

DOUGHERTY COUNTY COMMISSION
WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES

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April 11, 2022

The Dougherty County Commission met in Room 100 of the Albany-Dougherty Government Center on April 11, 2022. Chairman Christopher Cohilas 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 participating in the Chamber 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 March 21st Regular Meeting and March 28th Work Session.

The Chairman recognized Extension Service Coordinator James Morgan to update the Commission with the quarterly report. Mr. Morgan shared keynotes and said that they were awaiting approval of the new curriculum to include Teen Cuisine with the Dougherty County School System. He added that Family and Consumer Sciences Agent Suzanne Williams was transferred to Colquitt County but was still able to assist citizens in completing their income taxes.

The Chairman recognized City of Albany Interim Assistant Manager, Utilities Administration, Yvette Fields to address mandatory prebids. Ms. Fields shared that mandatory prebids have a purpose and place but are normally held only for complicated cases. She added that most cases [for the County] do not require mandatory prebids and provided cons for doing so from her 28 years of experience. She supports the recommendation from the National Institution of Government Purchasing (NIGP) to not have mandatory prebids for non-complicated bids. Commissioner Gaines shared that her focus is to increase the number of minority contractors. Ms. Fields provided the recruiting efforts and support provided currently and in the past that are geared toward this sector of interest. Commissioner Edwards added that his stance is that mandatory prebids should alleviate questions later [in the process]. He stated that he would like a specific dollar amount for bids [to have a mandatory conference]. Commissioner Jones commended Ms. Fields and her staff on work done, specifically for a recent issue of vendor not in compliance.

The Chairman called for a discussion 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. Assistant County Administrator Scott Addison addressed. Facilities Management Director Heidi Minnick was present.

The Chairman called for a discussion 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 for two full time employees. There is a local match of \$31,000 and funding will be provided from the DATE fund. Dougherty Superior Court Judge Victoria S. Darrisaw and Substance Abuse Coordinator Patricia Griffin addressed. Judge Darrisaw thanked the Commission for their continued support.

The Chairman called for a discussion 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. Judge Ingrid Driskell addressed. Judge Driskell shared that due to Covid, \$100,000 of the funds were reverted last year and added that Juvenile Court will begin to host in person sessions on April 20th.

The Chairman called for a discussion to approve 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 and Social Security and Medicare costs for five County Extension Agents for the fiscal year. County Administrator Michael McCoy addressed. Mr. McCoy said that this was administrative housekeeping that is done annually and recommended approval.

The Chairman called for a discussion 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. Chief Deputy Anthony Donaldson, Code Enforcement Department, addressed.

The Chairman called for a discussion to approve the Memorandum of Agreement with Albany Technical College on behalf of the Dougherty County Sheriff Office authorizing assistance to each other during a local emergency. Chief Deputy Terron Hayes addressed.

The Chairman called for a discussion from the Coroner to adjust the transport services budget for FY22 from \$25,650 to \$46,194. Coroner Michael Fowler addressed. Mr. McCoy shared that the request is recommended for approval.

There being no further business to discuss the Commission the meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK