



SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

November 28, 2022

Immediately following the Work Session

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 optional for all meeting participants.

The public will also have access to the live meeting by accessing the Dougherty County Georgia Government Facebook page at facebook.com/Dougherty.ga.us or viewing the public government access channel (Channel 16).

1. Call the meeting to order by Chairman Christopher Cohilas.
2. Roll Call.
3. Additional Business.
 - a. Consider for action the recommendation to approve the county priorities that will be presented for the State Legislative Delegation Meeting on Tuesday, November 29, 2022. **ACTION:**
 - b. Consider for action the recommendation to approve the use of FY23 ARPA Contingency in the budgeted amount of \$55,151.22 for Robert Cross Park basketball court improvements. **ACTION:**
4. Adjourn.

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Staff Recommendations

LOCAL PROPOSED PROJECTS FOR STATE FUNDING

\$1.5 million

Radium Springs Amphitheater

Event space for concerts, plays and other outdoor entertainment to be located near the Flint River in historic Radium Springs. This added amenity will further enhance the utilization of the recently restored Radium Springs and approximately four-mile trail system funded by an estimated \$1.2 million from the state.

\$200,000

Intergenerational Facility Feasibility Study

Funding to study the need, location, costs and design of an Intergenerational Facility. This facility would house senior and youth services to include, but not be limited to, an outdoor walking track, swimming pool, splash pad, computer room, pickleball courts, meeting space, and more.

\$2 million

Multi-Use Trail Segment Downtown to Chehaw

Funding would permit the development of the approximately 1.1 mile Chehaw Connector Trail segment beginning at the northern end of the existing Riverfront Trail at Cox Landing Park, providing connectivity to Chehaw Park from downtown Albany. This would also extend the existing Riverfront Trail, which is a three-mile multi-use path running from downtown Albany north to Cox Landing - a plus for Chehaw attraction.

\$2.5 million

County Park Improvements

Funding is needed to analyze, identify, repair and expand existing Dougherty County Parks. This funding will allow us to implement critical life safety repairs, explore new recreational trends, such as pickleball, disc golf and dog parks. As we anticipate future growth in Dougherty County, we would like to create a masterplan to prepare for our future.

STATEWIDE ACCG POLICY OBJECTIVES

Item 3a.

EMS Medicaid Reimbursement

ACCG encourages the Governor and General Assembly to adjust the current Medicaid funding mechanism for EMS by:

1. Allowing the first 10 miles of ambulance transport to be eligible for Medicaid reimbursement.
2. Increasing the EMS Medicaid rate to the rural and urban Medicare rate.
3. Utilizing EMS License fees to increase Medicaid reimbursement rates for ambulance services

LMIG Program Funding

ACCG asks the Governor and General Assembly to appropriate funding, from emergency funds or other sources, based on what would have been collected had the state motor fuel excise tax not been suspended - a hold harmless clause.

Mental Health Reform

Counties are often on the front line in the effort to assist those with mental illness and substance abuse challenges. Adequate funding is needed for counties to properly address the magnitude of this challenge.

Assume Full Financial Responsibility for State Prisoners

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LOST Renegotiations

Although LOST renegotiations occur once every ten (10) years, they are often contentious and pit counties and cities against one another. The difficulty encountered in these negotiations hurts county-city relationships, which is not good for constituents of either group. ACCG asks the General Assembly to create a study committee on LOST negotiations to determine a way to resolve these issues when an impasse is reached and to make the negotiations less contentious by providing additional guidance.

Public Notification of Tax Increase

With property taxes being the largest revenue source for counties and inflation increasing substantially, it is nearly impossible for counties to keep up with inflation in their expenses without receiving some inflation from their largest revenue source. Counties must spend more money now to provide the same level of services due to inflation. ACCG urges the General Assembly to adjust the formula for the rollback rate to allow counties to capture inflation



ARPA APPROVED FY23 BUDGET

FY23

Revenues:

Tranche 1 Carry Forward	\$ 2,014,755.55
Tranche 2	\$ 8,542,211.00
Total Revenues	\$ 10,556,966.55

FY23

Expenditures:

Tranche 1 Carry Forward

Mobile Library & Supplies	\$ 400,000.00
Health Dept Mobile Clinic & Supplies	\$ 400,000.00
Albany Rescue Mission	\$ 54,000.00
Public Safety Vehicles	\$ 300,000.00
Consultants	\$ 350,000.00
HR Computer Software	\$ 53,552.00
Contingencies	\$ 457,203.55

Total Tranche 1 Carry Forward Expenditures \$ 2,014,755.55

Tranche 2

Park Maintenance and Equipment	\$ 270,000.00
Technology	\$ 418,529.00
Dougherty County Board of Health	\$ 855,000.00
Aspire Behavioral Health	\$ 130,114.00
COVID PPE & Supplies	\$ 77,950.00
FY23 Spending Plan Additions	\$ 6,790,618.00
Total Proposed Tranche 2 Expenditures	\$ 8,542,211.00

Total Tranche 1 Carry Forward & Tranche 2 Proposed Expenditures **\$ 10,556,966.55**

Robert Cross Basketball Court Improvements						
Basketball Court Resurfacing						\$28,750.00
Costs include all prep work as follows.						
Apply two coats of sand-filled acrylic resurface over the entire playing area.						
Apply two coats of sand-filled acrylic color coatings over the entire playing area.						
Apply two sets of basketball stripes in accordance with regulations.						
All labor is included.						
Bleachers						\$10,541.22
6 -3-row aluminum bleachers at \$1,756.87 each						
Concrete pads for bleachers						\$13,365.00
6 - 10 ft. x 20 ft. x 4 inch deep concrete pads for the bleachers						
All labor costs for concrete work included						
This price also includes the concrete pads for the player benches.						
Concrete pads for existing player benches						\$2,495.00
4 - 6 ft. x 10 ft. x 4 inch deep concrete pads to be recessed to ground level						
to accommodate the existing player benches.						
Painting of the basketball goals, rims and post						\$2,495.00
TOTAL COSTS						\$55,151.22