



SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

September 28, 2020
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, **face coverings (masks) are required 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 or viewing the public government access channel (Channel 16).

1. Call to meeting to order by Chairman Christopher Cohilas
2. Roll Call
3. Minutes
 - a. Consider for action the August 31st Regular Meeting and September 14th Work Session Minutes. **ACTION:**
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. Citizen Ned Newcomb is present to discuss flooding concerns in Dougherty County.
 - b. Sherrell Byrd, SOWEGA Rising present to provide an update on their COVID-19 relief efforts. **See Video.**
 - c. William Wright, Afram-Tech, Inc. present to discuss concerns regarding the involvement of minority business enterprises in community development projects.

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5. Purchases

- a. Consider for action the Resolution providing for the acceptance and execution of the contract to accept the bid to complete the replacement of the Candlestick Flare Station for Solid Waste from the lowest responsible and responsive bidder meeting specifications, Aptim Environmental & Infrastructure, LLC (Findlay, OH) in the amount of \$157,010 subject to execution by the County Administrator. Four contractors submitted bids with the highest being \$292,166.98. Funding is budgeted in Solid Waste Capital Outlay. Assistant County Administrator Scott Addison will address. Solid Waste Director Campbell Smith and Buyer Kimberly Allen are present. **ACTION:**

6. Additional Business

- a. Consider for action the Resolution authorizing the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Albany for the 2020 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program in the amount of \$13,516.40. The Agreement stipulates that the County will receive 20% of the total award (\$67,582). Assistant County Administrator Scott Addison will address. Finance Director Martha Hendley is present. **ACTION:**
- b. Consider for action the Resolution declaring one 2002 GMC Pickup Truck and one 2003 GMC Pickup Truck as surplus and authorize the transfer at no cost of the same to the Chehaw Park Authority. This request is made on behalf of Executive Director Tommy Gregors. Assistant County Administrator Scott Addison is present to address. **ACTION:**
- c. Consider for action the application for a one-day Alcoholic Beverages License for Jessica Rutledge for a Flint Riverkeeper, Inc. fundraiser at the Pretoria Fields Collective Farm, 5626 Walker Ducker Station Road, on October 24, 2020. The Albany-Dougherty Marshal's Office recommends approval. Chief Anthony Donaldson, Business and License Support Department will address. **ACTION:**

7. Updates from the County Administrator

8. Updates from the County Attorney.

9. Updates from the County Commission.

- a. Chairman Christopher Cohilas to address the letter from Mayor Bo Dorough dated May 11, 2020.

10. Adjourn.

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DOUGHERTY COUNTY COMMISSION

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

August 31, 2020

The Dougherty County Commission met in Room 100 of the Albany-Dougherty Government Center on August 31, 2020. Chairman Christopher Cohilas presided. Commissioners present were Victor Edwards, Russell Gray and Lamar Hudgins. Commissioners Gloria Gaines, Clinton Johnson and Anthony Jones participated via the audio-conferencing feature. Also present were County Administrator Michael McCoy, Assistant County Administrator Scott Addison, County Attorney Spencer Lee, 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, the Chairman called for approval of the August 3rd Regular Meeting, August 10th Work Session and August 10th Public Hearing minutes.

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

The Chairman recognized Chief Cedric Scott and Dr. Phillip Coule, VP and Chief Medical Officer, Augusta University Health to update the Commission on the proposed antibody testing in the community. Chief Scott reminded the Board that they approved the partnership with Augusta University Health in conjunction with the City of Albany and the Dougherty County School System. Dr. Coule shared the revised proposal included testing of all Dougherty County School System staff. It was noted that some staff may reside outside of the zip codes initially listed. Augusta University Health staff Jennifer Miller shared marketing of the tests will start the week on September 9th and the team will be in Albany on September 14th. The location will be at the Thornton Community Center gym and testing will occur for ten days. Chief Scott clarified that there is no cost to participants. Additional information was provided based on the Board's questions.

The Chairman recognized Bárbara Rivera Holmes, President and CEO, Albany Area Chamber of Commerce to update the Commission on the new Stronger Together Campaign. Mrs. Holmes shared that this is a collaboration with many partners. The campaign has a regional scope with the premise of businesses making promise [for compliance]. She mentioned that businesses were provided masks, sanitizers and free certification training for the unified standards of COVID-19 safety. Blake Cooke with the Levee gave more details on the workforce training and how officers could use the information for enforcement. More information could be found at www.unifiedstandards.com and the hashtag for the campaign is #StrongerTogetherABY.

The Chairman recognized the citizens with concerns about additional drop boxes for election purposes. Attorney Lee discussed the delineation of responsibility between the Dougherty County Board of Commissioners and the Dougherty County Voter Registration and Elections Board. The Voter Registration and Elections is an autonomous board and it operates under the guidelines of the State. Attorney Lee clarified that the Dougherty County Board of Commissioner has no control

over the Voter Registration and Elections Board. It has been the practice to send all citizen concerns to all autonomous boards (i.e. the Board of Tax Assessors and the Dougherty County Health Board). However, County Attorney Spencer Lee stated that the Commissioners could hear from the citizens but cautioned the Board from interfering with the duties of the autonomous board. After clarification was provided, Chairman Cohilas recognized Election Protection Coalition representative Amna Farooqi. She shared that that they came to speak to the Board of Commissioners based off the direction given from the Voter Registration and Elections Board because their requests required funding. Albany Community Builders representative Kenneth Florence requested that four additional drop boxes be put in the community at the libraries. Based upon the request of Chairman Cohilas, Mr. McCoy clarified that 24-hour surveillance is required [for each drop box]. Mr. McCoy also stated that the Voter Registration and Elections Board would need to request the additional boxes adding that no request to date had been received. It was mentioned that the Library Board would need to be involved in the decision to add boxes at their locations. Mr. Florence shared that it is now a trend in other areas, since the primary election, to install more ballot boxes. Chairman Cohilas asked Mr. McCoy to relay the information to the Voter Registration and Elections Board.

NAACP representative James Pratt asked that the city and county be proactive about providing funding and facilitating the request of installing additional boxes. He requested seven drop boxes and provided codes that could allow the County to be a part of the solution. He felt that with legal guidance, the County could participate without overstepping their responsibilities. He asked that an elections holiday be created. Mr. McCoy said that he would relay the information presented to Voter Registration Supervisor Ginger Nickerson for a response. Mr. McCoy also stated that Mrs. Nickerson has had conversation with him and shared that they do not have funding and staff resources to fulfill their requests. Chairman Cohilas said that we do need to adhere to allowing the Voter Registration and Elections Board to make the recommendation because they have the responsibility for elections and need to ensure that the requests meet their vision. It was requested that Mr. McCoy draft a letter for the Chairman's signature for the Voter Registration and Elections Board to provide a comprehensive request within seven days. Attorney Lee reminded the Commission that the Voter Registration and Elections Board will need to meet. After hearing the Attorney's direction, the Chairman asked Attorney Lee to draft a letter with the County Administrator. Commissioner Jones encouraged the representatives present to also put a lot of effort into ensuring that all polls would be open [on election day].

NAACP member Demetrius Young shared that he spoke with the City Manager and the current topic will be on the City's agenda. Sherrell Byrd said that all present were here to be supportive and followed protocol that was given and were looking for a positive solution. She thanked the Commission for their time.

The Chairman called for consideration of the resolution providing for the acceptance and execution of the contract to accept the bid for the installation of a concrete trail in the Radium Springs area from the lowest responsible and responsive bidder meeting specifications and accepting potential award, HTS Construction (Albany, GA) in the amount of \$332,669.44 subject to execution by the County Administrator. The award includes the base bid and addition of items 25A and 26A. Funding is budgeted in the SPLOST V and SPLOST VII. Assistant County Administrator Scott Addison addressed. Public Works Director Larry Cook and Buyer Kimberly Allen were present. Mr. Addison explained the trail enhancements and stated one bid was rescinded.

Commissioner Jones moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Gray, the motion for approval passed unanimously. Resolution 20-052 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED
A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE APPROVAL AND
EXECUTION OF AN AUGUST 20, 2020 PROCUREMENT
RECOMMENDATION PROVIDING FOR CONTRACTING WITH HTS
CONSTRUCTION OF ALBANY, GEORGIA FOR THE
INSTALLATION OF A CONCRETE TRAIL IN THE RADIUM
SPRINGS AREA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$332,669.44; REPEALING
RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT
HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Chairman called for consideration of the resolution providing for the acceptance of the Task Order to perform the design, construction documents and construction administration needed for the Scale Replacement project at the landfill with the current vendor Atlantic Coast Consulting (Savannah, GA) in the amount of \$41,900 subject to the execution by the County Administrator. Funding is budgeted in the Solid Waste Capital Outlay. Assistant County Administrator Scott Addison addressed. Solid Waste Director Campbell Smith was present. Mr. Addison shared that the construction portion would be bid out.

Commissioner Hudgins moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Gray, the motion for approval passed unanimously. Resolution 20-053 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED
A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE APPROVAL AND EXECUTION OF
AN AGREEMENT FOR GENERAL CONSULTING SERVICES BETWEEN
ATLANTIC COAST CONSULTING, INC. AND DOUGHERTY COUNTY,
GEORGIA FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING SERVICES RELATIVE TO
SCALE REPLACEMENT AT THE FLEMING/GAISSERT ROAD MUNICIPAL
SOLID WASTE LANDFILL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$41,900.00; REPEALING
RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Chairman called for consideration of the resolution providing for the acceptance of the Statement of Work to perform the Human Resources and Finance End of Year Updates needed for the JD Edwards system with the current vendor Brij (Greensboro, NC) in the estimated amount of \$44,100 subject to the execution by the County Administrator. Funding is available in SPLOST VI – Information Technology. Assistant County Administrator Scott Addison addressed. HR Director Dominique Hall was present. Mr. Addison stated that this request was needed due to the transition to another system and information is needed from the other system.

Commissioner Jones moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Johnson, the motion for approval passed unanimously. Resolution 20-054 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED
A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ACCEPTANCE AND APPROVAL
BY DOUGHERTY COUNTY OF A STATEMENT OF WORK FOR THE
DOUGHERTY COUNTY JD EDWARDS UPGRADE PROJECT IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$44,100; REPEALING RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF
RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Chairman called for consideration of the resolution declaring the listed vehicles and equipment as surplus and authorizing the sale of same via an online auction. Assistant County Administrator Scott Addison addressed.

Commissioner Hudgins moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Jones, the motion for approval passed unanimously. Resolution 20-055 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED
A RESOLUTION DECLARING AS SURPLUS THE ATTACHED
LIST OF EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLES; PROVIDING FOR
DISPOSAL OF OR SALE OF SAME ON VIA AN ONLINE
AUCTION; REPEALING PRIOR RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Chairman Cohilas informed the Board that Commissioner Clinton Johnson will serve as the Dougherty County Voting Delegate for the ACCG 2020 Business Session. Commissioner Johnson thanked Commissioner Edwards and Gaines for their cleanup project in the community. Commissioner Gaines thanked Phoebe for the masks that were donated. She also thanked the South West Georgian newspaper and 2nd Mount Olive Youth Ministry for their assistance. Commissioner Gray asked if Mr. McCoy could request that a traffic study be done based upon citizens request to increase the speed limit to be consistent on Philema Road. Chairman Cohilas reminded the Board of the County Administrator evaluation training scheduled after the meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK

DOUGHERTY COUNTY COMMISSION
WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES

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September 14, 2020

The Dougherty County Commission met in Room 100 of the Albany-Dougherty Government Center on September 14, 2020. Chairman Christopher Cohilas presided and called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Present [in the Chamber] was Commissioner Victor Edwards. Commissioners Gloria Gaines, Russell Gray, Clinton Johnson and Anthony Jones participated via the audio-conferencing feature. Also participating in the Chamber were County Administrator Michael McCoy, Assistant County Administrator Scott Addison, County Attorney Spencer Lee 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. Commissioner Lamar Hudgins was absent.

The Chairman recognized Mental Health Development Disabilities & Addictive Disease Advisory Council – Regional 4 Board Members, Debbie Richardson and Father Nick Roosevelt to provide an update to the Commission on the NAMI (National Alliances of Mental Illness) walk. Ms. Richardson provided an update on the recent activities and shared that this is suicide awareness month. Father Roosevelt shared that during the pandemic NAMI was still operating and provided the online and onsite mental illness services available.

The Chairman recognized Elections Supervisor Ginger Nickerson to update the Commission on the Albany Dougherty County Board of Registration and Elections request to add ballot drop boxes at the Tallulah Massey, Southside and Northwest libraries. Mrs. Nickerson provided an update from the September 9th Special Called Meeting of the Voter Registration and Elections Board. The board voted for staffing to be increased, a County marked vehicle be provided for ballots to be picked up and three additional boxes be installed. The estimated cost without internet connectivity and vehicles is estimated at \$152,000 and includes an increase in part time salaries. Mr. McCoy clarified that the information that was previously provided by the coalition was incorrect pertaining to the use of the library security system and the use of book drops boxes. Mr. McCoy also shared in an election year the department's budget is usually increased upwards. However, it was not done during the budget process for simplicity and he foresees that \$42,000 would be reduced in FY 22. Mrs. Nickerson clarified the difference between staffing of the office and staffing of poll workers. She provided the analysis from surrounding counties pertaining to the number of drop boxes available and how Dougherty County is exceeding services. Other suggestions were provided by the Commission to expand voter access. Commissioner Gray was the only one to provide objections to allowing Mrs. Nickerson to ask her board to evaluate suggestions and provide potential cost savings to include possibly consolidating precincts. There were no objections to the other line items in the proposed budget. Mr. McCoy reminded the Board that budget recommendations were scheduled to be provided in October and this is one of many [requests].

The Chairman recognized Citizen William Wright who asked that the Commission delay the approval of the contract with the Workforce Group which was discussed later on the agenda and asked that minority business enterprises be included.

The Chairman asked the Commission to review the minutes of the August 17th Regular Meeting.

The Chairman called for a discussion of the recommendation to accept the Insurance Review Committee's recommended Health Benefits Plan Renewal and Plan Design changes for the 2021 Plan Year. County Administrator Michael McCoy and NFP Vice President Tammi Starkey addressed. Consultants Jim Britt and John Scarborough and the Insurance Review Committee Members (Scott Addison, Dominique Hall, Martha Hendley, Kenneth Johnson, Chuck Mathis and John Ostrander) were present. Mr. McCoy said that we transitioned from IOA (Spencer Allen) to NFP. He stated that this was the first presentation with the new broker and it would reflect some cost savings and enhanced benefits. Ms. Starkey stated that by removing the commissions on lines of coverage and negotiating renewals, the County and its employees would save \$358,443.78 in fixed costs. She shared that a new line online enrollment platform would be implemented, changes also included a 10% employee increase and reduced the plan funding from 18.8% to 12% overall. The goal is to increase employee wellness participation to 80% (we are currently at 50%).

The Chairman called for a discussion of the recommendation to accept the quote to upgrade the camera system at Public Works and the Surveillance System at Radium Springs from the lowest responsible and responsive vendor meeting specifications Invision Technologies (Albany, GA) in the amount of \$28,932. Two quotes were received with the highest being \$29,270.04. Funding is budgeted in SPLOST VII- Public Works Facility Improvements and Equipment. Assistant County Administrator Scott Addison addressed. Public Works Director Larry Cook was present.

The Chairman called for a discussion of the recommendation to accept the quote to replace the return fan on the third floor of the Judicial Building from the lowest responsible and responsive vendor meeting specifications SafeAire Heating and Cooling (Albany, GA) in the amount of \$26,245. Three quotes were received with the highest being \$45,257. Funding is budgeted in SPLOST VII- Judicial Building Improvements. Assistant County Administrator Scott Addison addressed. Facilities Management Director Heidi Minnick was present.

The Chairman called for a discussion of the recommendation to purchase twelve radios for DCP from the single source vendor, Motorola Solutions (Albany, GA) in the amount of \$76,648.08. This vendor provides radios for the local public safety offices. Funding is budgeted in the SPLOST VII- DCP Vehicle Equipment. Assistant County Administrator Scott Addison addressed. Chief Kenneth Johnson was present. Mr. Addison stated that these were regular scheduled replacements.

The Chairman called for a discussion of the recommendation to purchase ten stainless steel toilet/sink combination units for the Jail from the single source vendor, Engineering & Equipment Company (Albany, GA) in the amount of \$24,450. This vendor has provided the toilet/sink combination units for the Jail for over five years. Funding is budgeted in SPLOST VII – Jail Equipment. Assistant County Administrator Scott Addison addressed. Chief Jailer John Ostrander was present.

The Chairman called for a discussion of the recommendation to accept the quote to install I-Wave C duct mounted auto-cleaning needlepoint bipolar ionization systems at the Jail. The recommendation is to award to the lowest responsible and responsive vendor meeting specifications, RHC Heating & Cooling (Albany, GA) in the amount of \$47,148.21. Three quotes were received with the highest being \$54,834. Funding will be provided from the General Fund.

Assistant County Administrator Scott Addison and Chief Jail John Ostrander addressed. Mr. Addison stated that this recommendation is in line with other installations done in other buildings. Upon a question by Commissioner Gaines, Mr. McCoy said there has not been a commitment to install in all the buildings; adding that they have been installed in most of the buildings. He stated that there is not a proposal for any additional buildings at this time.

The Chairman called for a discussion of the recommendation to accept the bid to complete the 2019 Alley Paving Improvements from the lowest responsible and responsive bidder meeting specifications, Jim Boyd Construction (Albany, GA) in the amount of \$641,687.25. Five bids were received with the highest base bid being \$1,066,158. Funding is budgeted in TSPLOST. Assistant County Administrator Scott Addison addressed. Public Works Director Larry Cook and Buyer Kimberly Allen were present. Mr. Addison stated that this was the first phase of alley paving under TSPLOST. Mr. Cook will send the criteria to Commissioner Gaines which determined specific areas that will have asphalt or crushed rocks.

The Chairman called for a discussion of the recommendation to accept the proposal to provide CDBG-DR Homeowner and Reconstruction Professional Services from the most responsive and responsible bidder meeting specifications, Workforce Group (Baton Rouge, LA) in a not to exceed amount of \$1,111,650. The contract will fulfill State and Federal Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) statutory responsibilities under award #B-18-DP-13-0001/DR 4294 and DR 4297. Funding is available in the CDBG-DR Grant. County Administrator Michael McCoy and CDBG-DR Program Manager Georgia Collier-Bolling addressed. Buyer Kimberly Allen was present. Mr. McCoy said that this is a very specialized service and project and it should be up and running in December 2020.

The Chairman called for a discussion of the recommendation to declare the listed vehicles and equipment as surplus and authorizing the sale of same via an online auction. Assistant County Administrator Scott Addison addressed.

The Chairman called for a discussion of the proposed board appointment. County Clerk Jawahn Ware addressed.

Chehaw Park Authority – There is one appointment with an unexpired three–year term ending December 31, 2022. This is the County’s first appointment since the Chehaw Park Authority Enabling Legislation Reauthorization was approved by the Georgia General Assembly in July 2020. The appointment term will be retroactive to July 1, 2020. There are two new applicants: Ritchey Marbury and J. Scott Steiner.

The Chairman discussed the gun violence in our community and is reemphasizing the need for the City of Albany to staff ADDU. He also mentioned that until the City of Albany fully staff the unit, our community will be a wrecker with crime. This unit is meant to be a partnership and is working understaff and he would continue to be persistent about this issue.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK

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September 22, 2020

CFR49-26 Workshop for DBE's

Mr Chris Cohilas ~~Chairman~~
Dougherty County Commission
Board of Commissioners
Mr. Michael McCoy, Administrator
P O Box 1827
Albany, GA 31702-1827

RE: Agenda Placement

This request is to place the name of William Wright, DBA Afram-Tech, Inc. for the meeting (work session) scheduled for September 28, 2020 of the Dougherty County Commission. Our presentation will be about building capacity as well as specific requirements of 24CFT 135.30, in addition, the advent of the PPP as evidenced by the U S Small business Program.

As noted previously, why Black owned businesses did not receive any such grants of \$ 150k-5\$ million classification. Also, we ask that any commissioners who are directly or indirectly the recipients of such SBA grants under the Payroll protection Program (PPP)

FYI, we made a specific request under the guise of OCGA 50/18/70 & 50/14/6 of Georgia's "Sunshine Legislation" of the parties involved in the proposal to approve another contract without or absent no minority businesss to place the proposed contract for Workforce Group on your web presecence. For whatever reason you chose to ignore the same.

Therefore, this specific request is to provide the proposed contract under the same sunshine laws for consideration. I will come by to receive a copy of the contract as proposed on or by September 25, 2020. Should you not understand please contact me by telephone or email and I will be glad to clear up any such misunderstanding

Wm Wright

AFRAM Tech, Inc.

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September 14, 2020

CFR49-26 Workshop for DBE's

RE: CDBG DR Contract
& Finance Matters
Keynesian Economics

Mr Cohilas, Chairman
Dougherty County Commission
Board of Commissioners
Mr. Michael McCoy, Administrator
P O Box 1827
Albany, GA 31702-1827

RE: Agenda Item D: 9 Workforce Group for 9/21/2020

Greetings: to all of the parties involved in the proposal to approve another contract without or absent no minority businesss or accountability or community advocacy for fundamental fairness. The county has failed mserably in the Georgia Sunshine Laws.

That is OCGA 50-18-70/50-14-6 to reasonably insurse that the meetings or the actions taken on have going through allowing the public sufficient time to vet the cost and benefit of the proposed actions.

In the instant case, the county is poised to approve a contract of \$ 1.111 million dollars without any consideration for the inclusion of minority business enterprises nor the ability of the agent Workforce Groudfor the county in agenda item D-9, provided any framework for contracts, economic opportunity or the development of capacity.

In addition, no consideration appears to have excited the administration to assess how the advent of the pandemic has driven economic, and psycho social needs that still remain unment. Such failure of consideration should give rise to a community oversight committee similar to what is

needed with the SPLOST Oversight Committee.

Stated another way, we as a community have gone through so many natural disasters we can do some of the things that the county has chosen to make up to a millionn dollars and not any assurance that MBE's will be included in a manner similar to the contract with CERES.

FYI, such analysis should be predicated upon the public benefit. We are well beyond being overwhelmed by the pandemic, and some considerations should be given to return the public trust. Consider if you will the demographic Census data that details that the COA minority population is approaching .80% and DCC some 75%.

For instance OCGA 50-14-6, and its companion are 50-18-70 are called to be a part of Georgia's "sunshine laws" yet the county commision, city commision and the board of education are working in isolation and secrecy. Stated another way, our local government are using the pandemic as an excuse for ignoring altogegther or trampling over Goergia's sunshines laws.

We therefore, are asking the DCC to put the entire contract as proposed for Workforce Group can be vetted by teh public. FYI, Page 3 details the very poor record that the county has in demonstrating inclusion with public dollars. Further, Page 4, details the background for the demographic data from the Census Bureau "American Community Survey."

That is we are treated like fools as if we do not understand what a buble is in a figurative sense. That is, the circumference around the 6' of social distancing is a figurative buble.

William Wright,
President/CEO

**PROCUREMENT HISTORY AND RECOMMENDED GOALS
DOUGHERTY COUNTY
GOODS AND OTHER SERVICES - 1996**

M/WBE Classification	1984-95 % of Payments	1984-1995 % of Available Firms	1984-95 Disparity Index	1996 Projected Availability	1996 Recommended Goal
African Americans	0.29%	8.99%	3.23	10.14%	11%
Hispanics	0.00%	0.31%	0.00	0.41%	1%
Asians/Native Amer.	0.00%	3.03%	0.00	3.85%	4%
Women	0.49%	18.08%	2.71	20.69%	21%

**PROCUREMENT HISTORY AND RECOMMENDED GOALS
DOUGHERTY COUNTY
CONSTRUCTION SERVICES - 1996**

M/WBE Classification	1984-95 % of Payments	1984-1995 % of Available Firms	1984-95 Disparity Index	1996 Projected Availability	1996 Recommended Goal
African Americans	0.00%	17.77%	0.00	20.81%	25%
Women	0.00%	7.07%	0.00	8.94%	12%

- Jefferson County (AL)
- Hall County (GA)
- Mecklenburg County (NC)
- La Salle County (IL)
- Clayton County (GA)
- Cherokee County (GA)
- Pinellas County (FL)

**PROCUREMENT HISTORY AND RECOMMENDED GOALS
CITY OF ALBANY
PRIME CONSTRUCTION SERVICES - 1996**

M/WBE Classification	1984-95 % of Payments	1984-1995 % of Available Firms	1984-95 Disparity Index	1996 Projected Availability	1996 Recommended Goal
African Americans	15.57%	18.08%	86.12	21.07%	10%
Women	0.30%	7.10%	4.23	8.99%	11%

three block groups, comparing their respective shares of low-income and minority populations to that of Albany, Dougherty County, and Georgia.

Table 4-5: Comparison Areas for Minority and Low-Income, 2015

Geography	Total Population	Minority Population (%)	Median Household Income	% Below Poverty Level
CT 14.03 BG 1	1,081	1,081 (100%)	\$14,932	54.75%
CT 15, BG 1	711	708 (99.57%)	\$25,385	60.19%
CT 114 BG 2 (project location)	471	323 (68.57%)	\$9,410*	71.78%
Albany City	76,466	58,175 (76.07%)	\$29,676	37.45%
Dougherty County	93,319	67,683 (72.54%)	\$32,084	32.94%
Georgia	9,737,146	3,875,506 (40.0%)	\$49,620	23.58%

Source: 2011-2015 5-Year ACS; Tables B03002, B19013, C17002

* Source: 2009-2014 5-Year ACS. The 2011-2015 5-Year ACS does not provide a median household income for CT 114 BG 2. To compare, median income for CT 14.03, BG 1 in the 2009-2014 5-Year ACS was \$14,932 (same income shown in 2011-2015 5-Year ACS).

Minority Population

Based on the data provided through the 2011-2015 ACS, more than 72 percent of the population throughout the city and the county is minority (primarily Black). The block group CT 114 BG 2 has the lowest minority population of the local geographies shown on Table 4-5, at 68.6 percent. The other two block groups are almost exclusively minority (Black).

A review of the data did not demonstrate that persons with Limited English Proficiency were in the project vicinity.

Low-Income Populations

The county average for those persons living below the poverty line is 32.94 percent, while in the city of Albany, 37.45 percent of persons live in poverty as defined by HHS. The three Census tract block groups within the study area satisfy the EJ criteria for low-income populations, with more than half of the population living below the HHS poverty guidelines, substantially higher than the city or county percentages.

The proposed project site is in CT 114 BG 2, but is adjacent to CT 14.03 BG 1 to the south. The median household income in CT 114 BG 2 (\$9,410) is substantially lower than the other block groups, and its poverty level is the highest of the local geographies (at 71.78 percent). The block group immediately south of the site, CT 14.02 BG 1, has the lowest share of persons below the poverty level (54.75 percent) among the three study area block groups. Compared to the HHS poverty guidelines, all three block groups are identified as low-income areas.

Businesses

The project team identified active businesses in proximity to the existing ATS transfer station on Oglethorpe Avenue. Several vacant commercial sites were observed within the



PROCUREMENT RECOMMENDATION

DATE: September 24, 2020

TITLE: Replacement Candlestick-Flare Station

DEPARTMENT: DOCO Solid Waste

REFERENCE NUMBER: 21-003

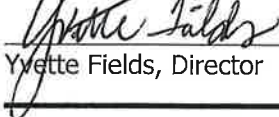
ACCOUNT NUMBER: 4504530.542100

OPENING DATE: August 20, 2020

BUDGETED AMOUNT: \$250,000.00

BUYER: Kimberly M. Allen

DEPARTMENT CONTACTS: Jawahn Ware


Yvette Fields, Director

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend contracting with **Aptim Environmental & Infrastructure, LLC of Findlay, OH** to provide Replacement of the Candlestick Flare Station at the Fleming/Gaissert Road Municipal Solid Waste Landfill for a total expenditure of **\$157,010.00**.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Bid Ref. #21-003 was advertised in the local paper, on the local access channel, and on the Georgia Procurement Registry. The bid opening was August 20, 2020. Four (4) contractors submitted a bid.

The Scope of this project is to provide all materials, labor, and equipment for construction of a new unitized, modular, landfill gas flare station, associated piping, controls, and ancillary equipment. The flare station shall be sized to exert 40 inches of water column (in WC) vacuum at the inlet of the skid (45 in WC vacuum at the inlet of the blower) and deliver LFG (30% to 55% methane by volume) to a 1,200 standard cubic feet per minute (SCFM) candlestick flare. The system shall be capable of delivering the specified landfill gas flow at up to 15 in WC at the outlet of the blower. Vacuum/Flow control shall be accomplished with a variable frequency drive (VFD) blower control. The three phase, 480 VAC power panel and the single-phase load distribution panel shall be provided on the CSFS skid.

The contract time for this project is ninety (90) calendar days.

Scott Addison, Asst. County Administrator and Christopher Smith, Solid Waste Director concur with this recommendation.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ACTION:

☒ APPROVED

☐ DISAPPROVED

☐ HOLD

DATE

9/25/2020

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

List of documents attached:

Bid Tabulation

Consultant Letter of Recommendation

CENTRAL SERVICES



7 E. Congress Street
Suite 801
Savannah, GA 31401
(912) 236-3471
www.atlcc.net

September 17, 2020

Campbell Smith
Dougherty County Solid Waste Director
900 Gaissert Rd.
Albany, GA 31705

RE: **Recommendation of Award**
Fleming/Gaissert Road MSWLF
Replacement Candle Stick Flare Station (CSFS)
Bid Ref#: 21-003

Dear Campbell,

As you are aware, Aptim Environmental and Infrastructure is the apparent low bidder for the Replacement Candle Stick Flare Station. We have completed our review of the bid documents and find them in order. As a result of this review, we recommend Aptim Environmental and Infrastructure as the successful, responsive and responsible low bidder for the project.

Please note that Harco National Insurance Company was the surety company for Aptim's bid bond and will most likely furnish the performance and payment bonds for this project. They are listed in the current U.S. Department of the Treasury Circular 570 and are shown as being licensed in the State of Georgia with an underwriting limitation that is greater than the bond amount. While we make no representation as to the solvency of this surety company, inclusion in this circular does indicate that they are acceptable as a surety on federal bonds. We would like to remind you that an "officer of the government entity" is required by Georgia Law (O.C.G.A 36-91-40(a) (2)) to "approve as to the solvency of the surety". As your engineer, we are not qualified to assure the solvency of the surety. We recommend that your attorney suggest procedures to assure compliance with this Georgia Law.

If you concur with this recommendation and you have confirmed the solvency of the surety, please advise us and we will assist the County's procurement department in compiling conformed Contract Documents along with the required bonds and insurance for final execution.

Please call if you have any questions or need additional information.

Recommendation of Award - Bid Ref#: 21-003
September 17, 2020
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Sincerely,

ATLANTIC COAST CONSULTING, INC.

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Marc Liverman, P.E.

Sr. Project Manager

cc: Scott Addison, Kimberly Allen (Dougherty County)
file (G005-101)

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THE STATE OF GEORGIA
DOUGHERTY COUNTY

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE CITY OF ALBANY, GEORGIA
AND DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA**

2020 BYRNE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) PROGRAM AWARD

KNOW ALL BY THESE PRESENTS:

This Agreement is made and entered into this _____ day of _____, 2020, by and between COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY, GEORGIA, acting by and through its governing body, the Dougherty County Commission (hereinafter referred to as COUNTY), and the CITY OF ALBANY, GEORGIA, acting by and through its governing body, the City Commission (hereinafter referred to as CITY),

Witnesseth:

WHEREAS, this Agreement is made under the authority of Article IX, Section III, Paragraph I(a) of the Constitution of the State of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, each governing body, in performing governmental functions or in paying for the performance of governmental functions hereunder, shall make that performance or those payments from current revenues legally available to that party; and

WHEREAS, each governing body finds that the performance of this Agreement is in the best interests of both parties, that the undertaking will benefit the public, and that the division of costs fairly compensates the performing party for the service or functions under this agreement; and

WHEREAS, by mutual agreement the COUNTY as the required disparate jurisdiction receives 20% of the JAG award each year; and

WHEREAS, the COUNTY'S appropriation is \$13,516.40 for the JAG award for the JAG Program; and

WHEREAS, the CITY and COUNTY believe it to be in their best interest to reallocate the JAG funds as stated herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, the COUNTY and CITY agree as follows:

Section 1.

CITY and COUNTY agree that the COUNTY should receive a total of \$13,516.40 with the balance of JAG funds in the amount of \$54,065.60 to go to the CITY.

Section 2.

COUNTY understands that this grant program ends on September 30, 2023 and all funds must have been disbursed by said date; that in order to enable CITY to comply with the program's reporting requirements, COUNTY agrees to provide CITY with copies of purchase orders, invoices and receiving reports within 30 days of each such event. COUNTY also agrees to submit a request for approval to change spending plan to CITY grant administrator as they occur prior to spending.

Section 3.

COUNTY agrees to use \$13,516.40 for the JAG Program until September 30, 2023.

Section 4.

All of the privileges and immunities from liability which exist in favor of the COUNTY or CITY are not affected by this Agreement.

Section 5.

Each party to this Agreement will be responsible for its own actions in providing services under this Agreement and shall not be liable for any civil liability that may arise from the furnishing of the services by the other party.

Section 6.

The parties to this Agreement do not intend for any third party to obtain a right by virtue of this Agreement.

Section 7.

COUNTY and CITY agree as follows:

Pre-Requirements. COUNTY shall adopt a policy on grant management. The policy shall include provisions for pre-award, award monitoring, post award and close out. CITY has such a policy in place dated June 22, 2015.

Monitoring Requirements.

- COUNTY and CITY must comply with Department of Justice part 200 of uniform requirements. The part 200 uniform requirements are the requirements set out at 2 C.F.R. Part 200.
- COUNTY must provide grant progress reports and finance reports to CITY.
- COUNTY shall be accountable to CITY for how it uses federal funds under subaward.
- COUNTY shall follow all applicable federal rules re financial management, internal controls, indirect cost, records retention and access.
- COUNTY shall collect and provide performance data quarterly to CITY.
- COUNTY agrees to comply with all site visits and desk review requests as it pertains to sub-award.

- COUNTY agrees to provide CITY and auditors access to COUNTY'S records and financial statements as necessary.

Post Award:

- COUNTY shall review and comply with all sub-award provisions and/or special conditions.
- COUNTY shall submit all required sub-award documents with certified executive officer's signatures and return to CITY prior to any spending.

Closeout Requirements:

- COUNTY agrees to submit to CITY, no later than thirty (30) calendar days after the end date of the grant, all performance, financial and other reports as required by the terms and conditions of the federal award.
- The Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity must make prompt payments to the non-Federal entity for allowable reimbursable costs under the Federal award being closed out.
- The non-Federal entity must account for any real and personal property acquired with Federal funds or received from the Federal Government in accordance with §§ 200.310 Insurance coverage through 200.316 Property trust relationship and 200.329 Reporting on real property.

Section 8.

By entering into this Agreement, the parties do not intend to create any obligations express or implied other than those set out herein; further, this Agreement shall not create any rights in any party not a signatory hereto.

CITY OF ALBANY, GEORGIA

DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA

City Manager

County Administrator

Attest:

Attest:

City Clerk

County Clerk

Approved as to Form:

Approved as to Form:

C. Nathan Davis, City Attorney

W. Spencer Lee, IV, County Attorney

A RESOLUTION 20-R152
ENTITLED

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FOR A 2020-2021 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE FORMULA GRANT (JAG); APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ALBANY AND DOUGHERTY COUNTY; REPEALING PRIOR RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Formula Grant (JAG) allows local governments to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime; and

WHEREAS, per the current mandatory City/County disparate allocation agreement, an 80/20 split will be divided between the City and County; and

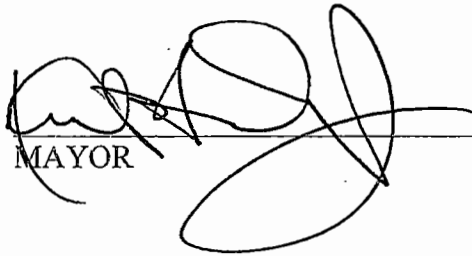
WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the citizens of the City of Albany to submit a 2020 application for the 2020 JAG Program, as well as enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Dougherty County, a copy of the Intergovernmental Agreement being attached hereto and specifically incorporated by reference.

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

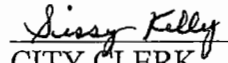
SECTION 1. The City Manager, or her designee, is authorized to submit an application and any other documentation needed by the U.S. Department of Justice to carry out the 2020 JAG Program.

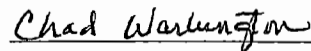
SECTION 2. The execution of the Intergovernmental Memorandum of Understanding Agreement is hereby authorized. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City.

SECTION 3. All resolutions, or parts of resolutions, in conflict herewith are repealed.


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK, Asst.
Adopted: August 25, 2020

Introduced By Commissioner: 





September 24, 2020

Scott Addison
Assistant Administrator
Dougherty County
22 Pine Avenue
Albany, Georgia 31701

Dear Scott:

Please accept our request for the listed surplus vehicles from Dougherty County:

2003 GMC Pickup – VIN #: 1GTGC24U23Z245011

2002 GMC Pickup – VIN #: 1GTGC24U42Z262116

We appreciate your consideration of this request and look forward to utilizing these vehicles at Chehaw. Please let me know if you need any additional information.

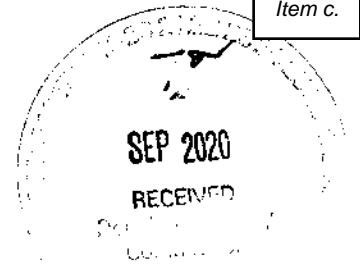
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tommy Gregors".

Tommy Gregors
Executive Director



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DOUGHERTY COUNTY
ALBANY, GEORGIA



ONE DAY ALCOHOL LICENSE APPLICATION

LICENSE FEE: \$25.00

INSTRUCTIONS: All questions must be fully answered, typewritten or printed in ink. When completed, it must be dated, signed and verified under oath by the applicant and filed with all supporting documents and a money order, cashiers or certified check for the exact fee with the Dougherty County Clerk, 222 Pine Avenue, Suite 540, Albany, GA 31702 three weeks prior to the date of the event.

I. CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION

Name: Flint Riverkeeper, INC

Address: 102 Pine Ave.

Business Phone: 229-435-2241 City: Albany State: GA Zip: 31701

IRS Tax Exempt Number: 26-3179215

☒ Incorporated as a non-profit corporation

☒ Formal Organization, with Constitution/Bylaws, Board of Directors

President: Richard Candler Treasurer: Christopher Worsham

Vice President: Ellen Cardin Secretary: Tim Gerard

II. ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVE

Name: Jessica Rutledge Age: 43

Address: 506 Greenwood Dr. City: Albany State: GA Zip: 31707

Phone: (w) 229-435-2241 (c) N/A

Email: jessica@flintriverkeeper.org

III. ACTIVITY

Type of Activity: Community fundraiser: "Pints and Pumpkins"

Name of Facility: Pretoria Fields Collective Farm

Address of Facility: 5626 Walker Ducker Station Rd. Albany GA 31721

Date & Time of Activity: 4pm - 9pm October 24, 2020

IV. CHARITABLE PURPOSE

☐ Relief of the Indigent

☐ Medical Research

☐ Education, including Youth Education

☐ Historical Preservation

☐ Crime Prevention & Rehabilitation

☐ Fine Arts

☐ Libraries

☐ Zoos

☐ Scientific Research & Development

☒ Community Development

☐ Industrial & Commercial Recruitment

☐ Recreation

(over)

V. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE

☐ Consumption (Liquor/Mixed)☒ Beer☐ Wine

VI. FINAL REPORT (To be submitted within 30 days after conclusion of activity).

A. Statement of Gross Receipts: _____

Expenses Paid: _____

Net Proceeds Remaining: _____

Statement of how, to whom and for what purposes said net proceeds were distributed:

NOTE: If this portion is not completed, future applications may be denied.

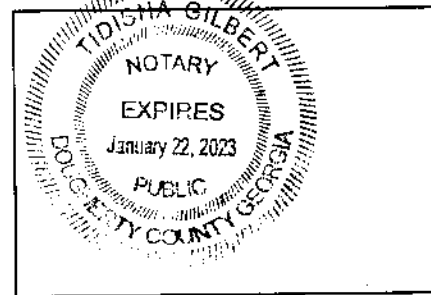
OATH

I (we) do solemnly swear, subject to criminal penalties for false swearing, that the statements and answers made to the foregoing questions in this application for a one-day County license for alcoholic beverages and liquors are true and complete and no false or fraudulent statement or answer is made herein to procure granting of license, that any license issued pursuant to the application is conditioned upon the truth of the answers and statements made herein and that any false answers and statements herein shall constitute cause for the suspension or revocation of any license issued pursuant to this application.

Signature: _____

Date of Application 9/17/2020

Sworn to and executed before me this

17 day of Sept, 2020_____
Notary Public Signature

SEAL

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

1. Organization met all criteria: Yes: ☒ No: _____
2. Location conforms to all regulations: Yes: ☒ No: _____

Work Session Date: September 28, 2020 (scm)

Approved: _____ Disapproved: _____ Date: _____

Representative, Board of Commissioners of Dougherty County, Georgia

Revised 8/13

BO DOROUGH
MAYOR



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May 11, 2020

Christopher S. Cohilas, Chairman
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Albany, GA 31702

Commr. Lamar Hudgins
P.O. Box 1361
Albany, GA 31702

Commr. Victor Edwards
450 Poinciana Avenue
Albany, GA 31705

Commr. Clinton Johnson
302 Adkins Street
Albany, GA 31705

Commr. Russell Gray
1626 N. Valencia Drive
Albany, GA 31707

Commr. Gloria Gaines
P.O. Box 1827
Albany, GA 31702

Commr. Anthony Jones
1206 Gaissert Road
Albany, GA 31705

RE: Tennis Center/Elected Tax Commissioner/Appointments to ADICA
and Hospital Authority/Study - Healthcare Costs

Dear Chairman and Commissioners:

Funds for construction of a tennis center were collected in SPLOST III. There has, over the last 25 years, been much discussion as to where that facility would be constructed, the size and amenities, and how it would be staffed. I attended a meeting sponsored by the Albany Tennis Association on Tuesday, February 25th. That organization, as you may be aware, has requested that 18-20 additional courts be constructed on the campus of ASU West. The county was represented by the county administrator and your attorney.

I suggested that the tennis center be constructed south of the Civic Center, with the understanding that operation and staffing would be coordinated with a revived First Tee program. This would be an excellent site, should the county truly wish to provide underprivileged youth with access to tennis. (I would anticipate that instruction would be offered, in conjunction with golf lessons, on alternating days.) It was my recommendation that three to five courts be constructed, with a small office/shop. This would be consistent with the tennis center which was initially proposed and could host tournaments. (An illustration of a facility similar to what I have envisioned is enclosed for your review.) Additionally, we would bring farther activity downtown several times a year.

Christopher Cohilas, Chairman
Commr. Lamar Hudgins
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Mr. McCoy announced the county is supportive of Albany Tennis Association's proposal to construct the additional courts at ASU West. This is, in my opinion, a mistake, for several reasons. First, there is no shortage of tennis courts in this section of Dougherty County. There are, in addition to the courts at ASU, courts at Westover High, Gordon Park, Doublegate Country Club, and Stonebridge Country Club. Second, simply building 18-20 additional tennis courts is quite different than constructing a tennis center. Third, there is no provision for staffing, and I certainly will not support a request that the city compensate someone to work at this location. Fourth, as set forth above, this site will not be accessible to many of the community's youth who live at or below the poverty level. Fifth, the site I have proposed would further our efforts to revitalize downtown.

I have the names of three businesses which could provide estimates, should the county commission wish to consider constructing the tennis center at the site proposed.

The city commission recently passed a resolution requesting that Dougherty County have an elected tax commissioner. The position of tax director was established here in Dougherty County by a special act of local legislation which authorized an amendment to the state constitution. Ga.Laws. 1974, p. 1654. The voters approved the amendment, in November 1974. This amendment would have been appealed, by the 1983 Constitution of Georgia, except that it was continued in force by a local law of special legislation. This action was taken without a referendum.

I have asked many people why Dougherty County is the only county in the state without an elected tax commissioner. I have been advised the tax commissioner moved out of Dougherty County and I have been advised that the tax commissioner requested that the position be eliminated so that his employment was not subject to the will of the voters. Tax commissioner is a constitutional office. Art. IX, § I, ¶ III(a), *Constitution of the State of Georgia*. Thus, there should be a tax commissioner and that individual should be elected by the citizens of Dougherty County, just like the judge of the probate court, the sheriff, and the clerk of the superior court. *Id.*

Christopher Cohilas, Chairman
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I have, in any event, enclosed a copy of an article from *The Albany Herald*, which verifies the tax commissioner resigned “and was immediately appointed tax director of the newly reorganized County Tax Department”. The position, since that time, has been under the direction of the county administrator.

I read, with interest, an article which quoted Commr. Hudgens as saying the collection rate, here in Dougherty County, is above 98%. That is true to the extent that the county has abandoned efforts to collect property taxes on hundreds of dwellings. (I will gladly provide a list of those properties should the chairman or any commissioner request.) This was not, however, the city commission’s motivation in passing the resolution requesting that Dougherty County have an elected tax commissioner. We are asking that the county commission join us in a joint resolution, requesting that the legislature take action to afford our citizens an opportunity to repeal this provision, as authorized by Art. XI, § I, ¶ IV(b), *Constitution of the State of Georgia*. This would bring Dougherty County in line with the other 158 counties in the state.

The city commission has also passed a resolution calling for the county commission to have four appointments to ADICA and for the city commission to have four appointments to the Hospital Authority. As you are probably aware, the county forfeited its appointments to ADICA and the city commission forfeited its appointments to the Hospital Authority. I am informed this exchange had something to do with facilitating construction of the Civic Center, though I am uncertain if this is correct. I would, in any event, ask that the county commission include this proposal on an agenda to be considered and decided.

Lastly, I am proposing that the city commission obtain a study, comparing healthcare costs here in Dougherty County to those in other areas of the Southeast. I believe we will find insurers pay considerably more here in this market, and that this is particularly true since Phoebe Putney illegally acquired Palmyra Park Hospital. An exhaustive study would be quite expensive, and I will ask that the city request that the county commission contribute to the costs of the proposed study should the city commission agree to retain a consultant for that purpose.

Christopher Cohilas, Chairman
Commr. Lamar Hudgins
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I appreciate your consideration of these issues and look forward to working with you in the months and years to come.

With best regards, I am,

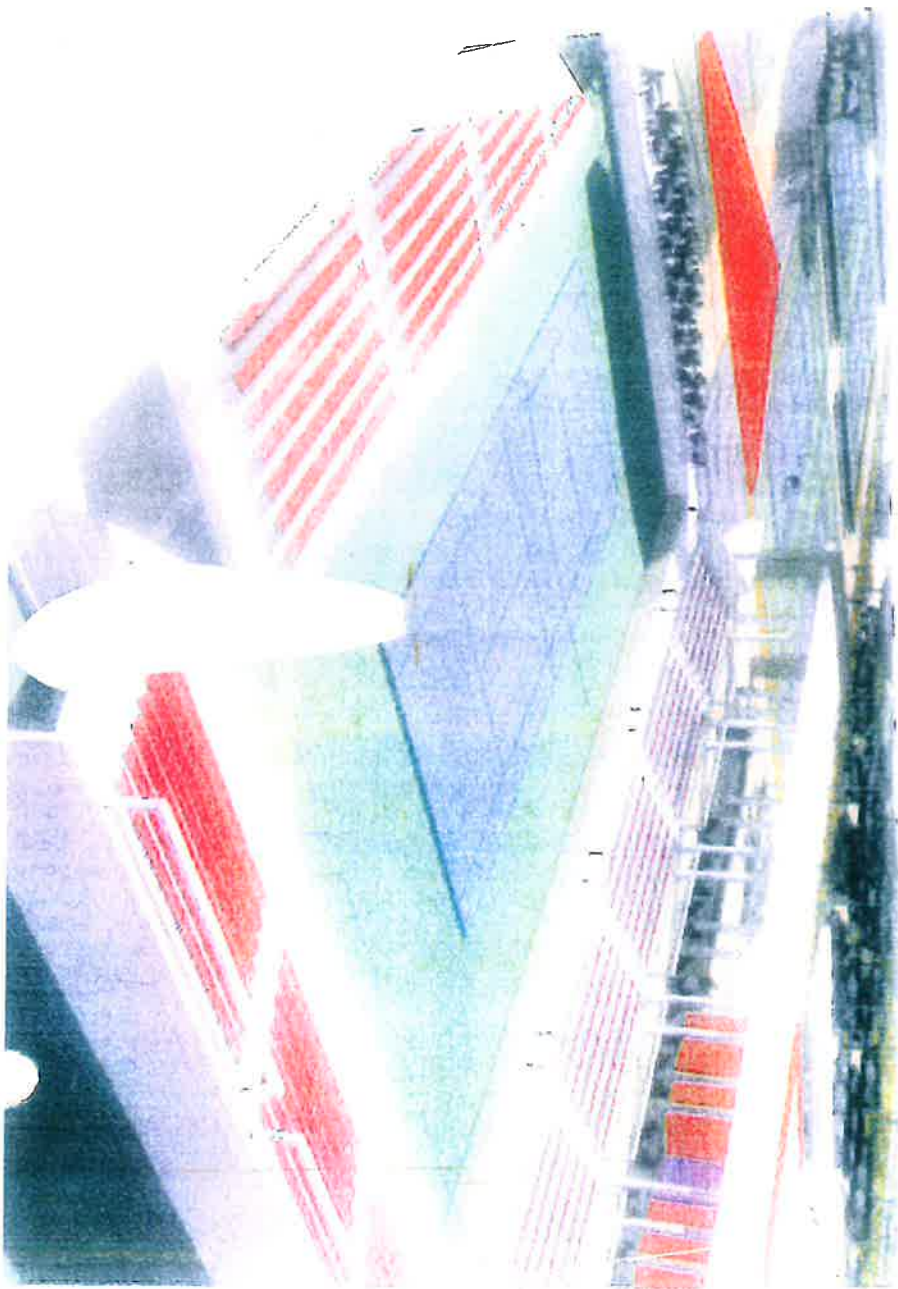
Very truly yours,



Kermit S. Dorough, Jr.

KSDjr/ap

cc: Jon Howard
Matt Fuller
B.J. Fletcher
Chad Warbington
Robert Langstaff, Jr.
Demetrius Young
Sharon Subadan



in that vicinity and that Marbury interests to expect "a fair return on their investments."

Item a.

Tax Department Reorganized Here

By Herald Staff Writer

Dougherty County Tax Commissioner, R. W. Gee, who has held that post for the past 17 years, resigned Monday — and was immediately appointed tax director of the newly reorganized County Tax Department.

The Dougherty County Commission also appointed a five-man tax assessors board in compliance with a constitutional amendment ratified by the voters in November 1974 abolishing the tax commissioner's post as of Dec. 31.

In a letter to the County Commission, Gee said he was tendering his resignation at this time to enable the com-

missioners to get on with establishing the new tax department.

County Manager Carl Leavy exercised the authority given him under the 1974 amendment to appoint Gee director and said Gee will continue in that post at his present salary of \$15,000 a year.

Commission Chairman Paul Keenan and other commissioners said Gee was "to be thanked for his thoughtfulness" in helping along the reorganization of the tax department.

Under the new setup, the commission will appoint five persons (instead of the present three) to the tax assessors board and set their compensation.

The commissioners voted to retain Charles H. Smith III, naming him to a two-year term, and Max Sheppard, selecting him for a three-year term, on the board.

They also appointed James Griffin Jr. to a two-year term and Fred Lehman and Mrs. Martha Lovejoy to one-year terms each.

The compensation was fixed at \$125 a month for the chairman and \$100 a month for the board members.

Commissioner Karl Hall said the homeowners in that area "were more or less compromising" when no substantial opposition to rezoning surfaced at a public hearing.

"We're not concerned about investment returns at the table," he said.

Denson said, "Y'all don't seem to care" about consistency in places like Fairburn and Fairburn before the commissioners.

"Our votes show we've taken an anti-business stance," said Denson.

"I haven't..." began but Denson interrupted:

"I wasn't talking about you. I'm talking about the commission as a whole."

Denson said he feels the commission should adopt a land-use plan "and stick to it... period."

When the air settled, the commission would be giving tentative approval to three of the four Marbury requests: Rezoning 56.496 acres (embracing separate tracts) to residential office-institutional district; 10.370 acres to neighborhood dwelling (duplex) district; 10.370 acres to neighborhood business district.

The other Marbury request for rezoning 25.718 acres to general business district was tabled by a 3-2 margin. Keenan and Hall voting against, Denson a minority.

Apparent Low Bid Approved

By Herald Staff Writer

The Dougherty County Commission has approved the apparent low bid of \$7,350 by Lilliston Brothers of Albany to furnish 106 items, mostly furniture, for the third floor of the Joint City-County Governmental Building.

The third floor is being remodeled and refinished with a major portion of it ear-

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NOTICES

1.—Who Can Do It