



REGULAR MEETING

April 15, 2024
10:00 AM

Albany-Dougherty Government Center
222 Pine Ave, Room 100, Albany, GA 31701

AGENDA

The public will also have access to the live meeting by accessing the Dougherty County Georgia Government Facebook page at facebook.com/Dougherty.ga.us or viewing the public government access channel (Channel 16).

1. Call the meeting to order by Chairman Lorenzo Heard.
2. Roll Call.
3. Invocation.
4. Pledge of Allegiance.
5. Minutes.
 - a. Consider for action the Minutes of the March 18th Regular Meeting and March 25th Work Session. **ACTION:**
6. Delegations (*The Commission will hear comments on those items pertaining to Dougherty County for which a public hearing has not been held or scheduled. Please be brief, to the point, and considerate of time for others*).
 - a. Kanisha Jones, Black Voters Matter Fund Southwest Georgia Regional Organizer, present to accept the Proclamation of Dougherty County's support of closing Georgia's Health Insurance Coverage Gap.
 - b. Angelia Jones, Representative of the Historic Preservation Committee, present to discuss historical markers in the unincorporated area of Dougherty County.
7. Purchases.
 - a. Consider for action the recommendation from the Public Works Department to purchase two light towers from the Sourcewell Contract Vendor, United Rentals (Leesburg, GA) in the amount of \$24,840. The light towers are necessary for emergency and overnight work and will be used in areas where lighting is scarce. Funding is budgeted in SPLOST VII. Assistant County Administrator Barry Brooks will address. Public Works Director Chuck Mathis is present. **ACTION:**

8. Additional Business.
 - a. Consider for action the recommendation from Juvenile Court to apply for a Criminal Justice Incentive Grant Program in the amount of \$410,000 for Functional Family Therapy use. This is an annual request for the 100% grant with no local match. **ACTION:**
 - b. Consider for action the recommendation from the Dougherty County Jail and Dougherty County Public Defender's Office to participate in the "My Justice Portal" pilot program. The program anticipates reducing back-logged cases in the court system and the average length-of-stay for jail inmates. The cost of the program is \$136,464 and funding is available in SPLOST V. The Public Safety Committee recommends the use of the application. **ACTION:**
 - c. Consider for action the recommendation from the Dougherty County Jail and Dougherty County Public Defender's Office to apply for a Georgia Bar Foundation Grant in the amount of \$140,000 for the "My Justice Portal" pilot program. Approval of the grant application is requested to offset the cost of the program. **ACTION:**
 - d. Consider for action the recommendation to accept the Resolution declaring a 2013 Dodge Charger (from the Dougherty County Police) as surplus and authorize the sale through Charles Taylor TPA. Assistant County Administrator Barry Brooks will address. **ACTION:**
 - e. Consider for action the Resolution providing for the approval and execution of two Permanent Sewer Easements to the City of Albany for the purpose of allowing the City to erect, construct, install, operate, inspect and repair sewer infrastructure on County-owned property across from the National Guard Armory between N. Jefferson and Monroe Street. County Attorney Alex Shalishali will address. Jeff Hughes, City of Albany Sewer Projects Engineer is present. **ACTION:**
9. Updates from the Assistant County Administrator.
 - a. **National Crime Victims Rights Week is April 21-26, 2024.** The Chairman and Mayor will be signing the Joint Proclamation on Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at Phoebe Northwest Conference Center, 2336 Dawson Road, Albany, GA at 9:00 AM. All are welcome to attend.
 - b. **REMINDER** - There will be NO County Commission meeting on Monday, April 22, 2024. The next meeting will be a Work Session in Room 100 on April 29, 2024.
10. Updates from the County Attorney.
11. Updates from the County Commission.
12. Adjourn.

Dougherty County's Vision Statement

Dougherty County will be a committed leader in sustaining a high quality of life by partnering with citizens, businesses, and other government agencies to make this a community of choice for living, working, and leisure activities.

Dougherty County's Mission Statement

To improve the quality of life for all our citizens by being accessible and good stewards of our resources while delivering cost-effective, responsive, services with integrity, fairness, and friendliness.

Individuals with disabilities who require certain accommodations in order to allow them to observe and/or participate in this meeting, or who have questions regarding the accessibility of the meeting or the facilities are required to contact the ADA Coordinator at 229-431-2121 promptly to allow the County to make reasonable accommodations for those persons.

DOUGHERTY COUNTY COMMISSION

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

March 18, 2024

The Dougherty County Commission met in Room 100 of the Albany-Dougherty Government Center on March 18, 2024. Chairman Lorenzo Heard presided and called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. Present were Commissioners Gloria Gaines, Clinton Johnson, Anthony Jones, and Ed Newsome. Also present were Assistant County Administrator Barry Brooks, 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. Commissioners Victor Edwards and Russell Gray were absent.

After the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance by the Chairman, he called for approval of the minutes of the February 19th Regular Meeting and February 26th Work Session.

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

The Chairman opened the public hearing for Andrew Dismuke, applicant and Moree Motors #2, LLC, owner, (24-006) request to rezone 6.76 acres from C-R (Community Residential Multiple-Dwelling District) to R-MHP (Mobile Home Park District). The rezoning would allow the current expired manufactured home park to be rehabilitated/reconstructed to meet the regulations per Dougherty County Ordinance. The property is at 3325 Sylvester Hwy. The Planning Commission recommended approval. Angel Gray, Deputy Planning Director addressed. Mrs. Gray shared that manufactured homes are now the acceptable term for mobile homes. It was noted when a mobile home park was vacant for a period of time, the original zoning classification, which in this case was C-R should be used and the process to change would apply. Upon the request of Commissioner Gaines, Mrs. Gray will provide a map of the area. Citizen Lynette Harper and her son Grey Harper opposed the request because of the drainage concerns. They reside on Bennett Drive which is not in the flood zone but had flood concerns. Commissioner Johnson asked that DOT or County Public Works look at the flow of water; and Commissioner Jones echoed the same sentiments to prevent/reduce flooding. Mr. Brooks has been directed to determine the best way to address in regard to the Harper's request for a fence. Mrs. Gray shared that it was not required but the Commission has an opportunity to add. There being no additional comments regarding the proposed matter, the Chairman closed the public hearing.

The Chairman called for consideration of the recommendation from the Dougherty County Jail to accept the quote to upgrade the video surveillance system with the current vendor, Synology, in the amount of \$34,659. Funding is available in SPLOST VI.

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

The Chairman called for consideration of the recommendation from Dougherty County Sheriff's Office to purchase one 2023 Ford F150 XLT 4X4 in the amount of \$52,060 and one 2023 Ford F150 Responder in the amount of \$50,365 from Wade Ford (Smyrna, Ga) for a total expenditure of \$102,425. State contract pricing has been provided and the vehicles are currently on-site. Funding is available in SPLOST VIII.

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

The Chairman called for consideration of the recommendation to purchase two Zoll Medical X Series Monitor/Defibrillators for the EMS Department from sole source vendor Zoll Medical Corporation (Chelmsford, MA) in the amount of \$64,642.56. Funding is budgeted in SPLOST VIII. Assistant County Administrator Barry Brooks addressed. EMS Director Sam Allen was present.

Commissioner Gaines moved for approval. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. Under discussion, Mr. Brooks clarified for Commissioner Johnson that this use was for ambulances. There being no further discussion, the motion for approval passed unanimously.

The Chairman called for consideration of the recommendation from Public Works to approve the expenditure in the amount of \$114,664 for a new fuel truck. The expenditure includes the purchase of a 2025 International MV607 Cab and Chassis from State Contract #99999-SPD-SPD00000151-0001, Rush Truck Center (Valdosta, GA) in the amount of \$108,414 and the anticipated labor cost of \$6,250 for Park Built Body Company (Sylvester, GA) to transfer the body. Funding is budgeted in SPLOST VII. Assistant County Administrator Barry Brooks and Public Works Director Chuck Mathis were present.

Commissioner Newsome 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 and execution of the MOU between the Marine Corps Logistics Base (MCLB) and DCP Animal Control Unit to secure the benefits of animal control support aboard MCLB for the surrender and disposition of stray dogs to the Albany Humane Society.

Commissioner Gaines moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Johnson, the motion for approval passed unanimously. Resolution 24-009 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED
A RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE AND
EXECUTION OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN MARINE CORPS LOGISTICS BASE AND
DOUGHERTY COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT ANIMAL
CONTROL UNIT; REPEALING RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF
RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Chairman called for the zoning consideration for Andrew Dismuke, applicant and Moree Motors #2, LLC, owner, (24-006) request to rezone 6.76 acres from C-R (Community Residential Multiple-Dwelling District) to R-MHP (Mobile Home Park District). The rezoning would allow the current expired manufactured home park to be rehabilitated/reconstructed to meet the regulations per Dougherty County Ordinance. The property is at 3325 Sylvester Hwy. The Planning Commission recommended approval.

Commissioner Jones motioned to table the zoning request until additional drainage information was provided. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. Under discussion, Mrs. Gray clarified that there was no timeframe for the owner to respond and she explained the proper process for the Board to add conditions to the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion to table passed unanimously.

Mr. Brooks said that March 28th was the planned kickoff date with Mauldin and Jenkins for the financial audit. He would like to bring to the Board the consideration of the tennis center if there were no concerns. It was announced that the Tax Office will be closed (on the day of the meeting) from 10 am - 1 pm to honor the life of former employee Angela Butler. Commissioner Jones asked for a moment of silence for Ms. Butler. There were kudos provided to the DCP and the PIO on the recent activities from the weekend. Commissioner Gaines asked for the logistics of the tour for Albany Technical College and Mrs. Ware addressed.

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

Commissioner Johnson moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Gaines, the motion for approval passed unanimously via roll call.

There being no further discussion, the Board entered into Executive Session at 10:39 a.m.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK

DOUGHERTY COUNTY COMMISSION

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WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES

March 25, 2024

The Dougherty County Commission met in Room 100 of the Albany-Dougherty Government Center on March 25, 2024. 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, Anthony Jones, and Ed Newsome. Also present were Assistant County Administrator Barry Brooks, 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 by Chairman Heard, he asked the Commission to review the minutes of the March 4th Regular Meeting and March 11th Work Session.

The Chairman recognized Superior Court Judge Joseph W. Dent who introduced himself to the Board. Judge Dent gave an update on his first 64 days on the job and discussed his proposed process for the continuation of handling backlog for current and future cases. He asked the Board for continued support to the courts and the DA's Office, to identify and secure proper space for operations and help to recruit. After providing his goals, he addressed questions and comments of the Board.

The Chairman recognized Nathaniel Cooper, Center Director for Turner Job Corps (TJC), to discuss their Work Based Learning opportunity. He had Career Technical Training Manager Jason Nelms, Director of Finance and Administrator Demetrius Love and students present with him. Mr. Cooper requested a MOU with the Board for WBL. Students shared information about their respective areas, and it was noted that TJC had 15 industry training programs. In addition, students from the correctional officers, welding, heavy construction equipment operation and office administration fields were represented. With the rebranding of the center called Turner Job Corps 2.0 (TJC 2.0), the main focus is to create new community partnerships. It was shared that their site was the fourth largest in the nation. Mr. Cooper would provide the statistics and economic impact shared based on the request of Commissioner Gaines. After a lengthy discussion ensued, Mr. Cooper was asked to work directly with Mr. Brooks.

The Chairman called for discussion of the recommendation to accept the proposal for Disaster Debris Removal Services from the most responsive and responsible vendor meeting specifications, Ceres Environmental Services, Inc. (Sarasota, FL). Six proposals were received. The proposal is for a total, complete, turn-key disaster disposal relief service to be utilized on an as needed basis in the occurrence of a major storm event. This will be a one-year contract with four options to renew for additional one-year terms. The last contract for debris disposal services was approved in the February 4, 2019 Regular Meeting. If required, funding will be provided by the Special Services District Fund. Assistant County Administrator Barry Brooks and Project Manager

Jeremy Brown addressed. City of Albany Buyer Takeshia Martin was present. Mr. Brooks emphasized that this would allow the County to be prepared in the event of a disaster. There was no cost unless services were utilized. Mrs. Ware and Mr. Brown confirmed that this was a new contract and questions from the Board were answered. Mr. Brown also said that Tetra Tech was our monitoring company and could determine if there was an opportunity to remove debris/ trees from private property.

The Chairman called for discussion of the recommendation to accept the bid for Phase III Alley Improvements for Public Works from the most responsive and responsible bidder meeting specifications, Concrete Enterprises (Albany, GA) in the amount of \$1,496,873.04. The project will provide grading and paving of five alleys in the unincorporated areas of the County. Two vendors submitted bids. Funding is budgeted in T-SPLOST. Assistant County Administrator Barry Brooks and Project Manager Jeremy Brown addressed. City of Albany Buyer Ricky Gladney was present. It was noted that this was the last phase, and specific locations were provided. Commissioner Edwards asked Mr. Brown to contact the City of Albany regarding a possible partnership to pave a section of Poinciana Alley that falls within the city limits. Mr. Brooks shared that the COA and DOCO do work together.

The Chairman called for discussion of the recommendation to accept the agreement from Granicus (Denver, Colorado) in the amount of \$48,820. The recommendation includes the product, maintenance, and services for Government Experience Cloud (SERVE), Government Experience Cloud (SERVE) Set-up and Configuration, and Government Experience Cloud (SERVE) Training. Maintenance costs for year one are \$21,464.20 and year two \$22,966.69. Funding for the first year will be available in General Fund- Contingency. Assistant County Administrator Barry Brooks, Public Information Officer Phyllis Banks, and Chief Information Officer John Dawson addressed. Granicus Representative Luke Mulvaney participated via telephone conference. The previous questions from the last presentation were answered.

The Chairman called for discussion of the recommendation to declare the listed vehicles and equipment as surplus and authorize the disposal of or sale of the same via an online auction. Assistant County Administrator Barry Brooks and County Clerk Jawahn Ware addressed. Commissioner Edwards asked for the recent sales amount.

The Chairman called for discussion of the recommendation to approve the alcohol application from Jimmy Sylvester Investments LLC, Azim Abdul Sultan Shroff licensee, dba Kash Food Mart, at 3333 Sylvester Road for Package- Beer and Wine. The Albany-Dougherty Marshal's Office recommended approval. Deputy Marshal Marcus Mitchell, Code Enforcement Department, addressed.

The Chairman called for discussion of the recommendation to approve the alcohol application from SVR Brands, Inc., Prashant Patel licensee, dba Big E Country Store, at 2100 Cordele Road for Package- Beer and Wine. The Albany-Dougherty Marshal's Office recommended approval. Deputy Marshal Marcus Mitchell, Code Enforcement Department, addressed. It was clarified that both were transfers.

The Chairman called for discussion of the recommendation to accept the Statewide Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement with the State of Georgia. The contract allows Dougherty County to make agreements for mutual aid assistance in emergencies. The last renewal was approved by the Board in the October 19, 2020 Regular Meeting. EMA Director Chief Cedric Scott addressed. Assistant County Administrator Barry Brooks was present. It was noted that this is a 4-year agreement and questions from the Board were answered.

The Chairman called for discussion of the recommendation to declare two Stryker Pro-Cot Stretchers as surplus and authorize the transfer at no cost of the same to Albany Technical College. The equipment will be used by the college's Paramedicine Program to teach new EMT and Paramedic students the skills needed to become a licensed EMT or Paramedic in the State of Georgia. This request is made on behalf of ATC Paramedicine Program Chair, Tracie Naylor-Griffin. Assistant County Administrator Barry Brooks addressed. EMS Director Sam Allen was present. It was shared that the stretchers have reached their useful life and will be used for training.

The Chairman called for discussion of the recommendation from the Public Health Committee to accept the proposed Emergency Medical Service Standby Event & Service Priority policy. Committee Chairman Russell Gray addressed. Assistant County Administrator Barry Brooks and EMS Director Sam Allen were present. Under discussion, there were several suggestions for clarity and inclusion. Mr. Allen clarified that EMS has always followed these processes, but this was now being written formally. Commissioner Gaines requested that more clarity be provided regarding entities being charged and to change where the fees were redirected. Attorney Shalishali will research the ability of staff to place a complaint against a citizen.

The Chairman called for discussion of the recommendation from the Recreation Committee to accept the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Albany and Dougherty County regarding the construction of a tennis center. Recreation Committee Chairman Victor Edwards addressed. Assistant County Administrator Barry Brooks and Alex Shalishali were present. Commissioner Edwards deferred to Mr. Brooks, and he provided an overview. He shared that the only item that needed consideration of the request by Commissioner Jones was to add a time certain for the City of Albany to accept. Commissioner Gray shared that the City of Albany's service needed to be listed and change the title to include the multi-use purpose. Commissioner Gaines requested that the recommendation be sent as a draft to the City of Albany.

Mr. Brooks provided an update on earmarked funds by Congressman Sanford Bishop for the DCP building. It was determined that appropriation for the building should not be made this year. However, it was deemed acceptable to make a request of \$1.5 million for the Festival Springs. There will be a Special Called Meeting of the Retirement Fund Committee to discuss the pension fund and consideration of the 401 (a) plan for specific managers.

Commissioner Johnson shared that Albany Dougherty County was recognized as one of the 2023 Top-Tier 3 Metropolitan Areas by Site Selection Magazine. There was an update provided on our community movement regarding the tax credit and tier. Mr. Brooks was asked to have the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) or Economic Development Commission (EDC) make a presentation and he would provide the specific funding percentage of the County. Commissioner

Gaines recognized the life of citizen Kenneth Florence and provided an update on the movement of the County's request for funding for the Westtown Library on the state level. She asked if a discussion for clarification from the Development Authority could be reviewed and placed on a Work Session regarding the 18 acres of County land. Commissioner Jones invited the Board to two events referencing the ribbon cutting of the store in District 6 and graduation of the Financial Literacy Program.

There being no further business to discuss the Commission the meeting adjourned at 12:53 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK

Board Of Commissioners

Dougherty County

Georgia



Proclamation

WHEREAS 18% of people in Dougherty County do not have health insurance coverage and would be eligible if Georgia accepted federal Medicaid funding to expand coverage; and

WHEREAS, healthy citizens and access to affordable health care are key to Georgia's economy and critical to business, government, healthcare and families across Georgia; and

WHEREAS, closing the healthcare coverage gap would help Dougherty County thrive by increasing the number of insured members of our community, improve the financial footing of health care providers and hospitals who treat our residents, bring new economic activity to our County, and improve the financial position of local healthcare providers and hospitals, which act as an economic multiplier by creating community-based jobs, and buoying the hospitality, retail, transportation, and real estate sectors of our local economy; and

WHEREAS, closing the health insurance coverage gap would extend affordable health insurance coverage to nearly 500,000 people across the State who cannot access the healthcare they need; and closing the healthcare coverage gap would foster a healthier workforce and boost workforce participation in Georgia; and

WHEREAS, federal funding from taxes that Georgians have already paid would cover 90% of costs for states closing the health insurance coverage gap to residents who need access to affordable health insurance; and

WHEREAS, additional incentive funds would flow under the American Rescue Plan with a two-year, five percent increase in the federal match-rate for Medicaid, which will bring an additional \$619 million to Georgia; and

WHEREAS, over the next six years, closing the health insurance coverage gap would create 20,000 new jobs in Georgia, yield a total savings of \$2.38 billion, and generate an annual economic impact of \$1.89 billion; and

WHEREAS, closing the healthcare coverage gap would increase coverage and access to healthcare for our veteran population to support and supplement the costs for their medical and mental health needs; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Dougherty County, Georgia calls upon the General Assembly and the Governor of Georgia to close the health insurance coverage gap in 2024.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA

BY: _____
LORENZO L. HEARD, Chairman





Barry Brooks

Assistant County Administrator

Item 7a.

**DOUGHERTY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
ADMINISTRATION**

Agenda Item

Date: April 2, 2024
Meeting Date: April 8, 2024
Subject/Title: Light Tower Purchase
Presented for: Decision
Presenter: Barry Brooks, Asst. County Administrator

Statement of Issue

The Public Works Department is requesting the approval to purchase two light towers.

History/Facts and Issues

The Dougherty County Public Works Department is requesting the approval to purchase two light towers from Sourcewell Contract vendor United Rentals (Leesburg, GA) in the amount of \$24,840. The Light Towers are necessary for emergency and overnight work and will be used by the Parks and Gardens Division for projects when lighting is scarce.

Recommended Action

Recommend that Dougherty County Commission approves the purchase of two light towers from Sourcewell Contract 062320 URI for United Rentals (Leesburg, GA) the amount of \$24,840.

Funding Source

SPLOST VII ROAD EQUIPMENT 420025062

GRANT REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FORM



DATE: April 01, 2024				
DEPARTMENT: 2600				
GRANT PROGRAM: Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant				
GRANTING AGENCY: <i>CJCC</i>				
CFDA # (IF FEDERAL GRANT)				
PROGRAM TITLE: Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant				
FUNDING REQUEST:				
FEDERAL	STATE	LOCAL MATCH	OTHER	TOTAL REQUEST
IF LOCAL MATCH IS REQUIRED, ARE FUNDS AVAILABLE IN CURRENT BUDGET? YES _____ NO _____		Comments: (In-kind, direct appropriation, etc.)		
INDIRECT COSTS? YES ___ NO <u>X</u>	AMOUNT: \$410,000.00			
REIMBURSEMENT GRANT: YES <u>X</u> NO _____				
PROJECT DIRECTOR OR OFFICIAL: Judge Herbie L. Solomon		PHONE: 229-431-2162	E-MAIL: hsolomon@dougherty.ga.us	
DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR OR OFFICIAL APPROVING SUBMISSION (PRINT NAME & TITLE) <i>Herbie L. Solomon, Judge</i>		SIGNATURE: <i>Herbie L. Solomon</i>		DATE: <i>2 Apr 2024</i>
REVIEWED BY FINANCE: <i>Amy S. Westenfeld, Asst Finance Director</i>		SIGNATURE: <i>Amy S. Westenfeld</i>		DATE: <i>4/3/2024</i>
REVIEWED BY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR:		SIGNATURE:		DATE:
COUNTY COMMISSION ACTION:		APPROVED: YES _____ NO _____		DATE:



Barry Brooks
Assistant County Administrator

**DOUGHERTY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
ADMINISTRATION**

Agenda Item

Date: March 26, 2024
Meeting Date: April 8, 2024
Subject/Title: Pilot Program for “My Justice Portal”
Presented for: Decision
Presenter: Barry Brooks, Asst. County Administrator

Statement of Issue

The Dougherty County Jail and Dougherty County Public Defender’s Office wish to participate in a pilot program, testing the proof of concept for “My Justice Portal”, which is an application developed to enhance the efficient and confidential communication between Public Defenders and their incarcerated clients.

History/Facts and Issues

The Dougherty County Jail and the Dougherty County Public Defender’s Office have both noted that incarceration creates a significant barrier to effective communication between Public Defenders and their incarcerated clients. This causes inefficiencies in the ability to prepare cases for trial and results in extended time in jail for inmates. “My Justice Portal” is a communications application that can be deployed on inmate tablets and will greatly enhance the quality, frequency, and confidentiality of inmate/attorney communication. This could result in a reduction of back-logged cases in the court system and reduce the average length-of-stay for jail inmates. The cost of the pilot program is \$136,464.

“My Justice Portal” was reviewed and is recommended by the Public Safety Committee.

Recommended Action

Recommend Dougherty County Commission approves the funding of a pilot program of “My Justice Portal” in the Dougherty County Jail in the proposed amount of \$136,464. Approval for the grant application to the Georgia Bar Foundation is also recommended to help offset the costs.

Funding Source

SPLOST V

GRANT REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FORM



DATE: 3.25.24				
DEPARTMENT: CDBG-DR & Grants/Dougherty County Jail				
GRANT PROGRAM: Georgia Bar Foundation (IOLTA)				
GRANTING AGENCY: Georgia Bar Foundation Board of Trustees				
CFDA # (IF FEDERAL GRANT)				
PROGRAM TITLE: Dougherty County's My Justice Portal				
FUNDING REQUEST:				
FEDERAL	STATE	LOCAL MATCH	OTHER	TOTAL REQUEST
		\$0.00	\$ 140,000	\$140,000.00
IF LOCAL MATCH IS REQUIRED, ARE FUNDS AVAILABLE IN CURRENT BUDGET? YES _____ NO _____		Comments: (In-kind, direct appropriation, etc.)		
INDIRECT COSTS? YES ___ NO X	AMOUNT:			
REIMBURSEMENT GRANT: YES _____ NO X _____				
PROJECT DIRECTOR OR OFFICIAL: Col. John Ostrander, Jail Director		229-430-6508	E-MAIL: jostrander@dougherty.ga.us	
APPROVING SUBMISSION (PRINT NAME & TITLE) Harriet Hollis, CDBG-DR & Grants Program Manager		SIGNATURE: <i>Harriet Hollis</i>		DATE: 3/26/2024
REVIEWED BY FINANCE: <i>Amy S Westenfeld</i> <i>Assistant Finance Director</i>		SIGNATURE: <i>Amy S Westenfeld</i>		DATE: <i>3/27/2024</i>
REVIEWED BY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR:		SIGNATURE:		DATE:
COUNTY COMMISSION ACTION:		APPROVED: YES _____ NO _____		DATE:

**A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED**

A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE AS SURPLUS A SALVAGED 2013 DODGE CHARGER (VIN NO. 2C3CDXAT9DH694776) AND HAVE SAID SURPLUSSED SALVAGED VEHICLE DISPOSED OF THROUGH CHARLES TAYLOR TPA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY’S THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATOR; REPEALING RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Dougherty County, Georgia is desirous of declaring as surplus a 2013 Dodge Charger (VIN NO. 2C3CDXAT9DH694776) and having said vehicle disposed of a surplused salvaged vehicle through Charles Taylor TPA, Dougherty County’s Third Party Administrator.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Dougherty County, Georgia hereby resolved by Authority of same as follows:

SECTION I Dougherty County’s salvaged 2013 Dodge Charger (VIN NO. 2C3CDXAT9DH694776) is hereby declared as surplus property and the Assistant County Administrator is hereby authorized to both dispose of said vehicle through Charles Taylor TPA, Dougherty County’s Third Party Administrator, and to execute Form T-19 permitting Charles Taylor TPA through their salvaged contractor, Insurance Auto Auction (IAA), to dispose of said surplus property.

SECTION II All Resolutions or parts of Resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

This the 15th day of April, 2024.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA

BY: _____
Lorenzo L. Heard, Chairman

ATTEST:

County Clerk

Requested Surplus and Disposal to Charles Taylor

Dougherty County Police		
Description	VIN Number	Condition
2013 Dodge Charger	2C3CDXAT9DH694776	Non-salvageable

**A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED
A RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE AND EXECUTION OF TWO
PERMANENT SEWER EASEMENTS TO THE CITY OF ALBANY FOR THE
PURPOSE OF ALLOWING THE CITY TO ERECT, CONSTRUCT, INSTALL
OPERATE, INSPECT AND REPAIR SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE THEREIN;
REPEALING RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT
HEREWITH;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Dougherty County, Georgia has considered and is hereby desirous of approving and executing two certain Permanent Sewer Easements to the City of Albany for the purpose of allowing the City to erect, construct, install, operate, inspect and repair sewer infrastructure therein;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Dougherty County, Georgia and it is hereby resolved by authority of same as follows:

SECTION I The two attached Permanent Sewer Easements to the City of Albany are hereby approved and adopted and the Dougherty County Chairman is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to the full implementation of said Permanent Sewer Easements.

SECTION II All Resolutions or parts of Resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

This the 15th day of April, 2024.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA

BY: _____
Lorenzo L. Heard, Chairman

ATTEST:

County Clerk

Return Easement To:
C. Nathan Davis
City Attorney
P.O. Box 447
Albany, Georgia 31702-0447

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY

} **PERMANENT SEWER**
} **EASEMENT 1**

THIS INDENTURE, made this ___ day of _____, 20___, between **DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA** as party of the first part, hereinafter called Grantor, and **THE CITY OF ALBANY, GEORGIA**, a municipal corporation, as party of the second part, hereinafter called Grantee (the words "Grantor" and "Grantee" to include their respective heirs, personal representatives, successors and assigns where the context requires or permits).

WITNESSETH: That Grantor(s), for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) in hand paid and other good and valuable consideration, the undersigned does hereby grant unto the City of Albany, hereinafter referred to as Grantee, a perpetual easement with right to erect, construct, install, maintain, operate, inspect, and repair sanitary sewer infrastructure within the easement upon the lands of Grantor situated in Albany, Georgia, said lands being described as follows:

All that certain tract or parcel of land situate lying and being part Land Lot 331 of the First Land District, as recorded in deed book 3657, page 285, being in the City of Albany, Dougherty County, Georgia and being a permanent sewer easement, and more particularly described as follows:

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Said easement contains 0.577 acres, and as depicted as Easement I on the attached exhibit titled, EXHIBIT A; PERMANENT SEWER EASEMENTS 1 & 2, dated 01/16/24 for 400 Eleventh Avenue, and prepared by the City of Albany Engineering Department.

The Grantee covenants to maintain the easement in good repair and efficiency so that no unreasonable damage will result from its use to the adjacent land of the Grantor, its successors and assigns.

The Grantor covenants that it is the owner of the above-described lands and that said lands are free and clear of all encumbrances.

The grant and other provisions of this easement shall constitute a covenant running with the land for the benefit of the Grantee, its successors and assigns.

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No above ground structures shall be constructed within the limits of this easement as described.

At all times hereafter, Grantee, at its sole cost and expense, shall keep, maintain, repair, and restore the easement area, in a first-class, proper, competent, and workmanlike manner, during and after the construction of the sanitary sewer easement facilities or with respect to any repair work done in regard thereto, which restoration to the easement area shall be to its former condition, being fully equal to or better than that condition existing prior to any such construction or repair work, all to the reasonable satisfaction of the Grantor. Except for constructing the sanitary sewer facilities and keeping, maintaining, repairing, and restoring same, the Grantee shall not be responsible for keeping and maintaining such easement area in a neat, clean manner.

This instrument is intended to convey only an easement for the aforesaid purposes; said easement being limited as aforesaid with all rights conveyed hereunder to cease and revert to Grantor at such time as Grantee shall cease to use said easement for the purposes set forth herein and upon such a reversion Grantee shall remove all of its facilities and return the easement area to such condition as existed prior to the installation of such facilities and shall restore and repair any damage to adjacent property caused in connection with such removal.

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Signed, sealed and delivered

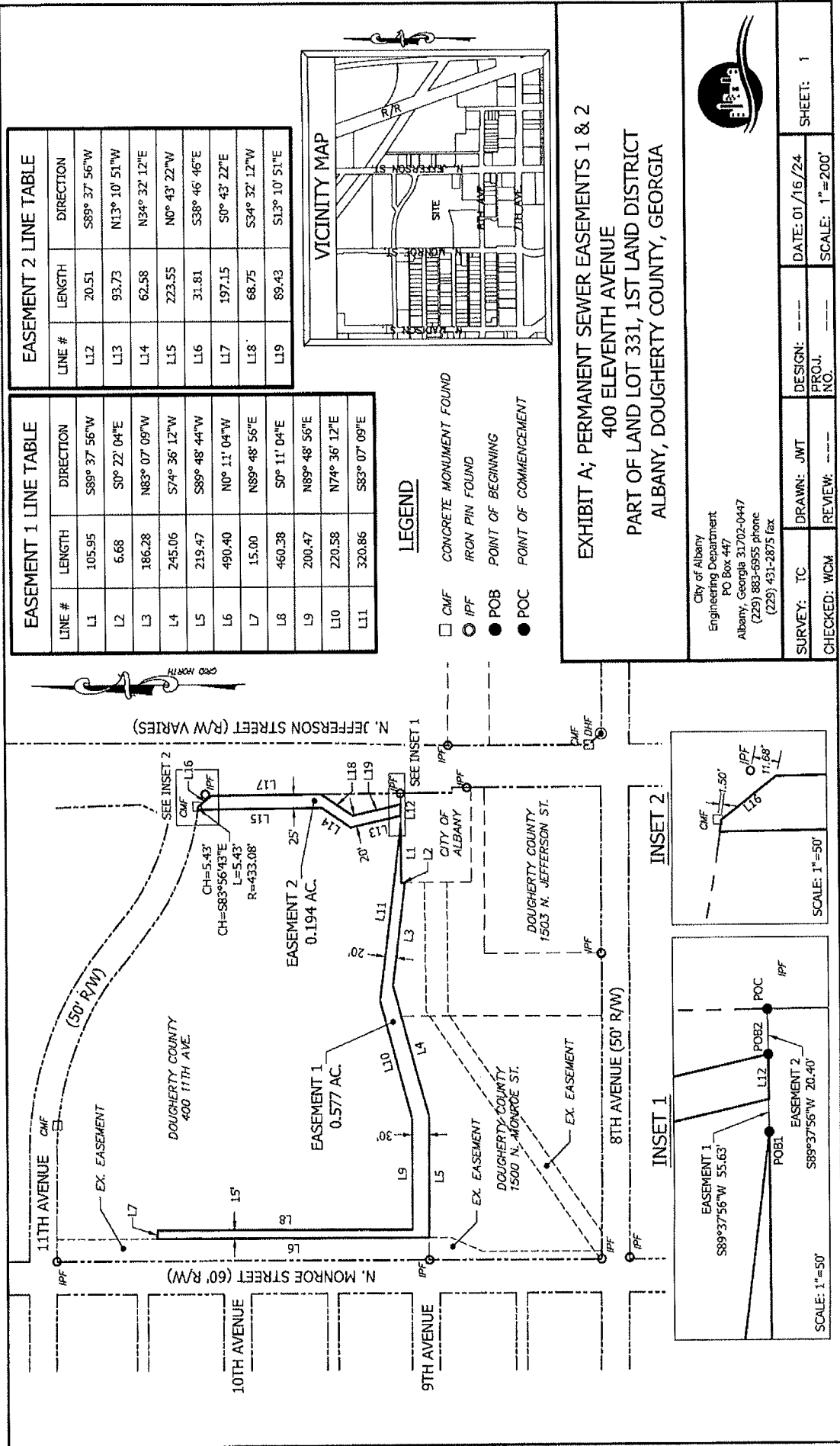
This ____ day of _____ 20
in the presence of:

WITNESS

_____(SEAL)
DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA

Notary Public

My commission expires: _____



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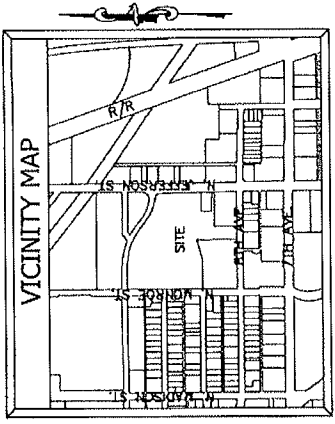
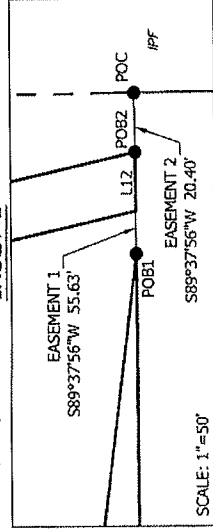
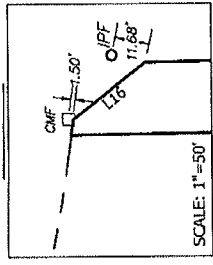


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Return Easement To:

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City Attorney
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STATE OF GEORGIA } **PERMANENT SEWER**
COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY } **EASEMENT 2**

THIS INDENTURE, made this ___ day of _____, 20__ , between **DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA** as party of the first part, hereinafter called Grantor, and **THE CITY OF ALBANY, GEORGIA**, a municipal corporation, as party of the second part, hereinafter called Grantee (the words "Grantor" and "Grantee" to include their respective heirs, personal representatives, successors and assigns where the context requires or permits).

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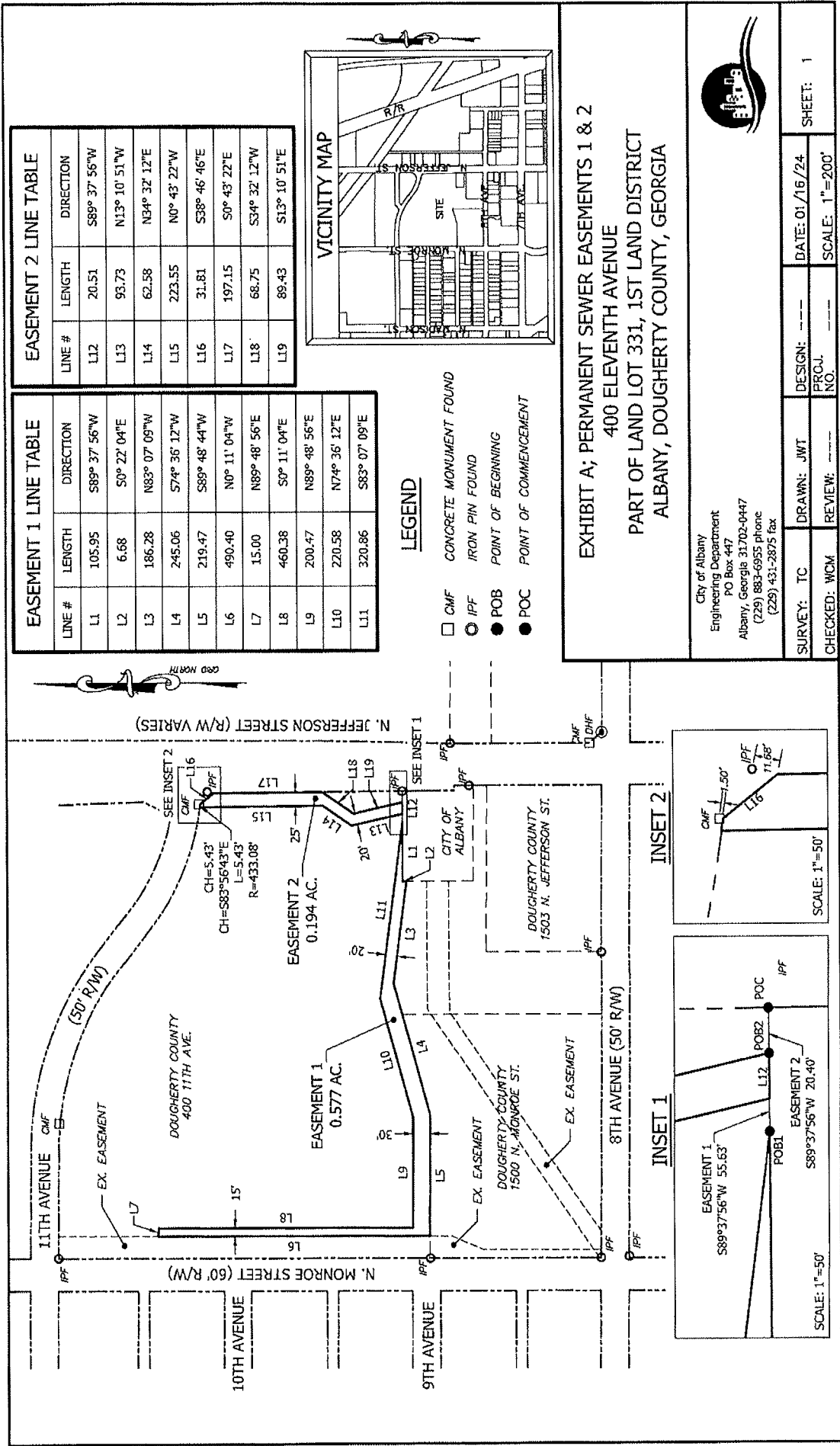
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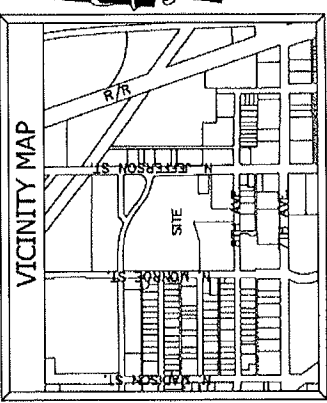


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