



SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

August 26, 2024

Immediately Following the Work Session

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. Purchases.
 - a. Consider for action 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. Funding is budgeted in SPLOST VIII. **ACTION:**
 - b. Consider for action the 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. **ACTION:**
 - c. Consider for action the 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. Funding is budgeted in SPLOST VIII. **ACTION:**
 - d. Consider for action the 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. Funding is budgeted in Solid Waste - Capital Outlay. **ACTION:**
 - e. Consider for action the 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. Funding is budgeted in Solid Waste - Capital Outlay. **ACTION:**

4. Additional Business.
 - a. Consider for action the Resolution providing for the approval of the 2024 Millage Rates for the County-Wide General Fund, Special Services District Fund, Dougherty County School System and State of Georgia. **ACTION:**
5. Consider for action the recommendation from the County Attorney to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel and then to adjourn. **ACTION:**

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.



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 for immediate delivery.

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 ASSESSING THE RATE OF TAXATION FOR COUNTY PURPOSES ON ALL
TAXABLE PROPERTY IN DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA AND ON ALL TAXABLE
PROPERTY IN THE SPECIAL SERVICES DISTRICT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA
FOR 2024; REPEALING PRIOR RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS IN
CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Dougherty County, Georgia is hereby desirous of assessing the rate of taxation for County purposes on all taxable property in Dougherty County and on all taxable property in the Special Services District of Dougherty County for the year 2024.

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

SECTION I 22.783 mills on the dollar or \$22.783 on the thousand is hereby fixed as the rate of taxation for County General Fund purposes for the year 2024 with this rate of taxation being reduced by the equivalent millage of 3.714 mills on the dollar or \$3.714 on the thousand through funds received from the Local Option Sales Tax in calendar year 2023 leaving a net tax of 19.069 mills on the dollar or \$19.069 on the thousand levied or fixed as the rate of taxation for County General Fund purposes on all taxable property in Dougherty County for the year 2024.

SECTION II A net tax of 9.173 mills on the dollar or \$9.173 on the thousand is hereby levied on all taxable property in the Special Services District of Dougherty County, Georgia.

SECTION III A net tax of 17.967 mills on the dollar or \$17.967 on the thousand is hereby levied as the annual equivalent mill rate to be paid and distributed for maintenance and operation of the Dougherty County School System.

SECTION IV A net tax of 0.00 mills on the dollar or \$0.00 on the thousand is hereby levied for State of Georgia purposes as prescribed by law.

SECTION V The County Clerk is hereby requested to have this Resolution entered into the Minutes of the Board of Commissioners with a copy to be furnished to the Dougherty County Tax Director, to the Dougherty County School System and to the Revenue Commissioner of the State of Georgia and that the same be advertised if required by law.

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

This the 26th day of August 2024.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA

BY: _____
Lorenzo Heard, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

ADOPTED: _____

Agenda Item No. 4

MEMORANDUM


TO: Members of the Board of Education

FROM: Kenneth Dyer, Superintendent

RE: Consideration of Recommendation for 2024 – 2025 Millage Rate

DATE: August 12, 2024

Recommendation: That the Board adopts the resolution setting the 2024-2025 millage rate at 17.967 (reduced from 17.993 mills in 2023-2024) on all property returned in Dougherty County. {see attachment}



Recommended by:
Kenneth Dyer, Superintendent

RESOLUTION


WHEREAS, The Constitution of the State of Georgia, as amended in 1970 provided that; "The Fiscal Authority of the several counties shall levy a tax for the support and maintenance of education not less than five mills nor greater than twenty mills (As recommended by the County Board of Education) upon the dollar of all taxable property in the county located outside independent school system..." and

WHEREAS, The Dougherty County Board of Education has taken in consideration the needs for operating the public schools of the said county for the term 2024-2025 and finds that the taxable digest of said county, including public utilities, will amount to approximately \$2,067,243,357.00 and in adopting a budget for the fiscal year 2024-2025, it is found necessary to levy an education tax of 17.967 mills on all property returned in Dougherty County.

BE IT RESOLVED That the Dougherty County Board of Education does hereby recommend that the Honorable Board of Commissioners of Dougherty County levy an education tax of 17.967 mills.

DOUGHERTY COUNTY BOARD OF
EDUCATION

By: 
Melissa Strother, Chair

Attest: 
Kenneth Dyer, Superintendent

August 12, 2024

NOTICE

The Dougherty County Board of Education does hereby announce that the millage rate will be set at a meeting to be held at the Administration Building on August 12, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. 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

	BOARD OF EDUCATION	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	249,697,028	227,229,760	250,197,736	248,638,019	281,589,876	295,287,291
	NET DIGEST VALUE	1,971,963,073	1,985,432,000	1,991,870,579	2,024,304,179	2,067,214,962	2,067,243,357
R A T E	MILLAGE RATE (Maintenance & Operation)	18.3230	18.2190	18.1540	18.0960	17.9930	17.9670
TAX	TOTAL M&O TAXES LEVIED	\$36,132,279	\$36,172,586	\$36,160,418	\$36,631,808	\$37,195,399	\$37,142,161
	Net Tax \$ Increase	\$430,252	\$40,306	(\$12,167)	\$471,390	\$563,590	(\$53,237)
	Net Tax % Increase	1.21%	0.11%	-0.03%	1.30%	1.54%	-0.14%