

DOUGHERTY COUNTY COMMISSION

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

August 2, 2021

The Dougherty County Commission met in Room 100 of the Albany-Dougherty Government Center on August 2, 2021. Chairman Christopher Cohilas presided. Commissioners present were Victor Edwards, Gloria Gaines, Russell Gray, Clinton Johnson, Anthony Jones, and Ed Newsome. 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.

After the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance, the Chairman called for approval of the July 12<sup>th</sup> Work Session minutes.

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

The Chairman recognized James Morgan, County Extension Coordinator, to update the Commission with the quarterly report and to introduce Latrina West, the new 4-H Agent to the Board. Mr. Morgan shared that the senior and junior STEM summer camp programs had been completed.

The Chairman called for consideration of the recommendation to accept the quote to install new cameras at Turtle Grove & Riverfront Parks for the Public Works Department from single-source vendor Invision Technologies (Albany, GA) in the amount of \$22,110. Funding is budgeted in SPLOST VII – County Parks Improvement/Equipment.

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

The Chairman called for consideration of the recommendation to purchase one 2021 Hyundai Santa Fe SEL for the GBI Southwestern Regional Drug Enforcement Office from Albany Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram-Hyundai (Albany, GA) for a not to exceed the amount of \$32,093. Funding will be provided by the GBI SWRDEO Grant Fund.

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

The Chairman called for consideration of the resolution providing for the execution and acceptance of the 2020-2025 Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Commissioner Jones moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Edwards, the motion for approval passed unanimously. Resolution 21-043 is entitled:

RESOLUTION – DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA  
DOUGHERTY COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN 2020-2025

The Chairman called for consideration of the acceptance and execution of the resolution providing for the use of the services of the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission for the purpose of preparing, submitting and administering a FY 2022 Community Development Block Grant-COVID (CDBG-CV) Food Bank application to the State of Georgia Department of Community Affairs.

Commissioner Jones moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Johnson, the motion for approval passed unanimously. Resolution 21-044 is entitled:

RESOLUTION  
BY  
DOUGHERTY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Chairman called for consideration of the recommendation to amend the FY 2021 General Fund Budget from \$53,664,296 to \$54,427,231 for COVID-19 expenditures, Fund Balance Use expenditures, FEMA COVID Grant, Civic Life Grant, and CARES grant. It was also recommended to amend the Grants Fund from \$1,980,748 to \$2,038,756 to show the HEROS Grant and to create the Alternate Dispute Resolution Fund as requested by Superior Court Judge, Willie Lockette. County Administrator Michael McCoy addressed. Mr. McCoy said that this was presented at the Work Session and there has been an adjustment in the CARES ACT reimbursement which has been accounted for.

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

Mr. McCoy shared the passing of Eugene Mulkey and encouraged the Board to keep his family in prayers. Commissioner Jones encouraged individuals to get vaccinated and continue to wear face masks. Commissioner Gaines asked Mr. McCoy to provide her clarification on the non-rollback steps that are involved in the tax digest. Mr. McCoy said that he will follow up with an email.

Commissioner Johnson notified the Chairman that citizen Velma Robinson wanted to speak to the Commission on behalf of a concern she had at the judicial building. After she spoke, Chairman Cohilas asked Mr. McCoy to speak to Chief Haynes and Sheriff Sproul about this situation. The Chairman stated that the Sheriff is over the courthouse but he wanted to ensure that the COVID information is ADA compliance. The Chairman requested to receive a follow-up after this meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

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CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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COUNTY CLERK