

DOUGHERTY COUNTY COMMISSION

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

April 17, 2023

The Dougherty County Commission met in Room 100 of the Albany-Dougherty Government Center on April 17, 2023. Chairman Lorenzo Heard presided and called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Victor Edwards, Gloria Gaines, 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. Commissioner Russell Gray participated via teleconference. 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 March 20th Regular Meeting and March 27th Work Session.

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

The Chairman recognized The Albany Good Life Semi-Pro PBA Basketball Team, Head Coach Tracy Brown, Club Manager Macthias Jones and PR Director Yaz Johnson to be recognized for their recent accomplishments and accept the Proclamation from the Board of Commissioners commemorating the recent championship. The proclamation read as follows:

**A PROCLAMATION  
BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA  
COMMEMORATING THE ALBANY GOOD LIFE BASKETBALL TEAM'S  
CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON.**

**WHEREAS**, the Albany Good Life Basketball Team, aptly named in honor of the "Good Life City" of Albany, Georgia, held its first ever tryouts on October 17, 2022, and formed the area's first semi-professional basketball team in over ten years;

**WHEREAS**, the Albany Good Life Basketball Team competes in PBA by 1891 League, which features a number of teams throughout Georgia, Alabama, North Carolina and Florida;

**WHEREAS**, in its inaugural year, the Albany Good Life Basketball Team completed a near-perfect regular season with a record of 11-1 and then went on to win D-League championship by defeating Bradenton Yessuh out of Bradenton, Florida by a final score of 110-93;

**WHEREAS**, in winning the D-League championship, the Albany Good Life Basketball Team made history by being the first ever semi-professional level team from Albany to win a championship;

**WHEREAS**, the contributors to the Albany Good Life Basketball Team’s championship run featured guards Carlos Brown, Kamil Brown, Quan Brown, Nick Cummings, Zabrayan Jones, Ezekiel Prince, Ted Hosley, Ricardo Rivera, and Dontrayvius Sims as well as forwards Jamorris Gaines, Keion Miller, Kel Miller, Travious Powell, Derrick Wafford and Darrell Williams along with center Davonte Ward; Tianna Thompson, Game Day Manager, and Tim White, Assistant Coach,

**WHEREAS**, Head Coach Tracy Brown, Club Manager Macthias Jones, Public Relations Director Yaz Johnson and Ownership Group 1891, LLC were instrumental in guiding the Albany Good Life Basketball Team to glory;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners of Dougherty County, Georgia acknowledges the Albany Good Life Basketball Team for its championship season. As a Board we wish to extend our warmest congratulations to the Albany Good Life Basketball Team for its extraordinary efforts and extend our gratitude for the pride it brings to Dougherty County.

This the 17<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF  
DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
LORENZO L. HEARD, Chairman

The Chairman recognized Human Resources Interim Director, Erica Potts to provide an update on the proposed County summer internship program. Mrs. Potts shared that many of our partners no longer require internships as a prerequisite, so participation in our program has dwindled. This summer, the County plans to hire 11 students [10 direct and 1 grant funded]. It is planned for the program to be June 5, 2023- July 21, 2023. The ACCG rate is \$12/ hour and the County plans to mirror the same rate. Students will not work over 200 hours. The projected cost, without taxes is \$24,000 and funding will be provided from the GCAPS budget because the program no longer exists. Mr. McCoy and Attorney Shalishali shared that internships are typically under the direction of the County Administrator.

The Chairman called for consideration to purchase a 2023 Chevrolet 1500 Pickup Truck for Public Works from the lowest quoted vendor, Prince Automotive Group (Albany, GA) in the amount of \$44,729. The truck is in stock and is available for immediate delivery. Funding is budgeted in SPLOST VII.

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

The Chairman called for consideration to purchase one MSV Series 2000 Bookmobile for the Dougherty County Library from the responsive and responsible vendor meeting specifications, Mathews Specialty Vehicles (Greensboro, NC) in the amount of \$365,286. Funding is budgeted in ARPA. County Administrator Michael McCoy addressed. City of Albany Buyer Corey Gamble and Library Director Gail Evans were present. Mr. McCoy said that he recommended approval and that the Library Board is excited to have mobile ability to provide services throughout the community, especially during the renovation of the Westtown location.

Commissioner Johnson moved for approval. Commissioner Gaines seconded the motion. Under discussion, Commissioner Johnson shared that this would put Westtown renovations in a stronger position [for a grant]. Ms. Evans shared that the Library Board applied for an MRR grant and is waiting for the state budget to be completed to see if the grant was approved. Mr. Gamble mentioned that the bookmobile is scheduled to be delivered within 1 year and 8 months but the price stays the same. There being no further discussion, the motion for approval passed unanimously.

The Chairman called for consideration to accept the resolution declaring a 2016 Ford Taurus Police Interceptor (from the Dougherty County Police Department) as surplus and authorize the sale through Underwriters Safety & Claims.

Commissioner Newsome moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Johnson, the motion for approval passed unanimously. Resolution 23-021 is entitled:

**RESOLUTION  
ENTITLED  
A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE AS SURPLUS A SALVAGED  
2016 FORD TAURUS POLICE INTERCEPTOR (VIN NO.  
1FAHP2MT1GG154383) AND HAVE SAID SURPLUSED  
SALVAGED VEHICLE DISPOSED OF THROUGH  
UNDERWRITERS SAFETY AND CLAIMS, DOUGHERTY  
COUNTY'S THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATOR; REPEALING  
RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT  
HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

The Chairman called for consideration to purchase to accept Concept G for the development of the proposed morgue in the estimated amount of \$1,300,720. Funding will be available in SPLOST VII.

Commissioner Edwards moved for approval. Commissioner Gaines seconded the motion. Commissioner Gray offered a substitute motion to table this purchase to explore alternate location options. Commissioner Newsome seconded the motion. The substitute motion failed with two ayes and five nays by Commissioners Edwards, Johnson, Gaines, Jones, and Chairman

Heard. The original motion for approval passed with five ayes and two nays by Commissioners Gray and Newsome.

The Chairman called for the continued discussion and review of the proposed multi-generational community facility in the estimated amount of \$982,850 (Option 1) and the option to add a safe room to the facility in the estimated amount of \$2,509,054 (Option 2). Funding will be available in SPLOST VII. County Administrator Michael McCoy and Architect David Maschke addressed. Mr. McCoy shared that Option 2 was added per the direction of the Chairman from the last meeting and will be value added; but Option 1 will satisfy the needs of the community. Mr. Maschke shared that Option 2 will upsize the community meeting room to meet the requirements of the saferoom within GEMA guidelines. Commissioner Jones added that he is in favor of Option 1 because of the need.

The Chairman called for consideration to develop the proposed multi-generational community facility at Putney Park.

Commissioner Jones moved for approval. Commissioner Edwards seconded the motion. Commissioner Johnson made a substitute motion to take to this item to the Recreation Committee Meeting to determine funding and consider other needs/desires presented by other Commissioners. Commissioner Gaines seconded the motion. The motion to table passed with four ayes and three nays by Commissioners Newsome, Jones, and Gray. It was shared that the Board was not against the citizens of Putney, but Commissioner Johnson stressed that this will give an opportunity to vet the request and find funding. Commissioner Edwards said that many of these projects need to be discussed more.

Commissioner Gray left the teleconference at 11:11 am.

The Chairman called for consideration of the recommendation from Human Resources to accept the 2023 Georgia County Internship Program (GCIP) Grant from the ACCG Georgia Civic Affairs Foundation in the amount of \$2,607.60. The grant will provide a summer intern for the Human Resources Department. County Administrator Michael McCoy addressed.

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

The Chairman called for consideration of the recommendation to accept the request for approval of Amendment #1 to the Sirens for Cities Contract-HMGP 4284-0057. The request will increase the Sirens for Cities contract budget from \$519,892.40 to \$559,692.40 and reflects the price increase of materials. County Administrator Michael McCoy and Consultant Georgia Collier-Bolling addressed. Mr. McCoy recommended approval and shared that the project was delayed due to extenuating circumstances.

Commissioner Johnson moved for approval and there was a second provided by Commissioner Newsome. Under discussion, Ms. Collier-Bolling addressed questions pertaining to the cost difference for Commissioner Johnson. The motion for approval passed unanimously.

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 Albany Dougherty Drug Unit (ADDU) for the use of the drug detection canine unit. County Administrator Michael McCoy and Dougherty County Police Chief Kenneth Johnson addressed. Mr. McCoy recommended approval and shared that he was for the use of the canine unit. It was shared that there is no reimbursement associated with this MOU.

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

A RESOLUTION  
ENTITLED  
A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ACCEPTANCE AND  
EXECUTION OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN MARINE CORPS LOGISTICS BASE AND ALBANY  
DOUGHERTY DRUG UNIT FOR DRUG DETECTION CANINE  
SUPPORT; REPEALING RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF  
RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH;  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Attorney Shalishali updated the Board on the opioid settlement. The total amount collected for the Johnson & Johnson settlement to date is \$130,000. He shared the projected pay out schedule. For the newest MOU, information is pending on the claim payouts.

Commissioner Edwards requested a Recreation Committee meeting. Commissioner Gaines restated that approval should be provided for the internship program.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

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CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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COUNTY CLERK