

WORK SESSION

January 10, 2022 10:00 AM

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

AGENDA

To comply with the request set forth by the Chairman of Dougherty County, GA and the guidelines of the Center for Disease Control (CDC) regarding the Coronavirus (COVID19) pandemic and social distancing, <u>face coverings (masks) are required for all meeting participants.</u>

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 Christopher Cohilas.
- 2. Roll Call.
- 3. 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).
 - <u>a.</u> Code Enforcement Director Marshall Nathanial Norman present to update the Commission on the Assessment of the Code Enforcement process.
 - b. GBI Special Agent In Charge Eric Schwalls present to provide the annual report for 2021.
- 4. Zoning.
 - Claude Wilson Geer III (21-076), owner and applicant, requests to rezone 12.2 acres of a 20.57 acre tract from C-3c (Commercial District) to M-2 (Heavy Industrial District). The property is located at the southeast corner of Moultrie Road and Holly Drive. The Planning Commission recommends approval with the following conditions: (1) to be used as a borrow pit only, (2) hours of operation to be Monday thru Saturday within daylight hours only, (3) a 5' to 6' permanent berm be constructed around the pit, (4) ingress and egress by way of Moultrie Road only and (5) 6' fencing. Angel Gray, Planning Manager, will address.

5. Purchases.

- a. Recommendation to approve the purchase of a computer software program in the amount of \$27,995.00. This software is an investigative tool used for the extraction of electronic data. This software will be used to assist in the mission of the Southwestern Regional Drug Enforcement Office (SWRDEO). Funding will be provided by the GBI SWRDEO Grant Fund. County Administrator Administrator Michael McCoy and GBI Special Agent In Charge Eric Schwalls will address.
- b. Recommendation to purchase fifty (50) portable radios for DCP from single source vendor Motorola Solutions (Albany, GA) in the amount of \$226,568.50. Parts are no longer available to repair aged inventory. Funding is available in the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Assistant County Administrator Scott Addison will address. DCP Chief Kenneth Johnson is present.
- c. Recommendation to purchase sixty-one (61) portable radios and twenty (20) mobile radios for the Sheriff's Office from single source vendor Motorola Solutions (Albany, GA) in the amount of \$430,884.75. Parts are no longer available to repair aged inventory. Funding is available in the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Assistant County Administrator Scott Addison will address. Deputy Chief Pamela Johnson is present.
- d. Recommendation to accept the contract for the collection of delinquent property taxes for Dougherty County from Government Tax Solutions (GTS) (Carrollton, GA). The agreement will allow the vendor to assist the Tax Department with the County's delinquent tax levy and tax sale processes. GTS will be replacing the services of Attorney Spencer Lee as he transitions into retirement. This will be at no cost to the County. County Administrator Michael McCoy and Tax Director, Shonna Josey will address. GTS Representatives CEO, Pierce (PT) Waldrep and Senior Account Representative Wendell Bullard are present.
- e. Recommendation to accept the proposal to replace the Generator for Newton Rd Fire Station from A West Enterprise (Albany, GA) in the amount of \$78,160. The reflects GSA pricing for labor and equipment. Funding is budgeted in SPLOST VII County Fire Station Improvements/Equipment. Assistant County Administrator Scott Addison will address. Facilities Management Director Heidi Minnick is present.
- 6. Additional Business.
 - a. Recommendation to accept the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant for the 2022 calendar year in the amount of \$248,000. The grant is provided by the Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for the operation of the Southwestern Regional Drug Enforcement Office. County Administrator Michael McCoy and GBI Special Agent In Charge Eric Schwalls will address.
 - b. Recommendation to accept the Judicial Council of Georgia American Rescue Plan Act Funding Award in the amount of \$2,000,000. The grant is provided by the Judicial Council of Georgia. In the November 29, 2021 Special Called Meeting, the Commission approved Superior Court to submit the application. County Administrator Michael McCoy will address.
 - c. Recommendation to declare a 2019 Ford Taurus (from DCP) as surplus and authorize the sale through Underwriters Safety & Claims. Assistant County Administrator Scott Addison will address.

- d. Recommendation from Public Works to apply for the 2022 Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant (LMIG) from the Georgia Department of Transportation in the amount of \$412,773 for road resurfacing. There is a local match required of 30%. The match will be provided by TSPLOST and SPLOST VII. Assistant County Administrator Scott Addison, Public Works Director Chuck Mathis and Engineering Manager Jeremy Brown will address.
- e. Recommendation to approve the list of roads to be resurfaced with the FY 2022 Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant (LMIG) funds (\$412,773), SPLOST VII- 2022 Resurfacing funds (\$428,000), SPLOST VII- 2018 Resurfacing remaining funds (\$42,849.61), T-SPLOST - Resurfacing (\$2,000,000) and TSPLOST Road Striping (\$186,000). Assistant County Administrator Scott Addison, Public Works Director Chuck Mathis will address. Engineering Manager Jeremy Brown is present.
- 7. Updates from the County Administrator.
 - **a. REMINDER -** In observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday on Monday, January 17, 2022 there will not be a scheduled meeting held.
- 8. Updates from the County Attorney.
- 9. Updates from the County Commission.
- 10. Adjourn.

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.



MEMORANDUM

To: Michael McCoy, County Administrator

From: W. Nathaniel Norman, Marshal / Director

Date: December 2, 2021

Subj: Assessment of Code Enforcements Process

The Chairman and Board of County Commissioners requested a report on the process of Code Enforcement. Within the report to identify:

- A. What is the level of repeated offenders?
- B. What is a recommended solution to the problem?
- C. If a problem existed, could it be corrected by operational or legislative means.

With this memo I have included the report along with an attachment. I wasn't sure if they wanted me to appear or submit the report. I'll be awaiting your direction.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Code Enforcement Assessment

On October 4, 2021, The Chairman and Board of County Commissioners requested a report on the process of Code Enforcement. Within this report it identifies:

- A. What is the level of repeated offenders?
- B. What is a recommended solution to the problem?
- C. If a problem existed, could it be corrected by operational or legislative means.

I reviewed the calls of service to determine if there is a systemic problem for calls of service at an individual address. I have found that there was a total of 340 cases in the county over the past 12 months, 7 of those are repeated offenders, and 11 citations were served. Looking at the number of cases educating the community are bringing most violators into compliance.

While maintaining the concept of progressive discipline and being more aggressive, the processes used for issuing letters of violation and outlining the violation are being utilized. This way to educate a violator of the ordinance and it serves as a warning citation. If this violation is not rectified within the prescribed time, a citation will be issued to appear in court. If there are additional incidents within 12 months, the violator will automatically be issued another citation. Each violation will be considered as, a second, third, etc.... offenses. I did not find anything prohibiting this action within the Code of Ordinances.

In a meeting held with Chief Judge Baxter Howell and Judge Victoria Johnson of the Magistrate Court, we discussed case submission and escalation of fines. They concurred that my recommended approach would be a good process, but before a violation could be escalated, the prior violation would have to be adjudicated. I inquired about a fee schedule; the response was the same as Attorney Spencer Lee indicated an amount up to a maximum of \$1,000 or jailed. I presented a fee schedule (see attached) that was used in the past. It outlines the escalation of fines for first, second and third offenses. They felt it would be fine as long as the Commission voted to use this type of schedule, but also remembering this would be used as a template, and the judge still has the discretion.

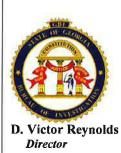
I have implemented the process as outlined above for both the city and county in order to curve the behavior of repeat offenders. It is a more aggressive approach and will as mentioned, put teeth in violators handled by this department. In addition, this will allow officers, while in court, to show that a person was educated of a violation and was aware of possible outcomes. From my preceptive, I think the courts process of imposing fines is well established. Incidents are already being escalated when the Judge is informed of repetitive issues. Prior to court, officers are now doing the research before their appearance. They are outlining when these incidents started, how many of the same incidence occurred, the number of return trips, and staff's recommendation of the disposition. This allows the judge to understand the amount of resources used in seeking compliance.

At this point I believe the implementation of this process will improve issues operationally, and no legislative adjustments are needed at this time.

W. Nathaniel Norman Marshal/Director December 1, 2021

Sec. 2-1-8 Violations. (a)Whenever in this Code any act is prohibited or is made or declared to be unlawful or an offense, or whenever herein the doing of any act is required or the failure to do any act is declared to be unlawful, where no specific penalty is provided therefor, the violation of such provision shall be punishable by fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or imprisonment for not more than sixty (60) days, or both, or as otherwise provided by the laws of this state.	nade or declared to be unlawful or an off provided therefor, the violation of such p oth, or as otherwise provided by the laws	fense, or whenever herein the doing of any act is provision shall be punishable by fine of not more s of this state.	required or the failure to do any act is than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or
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GEORGIA BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION



3121 Panthersville Road P. O. Box 370808 Decatur, Georgia 30037-0808 ltem 3b.

TO: Dougherty County Board of Commissioners 222 Pine Avenue Albany, GA
DATE: January 4, 2022

RE: Southwestern Regional Drug Enforcement Office Annual Statistics for Calendar Year 2021

The SWRDEO is a GBI supervised Drug Task Force that has an area of responsibility covering 42 counties in Southwest Georgia. The Dougherty County BOC acts as the fiduciary for the SWRDO and the Control Board is made up of those agencies that have detached an agent to the SWRDEO. Currently the control board consists of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, Albany Police Department Chief, Americus Police Department Chief, Colquitt County Sheriff's Office Sheriff, Dougherty County Police Department Chief, Dougherty County Sheriff's Department Sheriff.

The following statistics are tracked and are provided for your review: Cases Made, cases made by county, arrests, and contraband seized.

The SWRDEO made 190 cases during the 2021 calendar year. Of those 81 cases were made in Dougherty County. That is 42.6% of cases made. Chart 1 FY 21 from January to June. Chart 2 FY 22 July to December.

The SWRDEO made 123 arrests during the 2021 calendar year. This does not include the pending arrests on federal cases where we are still waiting on an indictment.

The SWRDEO seized \$12,579,573.50 in illicit drugs during the 2021 calendar year. The SWRDEO also seized 26 firearms during this time.

Thank you,

Atom

J. Eric Schwalls GBI Special Agent in Charge Commander Southwestern RDEO 1301 Evelyn Avenue Albany, Georgia 31705 <u>Eric.schwalls@gbi.ga.gov</u> 229-420-1254

Division of Forensic Sciences P. O. Box 370808 Decatur, Georgia 30037-0808 Investigative Division P. O. Box 370808 Decatur, Georgia 30037-0808 Georgia Crime Information Center P. O. Box 370748 Decatur, Georgia 30037-0748



MEMORANDUM

Date: January 7, 2022

To: The Board of County Commissioners

From: Albany Dougherty Planning Commission

Subject: #21-076 Zoning (Southeast corner of Moultrie Rd and Holly Dr.)

<u>Claude Wilson Geer III (21-076)</u> has submitted an application to the Albany Dougherty Planning Commission requesting that the Official Zoning Map of Dougherty County be amended to rezone 12.2-acres of a 20.57-acre tract (parcel #00156/00001/011) from C-3c (Commercial District) to M-2 (Heavy Industrial District). The property is located at the Southeast corner of Moultrie Rd and Holly Dr. The property owner is Claude Wilson Geer III & ETAL; the applicant is Claude Wilson Geer III **(District 6)**

Jimmy Hall offered a motion to approve the request to rezone 12.2 acres of the 20.57acre tract from C-3c to M-2, with **the following conditions:(1) To be used as a borrow pit only, (2) Hours of operation to be Monday thru Saturday within daylight hours only, (3)** A 5' to 6' permanent berm to be constructed around the pit, (4)ingress and egress by way of Moultrie Road only, and (5) 6' fencing; seconded by Art Brown; the motion carried 5-0 with the following votes:

William Geer	Abstained
Billy Merritt	Yes
Art Brown	Yes
Jimmy Hall	Yes
Sanford Hillsman	Yes
Yvonne Jackson	Yes
Aaron Johnson	Absent
Charles Ochie	Absent
Helen Young	Absent
Heath Fountain	Absent

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES



OWNER/APPLICANT:

LOCATION:

PARCEL:

Claude Wilson Geer III

SE Corner of Moultrie Rd./Holly Dr. (1700 Moultrie Rd. (#02-157))

00156/00001/011

Vacant

CURRENT ZONING/USE: Zoning:

Use:

PROPOSED ZONING/USE:

Zoning: Use: M-2 (Heavy Industrial District) Borrow Pit

C-3c (Commercial District)

ZONING/ADJACENT LAND USE:

North Zoning:

Land Use:

South Zoning:

Land Use:

West Zoning:

C-2 (General Mixed-Use Business District)

Vacant Lot

R-1 (Single-Family Residential District)

Vacant

R-1 (Single-Family Residential District)

1. Will the rezoning proposal permit a suitable use in view of the use and development of an adjacent and nearby property?

The rezoning proposal will be compatible with the parcels to north, which are zoned M-1 (Restricted Industrial District). A borrow pit will be less compatible with the R-MHS (Residential, Mobile Home Subdivision) zoning to the southeast.

2. Will the rezoning proposal adversely affect the existing use or usability of adjacent or nearby property?

If properly buffered, this rezoning proposal should not adversely affect the existing uses or usability of adjacent or nearby property. There is an expectation of a temporary impact on adjacent properties from dust and noise created by the activity of operating a borrow pit.

3. Does the property to be affected by the rezoning proposal have a reasonable economic use as currently zoned?

Yes, although this site has never been developed as currently zoned.

4. Will the rezoning proposal result in a use that will or could cause excessive or burdensome use of existing streets, transportation facilities, utilities, or schools?

The proposal may have a temporary impact on the use of existing streets, transportation facilities, utilities, or schools. The purposed use of the property is for a borrow plt for the widening of Moultrie Road. There will be increased traffic impact during the construction period as trucks leave the location to the road construction sites.

Road Classification: Moultrie Rd. is an Urban Minor Arterial. Holly Dr. is Urban Minor Arterial.

Road Capacity: Moultrie Rd. between US 19 and Mock Rd. had an Average Daily Traffic (AADT) count of 17,800 in 2020. Holly Dr. between US 19 and Moultrie Rd. had an Average Daily Traffic (AADT) count of 4,550 in 2020. Information is not available for Traffic Capacity.

Trip Generation: Based on Trip Generation's 10th Edition (2018) information, a specialty trade contract could generate ten trips per weekday.

Road Improvements: According to the FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program and the Dougherty Area Regional Transportation Study: (DARTS 2045), A federally funded project is proposed for this area. Moultrie Rd. (SR133) will be expanding from a four-lane to a six-lane highway.

Public Transit Routes: Albany Transit does not serve this area.



APPLICATION TO AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF: Albany, Georgia X Dougherty County, Georgia

Property address: 00156 /00001 / 011
Name of property owner(s): Claude Wilson Geer TIT. 4ETAL
Appling address LOAR HOALEA KINA
City: <u>Albany</u> State: <u>GA</u> Zip code: <u>31705</u> Telephone: <u>229-881-0</u> 431
lame of applicant: Claude Wilson Geer III 1
Tailing address: 608 AZALETA BLVD
Sity: <u>Albany</u> State: <u>CA</u> Zip code: <u>31705</u> Telephone: <u>229.881-043</u>
Proposed zoning district <u>M-A</u> Current use: <u>VaCent Lot</u> Proposed use: <u>Burner</u>

Please attach the following documents:

- A <u>written legal description</u> of the property giving the full metes and bounds description rather than plat reference.
- A copy of the deed verifying ownership status.
- Authorization by property owner form (if the property owner and applicant are not the same).
- A plat showing property lines with lengths and bearings, adjoining streets, locations of existing buildings, north arrow and scale (submit one copy of the plat if it is 11" x 17" or smaller. For larger plats, submit twenty copies).
- An 8" x 11" size map of the area (The map should be the same as the larger map).
- A disclosure of campaign contributions and gifts form.
- Filing fees should be paid when submitting the application. These fees are based on the zoning district that the applicant is applying for, and should be payable to the City of Albany.

This application must be filed by the 10th of the month to be considered for the Planning Commission meeting of the following month.

I hereby authorize the Planning & Development Services Department staff to inspect the premises of the above described property and to place a public notice sign on the premises as required by law. I also hereby depose and say that all statements herein, and attached statements submitted are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Sworn to and subscribed be Signature of applicant:	afore me this <u>24</u> day of	November Levill	_, 20 <u>21</u> . ETAI
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PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT SERVICES & CODE ENFORCEMENT

P.O. Box 447 Albany, GA 31702 | Phone: 229.438,3901 | Fax: 229.438,3965 | vaw.albany.ga.us



APPLICANT/AGENT DISCLOSURE CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS (Required by Title 36, Chapter 67A, Official Code of Georgia Annotated)

The applicant filed on this date: $\frac{210/2021}{}$, to apply for a rezoning approval affecting described property as follows:

SMOCK Rel 00/56/00001/011

Yes No

Within the last two years preceding the above filing date, the applicant has made campaign contributions aggregating \$250 or more to a member or members of the City Commission or County Commission who will consider application number_____.

(Please list the name(s) and official position of the local government official; the dollar amount; description, and date of each campaign contribution).

I hereby depose and say that all statements herein are true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4 day of 1000 mber

Signature of Applicant

Commission expires: 2 266 24

Notary/Public

JUDY GLASS NOTARY PUBLIC-GEORGIA DOUGHERTY COUNTY **F3PIRE**

PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT SERVICES & CODE ENFORCEMENT

P.O. Box 447 Albany, GA 31702 | Phone: 229.438.3901 | Fax: 229.438.3965 | www.albany.ga.us

Item 4a.

Summary

Parcel Number 00156/00001/011 Location Address S MOCK RD Legal Description PT LOT 10 & ALL 18 & 19 (Note: Not to be used on legal documents) Class C4-Commercial (Note: This is for tax purposes only. Not to be used for zoning.) 02 DOUGHERTY COUNTY (District 02) Tax District Millage Rate 42.896 20,57 Acres Homestead Exemption No (SO) Landlot/District N/A

<u>View Map</u>

Owner

GEER CLAUDE WILSON III & ETAL 608 AZALEA BLVD

ALBANY, GA 31705

Land

Type Commercial	Description Comm-Holly		lation Metho	d	Square Footage 968,339	Frontage O	Depth 0	Acres 20.57	Lots 1
Sales									
Sale Date	Deed Book / Page	Plat Book / Page	Sale Price	Reason	Grantor	Grantee			
10/16/2019	4649 119		\$0	29 SPLIT	GEER CLAUDE III ETAL	GEORGIA DEF	ARTMENT OF	TRANSPORT	ATION
6/30/1986	801 255		\$0	Unqualified	HIRSCH MARIE BROWN	GEER CLAUDE	INETAL		

Valuation

		2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Previo	ous Value	\$56,500	\$61,100	\$61,100	\$61,100	\$61,100
Fair N	Narket Land Value	\$56,500	\$56,500	\$61,100	\$61,100	\$61,100
+ Falr N	farket Improvement Value	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
+ Fair N	farket Accessory Value	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
≖ FairN	farket Value	\$56,500	\$56,500	\$61,100	\$61,100	\$61,100
Asses	sed Land Value	\$22,600	\$22,600	\$24,440	\$24,440	\$24,440
+ Asses	sed Improvement Value	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
+ Asses	sed Accessory Value	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
= Asses	sed Value (40% FMV)	\$22,600	\$22,600	\$24,440	\$24,440	\$24,440

No data available for the following modules: Rural Land, Conservation Use Rural Land, Residential Improvement Information, Commercial Improvement Information, Mobile Homes, Accessory Information, Prebili Mobile Homes, Permits, Pholos, Sketches.

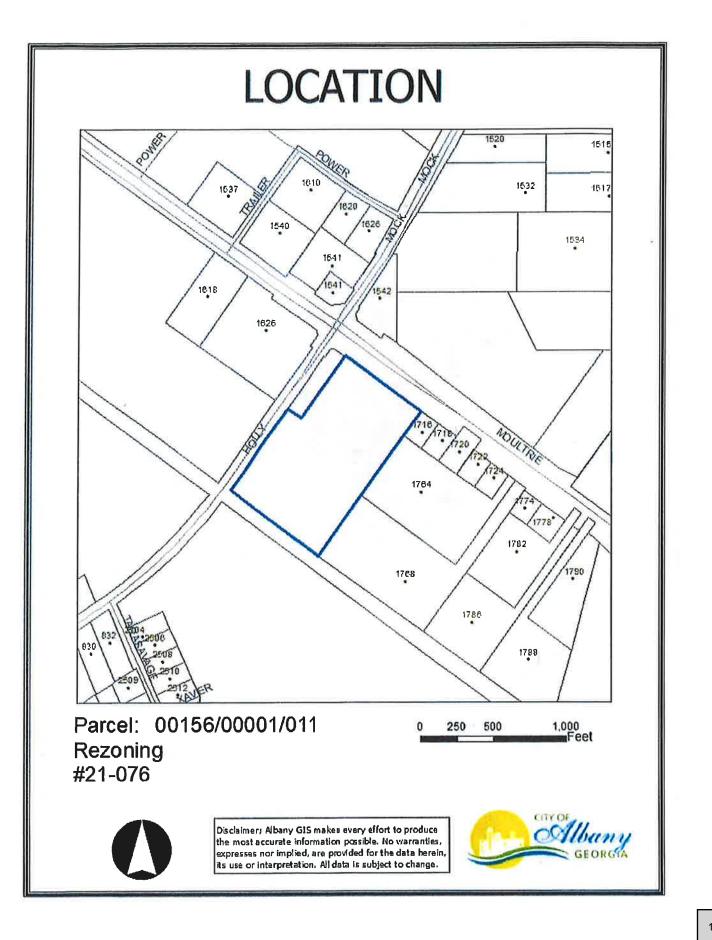
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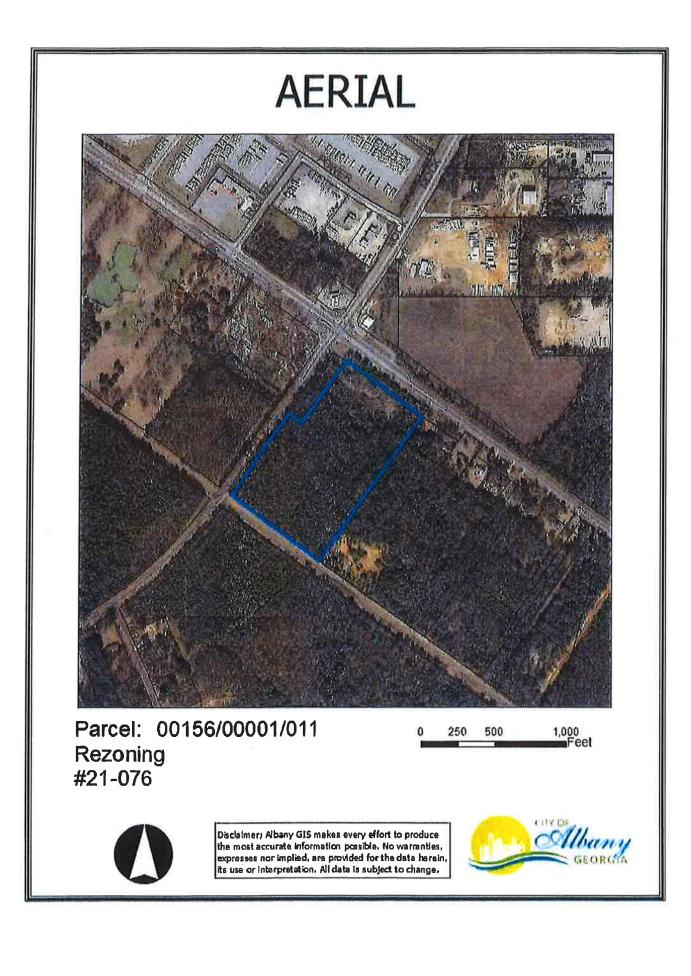
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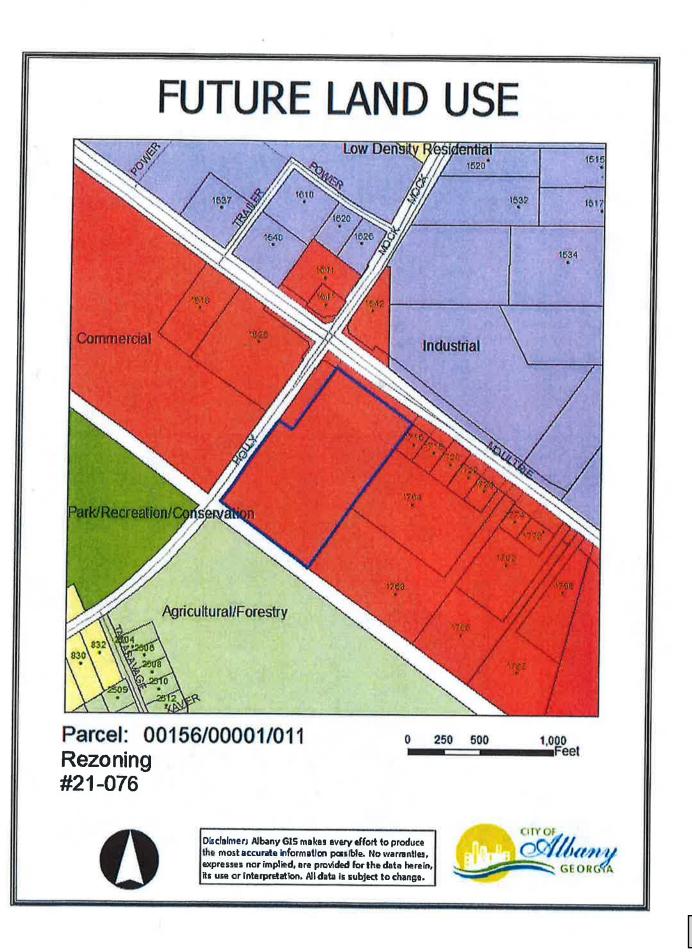
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December 6, 2002

Mr. William Hancock Webb Properties, Inc. P.O. Box 1224 Albany, GA 31702

Subject: #02-157 ZONING (1700 Moultrie Road)

Dear Mr. Hancock:

On December 5, 2002, the Albany Dougherty Planning Commission recommended APPROVAL to change the zoning from AG to C-3 for property located at 1700 Moultrie Road subject to a vegetative buffer, extending 300' being maintained along the cast interior property line; and staff reviewing the problem of excessive truck traffic on Moultrie Road and Holly Drive with the Department of Transportation.

If you agree with the above conditions, please sign below and submit a copy of this letter to our office no later than December 13, 2002.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

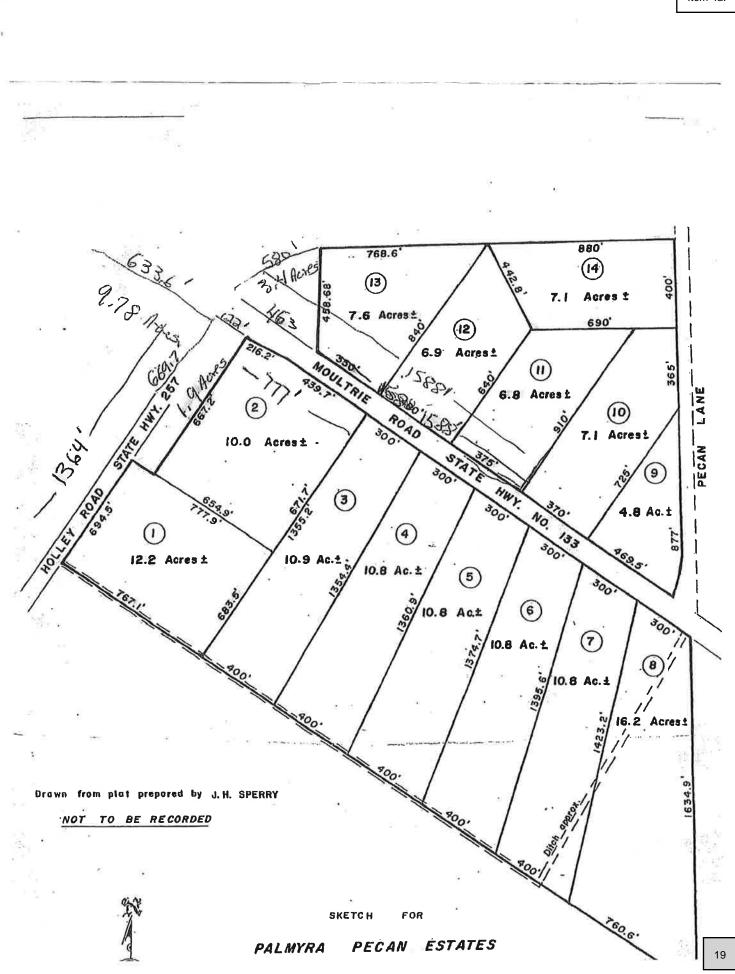
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Elizabeth Dean, AICP **Planning Manager**

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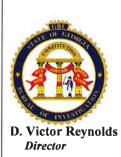
William Hancock, Applicant

Dec.12. 2002 12:30PM WEBB PROPERTIES INC



Item 4a.

GEORGIA BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION



3121 Panthersville Road P. O. Box 370808 Decatur, Georgia 30037-0808 ltem 5a.

TO: Dougherty County Board of Commissioners 222 Pine Avenue Albany, GA

DATE: January 4, 2022

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Thank you, (P) 177

J. Eric Schwalls GBI Special Agent in Charge Commander Southwestern RDEO 1301 Evelyn Avenue Albany, Georgia 31705 <u>Eric.schwalls@gbi.ga.gov</u> 229-420-1254

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DOUGHERTY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADMINISTRATION

Agenda Item

Date: January 6, 2022

Meeting Date: January 10, 2022

Subject/Title: Portable Radios for DCP

Presented for: Decision

Presenter: Scott Addison, Asst. County Administrator

Statement of Issue

DCP is requesting to purchase fifty (50) portable radios.

History/Facts and Issues

DCP is requesting to purchase fifty (50) portable radios from the single source vendor Motorola Solutions (Albany, GA) in the amount of \$226,568.50. Motorola Solutions has advised DCP that parts are no longer available to repair the radios they currently use. This vendor provides radios for local public safety offices.

Recommended Action

Recommend Dougherty County Commission approves the purchase of portable radios for DCP for a total expenditure of \$226,586.50.

Funding Source ARPA Funds



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DOUGHERTY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADMINISTRATION

Agenda Item

Date:	January 6, 2022
Meeting Date:	January 10, 2022
Subject/Title:	Portable and Mobile Radios for Do Co Sheriff's Office
Presented for:	Decision
Presenter:	Scott Addison, Asst. County Administrator

Statement of Issue

Do Co Sheriff's Office is requesting to purchase sixty-one (61) portable radios and twenty (20) mobile radios.

History/Facts and Issues

Do Co Sheriff's Office is requesting to purchase sixty-one (61) portable radios and twenty (20) mobile radios from the single source vendor Motorola Solutions (Albany, GA) in the amount of \$430,884.75. Motorola Solutions has advised Do Co Sheriff's Office that parts are no longer available to repair the radios they currently use. This vendor provides radios for local public safety offices.

Recommended Action

Recommend Dougherty County Commission approves the purchase of portable and mobile radios for Do Co Sheriff's Office for a total expenditure of \$430,884.75.

Funding Source ARPA Funds



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CONTRACT FOR THE COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES FOR DOUGHERTY COUNTY

State of Georgia Dougherty County

THIS AGREEMENT, stated by and between:

Dougherty County, Georgia, collectively, and the Tax Director

Hereinafter referred to as "Tax Director", and

GOVERNMENT TAX SERVICES, LLC dba Government Tax Solutions 124 Newnan Street Carrollton, GA 30117

Hereinafter referred to as "GTS". This agreement shall be known as the "TAX COLLECTIONS AGREEMENT".

WHEREAS, the Tax Director is engaged in the billing and collection of County real property, personal property, and mobile homes ad valorem taxes and is desirous of obtaining the services of GTS in an effort to quickly and efficiently collect its backlog of delinquents without any additional cost to those citizens of Dougherty County who have timely submitted and paid their respective County tax liabilities, and;

WHEREAS, GTS has provided a proposal to assist the Tax Director with the collection of its valid and outstanding tax delinquencies with a program of payment of its fees from the additional statutory charges which can be levied against the delinquent tax payer and his respective property without the County incurring costs for the services performed by GTS, and;

WHEREAS, the use of the services provided by GTS will result in a concentrated effort to collect the delinquent taxes without the necessity of adding additional staff to the Tax Director's payroll or additional equipment cost and should improve the County's tax collection ratio.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of mutual benefits flowing between the parties to this agreement, it is hereby agreed between the parties as follows:

1. Term

This Tax Collections Agreement shall begin on the _____ day of January 2022, and shall be in effect for 365 Days. This contract will automatically renew annually thereafter, unless otherwise terminated, as hereinafter provided

2. Obligations of the Tax Director

The Tax Director agrees to assist GTS in its task of fairly, quickly and efficiently collecting and returning the outstanding tax obligations owed to the County. To accomplish this goal, the Tax Director agrees to the stipulations set out in this section. The Tax Director will supply GTS with a list of all those parcels that it wishes to be collected upon. It is understood that GTS will act in reliance on the accuracy of the information provided by the Tax Director and the County Assessor's Office and GTS is instructed to accept said list as a true and correct representation of the status of the respective account as shown on the tax records of the County. GTS will accept the list as presented and immediately begin Stage 1 of the collection process as outlined in its proposal to the Tax Director and agrees to provide:

- a. Correct name and address (when possible) as listed on the property tax bill of the property owner.
- b. The correct Map and Parcel number of the land tract.
- c. A copy of the respective tax execution (fifas) for each year intended for collection.
- d. At the time that a parcel is turned over to GTS for collection, the Tax Director must flag that respective parcel in its computer system to ensure that the applicable penalties, interest charges and applicable fees are collected.
- e. With the exception of any legally privileged information submitted by taxpayers of the County, the Tax Director will provide GTS with complete access to its tax and real estate records, to include mapping and prior appeals records.
- f. In the event GTS receives a request from the taxpayer to send him copies of relevant tax records, such as executions or assessment records, the Tax Director agrees to provide such documentation to the taxpayer without charge to GTS.
- g. The Tax Director will promptly notify GTS when it receives any notice of filing of a debtor's petition in bankruptcy, which affects the collection of a particular account or accounts. Upon receipt of this information, GTS will immediately cease any further collection effort on this account until notified by the County's attorney or the County Tax Director's office of the dismissal of the bankruptcy or a relief from the stay. As part of the proof of claim filed by the County in the bankruptcy case, the Tax Director will include the applicable administrative or title examination fee as allowed by the court and upon recovery of the same, GTS will be entitled to receive its normal fee from the collection. GTS will fully cooperate with the Tax Director in its attempt to prosecute its rights in Bankruptcy Court.

3. Legal Representation

The County Attorney and/or any attorney of the Tax Director's choosing, will represent the Tax Director in all legal challenges of actions involving the collection of the accounts. In the event, a lawsuit is filed seeking to prevent the collection of any account or to otherwise halt or restrain the collection of said account, GTS will immediately turn over to the County Attorney's office, a copy of its full file, detailing its collection efforts to date and GTS agrees to assist the County Attorney in the defense of the suit.

4. Release and Indemnity

The Tax Director agrees to hold harmless GTS from any claim, action, suit or complaint which results directly or indirectly from GTS's attempt to collect an account referred to GTS by the Tax Director, which is claimed to be and shown to be not collectable due to mistakes or errors in the records of the County. GTS agrees to hold harmless the Tax Director from any claim, action, suit or complaint which results directly or indirectly from GTS's attempt to collect an account referred to GTS by the Tax Director, which is shown to be not collectable due to mistakes or errors errors committed by GTS.

5. Obligations of GTS

GTS will accept the list given to it by the Tax Director and will immediately commence to use its best effort in the Stage 1 collection process, in accordance with approved collection procedures of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act and all other applicable state and federal laws.

In Stage 1, GTS shall perform the following tasks as required to give notice of the tax delinquency to the taxpayer and attempt to collect on the account without the necessity of levy and sale of property. GTS will begin the process of verification and skip tracing as needed. If required, a minimum of two (2) specific collection letters will be sent to the taxpayer.

In the event, the tax account is not paid to the Tax Director during the Stage 1 process, GTS agrees, upon receipt of instruction from the Tax Director to commence its Stage 2 collection process which may result in a levy on the property and possible sale of the same to satisfy the tax liability.

In Stage 2, GTS shall, when necessary:

- a. Run a computerized search of the bankruptcy records under the name of the taxpayer.
- b. Run an examination of the real estate records of the County to determine the present ownership of the property in question and all parties entitled to receive notice of tax sale on the property.
- c. Prepare a levy notice to the defendant in fifa and the current record holder and the current mortgage or interest holders.
- d. Conduct a diligent search of all general execution dockets and federal and state tax records.
- e. Prepare a description of the property to submit to the newspaper for legal advertisement.
- f. Conduct a pre-sale title update on all parcels that are scheduled for Tax Sale.

In the event the Tax Director elects to proceed with the levy and sale of a parcel, GTS will supply the necessary levy information to the Tax Director or any other person authorized to conduct the tax sale to begin the levy and sale process.

Following the sale of any and all parcels, GTS will provide the following services:

- a. Post Sale Update of all files for the parcels sold at the Tax Sale
- b. Preparation of all Sheriff Tax Deeds/PT-61 forms;
- c. Preparation of Excess Funds Notices, which GTS will mail to all interested parties;

In addition, any request for excess funds, received by Dougherty County, will be sent to GTS for review, conducted in a timely manner, to determine if the funds should be turned over or interplead

6. Payment of Services Rendered.

It is the intent of GTS that its collection services not be an expense chargeable to the County's taxpayers who pay their taxes in a timely manner and that services as rendered by GTS be paid by its collection efforts. It is expected that GTS will be paid from those fees added to the tax bill, as permitted by State Law (O.C.G.A. Sec 48-5-161). Such fees cover, but are not limited to, the review of IRS and Bankruptcy liens, Skip Trace fees, Title Examination, certified mail to all defendants in Fi-Fa, Advertising Preparation for the legal organ of the county, and other services as needed.

The following is an outline of the payment schedule allowed to GTS:

- 1. For all accounts turned over to GTS and collected during the Stage 1 process, that owe under \$99.00, GTS will be paid \$35.00 per parcel. For all accounts turned over to GTS and collected during the Stage 1 process that owe over \$99.00, GTS will be paid \$55.00 per parcel.
- 2. For all accounts turned over to GTS and collected during the Stage 2 process, GTS will raise the total fee to \$195.00 to cover record research and the notification process.

7. Payments Made by Taxpayers

It is intended that all payments made by the taxpayers or other interested parties on these accounts shall be made directly to the Tax Director of Dougherty County and not to GTS. **Under no circumstance will GTS accept or receipt for any tax payment.**

8. Cost Incurred by the Tax Director:

The Tax Director is responsible for recovering costs incurred for legal advertisement, Sheriff Services, Recording Fees and Deed Preparation. These fees are allowed to be recovered by the County under Georgia law during the collection process.

9. Entire Agreement.

This contract constitutes the sole and only agreement between the parties hereto; this contract correctly sets forth the obligations of all parties involved as of its date. Any supplementation or modification of this agreement must be in writing and signed by both parties.

10. Termination.

This agreement may be terminated by either party upon receipt of 14 days written notice. **During the phase one collection period,** and in the event of such a termination notice, it is understood that any files turned over to GTS, and having been mailed within this time period, GTS will be entitled to the actual fees collected during a 60-day period related to the mailing date of these files.

This agreement may be terminated by either party upon receipt of 14 days written notice. **During the phase two collection period,** and in the event of such a termination notice, it is understood that any files turned over to GTS, and having been worked within this time period, GTS will be entitled to the actual fees collected during a 6-month period from the date of the tax sale.

11. Miscellaneous.

Time is of the essence of this agreement.

The section headings of this agreement are for convenience sake only and shall not limit or otherwise affect any of the terms hereof.

The laws of the State of Georgia shall govern this agreement.

As used herein, the singular number shall include the plural, the plural the singular, and the use of the masculine, feminine, or neuter gender shall include all genders, as the context may require, and the term "person" shall include an individual, a corporation, an association, a partnership, a trust, an organization and a governing body.

Invalidation of any one or more of the provisions hereof shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this agreement, which shall remain in full force and effect.

So agreed and Executed in Duplicate Original on the _____ day of January 2022.

Dougherty County, Georgia:

Michael McCoy

County Administrator

Government Tax Services, LLC

BY:

BY:

P..T. Waldrep, CEO Government Tax Services, LLC

Attest:

Casey Vance, Account Manager

(Corporate Seal)



Item 5e.

DOUGHERTY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADMINISTRATION

Agenda Item

Date:	January 6, 2022
Meeting Date:	January 10, 2022
Subject/Title:	Replacement Generator for Newton Rd Fire Station
Presented for:	Decision
Presenter:	Scott Addison, Asst. County Administrator

Statement of Issue

Facilities Management is requesting to purchase and install a replacement generator for the Newton Road Fire Station.

History/Facts and Issues

Facilities Management is requesting to hire GSA Contract vendor A West Enterprise (Albany, GA) to procure and install a new generator in the total amount of \$78,160. The current generator is inoperable and unrepairable. A West is the only vendor that has been able to respond with a quote and time frame for replacement. The installation timeframe is approximately four months due to supply issues. This quote is only valid for one month and reflects GSA pricing for labor and equipment.

Recommended Action

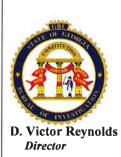
Recommend Dougherty County Commission approves the quote from A West Enterprise for a total expenditure of \$78,160.

<u>Funding Source</u> SPLOST VII – County Fire Station Improvements/Equipment



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Judicial Council of Georgia

Administrative Office of the Courts

Chief Justice David E. Nahmias Chair

December 27, 2021

Cynthia H. Clanton Director

The Honorable Willie E. Lockette Chief Judge Dougherty Judicial Circuit 225 Pine Avenue Room 216 Albany, Georgia 31701

Re: The Judicial Council of Georgia American Rescue Plan Act Funding Award

Dear Chief Judge Lockette:

Congratulations! I am pleased to notify you that the Judicial Council of Georgia Ad Hoc Committee on American Rescue Plan Act Funding ("ARPA Committee") has awarded a grant to the Dougherty Judicial Circuit in the amount of \$2,000,000. This grant award is effective January 1, 2022.

Please be advised that your grant award is subject to the attached conditions and restrictions. The grant award and approved budget are also attached. Please read and review the award and budget form to ensure your understanding of its terms, sign it, and submit it to me by email or the mailing address below.

If you discover any errors in your attached award or budget, including that your budget was approved for compensation for existing staff to perform ARPA grant administration, please notify me of the error and reduce your award amount accordingly.

Andrew McGee Administrative Office of the Courts 244 Washington Street, Suite 300 Atlanta, GA 30334-5900 <u>Andrew.McGee@georgiacourts.gov</u>

I wish you success and appreciate your dedication to clearing your circuit's backlog of cases. Thank you for your service to the State of Georgia and the Judiciary.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or need additional assistance.

Sincerely,

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Andrew McGee Grants Coordinator

- Attachments: Grant Award Approved Budget Form Grant Award Conditions and Restrictions
- cc: Georgia Collier-Boilling via email to gbolling@dougherty.ga.us Martha Hendley via email to mhendley@dougherty.ga.us David Mixon via email to davidmixon@bellsouth.net

Requested Surplus and Disposal to Underwriters Safety and Claims

Dougherty County Police			
Description	VIN Number	Condition	
2019 Ford Taurus	1FAHP2MT3KG117747	Non-salvageable	



June 28, 2021

Christopher Cohilas, Chairman Dougherty County P.O. Box 1827 Albany, Georgia 31702 Russell R. McMurry, P.E., Commissioner One Georgia Center 600 West Peachtree Street, NW Atlanta, GA 30308 (404) 631-1000 Main Office

RE: Fiscal Year 2022 Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant (LMIG) Program (Correction)

Dear Chairman Cohilas:

Please disregard the June 23, 2021, Fiscal Year 2022 LMIG grant letter you received. The formula amount was incorrect. The corrected formula amount is below.

The Department will begin accepting applications for the Fiscal Year 2022 LMIG Program in July 2021. Grants will be processed electronically through our **GRANTS (LMIG) Application System**. To begin your FY 2022 LMIG Application, please visit the Department's website at <u>www.dot.ga.gov/PS/Local/LMIG</u>. This site provides a link to the LMIG Application, the LMIG Application Tutorial (Manual), and to the General Guidelines and Rules and other pertinent reports. The project list will be entered directly into the LMIG Application System. Please contact your District State Aid Coordinator, Shannon Bradford, at 229-391-5438 for assistance with the online application process.

For an application to be processed, the following requirements must be met:

- A local government must be in Department of Audits and Accounts (DOAA) and Department of Community Affairs (DCA) audit compliance.
- A signed cover letter must be attached and include a completion status of the last three fiscal years' LMIG Grants.
- A signature page must include both the local government seal and the notary seal. The application website provides a blank signature page for you to download, complete and upload as an attachment.
- A local government must provide their District State Aid Coordinator with a Statement of Financial Expenditures form and <u>invoices</u> for Fiscal Year 2019 projects and all other prior years unless previously approved to combine funding for Fiscal Years 2019, 2020, and 2021. The forms can be attached in the LMIG Application System if they have not already been provided to your District State Aid Coordinator.

All electronic LMIG applications must be received no later than February 1, 2022. Failure to submit applications by the deadline might result in a forfeiture of funds.

Your correct formula amount for the Fiscal Year 2022 Program is **\$412,773.00** and your local match is **30%**. Each local government is required to match this formula amount in accordance with Code Section 48-8-244(d).

If you have any questions regarding the LMIG Program, please contact the Local Grants Office in Atlanta at (404) 347-0240. Thank you for your attention and cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely, Bill Wright

Bill Wright Local Grants Administrator

cc: Mr. Van Mason; Mr. Johnny Floyd; Hon. Gerald Greene; Hon. CaMia Hopson; Hon. Winfred Dukes; Hon. Freddie Sims; Shannon Bradford

Item 6d.



2038 Newton Road Albany, GA 31701-3905 Phone: (229) 430.6120 Fax: (229) 430.6128

Public Works

MEMORANDUM

TO: Michael McCoy, County Administrator

FROM: Chuck Mathis, Public Works Director

DATE: January 5, 2022

RE: List of FY 2022 Resurfacing Program Roads and LMIG Project

Listed below are the streets and roads recommended for review under the FY 2022 LMIG Program.

2022 Road Resurfacing							
Dist	rict Road	From	То	Length (MI)	Project Cost	
2	Hollis Dr	Holly Dr	Hibiscus Rd	0.73	\$	77,056.44	
6	Honeysuckle Dr	Radium Springs Rd	US 19	0.79	\$	93,242.11	
6	Honeysuckle Dr	US 19	Moultrie Rd	3.05	\$	429,451.61	
6	Gibson Rd	Gravel Hill Rd	Moultrie Rd	1.42	\$	199,909.32	
6	Pecan Ln	Fleming Rd	Moultrie Rd	0.69	\$	97,194.06	
6	Woodridge Ct	Pinson Rd	Cul-de-sac	0.36	\$	42,675.77	
6	Pine Bluff Rd	Sylvester Rd	Clark Ave	0.52	\$	67,309.92	
6	Pine Bluff Rd	Clark Ave	Cordele Rd	0.73	\$	93,886.70	
6	Hill Rd	Clark Ave	N. County Line Rd	1 2.46	\$	346,740.64	
5	Leggett Dr	Vanderbilt Dr	Coakley Ave	0.35	\$	49,503.89	
1	Flowing Well Rd	Eight Mile Rd	Gillionville Rd	3.07	\$	432,678.97	
1	Walker Ducker Rd	Flowing Well Rd	Dead End	0.15	\$	21,471.25	
5	Wildfair Rd	Hardup Rd	Newton Rd	3.42	\$	481,436.03	
2	Oakhaven Dr	Newton Rd	Cul-de-sac	1.01	\$	141,576.87	
4	River Pointe Dr	Philema Rd	Grand Cypress Ln	1.39	\$	220,547.05	
4	Riviera Ln	Oak Hill Ln	Dead End	0.11	\$	17,553.74	
5	Slade Ave	Vanderbilt Dr	Dead End	1.18	\$	165,902.06	
5	Coakley Ave	Leggett Dr	Dead End	0.65	\$	91,486.18	

2022 Road Resurfacing

Total Cost Estimate

22.08 MI \$ 3,069,622.61



Attachments: 2022 LMIG Application, Project List, LMIG Status Report, Location Maps





Christopher Cohilas, Chairman Ed Newsome, District 1 Victor Edwards, District 2 Clinton Johnson, District 3 Russell Gray, District 4 Gloria Gaines, District 5 Anthony Jones, District 6

Michael McCoy, County Administrator W. Spencer Lee, IV, County Attomey

January 10, 2022

Mr. Shannon W. Bradford, District State Aid Coordinator 710 West 2nd Street Tifton, GA 31793

DOUGHERTY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS **ADMINISTRATION**

RE: FY2022 LMIG Application

Dear Mr. Bradford,

This cover letter serves as notification that Dougherty County wishes to submit a 2022 LMIG Grant Application. If approved, the grant funds will be utilized for resurfacing and striping of approximately 22.08 miles of existing, County-owned roads.

Attached is a project report identifying roads that are to be included in the project with corresponding lengths and costs. Also included are the 2022 LMIG Application, Dougherty County LMIG Status Report, and location maps. The proposed project is anticipated to be let in September 2022.

Dougherty County is grateful for the opportunity to submit this application. Should you have any questions, concerns, or need any additional information, please feel free to contact our Public Works Department at 229-430-6120.

Sincerely,

Christopher S. Cohilas **Commission Chairman**

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GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION LOCAL MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT GRANT (LMIG) APPLICATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022 TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY. ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AFFIDAVIT AND CERTIFICATION

I, <u>Christopher S. Cohilas</u> (Name), the <u>Commission Chairman</u> (Title), on behalf of <u>Dougherty County</u> (Local Government), who being duly sworn do swear that the information given herein is true to the best of his/her knowledge and belief. Local Government swears and certifies that it has read and understands the LMIG General Guidelines and Rules and that it has complied with and will comply with the same.

Local government further swears and certifies that it has read and understands the regulations for the Georgia Planning Act of 1989 (O.C.G.A. § 45-12-200, et seq.), Service Delivery Strategy Act (O.C.G.A. § 36-70-20, et seq.), and the Local Government Budgets and Audits Act (O.C.G.A. 36-81-7 et seq.) and will comply in full with said provisions. Local government further swears and certifies that the roads or sections of roads described and shown on the local government's Project List are dedicated public roads and are part of the Public Road System in said county/city. Local government further swears and certifies that it complied with federal and/or state environmental protection laws and at the completion of the project(s), it met the match requirements as stated in the Transportation Investment ACT (TIA).

Further, the local government shall be responsible for any claim, damage, loss or expense that is attributable to negligent acts, errors, or omissions related to the designs, drawings, specifications, work and other services furnished by or on behalf of the local government pursuant to this Application ("Loss"). To the extent provided by law, the local government further agrees to hold harmless and indemnify the DEPARTMENT and the State of Georgia from all suits or claims that may arise from said Loss.

If the local government fails to comply with these General Guidelines and Rules, or fails to comply with its Application and Certification, or fails to cooperate with the auditor(s) or fails to maintain and retain sufficient records, the DEPARTMENT may, at its discretion, prohibit the local government from participating in the LMIG program in the future and may pursue any available legal remedy to obtain reimbursement of the LMIG funds. Furthermore, if in the estimation of the DEPARTMENT, a roadway or bridge shows evidence of failure(s) due to poor workmanship, the use of substandard materials, or the failure to follow the required design and construction guidelines as set forth herein, the Department may pursue any available legal remedy to obtain reimbursement of the allocated LMIG funds or prohibit local government from participating in the LMIG program until such time as corrections are made to address the deficiencies or reimbursement is made. All projects identified on the Project list shall be constructed in accordance with the Department's Standard Specifications of Transportation Systems (Current Edition), Supplemental Specifications (Current Edition), and Special Provisions.

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