

DOUGHERTY COUNTY COMMISSION

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WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES

January 30, 2023

The Dougherty County Commission met in Room 100 of the Albany-Dougherty Government Center on January 30, 2023. Chairman Lorenzo Heard presided and called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Present were Commissioners Victor Edwards, Gloria Gaines, Russell Gray, Clinton Johnson, Anthony Jones, and Ed Newsome. Also present were County Administrator Michael McCoy, County Attorney Alex Shalishali, Deputy County Clerk Bristeria Hope and other staff. County Clerk Jawahn Ware participated in the audio conference feature. 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 January 9, 2023 Regular Meeting.

The Chairman recognized citizen Frank Wilson to request funding from the Board to support The Black History concert. Mr. Wilson provided a brief history of the music and funding sources and shared how previous funding sources are no longer available. His ask from the Board was for \$1000. Dr. Andrew Wulf, Executive Director of the Albany Museum of Art was introduced and shared that he was present for support. Commissioner Edwards suggested that the County Attorney and County Administrator get together to discuss this request for action. Attorney Shalishali stated that the Board of Commissioners is prohibited from making private donations to nonprofit or private entities but requests should be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. A response will be provided to Mr. Wilson before February 16, 2023.

The Chairman called for a discussion to accept the bid from the lowest, most responsive and responsible vendor Preventia Security (Albany, Ga) to replace the fire alarm system for the Department of Human Services in the amount of \$72,333.73. Three bids were received with the highest being \$112,080.04. Funding is budgeted in DHS CIP. County Administrator Michael McCoy and Facilities Management Director Heidi Hailey addressed. Mr. McCoy recommended approval.

The Chairman called for a discussion to accept the bid from the most responsive and responsible vendor Metro Waterproofing (Scottsdale, Ga) to weatherproof and restore the exterior wall for the Dougherty County Health Department in the amount of \$135,000. Six bids were received with the highest being \$297,000. The apparent low bidder was not deemed the most responsive. Funding is budgeted in SPLOST VII. County Administrator Michael McCoy and Facilities Management Director Heidi Hailey addressed. Consultant Jody Usry and City of Albany Buyer Ricky Gladney were present. Mr. McCoy recommended approval. Mr. Usry shared that it is not in the best interest of the County to accept the lowest bid and the vendor understood. It was also stated that this is routine maintenance with an approximate 15-year life cycle.

The Chairman called for a discussion to accept the bid from the most responsive and responsible vendor Crosby Roofing and Gutter, LLC (Macon, Ga) to provide roof restoration services for the Albany Rescue Mission in the amount of \$57,500. Four bids were received with the highest being \$159,700. The apparent low bidder was not responsive. Funding is budgeted in ARPA. County Administrator Michael McCoy and Facilities Management Director Heidi Hailey addressed. City of Albany Buyer Ricky Gladney was present. Mr. McCoy recommended approval and projected that this would be beneficial for the homeless people in the community. It was shared that additional funding will be needed to remove the residents and provide lodging for them during the restoration process. The projected amount should be within the County Administrator's authorization to approve.

The Chairman called for a discussion of the recommendation to amend section II-4: Compensation Administration of the Dougherty County Board of Commissioners Personnel Policies & Procedures manual. County Administrator Michael McCoy and Interim HR Director Erica Potts addressed. Mrs. Potts shared that policy revision was made to reflect a continuation of pay equity and competitive salary study that the Board approved.

The Chairman called for a discussion of the recommendation to declare the listed vehicles and equipment as surplus and authorize the disposal of or sale of same via an online auction. County Administrator Micheal McCoy addressed. Mr. McCoy recommended approval and confirmed that the surplus funds return to the general fund.

The Chairman called for a discussion of the proposed board appointments. Deputy County Clerk Bristeria Hope was present to address.

Golden Triangle RC & D Council – There are three appointments with a two-year unexpired term ending December 31, 2024. There are three new applicants: Earnest Christian Sr., David Gregors and Julian Marcus. There is one vacancy.

Retirement Fund Committee – There is one appointment with a four-year unexpired term ending December 31, 2026, the position must be a citizen appointee. There is one new applicant: Rhonda Stewart. The Commission Chairman makes all appointments.

Commissioner Johnson said that he enjoyed the recent retreat with his colleagues and suggested building a partnership with Turner Job Corps for internship opportunities. Mr. McCoy shared that there are existing partnerships within the Public Works and Solid Waste departments that have been active in allowing students to work. Commissioner Gray thanked the staff and the host for the retreat dinner. He wants to take action on input and collaborations that were shared. Upon question of Commissioner Gaines, it was announced that the facilitator will have the outlined goals to the Commission no later than 30 days [from the event]. Commissioner Jones echoed similar thoughts from the retreat. Commissioner Edwards wanted information relative to whether the bid for lawn services will be a sole contractor or multiple. Mr. McCoy shared the Board approved funding to contract services for private vendors to keep up with the

maintenance of the parks. In addition, park space has expanded which increased the workload and the need for more assistance. Chairman Heard thanked Page and Scrantom for hosting dinner in Columbus and congratulated Commissioner Jones on being appointed as the Chairman of the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission.

There being no further business to discuss the Commission the meeting adjourned at 10:54 a.m.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK