

DOUGHERTY COUNTY COMMISSION
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES

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April 26, 2021

The Dougherty County Commission met for a Special Called Meeting in Room 100 of the Albany-Dougherty Government Center on April 12, 2021. Chairman Christopher Cohilas presided and called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Commissioners present were Victor Edwards, Gloria Gaines, Russell Gray, Anthony Jones, and Ed Newsome. Commissioner Clinton Johnson participated via the audio-conferencing feature. 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 called for approval of the April 5th Regular Meeting, April 12th Work Session and April 12th Special Called Meeting minutes.

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

The Chairman recognized William Wright, representative of AFRAM Tech, Inc. to update the Commission on the MBE Program Plan. Mr. Wright shared that an oversight SPLOST Committee is needed to ensure that the money is not shifted without public insight. He shared that additional information will be presented in another meeting and that he will provide an update on the PPP loan and the "Shuttered Venue Operator Grant." Mr. Wright clarified that his proposed MBE program is not race-based but is based on economic disadvantages and he announced his upcoming workshops and answered questions from Commissioner Gaines.

The Chairman called for consideration of the recommendation from the Emergency Medical Services Department to apply for an EMS Trauma Related Equipment reimbursement Grant in the amount of \$11,031.02 for use to purchase EMS Trauma Related Equipment. This is a 100% grant with no local match. EMS Director Sam Allen addressed.

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

The Chairman called for consideration the use of the Dougherty County Nuisance Abatement Resolution Number 20-034 to address one purported dilapidated structure located at 124 Lovers Lane. County Attorney Spencer Lee and County Administrator Michael McCoy addressed. Attorney Lee outlined that the resolution allows Code Enforcement to provide an analysis of the property. If the property owners cannot be located or do not act, then legal action can take place.

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

Commissioner Gray said he was thankful that no citizens lost their lines due to the recent storms and shared that citizens are complaining that calls are not being returned, specifically by the Magistrate Court. He said that customer service should continue [despite the building being closed]; and the Chairman asked Mr. McCoy to relay the message to the court.

There being no further business to discuss the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK