

DOUGHERTY COUNTY COMMISSION
WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES

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May 9, 2022

The Dougherty County Commission met in Room 100 of the Albany-Dougherty Government Center on May 9, 2022. Vice-Chairman Clinton Johnson presided and called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Present were Commissioners Victor Edwards, Gloria Gaines, Russell Gray, Anthony Jones and Ed Newsome. County Administrator Michael McCoy participated via the audio-conferencing feature. Assistant County Administrator Scott Addison, County Attorney Spencer Lee, County Clerk Jawahn Ware and other staff were also present. 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. Chairman Christopher Cohilas was absent.

The Vice-Chairman asked the Commission to review the minutes of the April 18th Regular Meeting and April 25th Work Session.

The Vice-Chairman recognized Keep Albany Dougherty Beautiful Chairman, Jeanette Henderson to introduce the new KADB Executive Director, Jwana Washington to the Board.

The Vice-Chairman recognized Frank Wilson, Albany Dougherty Juneteenth Committee Representative, to discuss plans for the 2022 Juneteenth Celebration Weekend and to petition for County sponsorship. Vice-Chairman Johnson asked Mr. Addison to work with Attorney Lee and Mr. McCoy to determine if the County could legally provide funding.

The Vice-Chairman recognized Facilities Management Director Heidi Minnick to accept the Proclamation recognizing May 9-15, 2022 as Facilities Management Week in Dougherty County. Commissioner Jones provided positive comments about leadership and staff. The proclamation read as follows:

WHEREAS, facilities management is a vital unit for county government; and

WHEREAS, the members of the facilities management teams are ready to provide services to maintain county units 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and

WHEREAS, the facilities management team is responsive, proactive, and cost-efficient, working together with many county units to provide services; and

WHEREAS, the facilities management team functions in a service-oriented aspect, promoting civility, mentoring, innovation, excellence coupled with dedication and pride; and

WHEREAS, the facilities management team consists of a staff of custodians, building superintendents, repair and maintenance technicians, administrators, and others who have gone above and beyond through the COVID-19 Pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the members of the facilities management teams, work together to ensure safety, striving for excellence in every task they perform daily; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of the Dougherty County Facilities Management division by designating Facilities Management Week; now

THEREFORE, we, the Board of Commissioners of Dougherty County, Georgia in recognition of this event do hereby proclaim the week of May 9-15, 2022 as

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT APPRECIATION WEEK
“Celebrating Facilities Management: Standing Tall Beyond the Pandemic”

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the County of Dougherty on this 9th day of May in the year of our Lord two-thousand and twenty-two.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA

Christopher S. Cohilas, Chairman

The Vice-Chairman recognized District 6 Residents Dr. James Hill, Ms. Elizabeth Lovett and Mr. Chris Quinn to support the demolition of property on US 19/Liberty Expressway. Attorney Lee outlined the legal process and Commissioner Gray shared that the property had a previous owner and reminded the Board of the agreement made with the new owner.

The Vice-Chairman recognized William Wright, representative of Afram Tech, Inc. to request money to support his efforts to commemorate the Juneteenth Holiday and his New Deal/Main Street program to educate the community. Mr. Wright will continue his presentation the following week.

The Vice-Chairman called for a discussion of the zoning application for Fish House Campgrounds, Inc., owner and Lanier Engineering (22-021), applicant, request to rezone 73.261 acres from C-2 (General Mixed-Used District) and C-7 (Mixed Use Planned-Development District) to C-1 (Neighborhood Mixed-Use Business District). The property is located at 2908 Gillionville Road. The Planning Commission recommended approval. Angel Gray, Planning Manager, addressed. The Public Hearing and Action are scheduled for May 16, 2022.

The Vice-Chairman called for a discussion of the zoning application for Fish House Campgrounds, Inc, owner and Lanier Engineering, Inc., applicant (22-022) request for Special Approval to operate a Women's Recovery Center in a C-1 (Neighborhood Mixed-Use Business District). The parcel is a 73.261 acre developed parcel. The property is located at 2908 Gillionville Road. The Planning Commission recommended approval. Angel Gray, Planning Manager, addressed. The Public Hearing is only scheduled for May 16, 2022. Due to the zoning procedure for a Women Recovery Center, action will have to be taken six months after the public hearing is conducted. She shared that this center will be an extension of services provided by The Anchorage.

The Vice-Chairman called for a discussion to purchase 400 sign posts and anchors for the Public Works Department from Big Green Sign Company (Dublin, GA) in the amount of \$29,440. Three quotes were obtained with only two vendors being able to provide all material; the highest quote received was \$34,300. Funding is available in TSPLOST. Assistant County Administrator Scott Addison and Public Works Director Chuck Mathis addressed. Mr. Mathis clarified for Commissioner Edwards that the vendor we used previously has completed his task and was used to replace the signs damaged from the storms.

The Vice-Chairman called for a discussion to purchase forty body-worn cameras and supporting cloud storage software from single source vendor Motorola Solutions (Allen, TX) in the amount of \$253,760. Funding is available in the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Assistant County Administrator Scott Addison addressed. Assistant DCP Chief Takesha Irving was present.

The Vice-Chairman called for a discussion to accept the proposal for ARPA Grant Administration and Management Services for Dougherty County from Government Services Group (GSG – Tallahassee, Florida) in a not to exceed amount of \$350,000. Twelve vendors submitted proposals. Funding is available in ARPA funds. Assistant County Administrator Scott Addison addressed. The proposal analysis group consists of Scott Addison, EMS Director Sam Allen, Assistant Finance Director Wendy Vogel and Compliance Officer Tina Strassenberg were present. Mr. Addison also expanded on the additional services of the vendor and the fee structure for billing.

The Vice-Chairman called for a discussion to approve the alcohol application from Sandhu Bro LLC., Faisal Ijaz licensee, dba Pace Car Express, at 3503 Sylvester Hwy for Package- Beer and Wine. The Albany-Dougherty Marshal's Office recommended approval. Chief Deputy Anthony Donaldson, Code Enforcement Department addressed.

The Vice-Chairman called for a discussion to accept the proposed amendment to the Dougherty County American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Project Spending Plan for Fiscal Year 22. Assistant County Administrator Scott Addison addressed. The changes reflected the actual numbers for the premium pay raise in the Special Service District, which decreased eight percent and included technology and safety vehicles. Commissioners Gray and Mr. Addison answered questions of the Board. Upon a specific request regarding broadband, it was shared that staff knew that money will not be spent this fiscal year, so funding could be amended to be included in the new FY.

Commissioner Edwards asked Planning and Development Services Director Paul Forgey about the status of plans for Paradise Village. Upon the consent of the Vice-Chairman, per the request of the Board, Mr. Forgey will invite the company to come and provide an update. Commissioner Edwards also shared that Commissioner Johnson submitted Chairman Cohilas' name for the ACCG Emory Greene award.

There being no further business to discuss the Commission the meeting adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK