

DOUGHERTY COUNTY COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

September 23, 2024 DRAFT

The Dougherty County Commission met in Room 100 of the Albany-Dougherty Government Center on September 23, 2024. Chairman Lorenzo Heard presided and called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Victor Edwards, Gloria Gaines, Russell Gray, Clinton Johnson, Anthony Jones, and Ed Newsome. Also present were Assistant County Administrator Barry Brooks, County Attorney Alex Shalishali, County Clerk Jawahn Ware, and other staff. The public participated in person and via live streaming of the meeting on the County's Facebook page and the government public access channel.

After the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance by the Chairman, he called for approval of the minutes for the August 19th Regular Meeting, August 19th Tax Public Hearing, August 26th Work Session, August 26th Special Called Meeting, and August 29th Special Called Meeting.

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

The Chairman opened the zoning public hearing of Fred Orton, applicant and owner (24-038) request to rezone a 44.57-acre parcel from R-2 (Single-Family Residential District) and AG (Agricultural District) to AG (Agricultural District). The rezoning would allow for the portion of property zoned R-2 to align with Agricultural uses. The property is at 2615 Liberty Expressway SE. The Planning Commission recommended approval. Tanner Anderson, Planner I, addressed. There being no individuals present in support of or opposition to the proposed tax matter, the Chairman closed the public hearing.

The Chairman called for consideration of the ratification for the emergency repair to Fleming Road in the amount of \$196,225 to Reeves Construction Company (Albany, Ga). The Commission provided consensus to the repair in the July 29, 2024 Work Session.

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

The Chairman called for consideration of the recommendation for the Dougherty County Commission to allow the County Administrator, as well as his/her designee, to have the authority to approve or deny requests for transfers of alcohol licenses in the unincorporated area in lieu of having action by the Board of Commissioners.

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

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

Commissioner Johnson moved for approval. Commissioner Newsome seconded the motion. Under discussion, Mr. Brooks and Mrs. Ware addressed the questions of Commissioner Gaines. There being no further discussion, the motion for approval passed unanimously. Resolution 24-037 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 resolution providing for the acceptance and execution of the Financial Advisory Services Agreement from Davenport Public Finance in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.

Commissioner Johnson moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Edwards, the motion for approval passed unanimously. Resolution 24-038 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE APPROVAL AND EXECUTION OF THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY SERVICES AGREEMENT FROM DAVENPORT PUBLIC FINANCE; REPEALING RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Chairman called for the zoning consideration of Fred Orton, applicant and owner (24-038) request to rezone a 44.57-acre parcel from R-2 (Single-Family Residential District) and AG (Agricultural District) to AG (Agricultural District). The rezoning would allow for the portion of property zoned R-2 to align with Agricultural uses. The property is at 2615 Liberty Expressway SE. The Planning Commission recommended approval.

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

The Chairman called for consideration to accept the resolution declaring a 2021 Ford Explorer Police Interceptor (from the Dougherty County Police) as surplus and authorize the sale through Charles Taylor TPA.

Commissioner Johnson moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Newsome, the motion for approval passed unanimously. Resolution 24-039 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE AS SURPLUS A SALVAGED 2021 FORD EXPLORER POLICE INTERCEPTOR (VIN NO. 1FM5K8AW4MNA08589) AND HAVE SAID SURPLUSSED SALVAGED VEHICLE DISPOSED

OF THROUGH CHARLES TAYLOR TPA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY'S THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATOR; REPEALING RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HERewith; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Mr. Brooks thanked the Board for their support during his time on the dais and provided an update on the pending storms. Commissioner Edwards provided kudos to Mr. Brooks for the work he had done and Commissioner Johnson echoed the same sentiments to Mr. Brooks. In addition, Commissioner Johnson shared his appreciation to Mr. Brooks for the productive retreat. Commissioners Gray, Gaines, Jones and Chairman Heard added to the previous comments to include gratitude to staff. Commissioner Gaines asked for an update from the Elections Supervisor Ginger Nickerson at the next meeting pertaining to the new regulations passed. Commissioner Jones and Chairman Heard closed with the new slogan "Moving the County Forward."

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK