

DOUGHERTY COUNTY COMMISSION

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

July 1, 2024

The Dougherty County Commission met in Room 100 of the Albany-Dougherty Government Center on July 1, 2024. Patricia “Trisha” King sang the Star-Spangled Banner. Chairman Lorenzo Heard presided and called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. Present were Commissioners Victor Edwards, Gloria Gaines, Russell Gray, Anthony Jones, Clinton Johnson, and Ed Newsome. Also present were Acting County Administrator Barry Brooks, County Attorney Alex Shalishali, 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 by the Chairman, he called for approval of the minutes of the June 3rd Regular Meeting and June 10th Work Session.

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

The Chairman recognized Larry Thomas, Vice-Chair of the Board of Tax Assessors and Adam Bridges, Chief Tax Appraiser to update the Board on the 2026 revaluation. It was noted that GMASS was our vendor and would complete the full evaluation. The last evaluation was done in 2007 and the current project began on May 5, 2024. Mr. Thomas shared the advertising outlets that were used for the public to know about the project. Mr. Bridges mentioned the plan outlines and project status. Commissioner Gray suggested that our PIO collaborate with other community partners to increase coverage weekly. Our current valuation is 33% but the goal is 40%. Commissioner Jones added that ACCG said that many counties were below the standard and were not in compliance.

Mr. Brooks shared that the Administrative Offices of Dougherty County Board of Commissioners will be closed on Thursday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day. Commissioner Edwards asked for an update on the alleys and Mr. Brooks shared that he would provide an update on that and the fence line in Radium Springs. Commissioner Johnson commended those involved for having a singer this Monday. Commissioner Gray gave well wishes for the upcoming holiday. Commissioner Gaines recognized Elect Superior Court Judge Johnson for being present and asked for the status of the Development Authority meeting. Attorney Shalishali shared that he spoke to his counterpart at the law firm and we can meet at Commissioner Gaines’ desire. Commissioner Jones wished everyone well for the holiday and Judge Johnson sang “America the Beautiful.”

The Chairman called for consideration of the recommendation from the County Attorney to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel and then to adjourn.

Commissioner Johnson moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Edwards, the motion for approval passed unanimously via roll call.

There being no further discussion, the Board entered into Executive Session at 10:30 a.m.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK