTY COUNTY COMMISSION  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES

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July 31, 2023

The Dougherty County Commission met for a Special Called Meeting in The Candy Room, 125 Pine Ave, on July 31, 2023 immediately following the Joint City and County TSPLOST II Meeting. Chairman Lorenzo Heard presided and called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m. Present were Commissioners Victor Edwards, Gloria Gaines, Russell Gray, Anthony Jones and Ed Newsome. Also present were Assistant County Administrator Barry Brooks, County Attorney Alex Shalishali, County Clerk Jawahn Ware and other staff. Commissioner Clinton Johnson was absent.

After the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance, the Chairman called for approval of the minutes of the July 10th Work Session and July 10th Special Called Meeting.

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

The Chairman called for consideration of the resolution authorizing the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Albany for the 2023 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program in the amount of \$20,512.80. The Agreement stipulates that the County will receive 20% of the total award (\$102,564).

Commissioner Jones moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Gray, the motion for approval passed unanimously. Resolution 23-033 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION  
ENTITLED  
A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ACCEPTANCE AND  
APPROVAL OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN THE CITY OF ALBANY AND DOUGHERTY COUNTY  
RELATIVE TO A 2023 BYRNE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG)  
PROGRAM AWARD; 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 and execution of the proposal by the Assistant County Administrator for public information and marketing services in the amount of \$51,000 with The Levee Studios (Albany, GA). The proposal is for six months. Phyllis Banks, who is our new point of contact with The Levee Studios, was introduced.

Commissioner Newsome moved for approval. Commissioner Gray seconded the motion. Under discussion, Mr. Brooks clarified the concern of Commissioner Edwards regarding photography. There being no further discussion, the motion for approval passed unanimously.

Resolution 23-034 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION  
ENTITLED  
A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE APPROVAL  
AND EXECUTION OF PROPOSAL FOR PUBLIC  
INFORMATION AND MARKETING SERVICES WITH  
THE LEVEE STUDIOS; REPEALING RESOLUTIONS  
OR PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT  
HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Chairman called for consideration of the resolution declaring a 2016 Ford Taurus Police Interceptor (from the Dougherty County Police Department) as surplus and authorize the sale through Underwriters Safety & Claims.

Commissioner Jones moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Gray, the motion for approval passed unanimously. Resolution 23-035 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION  
ENTITLED  
A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE AS SURPLUS A SALVAGED 2016  
FORD TAURUS POLICE INTERCEPTOR  
(VIN NO. 1FAHP2MTXGG125482) AND HAVE SAID SURPLUSED  
SALVAGED VEHICLE DISPOSED OF THROUGH  
UNDERWRITERS SAFETY AND CLAIMS, DOUGHERTY  
COUNTY'S THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATOR; 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 and execution by the Assistant County Administrator of the agreement to provide architectural services to renovate the Dougherty County Judicial Building in the amount of \$37,500 from SRJ Architects, Inc. (Albany, GA). The project scope is to create office space for the approved Judge and staff in the Dougherty County Judicial Circuit.

Commissioner Jones moved for approval. Commissioner Newsome seconded the motion. Under discussion, Mr. Brooks agreed upon the question of Commissioner Gaines to later provide the funding source. There being no further discussion, the motion for approval passed unanimously. Resolution 23-036 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION  
ENTITLED  
A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ACCEPTANCE,  
APPROVAL AND EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT TO  
PROVIDE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES TO RENOVATE

THE DOUGHERTY COUNTY JUDICIAL BUILDING WITH  
SRJ ARCHITECTS, INC.; REPEALING RESOLUTIONS OR  
PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND  
FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Chairman called for consideration to approve the alcohol application from Lyte Entertainment Inc., Prashant Patel licensee, dba Cowboy Bills, at 4502 Sylvester Road for Consumption- Liquor, Beer, and Wine. The Albany-Dougherty Marshal's Office recommended approval.

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

The Chairman called for consideration of the resolution providing for the execution of a Special District Mass Transportation Sales and Use Tax Intergovernmental Contract between Dougherty County, Georgia and the City of Albany, Georgia for TSPLOST II.

Commissioner Jones moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Gray, the motion for approval passed unanimously. Resolution 23-037 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION  
ENTITLED  
A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE APPROVAL AND  
EXECUTION OF A SPECIAL DISTRICT MASS  
TRANSPORTATION SALES AND USE TAX  
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA AND THE CITY OF  
ALBANY; REPEALING RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF  
RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES.

The Chairman called for consideration of the recommendation from the County Attorney to enter into Executive Session (in Room 160 of the Albany Dougherty Government Center) for the purpose of discussing pending and potential litigation and then to adjourn.

Commissioner Jones moved for approval. Commissioner Edwards seconded the motion. Under discussion, Commissioner Edwards questioned the location of the room. However, due to the acoustics (in The Candy Room) and not being able to hear well, it was suggested to meet in the noted location. There being no further discussion, the motion for approval passed unanimously.

There being no further discussion, the Board entered into Executive Session at 3:15 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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COUNTY CLERK