

DOUGHERTY COUNTY COMMISSION

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

March 7, 2022

The Dougherty County Commission met in Room 100 of the Albany-Dougherty Government Center on March 7, 2022. Chairman Christopher Cohilas presided and called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. Present [in the Chamber] were Commissioners Victor Edwards, Gloria Gaines, Clinton Johnson, Anthony Jones and Ed Newsome. County Administrator Michael McCoy and Commissioner Gray participated via the audio-conferencing feature. Also present were Assistant County Administrator Scott Addison, County Attorney Spencer Lee, 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 done by Commissioner Johnson, the Chairman called for approval of the minutes for the February 4th County Retreat, February 7th Regular Meeting, February 14th Work Session and February 14th Special Called Meeting.

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

The Chairman recognized Citizen Dr. Amanda Green to share concerns pertaining to Dougherty County Police. Dr. Green shared her concerns that police reports are not being written and if so, she has some additional concerns regarding information being listed. She wanted to address the Commission because they appointed the Chief of Police.

The Chairman called for consideration to purchase a commercial washer and dryer for the Jail from single-source vendor Commercial Coin and Laundry (Gulf Breeze, FL) in the amount of \$36,130.75. The recommendation is to purchase the equipment using the same vendor for past purchases. Funding is budgeted in SPLOST VI- Jail Facility Equipment.

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

The Chairman called for consideration to approve the Alcohol Application from Big E's Country Store LLC, Alpeshkumar Patel licensee, dba Big E's Country Store, at 2100 Cordele Road for Package- Beer and Package - Wine. The Albany-Dougherty Marshal's Office recommended approval.

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

The Chairman called for consideration of the resolution providing for the enforcement of Dougherty County Nuisance Abatement Resolution relative to properties located at 2806 Barnaby Drive, 2510 Big Oak Court, 309 Pryor Street and 2604 Banks Avenue.

Commissioner Jones moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Edwards, the motion passed unanimously. Resolution 21-012 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED
A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR INVESTIGATION AND/OR
INSPECTION BY THE PUBLIC OFFICER AS DESIGNATED UNDER
DOUGHERTY COUNTY NUISANCE ABATEMENT RESOLUTION
NUMBER 02-034 AND/OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE AND
PROVIDING FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE DOUGHERTY
COUNTY NUISANCE ABATEMENT RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO
CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE
UNINCORPORATED AREA OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY;
REPEALING RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS IN
CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Chairman called for consideration of the resolution providing for the approval and execution of an Easement Agreement between the City of Albany, Georgia and Dougherty County, Georgia relative to that portion of the Flint River Trail System known as the ASU to Downtown Albany Connector. County Attorney Spencer Lee addressed. Attorney Lee said that the document was in order to be approved.

Commissioner Jones moved for approval. Commissioner Newsome seconded the motion. Under discussion, Chairman Cohilas confirmed that this will allow us to start the project. Attorney Lee said that it will allow Procurement to work with Public Works to put the bid out. There being no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously. Resolution 21-013 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED
A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE APPROVAL AND
EXECUTION OF AN EASEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
CITY OF ALBANY, GEORGIA AND DOUGHERTY COUNTY,
GEORGIA RELATIVE TO THE SECTION OF THE FLINT RIVER
TRAIL SYSTEM KNOWN AS THE ASU TO DOWNTOWN ALBANY

CONNECTOR; REPEALING RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF
RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

Commissioner Gaines gave kudos to Coach Miller and his team at Westover High School for the local area clean-up. Other volunteers and organizations were recognized; a request for prayers for the citizens in Ukraine was made. She reminded the Board of the Governmental Affairs Committee meeting next week. Commissioner Johnson provided a positive recap from the economic events pertaining to the Snickers Marathon. Chairman Cohilas shared that he is planning health initiatives to attract citizens and encouraged others to participate. He also asked Administration to look at a physical activity race.

The Chairman called for consideration of the recommendation from the County Attorney to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel and then to adjourn.

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

There being no further discussion, the Board entered into Executive Session at 10:30 a.m.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK