



## WORK SESSION

May 08, 2023  
10:00 AM

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

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### 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, face coverings (masks) are optional for all meeting participants.*

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](https://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. Minutes.
  - a. Minutes of the April 17th Regular Meeting and April 24th Work Session.
4. 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. Director Heidi Hailey present to accept the Proclamation recognizing May 8-14, 2023 as Facilities Management Week in Dougherty County.
  - b. Coroner Michael Fowler present to provide an update on the Swim for Life Program and request funding for the 2023 year.
5. Additional Business.
  - a. Recommendation to establish a Jail Construction and Staffing Fund as allowed by O.C.G. A. 15-21-90 through 15-21-95. Chief Jailer John Ostrander and County Attorney Alex Shalishali will address.
6. Updates from the County Administrator.
  - a. **REMINDER** - The Finance Committee will meet immediately following the Work Session in Room 120.

7. Updates from the County Attorney.
8. Updates from the County Commission.
9. 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.*

## 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

DOUGHERTY COUNTY COMMISSION  
WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES

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April 24, 2023

The Dougherty County Commission met in Room 100 of the Albany-Dougherty Government Center on April 24, 2023. Chairman Lorenzo Heard presided and called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Present were Commissioners Victor Edwards, Russell Gray, Clinton Johnson, Anthony Jones and Ed Newsome. Commissioner Gloria Gaines participated via teleconference. Also present were County Administrator Michael McCoy, County Attorney Alex Shalishali, County Clerk Jawahn Ware and other staff. The public and representatives of the media participated in person via live streaming of the meeting on the County's Facebook page and the government public access channel.

After the roll call and the invocation, Chairman Heard asked the Commission to review the minutes of the April 3rd Regular Meeting and April 10th Work Session.

The Chairman recognized members of the Leadership Albany 2023 class. Nurse Practitioner Nedra Fortson introduced the six of the 28 leadership class participants that were present.

The Chairman recognized Emory University Associate Professor, Dr. Alexandra B. Morshed, President, Klein Buendel, Inc, Golden, Mary Buller, and associates to update the Commission on becoming a Go Sun Smart Georgia Worksite, which Public Works will be a cited department for this study. Public Works Director, Chuck Mathis, was also present. The project goal is to partner with Georgia employers to reduce UV exposure, and prevent skin cancer (also heat stress) among underserved outdoor workers in Georgia. The grant is funded by the CDC and Mr. McCoy shared that this research project is geared specifically towards African Americans to analyze what practices are beneficial. Other suggested practices will be examined for the best results. It was mentioned that this was a good fit for Dougherty County and ideally after the end of the 2-year study, a recommendation will be implemented countywide.

The Chairman recognized ARPA Consultants Anser Advisory to provide the Commission an update on the County's American Rescue Plan Program. Senior Project Manager Joseph Sleets and Project Manager Holly Vera presented to the Board. Assistant Project Manager Alexa Deliman was present. Ms. Vera commended the County for its strong focus on public health. Projects were highlighted; the budget amount spent and each status was discussed. Dougherty County is in compliance and does not need to deviate from the current plan. It was shared that the initial consultant team, GSG (Government Services Group, Inc.) was acquired by Anser Advisory and there were no changes to the Dougherty County team. Mr. McCoy shared that the Board approved two spending plans that are on track to spend what is allocated. He clarified for Commissioner Jones that there is not necessarily "free" money [available] but reallocations to approved expenses for projects can be made based on the Board's desire. Commissioner Gray stressed that no new projects should be created until other projects are completed because some projects (e.g., The Rescue Mission) may be over budget. It was added that the County received \$17 million.

The Chairman called for a discussion to purchase furniture for the Tax/Tag Office from the State Contract Vendor, Advent Business Interiors (Leesburg, Ga) in the amount of \$36,924.76. This purchase will upgrade and replace furniture for the department's renovation. Funding is budgeted in SPLOST VI. County Administrator Michael McCoy addressed. Facilities Management Director Heidi Hailey and Tax Director Shonna Josey were present. Mr. McCoy recommended approval and shared that the furniture is in desperate need of repair and is part of the department's renovation project.

The Chairman called for a discussion to accept the bid for food services for the Dougherty County Jail from the lowest responsive and responsible proposer meeting specifications, Trinity Services Group (Oldsmar, Fl) in the amount of \$811,340. Funding will be provided in the General Fund. County Administrator Michael McCoy and Capt. Pamela Coley addressed. Mr. McCoy shared that this is one of many contracted services for the Jail. The award is \$11,000 over the budgeted amount but the budget will be adjusted for the request.

The Chairman called for discussion of the recommendation to provide funding for the light installation request for 103 Mockingbird Lane. Commissioner Edwards asked Mr. McCoy to address. The County has a streetlight policy and this request does not meet the parameter and is not a staff recommendation. Therefore, the request must be presented to the Board to proceed in the amount of \$2,600 and \$18 per month. Commissioner Edwards provided additional information and asked that the Neighborhood Watch Chairman Chris Harvey and Mr. Brown, owner of the pecan trees address the Board on behalf of the requestor, Ms. Linda. Public Works Director Chuck Mathis shared that placing a light in the alley is not in compliance with the policy. If we proceed, we will need to update the policy. Commissioner Edwards said that staff initially stated that the project could not continue because of a pecan tree and Georgia Power provided consent with an alternative location. Mr. McCoy clarified that the staff is constrained by the policy and offered that the Board can approve this light or the citizen can install it privately. He stated staff is ready to proceed based on the Board's desire. Mr. McCoy encouraged the Board to be mindful of making approvals that are not consistent with its policy to reduce possible litigation. The Chairman clarified that the proposed lighting of the street location is to illuminate the street and alley.

Commissioner Edwards asked for an update on the balance in SPLOST VII after funding was allocated to the two recent major projects. Commissioner Jones asked for the County Attorney's opinion on the light installation. The Chairman asked that the attorney provide a [future] update.

There being no further business to discuss the Commission the meeting adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

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CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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COUNTY CLERK

# Board Of Commissioners

# Dougherty County Georgia



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, facilities management is a profession dedicated to ensuring the functionality, comfort, safety, sustainability and efficiency of the buildings in which we conduct business and work;

**WHEREAS**, the members of the facilities management teams are ready to provide services to maintain county buildings and structures 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and

**WHEREAS**, the facilities management team is responsive, proactive, cost-efficient, working together with many county, city, and state departments to provide services; and

**WHEREAS**, the facilities management team functions in a service-oriented aspect, promoting civility, mentoring, innovation, excellence coupled with dedication and pride; and

**WHEREAS**, the facilities management team consists of a staff of custodians, building superintendents, and administrators, who continue to go above and beyond to impact the health, safety, productivity and well-being of the community who utilize the county infrastructure;

**WHEREAS**, the members of the facilities management teams, work together to ensure safety, striving for excellence in every task they perform daily; and

**WHEREAS**, it is appropriate to recognize the efforts of the Dougherty County Facilities Management division who continue working to ensure a safer built environment, happy and health occupants and a sustainable community by designating Facilities Management Week; now

**THEREFORE**, we, the Board of Commissioners of Dougherty County, Georgia in recognition of this event do hereby proclaim the week of May 8-14, 2023 as

**FACILITIES MANAGEMENT APPRECIATION WEEK**  
*“Celebrating Facilities Management”*

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the County of Dougherty on this May 8<sup>th</sup> in the year of our Lord two-thousand and twenty-three.



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA**

Lorenzo L. Heard, Chairman

# Jail Construction & Staffing Fund

An Alternate Funding Source for Capital Jail Projects

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## OCGA 15-21-91

This article is enacted pursuant to Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI of the Constitution of Georgia, which provision **authorizes additional penalty assessments** in criminal and traffic cases and cases involving violations of ordinances of political subdivisions and provides that the **proceeds derived therefrom may be used for constructing, operating, and staffing of jails**, correctional institutions, and detention facilities by counties.

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## OCGA 15-21-92

The additional penalties provided for in Code Section 15-21-93 shall not be imposed or collected in any court in any county until the governing authority of the county or counties adopts a resolution placing this article in effect, requiring the imposition and collection of such additional penalties, and agreeing to expend the funds collected for the purposes provided for in this article.

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## OCGA 15-21-92 (cont.)

The additional penalties provided for in Code Section 15-21-93 shall not be imposed or collected in any municipal court or other court operated by a municipality unless the municipality and county enter into an intergovernmental contract after January 1, 1990, providing for use of the county jail, correctional institution, or detention facility by municipal prisoners.

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## OCGA 15-21-93

- ◇ ...for any offense against a criminal or traffic law of this state or any ordinance of a political subdivision thereof, there shall be imposed as an additional penalty a sum equal to **10 percent of the original fine**.
- ◇ ...the additional sum equal to **10 percent of the original bail or bond** shall be paid over as provided in Code Section 15-21-94.

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## OCGA 15-21-94

The sums provided for in Code Section 15-21-93 shall be **assessed and collected by the clerk or court officer** charged with the duty of collecting moneys arising from fines and forfeited bonds and **shall be paid over to the governing authority** of the county in which the court is located or, in the case of a municipality which has contracted for jail services, to the governing authority of the county with which the municipality has contracted by the tenth day of the month following the month in which such sums are collected. Such sums paid over to the governing authority **shall be deposited by the governing authority into a special account to be known as the "county jail fund."**

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## OCGA 15-21-95

Moneys collected pursuant to this article and placed in the county jail fund shall be expended by the governing authority of the county or counties **solely and exclusively for constructing, operating, and staffing county jails**, county correctional institutions, and detention facilities of the county or for the purpose of contracting for such facilities with other counties, the state, municipalities, regional jail authorities, or other political subdivisions.

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## OCGA 15-21-95 (cont.)

The county jail fund and moneys collected pursuant to this article to be placed in the county jail fund **may be pledged as security for the payment of bonds** issued for the construction of county jails, county correctional institutions, detention facilities of the county or counties, and jails constructed and operated by regional jail authorities.

This article **shall not preclude the appropriation or expenditure of other funds by the governing authority** of any county or by the General Assembly for the purpose of constructing, operating, or staffing jails, correctional institutions, and detention facilities.

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## Needed Revenue

- ◇ Jail is 28 years old
- ◇ Capital Improvements Fund is depleted
- ◇ SPLOST is limited
- ◇ General Fund is not desired
- ◇ Opportunity for funding from those who use the service

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