

DOUGHERTY COUNTY COMMISSION

DRAFT

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

May 1, 2023

The Dougherty County Commission met in Room 100 of the Albany-Dougherty Government Center on May 1, 2023. Chairman Lorenzo Heard presided and called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Victor Edwards, Gloria Gaines, Russell Gray, Clinton Johnson, Ed Newsome and Anthony Jones. 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.

After the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance by the Chairman, he called for approval of the minutes for the April 3rd Regular Meeting and April 10th Work Session.

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

The Chairman recognized Velvet Poole and Tee Taylor representing the City of Albany Parks and Recreation Department to provide an update on the recent The Freedom Run: 5K and Fun Race. It was shared that over 60 individuals ranging from ages 6 to 70 participated. The Commission was reminded of the remaining events leading up to the Juneteenth celebration. The Board provided compliments to the team supporting the events.

The Chairman recognized Sheriff's Office Captain Ted Thomas to provide an update on the 2022 Albany Dougherty Youth Unit (ADYU) Summer Program and request funding for the 2023 year. Sergeant Anthony Bell was present. Captain Thomas shared that the program's main focus will be on mental health. He added that this will be the 27th year of collaboration with the Sheriff's Office and the summer program will take place at Albany Middle School. Last year, 125 students participated, and the County donated \$10,000. Commissioner Gray suggested that funding be allocated annually in the Sheriff's office budget, earmarked for the program, or either utilize ARPA funds because of the mental health component. Commissioner Johnson asked Captain Thomas to meet with the Dougherty County Police Department and Albany Police Department to request that they have officers participating in the program. Mr. McCoy clarified that historically funding has been provided in the DATE (Drug Abuse Treatment Education) fund. Commissioner Johnson asked that \$15,000 be provided to help cover the cost of the program. Capt. Thomas shared that it was not planned to ask the City of Albany for funding this year because funding has not been provided in the past, except by an individual Commissioner, even considering that over 95% of participants are city residents. Commissioner Gaines asked that a tracking of the participant's success be provided.

The Chairman called for consideration to purchase furniture for the Tax/Tag Office from the State Contract Vendor, Advent Business Interiors (Leesburg, Ga) in the amount of \$36,924.76. Funding is budgeted in SPLOST VI.

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

The Chairman called for consideration of the resolution providing for the acceptance of the bid for food services for the Dougherty County Jail from the lowest responsive and responsible proposer meeting specifications, Trinity Services Group (Oldsmar, Fl) in the amount of \$811,340, subject to the execution of the contract by the County Administrator. Funding will be provided in the General Fund.

Commissioner Jones moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Johnson, the motion for approval passed unanimously. Resolution 23-022 is entitled

**A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED
A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR EXECUTION OF THE CONTRACT
TO ACCEPT THE BID TO PROVIDE FOOD SERVICES FOR THE
DOUGHERTY COUNTY JAIL FROM THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE AND
RESPONSIBLE VENDOR MEETING SPECIFICATIONS, TRINITY
SERVICES GROUP; REPEALING RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF
RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

The Chairman called for consideration of the unanimously approved recommendation from the Recreation Committee to develop the Putney Park multi-generational facility in the budgeted amount of \$983,000 and an operational budget of approximately \$30,000 annually. Funding is available in SPLOST VII. The operational budget will be funded by the Special Services District Budget. Chairman of the Recreation Committee Edwards addressed. Commissioner Edwards shared that the building is the main priority and the trails can wait.

Commissioner Johnson moved for approval. Commissioner Newsome seconded the motion. Under discussion, Commissioner Gaines asked a question regarding the cost and designs which was addressed by Mr. David Maschke. He also shared how this process is better as compared to the morgue because this is not an arbitrary figure assigned. Methodology information was outlined. The motion for approval passed unanimously.

The Chairman called for consideration of the resolution providing for the acceptance to fund the total fees with related expenses for architectural and engineering services for Putney Park multi-generational facility in the amount of \$93,000 from Maschke Associates, subject to the execution of the contract by the County Administrator. Funding is available in SPLOST VII.

County Administrator Michael McCoy and Architect David Maschke addressed. Mr. McCoy shared that in order to proceed, we need to pay the architect and plan for the economy of scale by bidding on the projects at the same time. There was a discussion regarding the County owning the plans.

Commissioner Johnson moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Jones, the motion for approval passed unanimously. Resolution 23-023 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED
A RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL TO FUND TOTAL FEES
AND RELATED EXPENSES FOR ARCHITECTURAL AND
ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR PUTNEY PARK MULTI-
GENERATIONAL FACILITY AS PROPOSED BY MASCHKE
ASSOCIATES; REPEALING RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF
RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Chairman called for consideration of the resolution providing for the acceptance and execution of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Marine Corps Logistics Base (MCLB) and the Albany Dougherty County Police Departments, Albany Fire Department and the Dougherty County Sheriff's Office for the purpose of providing Heightened Security Threat-Code Red/Blue Dart notifications. County Administrator Michael McCoy and Assistant Dougherty County Police Chief Tateshea Irving were present.

Commissioner Jones moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Johnson, the motion for approval passed unanimously. Resolution 23-024 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED
A RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE AND EXECUTION OF
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN MARINE CORPS
LOGISTICS BASE AND ALBANY AND DOUGHERTY COUNTY POLICE
DEPARTMENTS, ALBANY FIRE DEPARTMENT AND DOUGHERTY
COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE; REPEALING RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS
OF RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Mr. McCoy shared that the street light request was completed on Mockingbird. Commissioner Edwards asked for an email from the Jail on the population of the Dougherty County residents that are housed. He said that he would also like for bids to be put out in the future for architects. Commissioner Johnson mentioned the location of trails at Putney Park and provided a brief update from ACCG and on the recycling center reopening. Commissioner Gray shared an

update from ACCG noting that Commissioner Johnson was installed as the 2nd Vice Chairman. Commissioner Jones mentioned some announcements from ACCG that may positively impact the citizens of Dougherty County. Chairman Heard shared some highlights on the participation in the weekend events and the Coroner's upcoming "Swim For Life" event and asked in advance for support of this event.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK