

DOUGHERTY COUNTY COMMISSION

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

November 7, 2022

The Dougherty County Commission met in Room 100 of the Albany-Dougherty Government Center on November 7, 2022. Vice Chairman Clinton Johnson presided and called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Victor Edwards, Gloria Gaines, Russell Gray, Anthony Jones, and Ed Newsome. Also present were County Administrator Michael McCoy, 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. Chairman Christopher Cohilas was absent.

After the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance done by Commissioner Jones, the Vice Chairman called for approval of the minutes of the October 3rd Regular Meeting and October 10th Work Session.

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

The Vice Chairman recognized Mrs. Shirley Sherrod to receive a proclamation acknowledging the work, spirit and legacy of community activist Rev. Charles Sherrod. Commissioner Gaines acknowledged CB King's youngest son Clinton King. She shared heroic attributes relative to Charles Sherrod and Mrs. Sherrod thanked the Commission for honoring her late husband.

The Vice Chairman recognized William Wright, representative for AFRAM Tech, Inc. to continue discussing an issue of unfair practices with ARPA funding. Mr. Wright shared information on how contracts for minority businesses should be considered. He proposed creating jobs and wealth to better the community. He said that he will be back next week for further discussion.

The Vice Chairman called for a consideration to purchase one (1) John Deere 350P Excavator from state contract vendor Deere & Company (Cary, NC) for Solid Waste in the amount of \$466,682.70. The local vendor, Flint Equipment, now known as Dobbs Equipment, will be servicing the unit. Funding is budgeted in the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund. County Administrator Michael McCoy addressed. Solid Waste Director Campbell Smith and City of Albany Buyer Corey Gamble were present. Mr. McCoy recommended approval and representative Crisp Gatewood thanked the Commission for their services. He said that the company name has

changed from Flint Equipment to Dobbs Equipment, but the operational team and management will not change.

Commissioner Jones moved for approval. Commissioner Gray seconded the motion. Under discussion, Commissioner Edwards wanted to know how often an excavator replacement is needed. Mr. Smith stated that it is determined by the years, hours and maintenance on the machine and the current one has been in service since 2012. There being no further discussion, the motion for approval passed unanimously.

The Vice Chairman called for consideration of the resolution providing for the acceptance and execution of the 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 Gray, the motion for approval passed unanimously. Resolution 22-048 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED
A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ACCEPTANCE AND
EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH ALBANY
TECHNICAL COLLEGE ON BEHALF THE DOUGHERTY COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE AUTHORIZING ASSISTANCE TO EACH OTHER
DURING A LOCAL EMERGENCY.

The Vice Chairman called for consideration of the resolution providing for the agreement renewal option from December 4, 2022 to December 3, 2023 with an adjustment to the hourly rates based on the CPI-U Base Price Adjustment Calculation with Tetra Tech. The option is for the Professional Debris Monitoring Services for Disasters and Financial Recovery.

Commissioner Jones moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Gray, the motion for approval passed unanimously. Resolution 22-049 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED
A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ACCEPTANCE AND EXECUTION
OF THAT CERTAIN CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL DEBRIS
MONITORING SERVICES WITH TETRA TECH, INC.; REPEALING
RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Vice Chairman called for consideration of the resolution declaring the listed vehicle as surplus and authorizing the disposal of or sale of same via an online auction.

Commissioner Jones moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Gray, the motion for approval passed unanimously. Resolution 22-050 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED
A RESOLUTION DECLARING AS SURPLUS THE
ATTACHED LIST OF VEHICLES; PROVIDING FOR
DISPOSAL OF OR SALE OF SAME OF GOVDEALS.COM;
REPEALING PRIOR RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES.

The Vice Chairman called for consideration of the resolution providing for the acceptance and execution of the Memorandum of Understanding between ASPIRE Behavioral Health and Dougherty County Police Department to provide assistance with crisis responses. Dougherty County Police Chief Kenneth Johnson addressed. Chief Johnson said that the MOU was formed by Senate Bill 403 which established the CRT (Crisis Response Team). It will help prevent and deescalate behavioral issues with mental health patients and to provide them with stable services.

Commissioner Gaines moved for approval. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Under discussion, Chief Johnson clarified for Commissioner Jones that an ASPIRE counselor will accompany a police officer when encountering mental health patients. Commissioner Newsome asked when this would go into effect and Chief Johnson shared within the next 30 days. There being no further discussion, the motion for approval passed unanimously. Resolution 22-051 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED
A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ACCEPTANCE AND EXECUTION OF A
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN ASPIRE HEALTH &
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY AND DOUGHERTY COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT
FOR PROVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES; REPEALING RESOLUTIONS OR
PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HERewith;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Commissioner Newsome gave kudos to Public Works and staff on the successful Radium Springs fall festival this past weekend. He also thanked County Administrator Michael McCoy for his hard work. Commissioner Edwards asked Mr. McCoy to ask the health inspector to provide an update on the rules and regulations for vendor trucks. Commissioner Gray echoed Commissioner Newsome's comments regarding the Radium Springs event. Commissioner Gaines wanted an update on the morgue project. Mr. McCoy shared that consultant Mr. Maskche has sent out information to vendors to obtain updated prices for the coolers. He plans to make a presentation

in the next 30 days. Commissioner Johnson asked about Open Enrollment for Commissioners and Mr. McCoy will provide an update.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 10:36 a.m.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK