



SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

April 26, 2021
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.***

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1. Call to meeting to order by Chairman Christopher Cohilas.
2. Roll Call.
3. Minutes.
 - a. Consider for action the Minutes of the April 5th Regular Meeting, April 12th Work Session and April 12th Special Called Meeting. **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. William Wright, representative of AFRAM Tech, Inc. present to update the Commission on the MBE Program Plan.
5. Additional Business.
 - a. Consider for action the recommendation from the Emergency Medical Services Department to apply for an EMS Trauma Related Equipment reimbursement Grant in the amount of \$11,031.02 for use to purchase EMS Trauma Related Equipment. This is a 100% grant with no local match. EMS Director Sam Allen will address. **ACTION:**
 - b. Consider for action the use of the Dougherty County Nuisance Abatement Resolution Number 20-034 to address one purported dilapidated structure located at 124 Lovers Lane. County Attorney Spencer Lee and County Administrator Michael McCoy will address. **ACTION:**

6. Updates from the County Administrator.
7. Updates from the County Attorney.
8. Updates from the County Commission.
9. Adjourn.

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DOUGHERTY COUNTY COMMISSION

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

April 5, 2021

The Dougherty County Commission met in Room 100 of the Albany-Dougherty Government Center on April 5, 2021. Chairman Christopher Cohilas presided and called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. Commissioner's present were Victor Edwards, Gloria Gaines, Russell Gray, Clinton Johnson, Anthony Jones, and Ed Newsome. Also present were County Administrator Michael McCoy, 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. Assistant County Administrator Scott Addison was absent.

After the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance, the Chairman called for approval of the March 1st Regular Meeting and March 8th Work Session minutes.

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

The Chairman called for consideration of the purchase of two 2021 Dodge Ram 1500 Pickup Trucks for the Public Works Department from Albany Chrysler-Dodge-Jeep-Ram (Albany, Ga) in the amount of \$52,880. Two bidders submitted bids with the highest being \$64,534. Funding is budgeted in SPLOST V – Storm Drainage Improvements/Equipment.

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

The Chairman called for consideration of the resolution providing for the acceptance and execution of the contract to accept the bid from the lowest responsive and responsible bidder Reeves Construction, Inc. (Albany, GA) to perform Street Resurfacing and Full Depth Reclamation in the amount of \$2,636,024.45 for the 2020 Resurfacing Project, subject to the execution of the contract by the County Administrator. Funding is available in SPLOST VII 2020 Resurfacing (\$425,000), 2020 LMIG (\$435,823.69) and TSPLOST Road Resurfacing (\$2,000,000).

Commissioner Jones moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Gray, the motion for approval passed unanimously. Resolution 21-017 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ACCEPTANCE AND EXECUTION
OF A CONTRACT WITH REEVES CONSTRUCTION, INC FOR THE
PURPOSE OF PERFORMING STREET RESURFACING AND FULL DEPTH
RECLAMATION FOR THE 2020 RESURFACING PROJECT IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$2,636,024.45; 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 and execution of a contract to accept the bid from the lowest responsive and responsible bidder HTS Construction, Inc. (Albany, GA) to provide Rock Alley Improvements in the amount of \$186,808.08, subject to the execution of the contract by the County Administrator. Funding is available in TSPLOST Road Resurfacing (\$480,000).

Commissioner Gray moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Newsome, the motion for approval passed unanimously. Resolution 21-018 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED
A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ACCEPTANCE AND EXECUTION
OF A CONTRACT WITH HTS CONSTRUCTION, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$186,808.08 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING ROCK ALLEY
IMPROVEMENTS IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF DOUGHERTY
COUNTY; REPEALING RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS IN
CONFLICT HEREWITH.
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Chairman called for consideration of the resolution providing for acceptance and execution of a contract allowing WJ Kirksey Construction, Albany, Georgia to provide renovation of the DOCO Facilities Management Building located at 219 N. Washington St. for a total expenditure of \$54,353, subject to the execution of the contract by the County Administrator. Funding is budgeted in SPLOST VI for \$115,000.

Commissioner Gray moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Johnson, the motion for approval passed unanimously. Resolution 21-019 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED
A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ACCEPTANCE AND
EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH WJ KIRKSEY
CONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$54,353.00 FOR THE
PURPOSE OF PROVIDING RENOVATION OF THE DOUGHERTY
COUNTY FACILITIES MANAGEMENT BUILDING LOCATED AT
219 N WASHINGTON STREET; REPEALING RESOLUTIONS OR

PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HERewith; AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES.

The Chairman called for consideration to rescind the award made on November 2, 2020, to Smith-Built Buildings (Dawson, Ga) in the amount of \$23,879.49 to install an equipment shed at the Solid Waste Landfill. The vendor defaulted on the bid.

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

The Chairman called for consideration to accept the quote to install an equipment shed at the Solid Waste Landfill from the next lowest responsive and responsible vendor meeting specifications that is available to complete the project, R&M Construction (Albany, Ga) in the amount of \$32,500. The initial vendor defaulted on the award made on November 2, 2020. Funding is budgeted in Solid Waste Capital Outlay for \$50,000.

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

The Chairman called for consideration to accept the bid from the lowest quoted vendor, Quality Painting Contractors (Albany, GA) in the amount of \$36,300 to upgrade the Horace King Overlook roof and deck and paint surrounding areas near Turtle Park. Funding is available in SPLOST VII.

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

The Chairman called for consideration to approve the alcohol application from Pretoria Field Farms, LLC., Joe Harris Morgan III licensee, dba Pretoria Field Farm, at 5626 Walker Ducker Station Road for Beer, Brewers. The Albany-Dougherty Marshal's Office recommended approval.

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

The Chairman called for consideration of the resolution accepting the proposed Ordinance allowing Dougherty County to be a broadband-ready community.

Commissioner Johnson moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Jones, the motion for approval passed unanimously. Resolution 21-020 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED
A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE APPROVAL OF AN
ORDINANCE FOR A BROADBAND READY COMMUNITY MAKING
DOUGHERTY COUNTY A GEORGIA CERTIFIED BROADBAND
COMMUNITY; REPEALING RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF

RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

The Chairman called for consideration of the resolution the use of the Dougherty County Nuisance Abatement Resolution Number 20-034 to address one purported dilapidated structure located at 3422 Sweetbrier Road.

Commissioner Johnson moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Edwards, the motion for approval passed unanimously. Resolution 21-021 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED
A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR INVESTIGATION AND/ OR INSPECTION
BY THE PUBLIC OFFICER AS DESIGNATED UNDER DOUGHERTY
COUNTY NUISANCE ABATEMENT RESOLUTION NUMBER 02-034 AND/
OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE AND PROVIDING FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF
THE DOUGHERTY COUNTY NUISANCE ABATEMENT RESOLUTION
RELATIVE TO CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE
UNINCORPORATED AREA OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY; REPEALING
RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Commissioner Newsome welcomed Commissioners Gaines and Jones back to the Chambers. Commissioner Jones said that he was excited that there were a lot of local vendors awarded today. Commissioner Edwards asked about the status of the nuisance abatement for the property on Barbragale Avenue. Attorney Lee said that the nuisance abatement could not be used for the property in question. However, it could be taken to court for being in violation of Code Enforcement. Code Enforcement is completing another analysis on the property and he is awaiting a response. Attorney Lee shared that the property on Thrasher may be able to qualify for nuisance abatement and the others are awaiting an analysis from Code Enforcement. It was mentioned that Code Enforcement is a little behind because the officer that did the inspections resigned. Attorney Lee made it very clear that the property that has the tree on it could not be moved by the County. He also shared with Commissioner Jones that a lawsuit could occur if someone attempted to move the tree. He added that the biggest obstacle was attempted to locate the property owner and not being successful in the search. Attorney Lee provided an update on the commercial structure located on Holly Drive that was damaged during the storms. He stated that it would be costly, but the process used for residential properties could be an option. Based on the request from Commissioner Gaines, Mr. McCoy said that available sources of funding will be sought for demolishing the building. He added if there are none, the Board could amend the budget.

After a very lengthy discussion, Chairman Cohilas asked for a comprehensive report within 120 days of (1) the number of buildings in the unincorporated area that fall in the dilapidated category, (2) the projected cost to be demolished by Public Works. Chairman Cohilas later clarified the request by asking for those buildings to be identified that could not [have repairs] completed by private owners. He suggested that a comprehensive plan be developed for several years on how to

address these properties. Commissioner Gaines asked that all Commissioners have input and Commissioner Jones asked that the properties be prioritized. Chairman Cohilas shared that this will create a proactive approach. Attorney Lee reminded the Board that the County works on complaints and this request would be a huge task for Public Works and one Code Enforcement Officer. He added that our process helps if we went to court [to prevent a claim] for selective prosecution. Chairman Cohilas yielded for the staff to make a recommendation on the process that will give a report with a cost.

Mr. McCoy suggested Commissioner Gaines' recommendation be utilized and each Commissioner provide a list of properties that are concerns in their respective areas and staff would address. Commissioner Edwards asked that Public Works be allowed to get a waiver from the property owner to remove the tree on Barbragale Avenue. Commissioner Gaines agreed as long as the County Attorney could agree that action was taken within the law; noting there still was a greater problem [pertaining to depilated properties] that needed to be addressed. Chairman Cohilas shared that he will take a week to think about the concerns so a fair and effective process can be created. He ended the discussion by asking Mr. McCoy to provide a cost estimate for Barbragale Avenue.

Commissioner Johnson thanked the Commission for their support for Heath Park and shared that there will be an upcoming recommendation to the Board next week for the tennis center. Commissioner Gray shared some positive comments received about the Radium Springs cleanup, trails, and proposed tennis center.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK

DOUGHERTY COUNTY COMMISSION
WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES

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April 12, 2021

The Dougherty County Commission met in Room 100 of the Albany-Dougherty Government Center on April 12, 2021. Chairman Christopher Cohilas presided and called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Commissioners present were Victor Edwards, Gloria Gaines, Russell Gray, Clinton Johnson, Anthony Jones and Ed Newsome. 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, via live streaming of the meeting on the County's Facebook page and the government public access channel.

The Chairman asked the Commission to review the minutes of the March 15th Regular Meeting and March 29th Work Session.

The Chairman called for a discussion of the recommendation to accept the proposed location of Tift Park for the Albany Tennis Center, as recommended by the Recreation Committee. Recreation Committee Chairman Clinton Johnson addressed. County Administrator Michael McCoy, Albany Tennis Association Representative Wes Sadler, USTA Senior Consultant, Facility Services Robin Jones, USTA Business Development Consultant Jonathan Fralick, Boys & Girls Club of Albany representative Jason Belk and City of Albany interim Recreation Director Michael Potter were present. Mr. McCoy shared that property will be needed from the City of Albany and Boys & Girls Club and a recommendation will be made later for the County to retain the maintenance of the center.

The Chairman called for a discussion of the recommendation of the Recreation Committee to hire EMC Engineering (Leesburg, GA) for Tennis Center engineering services. The proposed amount is \$202,640 and funding is available in SPLOST V. Recreation Committee Chairman Clinton Johnson addressed. County Administrator Michael McCoy, Public Works Director Larry Cook and Project Engineer Jeremy Brown were present. Commissioner Johnson clarified that \$202,640 included the south zone pickleball court of \$82,500 but the amount will be paid by the City of Albany. The amount will be revised for the Commissioner's approval. Mr. Fralick addressed items for Commissioner Johnson.

The Chairman called for a discussion to approve the Alcohol Application Transfer of Ownership for VV Trading LLC, Venkateshwar Guntuka licensee, dba VV Food Mart, at 4324 Radium Springs Rd for Beer and Wine Package. The Albany-Dougherty Marshal's Office recommended approval. County Clerk Jawahn Ware addressed.

The Chairman called for a discussion to approve the Alcohol Application Transfer of Ownership for Bagain LLC, Ayaz Ahmad licensee, dba Stop N Shop, at 2201 Liberty Expressway SE for Beer, Package. The Albany-Dougherty Marshal's Office recommended approval. Chief Anthony Donaldson, Business and License Support Department and County Clerk Jawahn Ware, addressed. Mrs. Ware clarified that applicants for transfer of ownership still have a thorough background check completed.

The Chairman called for a discussion of the recommendation from Human Resources to accept the 2021 Georgia County Internship Program (GCIP) Grant from the ACCG Georgia Civic Affairs Foundation in the amount of \$2,607.60. The grant will provide a summer internship for the CDBG Disaster Recovery Program. The County received the award in 2020; however due to the pandemic, ACCG transferred the award to this year. County Administrator Michael McCoy and HR Director Dominique Hall addressed. There was a discussion pertaining to dividing or matching the grant funding to offer additional opportunities to more students. As a point of procedure, Commissioner Gray reminded the Board that the matter on the table was for the ACCG grant. The Chairman asked that staff provide a recommendation on a County internship program.

The Chairman called for a discussion of the recommendation to approve the renewal of the Intergovernmental Support Agreement with the Marine Corp Logistics Base (MCLB) to provide canal maintenance. The initial agreement was approved in the May 8, 2017 Regular Meeting. County Administrator Michael McCoy addressed by sharing that the value of the contract is \$75,000 for 3 years; the document is the same agreement but a different format. Public Works Director Larry Cook and Project Engineer Jeremy Brown were present.

The Chairman called for a discussion of the Planning and Development Update for the Dougherty County Morgue. Assistant County Administrator Scott Addison, Coroner Michael Fowler and Architect David Maschke addressed. The conceptual plan was shown. One proposed site is the location of the old Dougherty County Public Works sign shop. There will be space allocated for student training and construction. Mr. Addison identified potential land for a crime lab location if Albany State University pursues [the request]. The proposed plan cost for option A is \$822,942. Option B with the construction site on Habersham will be \$947,052. There will be a funding shortfall on each. Mr. McCoy shared that the plans were presented for the Commission to determine the site of the morgue. The Coroner's preference is option B. After discussion, the Chairman requested all parties meet and present a revised scope at the next work session with staff recommendation on how to find any short falls. Mr. Maschke clarified that the proposal is for the project cost that included additional costs (i.e., furniture and signage) which is different than construction cost. The Commission asked if there could be a proposal closer to budget and Mr. Addison shared that it would be option A because the location has infrastructure currently in place. As alluded by the Chairman, Mr. Maschke shared that due to the increase in construction prices, both proposals for the building alone have absorbed the budget.

The Chairman called for a discussion of the recommendation of the Government Affairs Committee that current plans continue for the county morgue ensuring to the degree possible that sufficient land is available at or near the selected site for the addition of a functional forensic science lab to be developed at some future date in partnership with Albany State University. Further, it is recommended that the Governmental Affairs Committee continue to work with Albany State University to assist where possible in development of the lab. Government Affairs Committee Chairwoman Gloria Gaines addressed. County Administrator Michael McCoy was present. Chairwoman Gaines clarified that if there is expansion, then it would be an ASU cost.

The Chairman called for a discussion of a recommendation to review and discuss a proposed draft of a Management, Operations and Maintenance Agreement for the Government Center between Dougherty County and the City of Albany. County Attorney Spencer Lee and County Administrator Michael McCoy addressed. Commissioner Gray would like a subleasing clause included where the other entity will have approval. Additionally, he wanted the administration team to be clearly identified and add a clause for operations cost utilization.

The Chairman called for a discussion of a recommendation to take appropriate action to either demolish or bring up to Code one dilapidated structure located at 1000 Liberty Expressway. County Attorney Spencer Lee and County Administrator Michael McCoy addressed. Attorney Lee shared some concerns and Mr. McCoy shared that the cost estimate in the private sector is approximately \$90,000 but most of it will be absorbed because staff will do the work. Even after cost absorption, the request exceeds the budget for the Special Services District. Any action taken will require a budget amendment. EPD will need to be contacted for additional guidance. The Chairman was clear that he does not desire for the County to own a gas station, even though he is in favor of cleaning up the area. Commissioner Edwards expressed frustration regarding action on Barbragale Avenue. The Chairman shared that the home does not meet the condition of dilapidated property. Commissioner Jones provided an update that the property owners have been identified and Code Enforcement is taking action to include how the mortgage company may be able to remove the tree.

The Chairman called for a discussion of a recommendation from Public Works to apply for a Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant (LMIG) - Safety Action Plan (SAP) from the Georgia Department of Transportation for a 70% grant that requires a 30% match. Funding is available in TSPLOST and will be used for the installation of new signage and/or the repair of existing signage along 6 roads (~24.6 miles). Assistant County Administrator Scott Addison, Public Works Director Larry Cook and Project Engineer Jeremy Brown addressed. Action on this item was scheduled in the following Special Called Meeting because the grant application is due Wednesday, April 14, 2021.

Commissioner Johnson requested an update from the Tax Commissioner about homestead exemptions for seniors.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned to a Special Called Meeting at 11:21 a.m.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK

DOUGHERTY COUNTY COMMISSION
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES

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April 12, 2021

The Dougherty County Commission met for a Special Called Meeting immediately following the Work Session in Room 100 of the Albany-Dougherty Government Center on April 12, 2021. Chairman Christopher Cohilas presided and called the meeting to order at 11:21 am. Commissioners present were Victor Edwards, Gloria Gaines, Russell Gray, Clinton Johnson, Anthony Jones and Ed Newsome. 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, via live streaming of the meeting on the County's Facebook page and the government public access channel.

The Chairman called for consideration of the recommendation from Public Works to apply for a Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant (LMIG) - Safety Action Plan (SAP) from the Georgia Department of Transportation for a 70% grant that requires a 30% match. Funding is available in TSPLOST and will be used on the installation of new signage and/or the repair of existing signage along 6 roads (~24.6 miles).

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

There being no further business to discuss the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK

AFRAM Tech, Inc.

Information and knowledge is power and money!

CFR49-26 Workshop for DBE's

April 26th 2021

Mr. Christopher Cohilas, Chair
Dougherty County Commission
Admin. Mr. McCoy, & Attorney Mr. Lee
P O Box 1827
Albany, GA 31702-1827

RE: "Update on Our New Deal;" Minority Business Office-Re-opening
SPLOST Oversight Committee, -Crime Lab" Action via SPLOST-
Budget Amendments Data

Greetings: Chairmann, Commissioners, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Lee, Et Al

We are pleased to provide for your consideration our New Deal as was the case about 90 years in the past under the umbrella of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's "New Deal". FYI, the State of Albany-Dougherty County along with Sowega other than "lee County."

Therefore we need to have an oversight Committee to mitigate "value Shopping," as in the instant case of a construction of a "morgue." Simply stated there have simply been to many adjustments without any genuine vetting by or via the public. Consequently we are bringing you an update on our local initiative to manifest such actions" via our "New Deal".

Therefore, at yor next session place us on the agenda to provide an update on the PPP Loan data as well as the "Shuttered Venues Operators Grant". The mechanics of which we will provide at our workshop at the Micro-Business enterprise Center, 230 S. Jackson Street, Albany, GA 31701 on April 27, 2021 11:00-01:00PM on to helping to dramatically spur growth

Presently, we appear to be making significant achievement in the arena of slowing the dreaded "pandemic;" in all of its awesome variants. Of course, this community is very appreciative of those milestones of getting people vaccinated with the assistance of the county, DC School System, City of Albany, Phoebe Putney Hospital, DCH and so many others working together in such endeavors.

Mr. McCoy

Disparity Study Final Report



Presented to:

Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization Study Consortium

Dougherty County

City of Albany

Water, Gas & Light Commission

Dougherty County Schools

Albany Tomorrow, Inc. (ATI)

Presented by:

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August 20, 2008

Study purpose

- **Study assesses need for continued/future programs to assist MBE/WBEs in Consortium procurement**
 - Last Consortium disparity study conducted in 2001
- **Consortium agencies have operated race- and gender-based programs**
 - U.S. Supreme Court established “strict scrutiny” as the legal standard for race-conscious programs
 - Courts have since struck down a number of local MBE/WBE programs
- **Results pertain to locally-funded procurement, not implementation of Federal DBE Program (e.g., Airport DBE Program)**

Study background

- **Study began in summer 2007 and completed in August 2008**
- **Quantitative analysis of:**
 - More than 74,000 Consortium purchases
 - Bidding processes
 - Local marketplace conditions
- **Quantitative information from:**
 - Surveys
 - In-depth interviews
 - Public hearings
- **More than 1,000 local businesses provided information to study team**

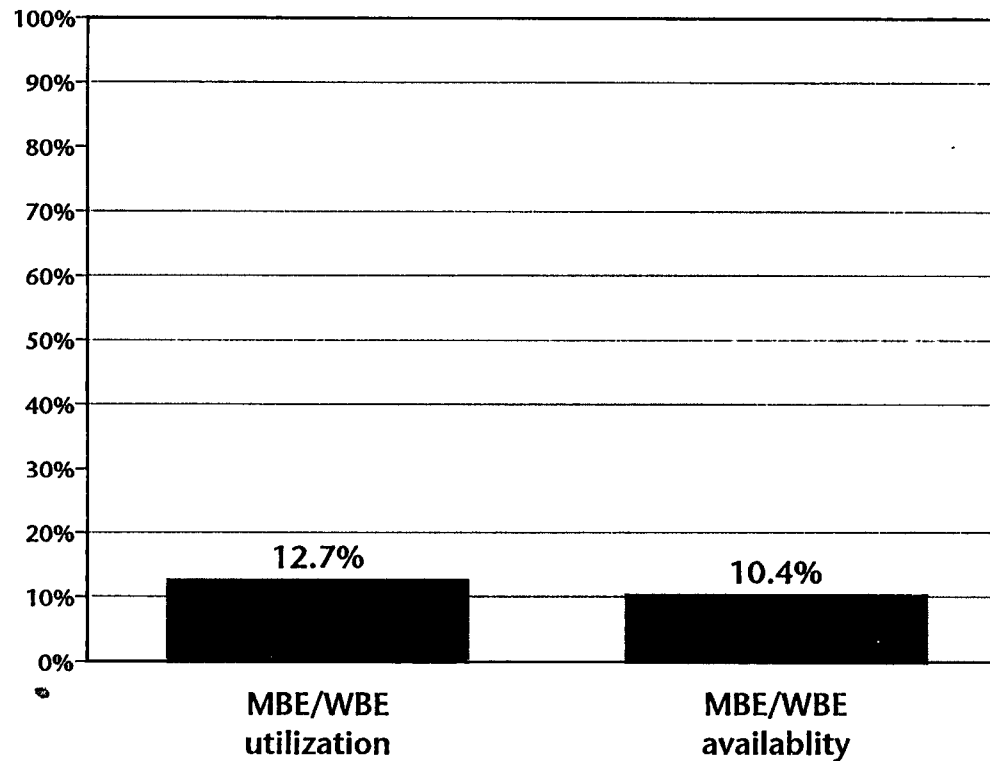
Summary of results

- a. Some success encouraging MBE/WBE utilization in Consortium procurement**
- b. More to be done**
- c. Procurement dollars leave the Albany area**
- d. Need to revise SDBU subcontracting program**

a. Some success encouraging MBE/WBE utilization

- **By some measures, success opening procurement to minority- and women-owned firms**
 - SDBU Office small business assistance has contributed to success... should be continued
 - Consortium makes strong efforts to inform MBE/WBEs of procurement opportunities

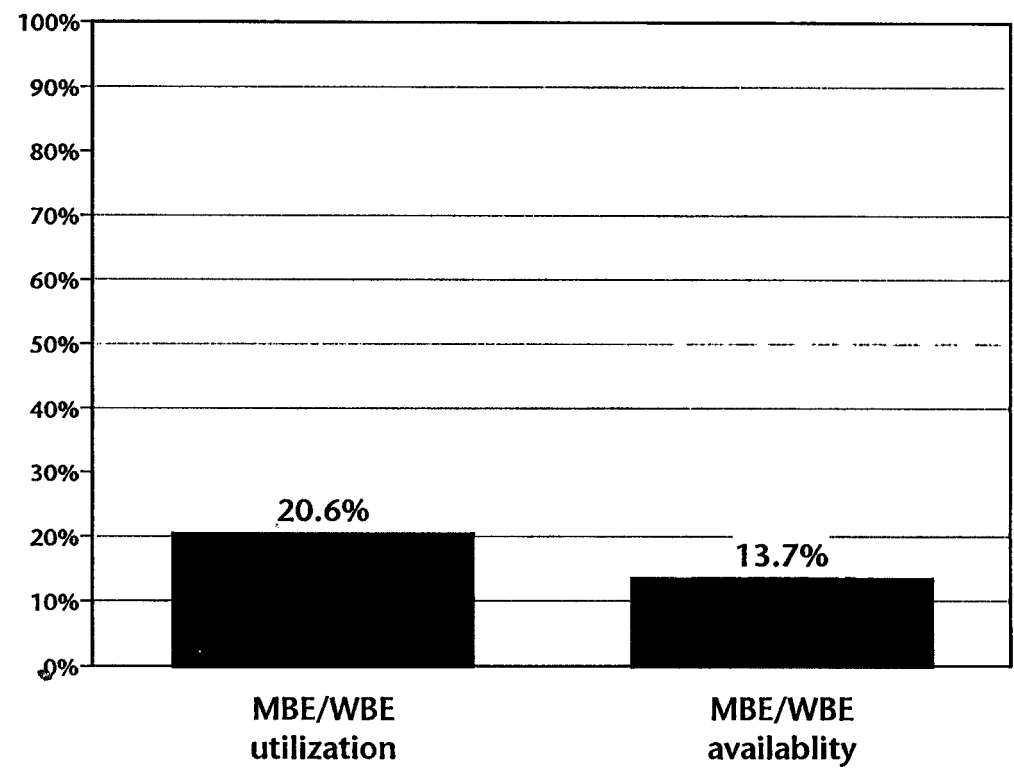
Utilization and availability of MBE/WBEs in Consortium procurement, July 2004–June 2007



Note: Based on analysis of 19,036 procurements totaling \$141 million. Includes non-certified minority- and women-owned firms.

Source: BBC Research & Consulting disparity analysis.

Utilization and availability of MBE/WBEs in DCSS construction subcontracts, July 2004– June 2007



Note: Based on analysis of 98 subcontracts totaling \$40 million. Includes non-certified minority- and women-owned firms.
Source: BBC Research & Consulting from analysis of Dougherty County School System subcontract data for large construction contracts.



b. More to be done

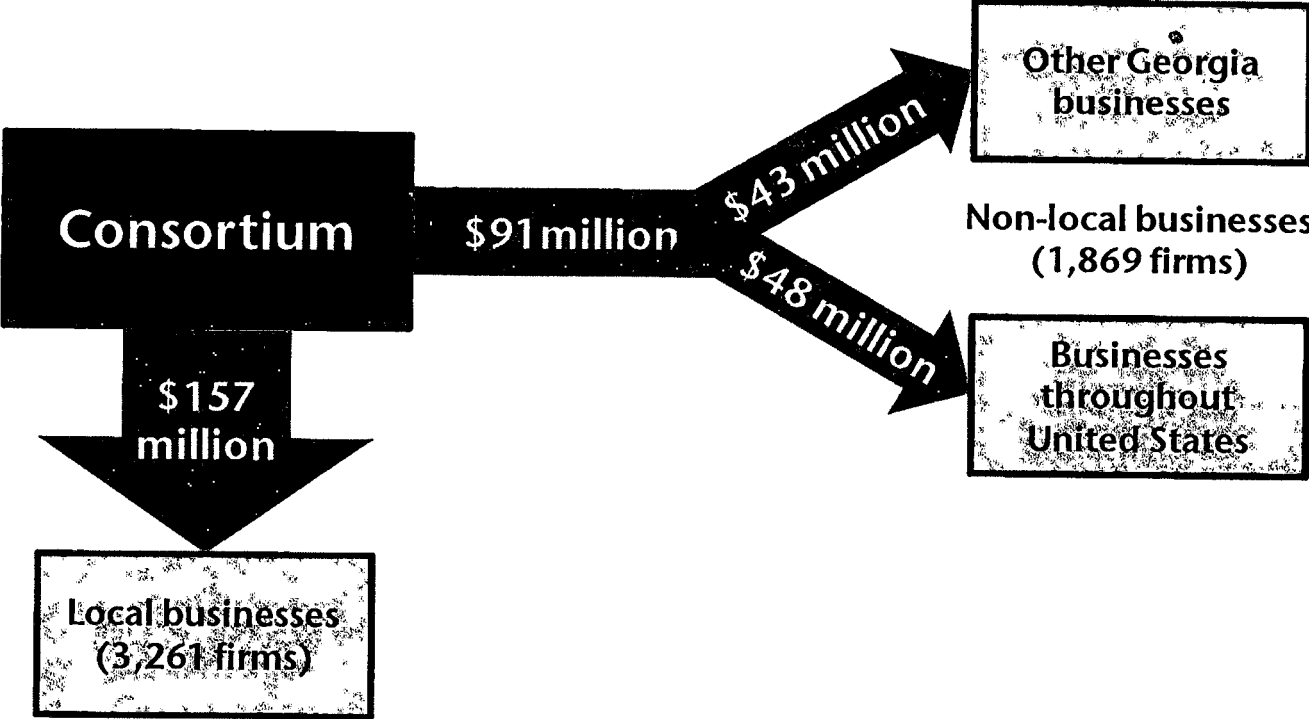
■ There is more for Consortium agencies to do ...

- Some evidence that there is not a “level playing field” for MBE/WBEs in the local marketplace
- 27% of local firms are minority- or women-owned, but most local MBEs and WBEs are small
- Low rates of business ownership for minorities and women
- Some interviewees perceive continuing effects of race and gender discrimination

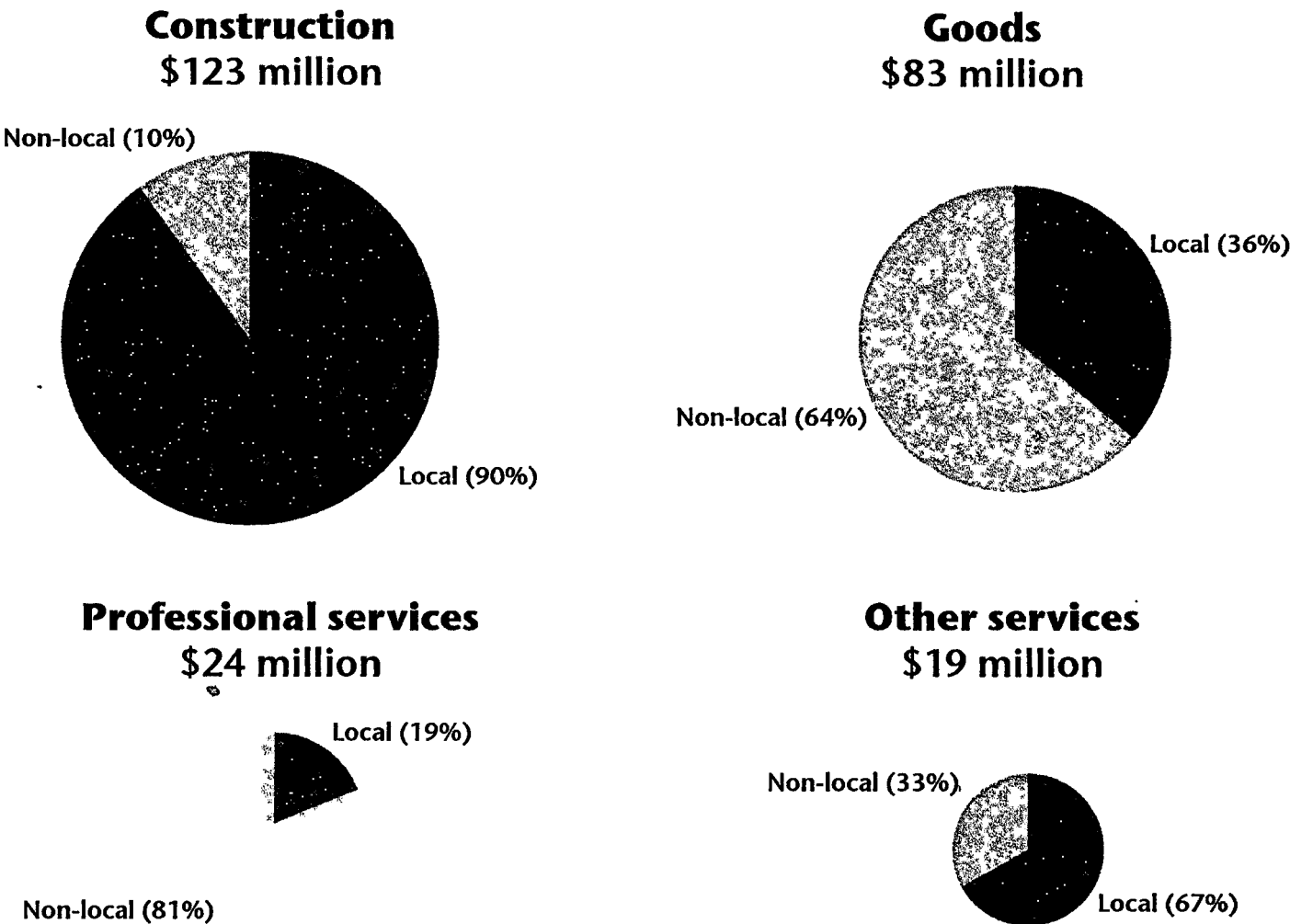
Interviewee and public hearing comments about subcontracting goals program

- From some MBE/WBEs: seldom contacted for bids on non-goals contracts
- Some contracts do not have subcontracting opportunities
- MBE/WBE “fronts”
- MBE/WBEs listed as subs and not used on the contract
- Opportunities for “bid shopping”
- Difficulties implementing “good faith efforts”
- Potential for non-local firms to benefit from program
- Program is “too weak”

Share of procurement dollars staying within local market, July 2004 – June 2007



Share of procurement dollars staying within local market, July 2004 – June 2007



d. Need to revise current subcontracting program

- **The Consortium should revise its current SDBU subcontracting program**
 - Need to collect data on all subcontracts (DCSS has already done this)
 - Local criticism of some aspects of current program
 - May not meet legal requirements to operate a race/gender-conscious program in the future

Recommendations

■ 12 recommendations to improve existing SDBU Program

- Continue neutral efforts that are working
- New measures to build local small businesses
- Strengthen implementation

Recommended next steps for the Consortium

■ Consortium should:

- Review information and recommendations in the Study
- Consider other information, ideas from local business community
- Closely monitor legal developments

■ Changes will require time, training and resources to implement

■ Should evaluate effectiveness once implemented

1. Improve MBE/WBE/small business utilization tracking

- Expand utilization tracking to include small and local businesses
- Firms should register with SDBU office or agency

2. Develop comprehensive bidders list

- One-stop bidder registration system for use by all agencies
- SDBU directory can provide starting point
- Needs frequent updating

3. Continue race-neutral SDBU Program elements

- Bonding, financing, insurance
- Other technical assistance
- Information on procurement opportunities
- Streamlined payment
- Liaison with business community

4. Discontinue MBE/WBE “self-performance” provision

- Prime contractors should not count their own MBE/WBE or small business status as a way to meet contract goal
- All primes should be required to meet subcontracting goal

5. Continue investigating complaints of discrimination

- Current program allows for SDBU Office to investigate allegations and complaints
- Provision should be continued and fully implemented

6. Revise bonding requirements

- Dougherty County should raise bonding threshold to \$100,000+
- Exceptions would still apply

7. Add local small business provisions

- Evaluation preferences for certified local small businesses
- Solicitation of bids from certified local small business

8. Require complete subcontractor list

- Dollar amounts and types of work for each sub
- Agency approval to substitute subs
- Track payments to subs

9. Annual MBE/WBE utilization reports for each Consortium contractor

- Annual “report cards” for each prime contractor doing business with the Consortium
- Consortium can better assess any allegations that certain prime contractors have discriminated against minority- or women-

10. Enforce penalties for misrepresentation in certification applications

- Allegations that some certified firms are “fronts”
- Existing penalties should be fully enforced

11. Eliminate good faith efforts/change eligibility to focus on economic disadvantage

- Set small business subcontracting goals on contracts
- Require bidders to meet goals or request waiver prior to bid opening
- Waivers would apply to all bidders on that contract
- Eliminate good faith effort option
- Base certification solely on economic criteria
- Current certified firms eligible if they meet size and location criteria
- Change definition of “small” from current \$17.4 million (down to \$5 million or \$1 million)
- Retain personal net worth limits

Recommended next steps for the Consortium

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- **Changes will require time, training and resources to implement**

- **Should evaluate effectiveness once implemented**

Results of the analysis of weighted MBE/WBE availability. BBC's analysis indicates that MBEs and WBEs would receive 10.4 percent of prime contract and subcontract dollars for Consortium agency contracts for 2004 through 2007. This means that 10.4 percent of dollars on Consortium agency contracts would go to minority- and women-owned firms (MBE/WBEs) if available MBE/WBEs received the same amount of work as similarly-situated majority-owned firms available for such work. This analysis considered the type of work, contract role and size of work involved in each prime contract and subcontract and the types, contract roles, and contract sizes for work performed by available firms.

Consistent with the non-weighted availability reported in Figure D-6, white women-owned firms comprise the largest portion of the overall dollar-weighted availability. As shown in Figure D-8, dollar-weighted availability of WBEs across all types of Consortium procurement included in the disparity study is 7.3 percent. Dollar-weighted availability of African American-owned firms is 2.6 percent. Native American-owned firms and Hispanic American-owned firms show dollar-weighted availability of 0.4 percent and 0.1 percent, respectively.

Figure D-8.
Dollar-weighted availability of
MBE/WBEs for Consortium agency
contracts, by race, ethnicity and
gender

Note:

For more detail, see Figure E-1 in Appendix E.

Source:

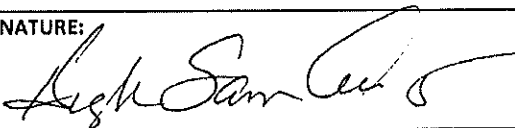
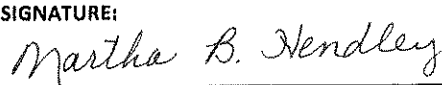
BBC Research & Consulting from 2008 Availability Survey.

Race, ethnicity and gender	Percent of total
African American-owned	2.6%
Asian-Pacific American-owned	0.0
Subcontinent Asian American-owned	0.0
Hispanic American-owned	0.1
Native American-owned	0.4
Total MBE	3.2%
WBE (white women-owned)	7.3
Total MBE/WBE	10.4%



GRANT REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FORM

Item 5a.

DATE: April 19, 2021				
1070 / EMS				
FY 2021 Non-Competitive EMS Trauma Related Equipment Reimbursement Grant				
GRANTING AGENCY: Georgia Trauma Commission				
CFDA # (IF FEDERAL GRANT) N/A				
PROGRAM TITLE: EMS Trauma Related Equipment				
FUNDING REQUEST:				
FEDERAL	STATE	LOCAL MATCH	OTHER	TOTAL REQUEST
	\$11,031.02			\$ 11,031
IF LOCAL MATCH IS REQUIRED, ARE FUNDS AVAILABLE IN CURRENT BUDGET? N/A		Comments: (in-kind, direct appropriation, etc.)		
INDIRECT COSTS? No	AMOUNT: N/A			
REIMBURSEMENT GRANT: Yes / \$11,031.00				
PROJECT DIRECTOR: Richard Roberts		PHONE: 229.302.3905	rroberts@dougherty.ga.us	
DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR OR OFFICIAL APPROVING SUBMISSION (PRINT NAME & TITLE) Hugh Allen: EMS Director		SIGNATURE: 		DATE: 4-19-2021
REVIEWED BY FINANCE: Director Martha B. Hendley		SIGNATURE: 		DATE: 4/21/2021
REVIEWED BY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR: Michael McCoy		SIGNATURE:		DATE:
COUNTY COMMISSION ACTION: Christopher S. Cohilas		APPROVED: Y/N		DATE: 4/26/2021

**A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED**

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR INVESTIGATION AND/OR INSPECTION BY THE PUBLIC OFFICER AS DESIGNATED UNDER DOUGHERTY COUNTY NUISANCE ABATEMENT RESOLUTION NUMBER 02-034 AND/OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE AND PROVIDING FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE DOUGHERTY COUNTY NUISANCE ABATEMENT RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY; REPEALING RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HERewith; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, there exists in the unincorporated area of the County certain real property that is unfit for human habitation and not in compliance with applicable County codes and state laws and constitutes an endangerment to the public health and safety as a result of unsanitary and unsafe conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Dougherty County, Georgia finds that it is necessary to utilize Dougherty County Nuisance Abatement Resolution Number 02-034 to abate the nuisances as found in the unincorporated area of the County.

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 The Public Officer, as designated in Dougherty County Nuisance Abatement Resolution Number 02-034, is hereby requested to make an investigation and inspection of the following property to determine if the above-described conditions exist under applicable codes: 124 Lovers Lane Road, Albany, Georgia 31701.

SECTION II The Public Officer is hereby requested to have filed in a Civil Court with jurisdiction a Complaint In Rem against the above-stated lots, tracts or parcels of real property found to be in violation of said Resolution.

SECTION III The County Attorney is hereby directed to take appropriate action on behalf of Dougherty County relative to the above-stated properties to abate any nuisance found to be in violation of Dougherty County Nuisance Abatement Resolution Number 02-034.

SECTION IV The County Attorney, Public Officer and County Administrator are hereby authorized to expend funds necessary to have the violations abated, including demolition costs.

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

This the 26th day of April, 2021.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA

BY: _____
Christopher S. Cohilas, Chairman

ATTEST:

County Clerk