

DOUGHERTY COUNTY COMMISSION  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES

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December 12, 2022

The Dougherty County Commission met for a Special Called Meeting in Room 100 of the Albany-Dougherty Government Center on December 12, 2022 immediately following the Work Session. Chairman Christopher Cohilas presided and called the meeting to order at 12:28 pm. 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, 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 called for approval of the minutes of the November 21st Regular Meeting, November 28th Work Session, November 28th Special Called Meeting and November 29th State Delegation Meeting.

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

The Chairman called for consideration to purchase eight desktop computers and ten mobile computer terminals from single source vendor Dell Technologies in the amount of \$46,358.81 for the Dougherty County Police Department. Funding is budgeted in ARPA.

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

The Chairman called for consideration to accept the bid for the construction of the Flint River Trails (Albany State University to Downtown sector) from the lowest responsive and responsible bidder meeting specifications, HTS Construction (Albany, GA) in the amount of \$1,538,769.47 subject to execution of the contract by the County Administrator. Funding is available in SPLOST and TSPLOST. The Georgia Board of Regents was awarded \$750,000 for the project.

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

The Chairman called for consideration to accept the alcohol application from Family Dollar Stores of Georgia, LLC., Patricia Lynn Sawyer licensee, dba Family Dollar #31395, at 3907 Gillionville Road for Package- Beer and Wine. The Albany-Dougherty Marshal's Office recommended approval.

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

The Chairman called for consideration of the recommendation from the Emergency Medical Services Department to apply for the extension of the FY20 COSSAP Naloxone Initiative Grant through the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council in the amount of \$15,000. This is a 100% grant with no local match.

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

The Chairman called for consideration of the recommendation to accept the list of roads to be resurfaced with the FY 2023 Local Maintenance & Improvements Grant (LMIG) funds (\$420,641.51), SPLOST VII Resurfacing (\$425,000), TSPLOST Resurfacing (\$2,000,000) and TSPLOST Striping (\$132,924.37). The total cost estimate for 25.15 miles is \$2,978,565.88.

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

The Chairman called for consideration of the resolution providing for the reappointment of the Dougherty County Police Chief through the extension of the employment agreement effective January 2, 2023 through January 1, 2024.

Commissioner Jones moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Johnson, the motion passed unanimously. Resolution 22-053 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION  
ENTITLED

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE REAPPOINTMENT OF THE POLICE CHIEF THROUGH THE EXTENSION OF THE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT EFFECTIVE JANUARY 2, 2023, THROUGH JANUARY 1, 2024; REPEALING RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH;  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Chairman called for consideration of the resolution providing for the reappointment of the County Administrator through the extension of the employment agreement effective December 12, 2022 through December 31, 2023 per section 1-3-23 of the Dougherty County Code of Ordinances.

Commissioner Jones moved for approval. Commissioner Newsome seconded the motion. The motion passed with four ayes and three nays by Commissioners Edwards, Johnson, and Gaines. Resolution 22-054 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION  
ENTITLED

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE REAPPOINTMENT OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR THROUGH THE EXTENSION OF THE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 12, 2022,

THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023; REPEALING RESOLUTIONS OR  
PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH;  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Mr. McCoy thanked the Board for allowing him to service the County.

The Chairman called for consideration the recommendation from the County Attorney to enter into Executive Session for the purposes of attorney-client privileged discussion regarding the settlement approach to the LOST dispute and then to adjourn.

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

There being no further discussion, the Board entered into Executive Session at 12:36 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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COUNTY CLERK