

DOUGHERTY COUNTY COMMISSION

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

December 7, 2020

The Dougherty County Commission met in Room 100 of the Albany-Dougherty Government Center on December 7, 2020. Chairman Christopher Cohilas presided. Commissioners present were Victor Edwards, Lamar Hudgins, Russell Gray and Clinton Johnson. Commissioner Anthony Jones participated via the audio-conferencing feature. Also present were County Administrator Michael McCoy, 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 and via live streaming of the meeting on the County's Facebook page and the government public access channel. Commissioner Gloria Gaines and County Clerk Jawahn Ware were absent.

After the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance, the Chairman called for approval of the November 2nd Regular Meeting, November 9th Work Session and November 9 Special Called Meeting minutes.

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

The Chairman recognized 4-H Youth Development /County Extension Agent Jazmin Thomas and Dougherty County 4-H representatives to thank the Commission for its support. Ms. Thomas shared a video presentation prepared by some 4-H students who were not able to be physically present this year due to the pandemic. Ms. Thomas said that 4-H provided a 10-week program for the children to help guide them in learning sign language. There were virtual courses provided for the children as well.

The Chairman recognized Walter Kelley, Library Board of Trustees Chairman and Pauline Abidde, Library Director, to provide their annual report. Mr. Kelley mentioned how they have prepared for the reopening of the library by purchasing gloves, masks, lysol and other sanitary items to help reduce the spread of COVID-19. He shared that the overall spending for the fiscal year was underbudget, virtual programming has been going very well and that there was a policy adopted for the new event center. Ms. Abidde mentioned that they received the second half of the funds for the Westtown library.

The Chairman called for consideration of the purchase of one 2020 Peterbilt Dump Truck Chassis and Body for the Public Works Department from the Sourcewell contract vendor Performance Peterbilt (Albany, GA) in the amount of \$140,583. The purchase will "piggy-back" from the County's award in the February 17, 2020 Regular Meeting. Funding is budgeted in SPLOST VII.

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

The Chairman called for consideration of the approval of the change order in the amount of \$94,994.80 for the 2019 Alley Improvements Contract with Jim Boyd Construction. This Change Order will be for the addition of McEwen Alley. Funding is available in TSPLOST.

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

The Chairman called for consideration of the lump sum distribution in the amount of \$800 per employee for a total distribution with taxes in the amount of \$559,780. Funding will be provided from the General Fund (\$502,941), Special Services District (\$42,199) and the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund (\$14,64). Upon Commissioner Edwards' question, Mr. McCoy shared that the checks will be disbursed on December 18th.

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

The Chairman called for consideration of the recommendation to approve the proposed Alcoholic Beverage License renewals for Calendar Year 2021.

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

The Chairman called for consideration of the proposed Board appointments which are made by nominations:

The Joint Board of Adjustments & Appeals will be re-advertised for one vacancy to fill an unexpired three-year term ending October 1, 2022. All joint appointments must be ratified by the City of Albany.

Upon nomination by Commissioner Johnson, incumbents Thomas Driggers (joint), and Clint Newsome (joint) were unanimously recommended to the City of Albany for ratification of appointment and incumbent Clifford Tolbert (rotational) was reappointed to the Air Conditioning, Heating & Ventilation Board for a one-year term ending December 31, 2021. The County will re- advertise for one vacancy.

Upon nomination by Commissioner Gray, incumbent Glenn Tyler Harris was unanimously reappointed to the Citizens Transportation Committee for a three-year term ending December 31, 2023.

Upon nomination by Commissioner Johnson, incumbent Dr. Anthony Parker was unanimously reappointed to the Economic Development Commission for a two-year term ending December 31, 2022.

Upon nomination by Commissioner Johnson, incumbent Sanford Hillsman (rotational) was unanimously reappointed to the Electrical Board for a one-year term ending December 31, 2021. There are four vacancies and the County will re-advertise.

Upon nomination by Commissioner Johnson, incumbent Harry James was unanimously reappointed to the Flood Plain Management Review Board for a three-year term ending December 31, 2023. The County will re-advertise for one vacancy (for the unexpired term ending December 31, 2021).

Upon nomination by Commissioner Johnson, incumbent Sanford Hillsman (County) was unanimously reappointed to the Gas Board for a one-year term ending December 31, 2021 and incumbent Rhett Parker (joint) was recommended to the City of Albany for ratification of appointment. The County will re-advertise for one vacancy

Upon nomination by Commissioner Gray, incumbents Doug Wilson and J. Douglas Porter were unanimously reappointed to the Golden Triangle Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Council for a two-year term ending December 31, 2022.

Upon nomination by Commissioner Hudgins, incumbent Francis M. Wakeford III was unanimously reappointed to the Historic Preservation Commission for a two-year term ending December 31, 2022. Upon nomination by Commissioner Edwards, the recommendation for Angela Cain Gibson to replace Annie Wilson was unanimously accepted for a two-year term ending December 31, 2022. Upon nomination by Commissioner Gray, the recommendation for Bryan Harden to replace Lacy Lee was unanimously accepted for a two-year term ending December 31, 2022. Upon nomination by Commissioner Gray, the recommendation for Hope Campbell to replace John P. Ventulett Jr. was accepted with four ayes and one nay by Commissioner Hudgins for a two-year term ending December 31, 2022.

Upon nomination by Commissioner Johnson, incumbent Glenn Singfield was unanimously reappointed to the Albany –Dougherty Hospital Authority for a five year-term ending December 31, 2025. Upon nomination by Commissioner Hudgins, Commissioner Clinton Johnson was unanimously reappointed to a five-year term ending December 31, 2025. Upon nomination by Commissioner Johnson, the recommendation for Dorothy Hubbard to replace Michael Laslie was

unanimously accepted to fill the unexpired five-year term ending December 31, 2022. Upon nomination by Commissioner Hudgins, the recommendation for James Hotz to replace Fred Ghiglieri was unanimously accepted for a five-year term ending December 31, 2025. Upon nomination of Commissioner Johnson, the recommendation for Joel Wright to replace Tania Smith was unanimously accepted to fill a five-year term ending December 31, 2025.

Upon nomination by Commissioner Johnson, incumbents Melissa Hodges and Bill Reilly were unanimously reappointed to a three-year term ending December 31, 2023.

Upon nomination by Commissioner Johnson, incumbents Walter Kelley and John Kirbo were unanimously reappointed to the Library Board of Trustees for three-year term ending December 31, 2023. Upon nomination by Commissioner Johnson, the recommendation for Joshua Miller to replace Haryl Dabney was unanimously accepted for a three-year term ending December 31, 2023. Commissioner Jones' reappointment was confirmed for the Library Board for a three-year term ending December 31, 2023.

Upon nomination by Commissioner Hudgins, incumbents Lee Eppley (Master Plumber), Rhett Parker (Master Plumber) and Glenn Harris (Citizen Member) were unanimously reappointed to the Plumbing Board for a one-year term ending December 31, 2021.

Upon nomination by Commissioner Hudgins, incumbents Michael McCoy (active employee representative) and Charles Kelley were unanimously reappointed to the Retirement Fund Committee for a four-year term ending December 31, 2024. The County will re-advertise for one vacancy to fill an unexpired four-year term ending December 31, 2021. (Upon confirmation after the meeting, the appointments to the Retirement Fund Committee should be made by the County Chairman).

Upon nomination by Commissioner Johnson, incumbent Glenn Harris was unanimously reappointed to the Southwest Georgia Community Action Council for a one-year term ending December 31, 2021.

Upon nomination by Commissioner Gray, incumbent Sonya Johnson was unanimously reappointed to the Southwest Georgia Housing Task Force for a one-year term ending December 31, 2021.

Upon nomination by Commissioner Johnson, Raymond Breaux (County) was unanimously reappointed to the Southwest Georgia Community Action Council for a one-year term ending December 31, 2021. Upon the same nomination, the appointment of Casawn Lhuillier- Yheyais (joint) was recommended to the City of

Albany for ratification. Upon appointment of Chairman Cohilas, Commissioner Anthony Jones was reappointed to serve as his designee for the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission with a one-year term ending December 31, 2021.

Upon nomination of Commissioner Hudgins, incumbents JeNita Lane and Larry Thomas were unanimously reappointed to the Tax Assessors Board for a three-year term ending December 31, 2023.

Commissioner Gray encouraged citizens to go visit the event space at the library. Commissioner Johnson reminded the Board of the tour of the hospital starting at 1:00 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK