

DOUGHERTY COUNTY COMMISSION

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

April 18, 2022

The Dougherty County Commission met in Room 100 of the Albany-Dougherty Government Center on April 18, 2022. Chairman Christopher Cohilas presided and called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. Present were Commissioners 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 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, the Chairman called for approval of the minutes for the March 21st Regular Meeting and March 28th Work Session.

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

The Chairman recognized Mental Health Development Disabilities & Addictive Disease Advisory Council- Regional 4 Board Members Gail Davenport and Debra Richardson and Mt. Zion's Mental Health & Recovery Coordinator Kim Dandridge to invite the Commission to the upcoming May 14, 2022, Mental Health Awareness Fair. Ms. Richardson mentioned that most individuals request for more things to do to help our children. Ms. Davenport highlighted the recent bills passed by the legislation. Ms. Dandridge shared that May is Mental Health Awareness month and discussed some of the topics planned at the event and asked for support. Chairman Cohilas directed Public Information Office Wendy Howell to communicate with the coordinators to help publicize the upcoming events.

The Chairman recognized citizen Art Brown who thanked the Commission for placing speeding signs on Lily Pond and asked that stationary monitors be installed. Chairman Cohilas shared that he would like to consider this in a future Work Session. Chief Johnson shared the recent activities conducted in the area to reduce speeding. Chairman Cohilas clarified that he would like the update to be done in 30 days and Commissioner Gray reminded the Board that the stationary cameras are only used in school zones.

The Chairman called for consideration to accept the quote to upgrade the sleeping quarters at the Antioch Fire Station from Beck Glass & Mirror (Camilla, Ga) in the amount of \$22,350. Two vendors submitted quotes with the highest received being \$36,500. Funding is budgeted in SPLOST VII.

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

The Chairman called for consideration from Superior Court to apply for a grant from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council in the amount of \$258,000. The grant will provide services for the mental health treatment program and fund the salary of two full-time employees. There is a local match of \$31,000 and funding will be provided from the DATE fund.

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

The Chairman called for consideration from Juvenile Court to apply for the annual Criminal Justice Incentive Grant Program in the amount of \$450,000 for Functional Family Therapy use. This is a 100% grant with no local match.

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

The Chairman called for consideration of the resolution providing for the approval and execution of a Memorandum of Understanding between Evidence Based Associates, LLC and Dougherty County for services relative to the implementation of juvenile justice system reforms.

Commissioner Jones moved for approval. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. Under discussion, Mrs. Ware clarified questions for Commissioner Johnson and stated that additional information on the vendor's services will be provided. There being no further discussion, the motion for approval passed unanimously. Resolution 22-021 is entitled:

**A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED
A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE APPROVAL AND EXECUTION
OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN EVIDENCE
BASED ASSOCIATES, LLC AND DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA
FOR SERVICES RELATIVE TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF JUVENILE**

JUSTICE SYSTEM REFORMS; REPEALING RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS
OF RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Chairman called for consideration of the resolution providing for the approval and execution of the FY 2023 Contract between the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia on behalf of the UGA Cooperative Extension Service and Dougherty County Board of Commissioners. The contract is for the salary, retirement, Social Security and Medicare costs for five County Extension Agents for the fiscal year.

Commissioner Johnson moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Edwards, the motion for approval passed unanimously. Resolution 22-022 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED
A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE APPROVAL AND EXECUTION
OF A CONTRACT BETWEEN DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA AND
THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF
GEORGIA ON BEHALF OF THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA
COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE; REPEALING RESOLUTIONS OR
PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Chairman called for consideration to approve the alcohol application from PrettyPupilz Smoke Lounge, LLC., Beverly Blackshear-Smith licensee, dba Rozebudz Lounge and Cafe, at 1900 Liberty Expressway for Consumption- Liquor, Beer and Wine. The Albany-Dougherty Marshal's Office recommended approval.

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

The Chairman called for consideration of the resolution providing for the approval and execution of a Memorandum of Agreement with Albany Technical College on behalf of the Dougherty County Sheriff's Office authorizing assistance to each other during a local emergency.

Commissioner Jones moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Johnson, the motion for approval passed unanimously. Resolution 22-023 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION

ENTITLED
A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE APPROVAL AND EXECUTION
OF A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN ALBANY
TECHNICAL COLLEGE AND DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA ON
BEHALF OF THE DOUGHERTY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE;
REPEALING RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS IN
CONFLICT HEREWITH;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Chairman called for consideration from the Coroner to adjust the transport services budget for FY22 from \$25,650 to \$46,194.

Commissioner Gaines moved for approval. Commissioner Johnson seconded it. Under discussion, Chairman Cohilas clarified that this is also a recommendation by staff. Upon request by Commissioner Newsome, Chairman Cohilas asked Mr. McCoy to provide line item details in reference to the transport. There was disagreement between Commissioners regarding the approval in the past pertaining to receiving line item details. There being no further discussion, the motion for approval passed with six ayes and one nay by Commissioner Gray.

The Chairman called for consideration from the Emergency Medical Services Department to apply for an EMS Trauma Related Equipment reimbursement Grant in the amount of \$16,770.32 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 Johnson, the motion for approval passed unanimously.

The Chairman called for consideration to approve the additional funding of \$68,794 to purchase two 2022 F-350 Cab and Chassis with an Ambulance Prep Package and Patient Module from State of Georgia contract vendor Wade Ford (Smyrna, GA). Funding will be provided by SPLOST VII. Assistant County Administrator Scott Addison addressed. The initial request presented was an older quote and there has been a significant price increase. EMS Director Sam Allen was present.

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

Commissioner Edwards asked for the status of the grant writer for the ARPA funds and Mr. McCoy shared the [request for proposal] panel will be reviewing the bids soon. Mr. McCoy also highlighted the revision to the qualifications for a laborer. Commissioner Edwards asked

that copies for the required documentation related to the change be removed from the job posting; Mr. McCoy will remove the request for documentation. Commissioner Gray suggested that there be some internal cost-saving measures put in place instead of constantly increasing budgets and suggested that a competitive process be in place for transport services.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK