

DOUGHERTY COUNTY COMMISSION
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES

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January 25, 2022

The Dougherty County Commission met for a Special Called Meeting in Room 100 of the Albany-Dougherty Government Center on January 25, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. Chairman Christopher Cohilas presided. Present were Commissioners Victor Edwards, Gloria Gaines, Clinton Johnson and Anthony Jones. Also present were Assistant County Administrator Scott Addison, County Attorney Spencer Lee, Deputy County Clerk Bristeria Hope 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. County Administrator Michael McCoy and Commissioners Russell Gray and Ed Newsome were absent.

The Chairman called for consideration of the resolution providing for the adoption of a Redistricting Plan to be effective with the 2022 Election Year for seats on the Board of Commissioners of Dougherty County. Commissioner Gloria Gaines and County Attorney Spencer Lee addressed. Commissioner Gaines provided an overview of the recommendation of the proposal and made it clear that a plan must be passed by January 31, 2022. Attorney Lee said that it was important to make a vote today and provided reasons. He added that there were two plans, two public hearings were held and both plans were evaluated to which the Redistricting Committee voted for Draft One. He shared that if Draft One was passed today, it will to the Legislature and they will take the plan to the Secretary of State. After being finalized, the plan will be effective for the next 10 years. Chairman Cohilas asked about the process to put an equal number of individuals in each district and wanted to ensure that the constitutional standard was met. Attorney Lee said that the deviation is good and both plans are in tact.

Commissioner Gaines moved for approval to adopt Draft One. Upon a second by Commissioner Jones, the motion for approval passed unanimously. Resolution 22-005 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED
A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF A
REDISTRICTING PLAN TO BE EFFECTIVE BEGINNING WITH
THE 2022 ELECTION FOR SEATS ON THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA;
PROVIDING FOR A RECOMMENDATION OF SAID
REDISTRICTING PLAN TO THE GEORGIA GENERAL
ASSEMBLY FOR PASSAGE AS LOCAL LEGISLATION AT ITS
2022 REGULAR SESSION; REPEALING ALL RESOLUTIONS OR
PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 10:19 a.m.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK