

DOUGHERTY COUNTY COMMISSION  
WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES

DRAFT

May 10, 2021

The Dougherty County Commission met in Room 100 of the Albany-Dougherty Government Center on May 10, 2021. Chairman Christopher Cohilas presided and called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Commissioners present were Victor Edwards, 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 Spencer Lee, County Clerk Jawahn Ware, 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.

The Chairman asked the Commission to review the minutes of the April 19th Regular Meeting and April 26th Special Called Meeting.

The Chairman recognized Board of Tax Assessors member J. Bruce Gunnels for 24 years of service.

The Chairman called for a discussion of the recommendation to accept the bid to contract with LRA Constructors, Inc. (Albany, Georgia) to rehab the Historic Spring Run Bridge in Radium Springs for a total expenditure of \$679,100. Two bids were received with the highest being \$971,000. Funding will be provided by TSPLOST and a State Grant. The project is a reimbursable expense. Assistant County Administrator Scott Addison addressed. Public Works Director Larry Cook and Public Works Engineer Jeremy Brown were present. Mr. Addison stated that money will be used by TSPLOST and reimbursed by the DNR state grant. Mr. Brown addressed Commissioner Johnson's question on the bid variance and DNR's role in this project. There were additional questions from the Chairman and Commissioner Edwards that were addressed specifically noting that the boards [of the bridge] will be restored to maintain the historical nature. The Chairman shared some positive comments received from the community and thanked staff for the work done.

The Chairman called for a discussion of the recommendation to accept the proposal from Edge Aquatic Services (Soperton, GA) for the chemical treatment & management of hydrilla in Radium Springs for an annual price of \$12,800, with the option to renew the services for consecutive one-year periods for two additional years. Three quoted proposals were received with the highest having an annual cost of \$24,000. Funding is available in the General Fund. Assistant County Administrator Scott Addison addressed. Public Works Director Larry Cook and Project Engineer Jeremy Brown were present. Three vendors who specialize in hydrilla dosage were contacted for quotes. The proposed vendor will monitor the water, springs, creek, and spray at the appropriate

time. Additionally, if there is a need in the future, the rate will be prorated for services where others were proposing to charge a full fee. There was additional discussion regarding hydrilla that occurred.

The Chairman called for a discussion of the recommendation to purchase a six-inch compressor-assisted, trailer mounted pump for Public Works from the Sourcewell Contract holder Thompson Pump (Port Orange, FL) in the amount of \$39,779. The equipment will be used during flooding events. Funding is budgeted in SPLOST VI. Assistant County Administrator Scott Addison addressed. Public Works Director Larry Cook was present. Mr. Addison said that this was a regular replacement.

The Chairman called for a discussion of the recommendation to accept the task order for Solid Waste for the Site Acceptability Study and Report and D&O Plans for the expansion of the MSW and C&D landfills at the Fleming/Gaissert Road Landfill with the current vendor Atlantic Coast Consulting (Savannah, GA) in the amount not to exceed \$500,000. Funding is available in the Solid Waste Capital Outlay. Assistant County Administrator Scott Addison addressed. Solid Waste Director Campbell Smith and Consultant Marc Liverman were present. Mr. Addison said that this was a two-fold request for long-term planning and regulatory requirements. He said that the request will allow permitting of all usable space. He suggested submitting plans early because it may take up to 5 years for the state to approve.

The Chairman called for a discussion of the recommendation to accept a resolution on behalf of the District Attorney's Office for the County to receive a supplement for State paid employees. A resolution is now required for the FY 2022 State Paid County Reimbursed (SPCR) Contract. District Attorney Greg Edwards addressed. The Chairman stated that this is an administrative request for the process that has been in place. Attorney Edwards shared that there was only a personnel change (Donna Garcia replaced Tonya Hall). Under discussion, Commissioner Edwards commended the District Attorney and his office for the work done with the crime stoppers.

Commissioner Edwards recognized Tax Assessor Board member Larry Thomas who was present.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

---

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

---

COUNTY CLERK