



WORK SESSION

August 26, 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. Minutes.
 - [a.](#) Minutes of the August 5th Regular Meeting and August 12th Work Session.
5. Tax - Public Hearing. ***(Those wishing to speak for or against this item should sign the Sign Up sheet located on the table in the rear of the Chamber before the start of the meeting).***
 - [a.](#) Proposed tax increase of .15% for the County-Wide Digest and the proposed tax increase of .15% for the Special Services Digest. The millage rates remain the same as last year. The County-Wide millage rate is 19.069 and the Special Services millage rate is 9.173.
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.](#) Bianca Hamilton and Victoria Snowden, co-Executive Directors of Sowega Birthworkers Collective, present to provide information and receive the proclamations for National Breastfeeding Month and National Black Breastfeeding Week.

7. Purchases.

- a. Recommendation to purchase five (5) new 2024 Ford Interceptors from Wade Ford (Smyrna, GA) in the amount of \$237,500 for the Sheriff's Office. The vehicles are available for immediate delivery. Funding is budgeted in SPLOST VIII. Acting County Administrator Barry Brooks will address. Sheriff's Office Major Ken Faust is present. **Action on this item is scheduled in the following Special Called Meeting.**
- b. Recommendation to utilize single source provider, Dana Safety Supply, Inc. (Weston GA) to outfit five (5) new 2024 Ford Interceptors in the amount of \$41,080.55. Funding is budgeted in SPLOST VIII. Acting County Administrator Barry Brooks will address. Sheriff's Office Major Ken Faust is present. **Action on this item is scheduled in the following Special Called Meeting.**
- c. Recommendation to purchase five (5) new 2024 Ford Explorer Pursuit Vehicles for \$47,387 each and one (1) new 2023 Ford Explorer Admin Vehicle for \$40,945 from State Contract Vendor Wade Ford, (Smyrna, GA) for a total expenditure of \$277,880 for the Dougherty County Police Department. The vehicles are available for immediate delivery. Funding is budgeted in SPLOST VIII. Acting County Administrator Barry Brooks will address. Chief Kenneth Johnson is present. **Action on this item is scheduled in the following Special Called Meeting.**
- d. Recommendation to purchase three (3) new 2023 Ford F-150 Regular Cab trucks for \$41,125 each and one (1) new 2023 Ford F-150 Super crew truck for \$47,645 from State Contract Vendor Wade Ford (Smyrna, GA), for a total expenditure of \$171,020 for Solid Waste. The vehicles are available for immediate delivery. Funding is budgeted in Solid Waste - Capital Outlay. Acting County Administrator Barry Brooks will address. Solid Waste Interim Director Melvin Williams is present. **Action on this item is scheduled in the following Special Called Meeting.**
- e. Recommendation to purchase a Boom Mower with attachments from Sourcewell Contract Vendor National Equipment Dealers, LLC (Lexington, NC) in the amount of \$205,546.75 for Solid Waste. There is a four month delivery time frame. Funding is budgeted in Solid Waste - Capital Outlay. Acting County Administrator Barry Brooks will address. Solid Waste Interim Director Melvin Williams is present. **Action on this item is scheduled in the following Special Called Meeting.**

8. Additional Business.

- a. Discussion of the proposed Resolution providing for the approval of a stipend for the Coroner to supplement his annual salary. County Attorney Alex Shalishali will address.
- b. Discussion of the proposed Resolution establishing a Judicial Building Master Planning Task Force, providing for the purpose, establishing membership, organization, support, goals, and funding. Acting County Administrator Barry Brooks will address.
- c. Discussion of the cost estimate to pave the Poinciana Street (north) alley. Acting County Administrator Barry Brooks and Public Works Director Chuck Mathis will address.

9. Updates from the Acting County Administrator.
 - a. **REMINDER** -There will be a Special Called Meeting following the Work Session.
 - b. **REMINDER** - The Finance Committee will meet immediately following the Executive Session in Room 120.
 - c. **REMINDER** - In observance of Labor Day, there will be no County Commission meeting on Monday, September 2nd. The next meeting will a Regular Meeting on September 9th.
 - d. **REMINDER** - The Dougherty County Commission Retreat will be held September 17 to 19, 2024 at the Macon Convention Center.
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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

August 5, 2024 DRAFT

The Dougherty County Commission met in Room 100 of the Albany-Dougherty Government Center on August 5, 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 Acting 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 and Pledge of Allegiance by the Chairman, he called for approval of the minutes for the July 1st Regular Meeting, July 8th Work Session and July 8th Special Called Meeting.

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

The Chairman recognized City of Albany Parks and Recreation Superintendent of Community Events, Velvet Poole to update the Commission on the department's Fishing Rodeos. Deputy Director Breanna Nixon was present. Mrs. Poole shared the results of the Fishing Rodeos held earlier in the summer and announced that the last rodeo will be held on August 10th at Robert Cross Park. Commissioner Jones shared comments and stressed that these were the City of Albany and Dougherty County events together. The questions of Commissioner Gray regarding stocking fish were addressed and his suggestions pertaining to stocking and events will be considered. Questions from Commissioner Gaines regarding advertising were answered. Commissioner Edwards voiced his concerns on the stocking of the fish and previous advertising not including Dougherty County. He requested that the service delivery agreement be reviewed. Chairman Heard provided a response and said moving forward, there can be better collaboration and communication [between the entities] and recommendations from the Recreation Committee can be provided. Mr. Brooks shared historical context regarding the County's role in stocking fish and other information. He also said that the best method to address the service delivery agreement was systematically with other agreements. Attorney Shalishali said that our current agreement was not clear on the fish. Mrs. Poole mentioned that she was working to increase more activities and programs in the unincorporated area with 10 programs being held this year. She thanked the Board for allowing the City of Albany to host our recreation program and shared that she was looking forward to working with our Board more.

The Chairman recognized citizen Montravious Luke to readdress concerns regarding gangs in our community. He shared that he was not familiar with community resources and needs, but he had a passion for what was happening in the streets. He added that he desired to take corrective action in our area. The Chairman asked Clerk Ware to set up a meeting.

The Chairman called for consideration to accept the quote to replace the chiller at the Judicial Building, 225 Pine Ave, from Service Pros (Albany, GA) in the amount of \$375,708.96. Three quotes were obtained with the highest being \$459,148. Funding is available in SPLOST VII and SPLOST VIII. Facilities Management Director Heidi Hailey addressed.

Commissioner Newsome moved for approval. Commissioner Edwards seconded the motion. Under discussion, Ms. Hailey addressed the concerns of Commissioner Johnson by sharing that this was the 2nd chiller to be replaced and was critical due to high usage in the building. There being no further discussion, the motion for approval passed unanimously.

The Chairman called for consideration of the resolution providing for the acceptance of time-sensitive documentation in the National Prescription Opiate Litigation required to be executed in order to participate in the Kroger Opioid Settlement and to be bound by an anticipated Memorandum of Understanding between the State of Georgia and Georgia Subdivisions regarding the Kroger National Opioid Settlement. County Attorney Alex Shalishali addressed.

Commissioner Johnson moved for approval. Commissioner Newsome seconded the motion. Under discussion, Attorney Shalishali addressed the concerns of Commissioner Gaines regarding three settlements. Documents were required to be executed prior to August 12th if the County decided to opt in. There being no further discussion, the motion for approval passed unanimously. Resolution 24-031 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED
A RESOLUTION AGREEING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE KROGER NATIONAL
OPIOID SETTLEMENT AND AGREEING TO BE BOUND BY AN ANTICIPATED
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE STATE OF GEORGIA AND
GEORGIA SUBDIVISIONS REGARDING THE KROGER NATIONAL OPIOID
SETTLEMENT; REPEALING RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS IN
CONFLICT HEREWITH;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Mr. Brooks shared that the \$1.5 million request to the State Office for updates at RiverFront Park did not make the reappropriation bill for FY25. There were updates provided on the planning for the upcoming retreat agenda and on the County's restoration of services from the cyberattack. He thanked the technology team for their work and said an additional status from the City Manager will be provided later in the evening. Attorney Shalishali said that he would provide an update on the final numbers on the settlements. Commissioner Edwards provided suggestions on how to proceed on City and County projects prior to the retreat. He also asked for an update on the alley paving and ownership of a specific area. Mr. Brooks addressed ownership questions and shared cost estimates that will be obtained. Commissioner Edwards also asked for an update on the vegetation clearing. Mr. Brooks recapped the conversation he had with Commissioner Edwards regarding the suggestions to have a public forum for concerns. Chairman Heard confirmed the request of Commissioner Edwards to have administrative staff attend a Neighborhood Watch Meeting. Commissioner Johnson left the meeting at 10:44 a.m. Commissioner Gray asked that prayers be provided for those impacted by the storm. Attorney Shalishali provided an update to

Commissioner Gaines on the status of the code of ordinance project and the involvement of our consultants. Commissioner Jones shared the letter he received from the new NACO President James Gore appointing him to various committees. Chairman Heard said that Commissioner Gaines will be in Africa for the last two weeks in August.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK

DOUGHERTY COUNTY COMMISSION

WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES

August 12, 2024 DRAFT

The Dougherty County Commission met in Room 100 of the Albany-Dougherty Government Center on August 12, 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, Anthony Jones, Clinton Johnson, and Ed Newsome. Also present were Acting County Administrator Barry Brooks, County Attorney Alex Shalishali, County Clerk Jawahn Ware, and other staff. The public 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 July 15th Regular Meeting, July 29th Work Session, and July 29th Special Called Meeting.

The Chairman recognized Jana Dyke, President & CEO, Albany-Dougherty Economic Development Commission (EDC), to provide the quarterly update. Mrs. Dyke thanked the Board for their support which included financial contributions. She highlighted data that would be in the annual report with the most significant being that the EDC responded to 27 RFI's, six of which the area won. Some business expansions and new businesses were mentioned and the increase in our tax base was noted. Mrs. Dyke shared some of the strategies being used to target East Albany, especially the Roses building. The area will soon be a Regional Hub for Georgia Grows, which is under the Department of Agriculture. Expansion of current partnerships including 4H and 4C were shared. Positive feedback from the Commission was provided. Commissioner Gaines reconfirmed that since 2021, our tax base increased by over \$112 million, noting that this increase occurred during the pandemic. Other suggestions and feedback to assist the EDC were shared. Per the request of Commissioner Johnson, Mrs. Dyke announced the marketing strategy and will work with Commissioner Jones on some of his additional marketing suggestions.

The Chairman called for a recommendation to accept Addendum 2 of the Third-Party Administrative Services Agreement between Charles Taylor and the Dougherty County Board of Commissioners. Acting County Administrator Barry Brooks addressed. Mr. Brooks shared that the County has a good risk management program and said he will confirm the per-claim fee for automobiles.

The Chairman called for a recommendation to increase the Tipping Fee rates at the Landfill. It is proposed that the rates for MSW Garbage, Inert C&D, and residential self-haul increase from \$38.97 to \$40.97, the rates for asbestos increase from \$43.26 to \$45.26 and the rates for liquids increase from \$71.72 to \$73.72. The last increase was effective July 1, 2016. Finance Committee Chairman Clinton Johnson, Acting County Administrator Barry Brooks and Solid Waste Interim Director Melvin Williams addressed. Mr. Williams mentioned that Dougherty County's rates were below the natural average and those of our local peers. Mr. Brooks said that the fees would help offset some of the costs for EPD. Mr. Williams shared the impact of

the cost of inflation and said that the increase was planned to not be as high as other areas, but would help us offset some of our costs. Upon the request of Commissioner Gray, it was noted that there were plans to monitor fees for the future. Mr. Williams did not foresee an increase every year, and said we were looking to maintain costs. Commissioner Gray suggested that we look at a gradual increase plan to maintain profitability with the landfill because the Enterprise Fund assisted the General Fund in the past. Mr. Brooks shared that he was working with our consultants on how to improve the Enterprise Fund. Commissioner Gaines would like an update on the landfill's life cycle and other members were interested in looking at future fee increases. Commissioner Edwards requested that marketing be done to ensure citizens knew about the rates and other services.

The Chairman called for a discussion of the nomination for the County Voting Delegate at the ACCG Legislative Conference Business Session on October 10, 2024, in Athens-Clarke County. Chairman Heard addressed and Commissioner Johnson suggested that Commissioner Jones serve as our delegate.

Mr. Brooks reminded the Board that the Governmental Affairs Committee will meet immediately following the Work Session in Room 120. Commissioner Newsome provided kudos on the work done by Commissioner Jones for NACO. Commissioner Johnson would like an update from DCP on trending gang activity in the County. He also requested that our Governmental Affairs Committee review the costs for businesses and believed this was a factor in people relocating. He provided comments on the groundbreaking at Carroll Street Gardens. Commissioner Gray provided an update from the recent Department of Public Health (DPH) meeting and shared the receipt of the mobile health unit and new signage. He shared DPH's plan to address health disparities pertaining to maternal health and concerns were noted regarding new businesses locating here and our agriculture base diminishing. Commissioner Gray suggested that long-term policies be in place to protect farms and agriculture in the area and region to preserve our farmland. Commissioner Gaines provided kudos on the City's private-public partnership for the Carroll Street homes and would like an update from Farmer Fredo. Commissioner Jones shared his thanks for all the kind words regarding his service and said that the Commissioners on the Eastside were working. He stressed the need to continue to look at agriculture and children for the future.

Chairman Heard commended Commissioner Jones for his personal agricultural work and wished safe travels to Commissioner Gaines who will be abroad and will miss the next two meetings. Kudos were also provided to her for publishing a book.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:21 a.m.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK

| PT-32.1 - Computation of MILLAGE RATE ROLLBACK AND PERCENTAGE INCREASE IN PROPERTY TAXES - 2024 | | | | |
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| PROJECTED 2024 | | | | |
| COUNTY: | DOUGHERTY | TAXING JURISDICTION: | COUNTYWIDE | |
| ENTER VALUES AND MILLAGE RATES FOR THE APPLICABLE TAX YEARS IN YELLOW HIGHLIGHTED BOXES BELOW | | | | |
| DESCRIPTION | 2023 DIGEST | REASSESSMENT OF EXISTING REAL PROP | OTHER CHANGES TO TAXABLE DIGEST | 2024 DIGEST |
| REAL | 1,820,278,583 | 3,023,106 | 7,332,378 | 1,830,634,067 |
| PERSONAL | 494,218,585 | | 3,684,294 | 497,902,879 |
| MOTOR VEHICLES | 21,478,730 | | (2,206,470) | 19,272,260 |
| MOBILE HOMES | 11,168,925 | | 2,226,023 | 13,394,948 |
| TIMBER -100% | 1,550,773 | | (527,721) | 1,023,052 |
| HEAVY DUTY EQUIP | 109,242 | | 194,200 | 303,442 |
| GROSS DIGEST | 2,348,804,838 | 3,023,106 | 10,702,704 | 2,362,530,648 |
| EXEMPTIONS | 261,851,609 | | 10,465,695 | 272,317,304 |
| NET DIGEST | 2,086,953,229 | 3,023,106 | 237,009 | 2,090,213,344 |
| | (PYD) | (RVA) | (NAG) | (CYD) |
| 2023 MILLAGE RATE: | 19.069 | | 2024 MILLAGE RATE: | 19.069 |
| CALCULATION OF ROLLBACK RATE | | | | |
| DESCRIPTION | ABBREVIATION | AMOUNT | FORMULA | |
| 2023 Net Digest | PYD | 2,086,953,229 | | |
| Net Value Added-Reassessment of Existing Real Property | RVA | 3,023,106 | | |
| Other Net Changes to Taxable Digest | NAG | 237,009 | | |
| 2024 Net Digest | CYD | 2,090,213,344 | (PYD+RVA+NAG) | |
| 2023 Millage Rate | PYM | 19.069 | PYM | |
| Millage Equivalent of Reassessed Value Added | ME | 0.028 | (RVA/CYD) * PYM | |
| Rollback Millage Rate for 2024 | RR - ROLLBACK RATE | 19.041 | PYM - ME | |
| CALCULATION OF PERCENTAGE INCREASE IN PROPERTY TAXES | | | | |
| 2024 Proposed Millage Rate for this Taxing Jurisdiction exceeds Rollback Millage Rate above, this section will automatically calculate the amount of increase in taxes that is part of the notice required in O.C.G.A. § 48-5-32.1(c) (2) | | Rollback Millage Rate | 19.041 | |
| | | 2024 Millage Rate | 19.069 | |
| | | Percentage Tax Increase | 0.15% * | |

NOTICE

The Dougherty **County Board of Commissioners** does hereby announce that the millage rate will be set at a meeting to be held at the **Government Center, 222 Pine Avenue, Room 100 on August 26, 2024 at 10:30 am** and pursuant to the requirements of O.C.G.A. § 48-5-32 does hereby publish the following presentation of the current year's tax digest and levy, along with the history of the tax digest and levy for the past five years.

CURRENT 2024 PROPERTY TAX DIGEST AND 5 YEAR HISTORY OF LEVY

| C o u n t y w i d e A r e a | COUNTY WIDE | | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
|--|-----------------------|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | V A L U E | Real & Personal | 2,168,331,227 | 2,163,163,020 | 2,198,933,646 | 2,238,840,705 | 2,314,497,168 | 2,328,536,946 |
| | | Motor Vehicles | 38,593,720 | 33,302,130 | 27,271,890 | 21,816,130 | 21,478,730 | 19,272,260 |
| | | Mobile Homes | 9,413,561 | 9,041,973 | 9,063,426 | 9,891,156 | 11,168,925 | 13,394,948 |
| | | Timber - 100% | 879,982 | 1,495,506 | 451,797 | 2,289,558 | 1,550,773 | 1,023,052 |
| | | Heavy Duty Equipment | 4,441,611 | 5,659,131 | 6,347,556 | 104,649 | 109,242 | 303,442 |
| | | Gross Digest | 2,221,660,101 | 2,212,661,760 | 2,242,068,315 | 2,272,942,198 | 2,348,804,838 | 2,362,530,648 |
| | | Less Exemptions | 230,356,351 | 207,489,470 | 230,102,841 | 228,870,912 | 261,851,609 | 272,317,304 |
| | | NET DIGEST VALUE | 1,991,303,750 | 2,005,172,290 | 2,011,965,474 | 2,044,071,286 | 2,086,953,229 | 2,090,213,344 |
| | R A T E | Gross Maintenance & Operation Millage | 18.7020 | 19.0800 | 18.9860 | 22.6520 | 22.7020 | 22.7830 |
| | | Less Rollback (Local Option Sales Tax) | 3.1330 | 3.5110 | 3.4170 | 3.5830 | 3.6330 | 3.7140 |
| | | NET M&O MILLAGE RATE | 15.5690 | 15.5690 | 15.5690 | 19.0690 | 19.0690 | 19.0690 |
| TAX | | TOTAL M&O TAXES LEVIED | \$31,002,608 | \$31,218,527 | \$31,324,290 | \$38,978,395 | \$39,796,111 | \$39,858,278 |
| | | Net Tax \$ Increase | \$549,821 | \$215,919 | \$105,763 | \$7,654,105 | \$817,716 | \$62,167 * |
| | | Net Tax % Increase | 1.81% | 0.70% | 0.34% | 24.44% | 2.10% | 0.16% * |

PT-32.1 - Computation of MILLAGE RATE ROLLBACK AND PERCENTAGE INCREASE IN PROPERTY TAXES - 2024

| PROJECTED 2024 | | | | |
|---|--------------------|---------------------------------------|--|-------------|
| COUNTY: | DOUGHERTY | TAXING JURISDICTION: | SPECIAL SERVICES DISTRICT-UNINCORPORATED | |
| ENTER VALUES AND MILLAGE RATES FOR THE APPLICABLE TAX YEARS IN YELLOW HIGHLIGHTED BOXES BELOW | | | | |
| DESCRIPTION | 2023 DIGEST | REASSESSMENT OF EXISTING REAL PROP | OTHER CHANGES TO TAXABLE DIGEST | 2024 DIGEST |
| REAL | 602,029,660 | 901,479 | 6,755,989 | 609,687,128 |
| PERSONAL | 90,197,242 | | (6,442,030) | 83,755,212 |
| MOTOR VEHICLES | 6,251,010 | | (1,054,410) | 5,196,600 |
| MOBILE HOMES | 7,361,403 | | 1,481,648 | 8,843,051 |
| TIMBER -100% | 1,550,773 | | (527,721) | 1,023,052 |
| HEAVY DUTY EQUIP | 60,828 | | 231,102 | 291,930 |
| GROSS DIGEST | 707,450,916 | 901,479 | 444,578 | 708,796,973 |
| EXEMPTIONS | 108,736,958 | | 3,140,415 | 111,877,373 |
| NET DIGEST | 598,713,958 | 901,479 | (2,695,837) | 596,919,600 |
| | (PYD) | (RVA) | (NAG) | (CYD) |
| 2023 MILLAGE RATE: | 9.173 | | 2024 MILLAGE RATE: | 9.173 |
| CALCULATION OF ROLLBACK RATE | | | | |
| DESCRIPTION | ABBREVIATION | AMOUNT | FORMULA | |
| 2023 Net Digest | PYD | 598,713,958 | | |
| Net Value Added-Reassessment of Existing Real Property | RVA | 901,479 | | |
| Other Net Changes to Taxable Digest | NAG | (2,695,837) | | |
| 2024 Net Digest | CYD | 596,919,600 | (PYD+RVA+NAG) | |
| 2023 Millage Rate | PYM | 9.173 | PYM | |
| Millage Equivalent of Reassessed Value Added | ME | 0.014 | (RVA/CYD) * PYM | |
| Rollback Millage Rate for 2024 | RR - ROLLBACK RATE | 9.159 | PYM - ME | |
| CALCULATION OF PERCENTAGE INCREASE IN PROPERTY TAXES | | | | |
| If the 2024 Proposed Millage Rate for this Taxing Jurisdiction exceeds Rollback Millage | | Rollback Millage Rate | 9.159 | |
| calculated above, this section will automatically calculate the amount of increase in pro | | 2024 Millage Rate | 9.173 | |
| portional taxes that is part of the notice required in O.C.G.A. § 48-5-32.1(c) (2) | | Percentage Tax Increase | 0.15% | |

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| U N I N C O R P O R A T E D A R E A | UNINCORPORATED | | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
|--|-----------------------|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| | V A L U E | Real & Personal | 613,649,153 | 620,817,551 | 648,940,045 | 674,421,744 | 692,226,902 | 693,442,340 |
| | | Motor Vehicles | 10,185,000 | 8,438,370 | 6,881,910 | 6,181,990 | 6,251,010 | 5,196,600 |
| | | Mobile Homes | 5,481,363 | 5,380,578 | 5,480,603 | 6,350,504 | 7,361,403 | 8,843,051 |
| | | Timber - 100% | 879,982 | 1,457,187 | 389,884 | 2,289,558 | 1,550,773 | 1,023,052 |
| | | Heavy Duty Equipment | 345,150 | 759,359 | 461,468 | 26,182 | 60,828 | 291,930 |
| | | Gross Digest | 630,540,648 | 636,853,045 | 662,153,910 | 689,269,978 | 707,450,916 | 708,796,973 |
| | | Less Exemptions | 88,017,108 | 89,288,019 | 99,945,180 | 101,226,966 | 108,736,958 | 111,877,373 |
| | | NET DIGEST VALUE | 542,523,540 | 547,565,026 | 562,208,730 | 588,043,012 | 598,713,958 | 596,919,600 |
| | R A T E | Gross Maintenance & Operation Millage | 11.2090 | 11.3360 | 11.4100 | 11.3950 | 11.1680 | 11.3940 |
| | | Less Rollback (Local Option Sales Tax) | 2.0360 | 2.1630 | 2.2370 | 2.2220 | 1.9950 | 2.2210 |
| | | NET M&O MILLAGE RATE | 9.1730 | 9.1730 | 9.1730 | 9.1730 | 9.1730 | 9.1730 |
| T A X | TAX | TOTAL M&O TAXES LEVIED | \$4,976,568 | \$5,022,814 | \$5,157,141 | \$5,394,119 | \$5,492,003 | \$5,475,543 |
| | | Net Tax \$ Increase | \$172,207 | \$46,246 | \$134,327 | \$236,978 | \$97,885 | (\$16,460) * |
| | | Net Tax % Increase | 3.58% | 0.93% | 2.67% | 4.60% | 1.81% | -0.30% * |

Board Of Commissioners

Dougherty County Georgia



Proclamation

NATIONAL BLACK BREASTFEEDING WEEK

Whereas, Dougherty County believes that it is necessary to forge a community-wide effort amongst its community members, government, private health care, community-based organizations and non-profit organizations to improve the breastfeeding outcomes for Black families; and

WHEREAS, historically racial gaps and inequities exist in birth outcomes due to the complex historical atrocities, which contributes to lower breastfeeding rates in communities of African descent compared to other communities; and

WHEREAS, these inequities lead to more Black infants being born too small, too sick and too soon and therefore susceptible to virus and infections putting them at risk of illness and death. According to the CDC, increased breastfeeding among Black infants could significantly decrease chronic health issues and infant mortality rates; and

WHEREAS, the CDC strongly recommends breastfeeding because human milk provides countless benefits to nursing infants: antibodies, smoother digestion and reduced risk of the dangerous infections associated with formula feeding in preterm infants. Furthermore, studies show breastfeeding reduces the risk of Type II diabetes, ear infections and childhood obesity; and

WHEREAS, Dougherty County recognizes that the current shortage of infant formula has been most challenging for Black people, putting the health of the infant and birthing person at an increased risk of harm; and

WHEREAS, Dougherty County recognizes that its overall infant mortality rate of 12 per 1000 live births, which is over twice as high as the overall 5.5 per 1000 live births average in the United States, can be improved by increasing Black breastfeeding rates; and

WHEREAS, this is an annual celebration and awareness campaign for healthier Black families and communities; and

WHEREAS, this week is dedicated to increasing awareness of the critical role that breastfeeding plays in improving family health and birth outcomes in the Black community

NOW, THEREFORE, the Dougherty County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim the week of August 25th through 31st 2024 as National Black Breastfeeding Week in Dougherty County and do encourage all citizens to join in the efforts to support this celebration.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the Seal of the County of Dougherty to be affixed this 26th day of August, in the year two thousand and twenty-four.



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA

BY:

LORENZO L. HEARD, Chairman
Dougherty County Commission

Board Of Commissioners

Dougherty County Georgia



Proclamation

NATIONAL BREASTFEEDING MONTH

WHEREAS, Dougherty County celebrates accomplishments in breastfeeding, we also recognize that additional efforts are necessary to create monumental changes in breastfeeding and chestfeeding outcomes; and

WHEREAS, Dougherty County believes that it is necessary to forge a community-wide effort amongst its community members, government, private health care, community-based organizations and non-profit organizations to improve the breastfeeding outcomes for all families; and

WHEREAS, breast milk is physiologically tailored to meet infants' maturing digestive systems, ensuring proper growth and development and helping to prevent a variety of acute and chronic diseases; and

WHEREAS, breastfeeding strengthens the bond between lactating person and child and provides birthing individuals with health benefits such as reduced risk of ovarian, uterine, and breast cancer, as well as osteoporosis and high blood pressure; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia Code-Labor and Industrial Relations-Title 34, Section 34-1-6 supports breastfeeding parents by requiring that employers make reasonable accommodations and break times each day for lactating workers; and

WHEREAS, Dougherty County recognizes that its overall infant mortality rate of 12 per 1000 live births, which is over twice as high as the overall 5.5 per 1000 live births average in the United States, can be improved by increasing breastfeeding rates; and

WHEREAS, this is an annual month-long celebration and awareness campaign for healthier families and communities that includes World Breastfeeding Week August 1st-7th, Indigenous Milk Medicine Week August 8th-14th, Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Breastfeeding Week August 15th-21st, and Black Breastfeeding Week August 25th-August 31st; and

WHEREAS, this month is dedicated to increasing awareness of the critical role that breastfeeding plays in improving family health and birth outcomes in the community

NOW, THEREFORE, the Dougherty County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim the month of August 1st through 31st 2024 as National Breastfeeding Month in Dougherty County and encourage all citizens to join in the efforts to support this celebration.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the Seal of the County of Dougherty to be affixed this 26th day of August, in the year two thousand and twenty-four.



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA

BY:

LORENZO L. HEARD, Chairman
Dougherty County Commission



Barry Brooks

Assistant County Administrator

**DOUGHERTY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
ADMINISTRATION**

Agenda Item

Date: August 19, 2024

Meeting Date: August 26, 2024

Presenter: Barry Brooks, Assistant County Administrator
Major Ken Faust, Sheriff's Office

Statement of Issue:

The Dougherty County Sheriff's Office is requesting to purchase five (5) new 2024 Ford Interceptors and have them outfitted as law enforcement vehicles. Two (2) of the vehicles are for use by the Investigations Division and three (3) vehicles are for use by the Uniform Division.

History/Facts and Issues:

The Dougherty County Sheriff's Office is requesting to purchase five (5) new 2024 Ford Interceptors from Wade Ford in Smyrna, GA for a total expenditure of \$237,500. The vehicles are a scheduled purchase and are available for immediate delivery.

The Office is also requesting to have each vehicle outfitted as law enforcement vehicles for a total expenditure of \$41,080.55 from Dana Safety Supply, Inc. in Weston GA.

Recommended Action:

Recommend Dougherty County Commission approves the purchase of five (5) new 2024 Ford Interceptors from Wade Ford in Smyrna, GA in the amount of \$237,500 and outfitting of each from Dana Safety Supply, Inc. in Weston GA in the amount of \$41,080.55 for a total expenditure of \$278,580.55.

Funding Source:

SPLOST VIII





Barry Brooks
Assistant County Administrator

**DOUGHERTY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
ADMINISTRATION**

Agenda Item

Date: August 20, 2024
Meeting Date: August 26, 2024
Subject/Title: New Vehicles for Dougherty County Police
Presented for: Decision
Presenter: Barry Brooks, Assistant County Administrator

Statement of Issue:

Dougherty County Police is requesting to purchase five (5) new 2024 Ford Explorer Pursuit Vehicles for \$47,387 each and one (1) new 2023 Ford Explorer Admin Vehicle for \$40,945 from State Contract Vendor Wade Ford for a total expenditure of \$277,880.

History/Facts and Issues:

Dougherty County Police is requesting to purchase six (6) vehicles from State Contract Vendor Wade Ford in Smyrna, GA for a total expenditure of \$277,880. These vehicles are a scheduled purchase to replace six vehicles that are no longer in service. The vehicles are available for immediate delivery.

Recommended Action:

Recommend Dougherty County Commission approves the purchase five (5) new 2024 Ford Explorer Pursuit Vehicles for \$47,387 each and one (1) new 2023 Ford Explorer Admin Vehicle for \$40,945 from State Contract Vendor Wade Ford, (Smyrna, GA) for a total expenditure of \$277,880.

Funding Source:

SPLOST VIII





Barry Brooks
Assistant County Administrator

**DOUGHERTY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
ADMINISTRATION**

Agenda Item

Date: August 20, 2024
Meeting Date: August 26, 2024
Subject/Title: New Trucks for DOCO Solid Waste
Presented for: Decision
Presenter: Barry Brooks, Assistant County Administrator

Statement of Issue:

Dougherty County Solid Waste is requesting to purchase three (3) new 2023 Ford F-150 Regular Cab trucks for \$41,125 each and one (1) new 2023 Ford F-150 Super crew truck for \$47,645 from State Contract Vendor Wade Ford for a total expenditure of \$171,020.

History/Facts and Issues:

Dougherty County Solid Waste is requesting to purchase four (4) new 2023 Ford Trucks from State Contract Vendor Wade Ford in Smyrna, GA for a total expenditure of \$171,020. Vehicles are a scheduled vehicle purchase to replace trucks no longer feasible to fix. These trucks are available immediately.

Recommended Action:

Recommend Dougherty County Commission approves the purchase of four (4) new 2023 Ford F-150 trucks from Wade Ford for a total expenditure of \$171,020.

Funding Source:

Capital Outlay - Vehicles





Barry Brooks
Assistant County Administrator

**DOUGHERTY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
ADMINISTRATION**

Agenda Item

Date: August 21, 2024
Meeting Date: August 26, 2024
Subject/Title: Boom Mower with Attachments for DOCO Solid Waste
Presented for: Decision
Presenter: Barry Brooks, Assistant County Administrator

Statement of Issue:

Dougherty County Solid Waste is requesting to purchase a Boom Mower with attachments.

History/Facts and Issues:

Dougherty County Solid Waste is requesting to purchase a Boom Mower with attachments from Sourcewell Contract Vendor National Equipment Dealers, LLC (Lexington, NC) in the amount of \$205,546.75. This will be used to keep trails clear around the parameter of the landfill. The mower will be available in approximately four (4) months.

Recommended Action:

Recommend Dougherty County Commission approves the purchase of a Boom Mower with attachments from Sourcewell Contract Vendor National Equipment Dealers, LLC (Lexington, NC) for a total expenditure of \$205,546.75.

Funding Source:

Capital Outlay



**A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED
A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE APPROVAL OF STIPEND FOR CORONER
TO SUPPLEMENT HIS MINIMUM ANNUAL SALARY; REPEALING RESOLUTIONS
OR PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, on February 16, 2017, the Board of Commissioners of Dougherty County, Georgia approved a resolution requesting that the Local Delegation introduce legislation in the Regular 2017 Session of the General Assembly of Georgia adopting an act establishing the compensation for the Coroner of Dougherty County;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the aforesaid Resolution, the General Assembly passed during its Regular 2017 Session House Bill 476 introduced by the Local Delegation providing compensation for the Coroner;

WHEREAS, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 46-16-11(b), the county governing authority may supplement the minimum annual salary of the coroner in such amount as it may fix from time to time; but no coroner's compensation supplement shall be decreased during any term of office;

WHEREAS, the Coroner's performance of his professional duties over the years has been and remains commendable; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Dougherty County, Georgia and it is hereby resolved by Authority of the same that at the beginning of the next payroll period, Coroner Michael Fowler shall receive a stipend in the gross amount of \$833.34 per month, less any applicable withholding and taxes, to supplement his minimum annual salary for the time period in which he has and will be performing duties as Coroner; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Dougherty County, Georgia and appropriate County staff are hereby authorized to execute and deliver, for and on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of Dougherty, Georgia this Resolution and any such additional documentation considered necessary or desirable to implement the intent of this Resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all Resolutions or parts of Resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

This the 19th day of August, 2024.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA

By: _____
Lorenzo L. Heard, Chairman

ATTEST:

County Clerk

**A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED
A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A JUDICIAL BUILDING MASTER PLANNING
TASK FORCE AND PROVIDING FOR ITS PURPOSE, MEMBERSHIP;
ORGANIZATION, FUNDING AND OBJECTIVES; REPEALING PRIOR
RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Dougherty County, Georgia has determined that the Albany-Dougherty Judicial Building needs significant interior renovations and mechanical system improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Judicial Building is owned and managed by the Board of Commissioners of Dougherty County, Georgia for the primary purpose of housing the County's judicial functions; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners desires a tenant based collaborative master space planning document(s) for the Albany-Dougherty Judicial Building; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Dougherty County, Georgia has identified SRJ Architects, Inc., out of Albany, Georgia to assist a Judicial Building Tenant Task Force in developing recommendations for the Judicial Building's Master Plan.

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

SECTION I. Establishment of a Judicial Building Master Planning Task Force.

1. **Purpose and Membership.** The County Administrator is directed to produce in collaboration with tenants of the Judicial Building master space planning document(s) for consideration by the Board of Commissioners of Dougherty County, Georgia for the purpose of determining the extent and estimated costs of interior demolition, reconstruction and mechanical systems upgrades for the Albany-Dougherty Judicial Building. To assist in accomplishing this task, the Board of Commissioners establishes a Judicial Building Tenant Task Force ("Task Force") to be chaired by the Chairman of the Board's Public Works Committee. The task force will be composed of the following tenant officers:

The Chief Superior Court Judge; and

The Chief State Court Judge; and

The Probate Judge; and

The Chief Magistrate Court Judge; and

The Juvenile Court Judge; and

The District Attorney; and

The Public Defender; and

The Clerk of Court; and

The Sheriff; and

The Coroner; and

The Albany City Manager or Municipal Court Representative.

The task force members enumerated above may designate another person to represent them in their stead. As deemed appropriate, the task force may add up to two (2) additional members that have a vested interest in the Judicial Building.

2. **Organization, Support and Funding.** The initial meeting of the Task Force will be at the call of the Chairman of the Public Works Committee. Staffing for the Task Force will be provided by the County Administrator through the Facilities Management Department and the vendor selected to aid in the development of the master plan and corresponding documents. Funding for the Judicial Building Master Planning effort has been provided for in _____. Incidental costs may be addressed by the Administrator in accordance with existing expenditure authority.

SECTION II. Goals and Objectives. The Task Force, at the direction of the Chairman of the Public Works Committee with assistance from SRJ Architects, will document the current and long-range space allocation needs for the Judicial Building. Task Force participation may be facilitated through interviews, meetings and site visits. The objective of the Task Force is to assist in the development of a consensus Judicial Building Master Plan for consideration, adoption, funding and execution by the Board of Commissioners.

SECTION III. Repealing Prior Resolutions and Ordinances. All resolutions and ordinances or parts of resolutions and ordinances, in conflict with this resolution are repealed.

SECTION IV. Effective Date. All Resolutions or parts of Resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

This the 9th day of September, 2024.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA

BY: _____
Lorenzo L. Heard, Chairman

ATTEST:

Jawahn Ware, County Clerk



**DOUGHERTY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
ADMINISTRATION**

Barry Brooks

Assistant County Administrator

Item 8c.

Agenda Item

Date: August 15, 2024
Meeting Date: August 26, 2024
Subject/Title: Estimate Cost for RR Alley Improvements
Presented for: Discussion
Presenter: Barry Brooks, Asst. County Administrator
Present: Chuck Mathis, Public Works Director

Statement of Issue

As per the request by County Commissioner Victor Edwards, a cost estimate to pave and improve the travelability of the Poinciana Street (north) alley was obtained.

History/Facts and Issues

The Poinciana Street (north) alley section was thought to be within the City of Albany limits; however, an in-depth study of land lots revealed that the entire north section of the Poinciana Alley lies in the unincorporated area of Dougherty County. The study also revealed that the east section of Poinciana Alley (along the RR Tracks) is largely within Railroad property and permission from the Railroad would need to be obtained in order to construct the improvements. In addition, the Poinciana Alley was not included in any of the alley improvements phases presented to the Dougherty County Commission in 2017.

Recommended Action

The discretion of the Board.

Quotes

See attached

Funding Source

TSPLOST has allocations for Alley Paving; but this cost estimate was not listed in the funding consideration.

COST ESTIMATE - RR ALLEY

Item 8c.

DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA

| ITEM NO. | DESCRIPTION | QTY/UNIT | UNIT PRICE | EXTENSION |
|--|---|-----------|--------------|----------------------|
| RR ALLEY - MISC ITEMS (Must be added to any below section or combination of sections) | | | | |
| 1 | Mobilization & Demobilization | 1 LS | \$ 40,000.00 | \$ 40,000.00 |
| 2 | Traffic Control | 1 LS | \$ 7,000.00 | \$ 7,000.00 |
| MISC ITEMS SUBTOTAL | | | | \$ 47,000.00 |
| RR ALLEY - SECTION A | | | | |
| 3 | Bonding & Insurance | 1 LS | \$ 6,000.00 | \$ 6,000.00 |
| 4 | Inlet Sediment Trap (Sd2) | 1 EA | \$ 400.00 | \$ 400.00 |
| 5 | Sediment Barrier (Sd1), Silt Fence Type (A) | 650 LF | \$ 8.00 | \$ 5,200.00 |
| 6 | Grassing, Temporary and Permanent | 1 LS | \$ 2,000.00 | \$ 2,000.00 |
| 7 | Clearing, Demolition, and Disposal | 1 LS | \$ 8,000.00 | \$ 8,000.00 |
| 8 | Grading Complete | 1 LS | \$ 10,000.00 | \$ 10,000.00 |
| 9 | 8" GAB | 1,664 SY | \$ 26.00 | \$ 43,264.00 |
| 10 | Primer @ 0.3 GAL/SY | 500 GAL | \$ 10.00 | \$ 5,000.00 |
| 11 | 2" 12.5 mm Superpave Asphaltic Concrete | 175 TON | \$ 175.00 | \$ 30,625.00 |
| 12 | 18" RCP Storm Pipe | 48 LF | \$ 88.00 | \$ 4,224.00 |
| 13 | 18" Headwall | 1 EA | \$ 4,000.00 | \$ 4,000.00 |
| 14 | Drop Inlet, Precast GDOT 1019A, Type A | 1 EA | \$ 5,500.00 | \$ 5,500.00 |
| SECTION A - SUBTOTAL | | | | \$ 124,213.00 |
| RR ALLEY - SECTION B | | | | |
| 15 | Bonding & Insurance | 1 LS | \$ 8,000.00 | \$ 8,000.00 |
| 16 | Inlet Sediment Trap (Sd2) | 8 EA | \$ 400.00 | \$ 3,200.00 |
| 17 | Sediment Barrier (Sd1), Silt Fence Type (A) | 1,200 LF | \$ 8.00 | \$ 9,600.00 |
| 18 | Grassing, Temporary and Permanent | 1 LS | \$ 3,500.00 | \$ 3,500.00 |
| 19 | Clearing, Demolition, and Disposal | 1 LS | \$ 15,000.00 | \$ 15,000.00 |
| 20 | Grading Complete | 1 LS | \$ 25,000.00 | \$ 25,000.00 |
| 21 | 8" GAB | 6,727 SY | \$ 26.00 | \$ 174,902.00 |
| 22 | Primer @ 0.3 GAL/SY | 1,930 GAL | \$ 10.00 | \$ 19,300.00 |
| 23 | 2" 12.5 mm Superpave Asphaltic Concrete | 710 TON | \$ 175.00 | \$ 124,250.00 |
| 24 | 18" RCP Storm Pipe | 1,800 LF | \$ 88.00 | \$ 158,400.00 |
| 25 | Drop Inlet, Precast GDOT 1019A, Type A | 8 EA | \$ 5,500.00 | \$ 44,000.00 |
| SECTION B - SUBTOTAL | | | | \$ 585,152.00 |
| RR ALLEY - SECTION C | | | | |
| 26 | Bonding & Insurance | 1 LS | \$ 5,000.00 | \$ 5,000.00 |
| 27 | Sediment Barrier (Sd1), Silt Fence Type (A) | 250 LF | \$ 8.00 | \$ 2,000.00 |
| 28 | Grassing, Temporary and Permanent | 1 LS | \$ 1,500.00 | \$ 1,500.00 |
| 29 | Clearing, Demolition, and Disposal | 1 LS | \$ 5,000.00 | \$ 5,000.00 |
| 30 | Grading Complete | 1 LS | \$ 5,000.00 | \$ 5,000.00 |
| 31 | 8" GAB | 687 SY | \$ 26.00 | \$ 17,862.00 |
| 32 | Primer @ 0.3 GAL/SY | 206 GAL | \$ 10.00 | \$ 2,060.00 |
| 33 | 2" 12.5 mm Superpave Asphaltic Concrete | 72 TON | \$ 175.00 | \$ 12,600.00 |
| SECTION C - SUBTOTAL | | | | \$ 51,022.00 |
| TOTAL ALLEY ESTIMATE (Items # 1-33) | | | | \$ 807,387.00 |



