



REGULAR MEETING

August 19, 2024
10:00 AM

Albany-Dougherty Government Center
222 Pine Ave, Room 100, Albany, GA 31701

AGENDA

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

1. Call the meeting to order by Chairman Lorenzo Heard.
2. Roll Call.
3. Invocation.
4. Pledge of Allegiance.
5. Minutes.
 - a. Consider for action the Minutes of the July 15th Regular Meeting, July 29th Work Session, and July 29th Special Called Meeting. **ACTION:**
6. Tax - Public Hearing. ***(Those wishing to speak for or against this item should sign the Sign Up sheet located on the table in the rear of the Chamber before the start of the meeting).***
 - a. Proposed tax increase of .15% for the County-Wide Digest and the proposed tax increase of .15% for the Special Services Digest. The millage rates remain the same as last year. The County-Wide millage rate is 19.069 and the Special Services millage rate is 9.173.
7. 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. Margaret Halbrook, Interim County Extension Coordinator, is present to update the Commission with the Quarterly Report.

8. Additional Business.
 - a. Consider for action the Resolution providing for the acceptance and execution of Addendum 2 of the Third-Party Administrative Services Agreement between Charles Taylor and Dougherty County Board of Commissioners. **ACTION:**
 - b. Consider for action the recommendation to increase the Tipping Fee rates at the Landfill effective October 1, 2024. The rates for MSW Garbage, Inert C&D, and residential self-haul will increase from \$38.97 to \$40.97, the rates for asbestos will increase from \$43.26 to \$45.26 and the rates for liquids will increase from \$71.72 to \$73.72. The last increase was effective July 1, 2016. **ACTION:**
 - c. Consider for action the nomination of Commissioner Anthony Jones to serve as the County's Voting Delegate at the ACCG Legislative Conference Business Session on October 10, 2024 in Athens-Clarke County. *Appointments are made by nominations.* **ACTION:**
9. Updates from the Acting County Administrator.
 - a. Reminder** - There are two additional Tax Public Hearings scheduled. The first will be 6 p.m. August 19th and the second on 10 a.m. August 26th, both in Room 100.
10. Updates from the County Attorney.
11. Updates from the County Commission.
12. Consider for action the recommendation from the County Attorney to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel and pending litigation and then to adjourn.

Dougherty County's Vision Statement

Dougherty County will be a committed leader in sustaining a high quality of life by partnering with citizens, businesses, and other government agencies to make this a community of choice for living, working, and leisure activities.

Dougherty County's Mission Statement

To improve the quality of life for all our citizens by being accessible and good stewards of our resources while delivering cost-effective, responsive, services with integrity, fairness, and friendliness.

Individuals with disabilities who require certain accommodations in order to allow them to observe and/or participate in this meeting, or who have questions regarding the accessibility of the meeting or the facilities are required to contact the ADA Coordinator at 229-431-2121 promptly to allow the County to make reasonable accommodations for those persons.

DOUGHERTY COUNTY COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

July 15, 2024 DRAFT

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Under items from the Board, Commissioner Gaines asked that a Governmental Affairs Committee Meeting be scheduled to review the work of Jarrad & Davis.

The Chairman called for a recommendation from the County Attorney to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel and then to adjourn.

Commissioner Johnson moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Newsome, the motion for approval passed unanimously via roll call.

There being no further discussion, the Board entered into Executive Session at 10:02 a.m.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK

DOUGHERTY COUNTY COMMISSION

WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES

July 29, 2024 DRAFT

The Dougherty County Commission met in Room 100 of the Albany-Dougherty Government Center on July 29, 2024. Chairman Lorenzo Heard presided and called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Gloria Gaines, Russell Gray, Victor Edwards, Anthony Jones, Clinton Johnson, and Ed Newsome. Also present were Acting County Administrator Barry Brooks, County Attorney Alex Shalishali, County Clerk Jawahn Ware, and other staff. The public and 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, the Chairman recognized Tax Director Shonna Josey, Chief Appraiser Adam Bridges, and Vice-Chairman of the Board of Tax Assessors Larry Thomas to discuss the Certified 2024 Tax Digest for the Countywide M&O and Special Services District. Ms. Josey shared the 2024 County M&O Tax Digest Summary and said that the 2024 net value is 2,090,213,343 which is a net increase of 0.16%. The FLPA assess value is 13,097,062 and is a negative (3.64) net percentage change. There was a positive increase of \$10,465,695 or 4% for the 2024 M&O amount of 272,317,305 for Homestead & Property Exemptions. The Countywide M&O Tax Digest for net personal property assessed value is 344,867,518 which is a negative change from 2023 of (\$414,759) and (0.12%). For net real property M&O assessed value, the amount value is \$1,711,352,123 which is a positive change from 2023 of \$3,988,841 or 0.23%. Based on the 2023 Tax Year Millage Rate of 19.069, the levy and assessed amount is \$39,858,218 and a value of 2,090,213,343 for a parcel count of 37.795. Compared to 2023, the total tax levy increased by 0.16% and \$62,167 which was mentioned previously. FLPA, less the 3% Administrative Fee, there was a change of negative (\$9,139) and (3.64%). For tax year 2024, the exempt properties total is 514,093,125, which equates to \$26,340,690 or 5.40%. She discussed the rollback percentage and it was listed the same as 2023 of 19.069. If the Board keeps the millage rate the same, there will need to be three public hearings. Ms. Josey then reviewed the notice of property tax for the current 2024 Property Tax Digest and 5-year History of Levy by sharing the gross digest of 2,362,530,648 and equated \$39,858,278 for the total M&O taxes levied, yielding the previously discussed net tax increase of \$62,167 or 0.16% increase. Misters Thomas and Bridges answered questions with Ms. Josey for the Board.

Information for the Special Services District was shared. The 2024 gross value is 708,796,973 which is a net increase of 0.19% less the homestead exemption of 111,877,373 and a negative change of (\$3,140,415) the increase is 2.89% giving the net digest of 2024 Assessed Value of 596,919,600, negative change of (\$1,794,358) or (0.30% net). The FLPA is negative (5.69%) and (\$1,012,916) for an assessed value of 16,780,922. The Special Services 2024 net personal property M&O is 48,513,668 which is a negative change from 2023 of (\$7,584,102) or (13.52%). For net real property, M&O assessed value is 533,051,299 which is a positive change from 2023 of \$5,65,125 or 1.07%. The Homestead and Property Exemptions 2024 M&O amount is 111,877,373 with a change of \$3,140,415 or 2.89%. Based on the 2023 Tax Year Millage rate, of 9.173, the levy and assessed amount is \$5,475,542, and the value of

\$596,919,600, for a parcel count of 9,328. Compared to 2023 the total tax levy decreased and is negative (\$16,461) or negative (0.30%) and FLPA decreased (\$9,013) or negative (5.69%). The 2024 Tax Digest Exempt & Properties is 154,422,770 and is a negative change for value and count (6,954,389 or 4.31%). Ms. Josey referenced the FLPA Revenue Reduction Calculator and shared that the reimbursement value is 16,780,922. She discussed the rollback percentage and it was listed the same as 2023 of 9.173. If the Board keeps the millage rate the same, three public hearings can be held with those for the Countywide. She reviewed the notice of property tax increase and gave the example that if the rates were kept the same, the fair market of a \$150,000 home will result in an increase of \$0.81 and the proposed tax increase for non-homestead property with a fair market value of \$125,000 is an approximated increase of \$0.70. The Board requested that the notice for Countywide M&O be reflected as dollars and not percentages. She referenced the notice for the current 2024 Property Tax Digest and 5-year History of Levy noting that the gross digest of 708,796,973 with a net digest value of 596,919,600 and equates to a total levied amount of \$5,475,573, yielding previously discussed negative tax increase of (\$16,460) or (0.30%). Due to technical difficulties, PILOT and VPILOT information will have to be presented later. It was noted during the question and answer period that the tax sale will be rescheduled. The presentation concluded with a review of the 2024 Tax Digest Timeline.

The Chairman recognized Courtney E. Rogers, Senior Vice President, Davenport & Company LLC, to provide a FY25 Budget Review and Millage Rate discussion. Davenport, as our new financial advisor, was asked to review the County's FY25 budget along with the Tax Commissioner assessed values to recommend where to set the millage rate for FY25. Davenport reviewed the County's financial history dating back to FY19, along with some comparisons to budget results. Additionally, similar-sized counties in Georgia were used. He shared budgeting observations noting that Dougherty County has chosen to use a budget stabilization reserve in the last several budgets as a revenue source to balance the budget. Up to this point, it has not been utilized due to the operating expenditures coming in lower than budgeted and revenues coming in higher than budgeted.

Mr. Rogers wanted the Commission to view itself as a not-for-profit organization with nearly a \$100 million budget. The presentation focused on the top three areas: General Fund (\$73 million or 82%), Special Services District (\$10 million or 11%), and Solid Waste Enterprise Fund (\$5 million or 6%). He reviewed the General Fund Revenue History. The biggest concern is that property taxes for FY25 are budgeted higher than FY24 actual with no growth assessed values. The General Fund revenues actual versus the budget were discussed. He noted FY24 variance for other taxes and public utilities were not included in the FY24 budget. It was noted FY 23 increase was due to the change in the millage rate. Peer comparisons in the State were reviewed and Dougherty County was in range based on our size. The General Fund expenditures actual versus budget were discussed. Due to the County's change in software, the report only reflected changes to FY21. The top three areas were noted as: 43% of the FY24 Budget were salaries/ wages, 19% were benefits, and 14% were purchased/contracted services.). It was noted that the General Fund's actual expenditures had come in below budget in each of the last four years and the County is not an outlier based on peers.

The County has been able to add to the fund balance but primarily because of ARPA funds. The

last budget document of 2024 showed a 3-month operating reserve or 25% of revenues and they will come back with a suggestion for an adopted fund balance policy. Commissioner Jones noted that Dougherty County has no debt and Mr. Rogers shared that today's presentation focuses on the operation and he will discuss our debt status with their recommendation for a debt policy later. There was a lengthy discussion pertaining to HB581 and Ms. Josey, Mr. Bridges and Mr. Thomas shared information as well. Commissioner Jones asked that ACCG come and make a presentation so Commissioners can be better prepared to discuss this change with constituents. Discussion was held pertaining to the Special Services District Fund. Revenues had exceeded expenditures over the last six years. It was noted that public safety increased by 14% from FY24 to FY25 with an increase of \$1.1 million, requiring the use of the fund balance to cover the decreased revenues. The actual Special Services District Fund revenues exceeded the budget revenues over the last six years and expenditures have come in below budget, leading to a positive net variance each year. It was noted that the Special Services District Fund does not have an unassigned fund balance and it was recommended that a fund balance policy be set.

The Solid Waste Fund was discussed and it was noted that increases to fees can offset expected expenditures growth, and modestly add to the fund balance. The aggregate revenues have come in above budget over the last six years. The expenditures exceeded some budgeted line items when the actual versus budgeted expenditures were discussed. The effect of the tax digest on the FY25 Budget was discussed. It was noted that the Countywide net digest has grown less than 1% on average for the last 7 years. He shared that Ms. Josey had discussed the total M&O. He did note if the Commission decided to roll the millage rate back, the tax increase is 0.01% or \$3,641. The FY25 budgeted revenues were currently approximately \$2.8 million greater than the FY24 revenues (based on July 18, 2024). The unincorporated property net digest averaged a little over 2.5% until this year, 2025. It was noted that the unincorporated M&O tax level decreased in FY25 due to the increase in exemptions exceeding the growth in assessed values. A rollback of the millage would reduce the overall tax levy from a net decrease of \$16,478 to a net decrease of \$24,835. Budget observations were noted and the key ending factor was that the fund balance had not been needed prior to FY25 due to flat proper taxes and the increase on the expenditures side. In addition, there was a possibility that the fund balance may be needed in FY25. The recommendation was the same as Mr. Brooks noted; the FY25 budget and the millage rate should not change. There was a discussion regarding the next steps.

There was a break at 11:50 a.m. and the meeting reconvened at 11:58 a.m.

The Chairman called for a recommendation to accept the quote from Pump Repair & Supply Inc. (McDonough, GA) in the amount of \$36,940 to upgrade and improve pump number 2 at the County's stormwater pump station 7. Consultants, ESG Operations, recommended the upgrade and improvements to prevent station failure. Public Works Director Chuck Mathis addressed. Acting County Administrator Barry Brooks and Engineering Manager Jeremy Brown were present. Funding is available in SPLOST VII. It was shared that stations on Mocking Bird were vital to the community. Mr. Mathis shared that our consultant monitors our pumps constantly and Commissioner Gray suggested that there be scheduled replacements created. Mr. Brooks reconfirmed that Public Works does plan but he wanted to present a capital improvement plan for the Board.

The Chairman called for a recommendation to accept the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Contract quotes to purchase a tanker truck for Dougherty County for a total expenditure of \$787,965. The Cab and Chassis will be purchased from MHC Kenworth of Atlanta, GA in the amount of \$226,590 and the tanker body will be purchased from Ten-8 Fire Company of Bradenton, FL in the amount of \$561,375. The Cab & Chassis will be delivered in ~180 days after receipt of order and the body will be available ~37 months after receipt of chassis by the body manufacturer. Approval is requested prior to August 1st to avoid price increases on both the Cab & Chassis & Body. Funding is budgeted in SPLOST VII and SPLOST VIII. Acting County Administrator Barry Brooks addressed. Chief Cedric Scott, City of Albany Fleet Management Director Peter Bednar, and Fleet Asset Supervisor Dale Henry were present. Chief Scott reminded the Board that the discussion of the purchase started in 2019 and this tanker will be at Station 9 on Antioch Road. It was noted that the purchase helps with safety and does not impact our ISO ratings. The estimated delivery time was confirmed. Mr. Bednar said that the company will delay starting the warranty until the tanker truck is completely built.

The Chairman called for a recommendation to accept the quote from Invision Technologies (Albany, Georgia) to enhance security for the Judicial and Albany-Dougherty Government Buildings for a total expenditure of \$184,893.74. The upgrade to the security surveillance system at the Judicial Building will include NDAA compliant IP cameras, server, licenses, and installation for a cost of \$31,799.09. The security surveillance system for the Albany Dougherty Government Building will include a NDAA compliant IP camera system for the Government Building, east and west parking decks, and an employee access control security system for a cost of \$153,094.65. The Finance Committee accepted the recommendation in the May 17, 2024 Committee meeting. Funding is budgeted in the General Fund. Acting County Administrator Barry Brooks and Major Ken Faust addressed. This request will replace the 29 analog cameras at the Judicial Building and this was a security upgrade. Per the request of Commissioner Johnson, Major Faust shared that the cost of the system for the Government Building will be split with the City of Albany. Upon a question from Commissioner Edwards, it was clarified that there will be no metal detector in the Government Center building. Sheriff-Elect Hayes clarified for Commissioner Edwards that there are incidents in this building, but modifications to the request could be made if desired. Major Faust said that the work plan would be 30-60 days because there was no hardwiring required. Both shared the advantage of having foot patrol in the area.

The Chairman called for a recommendation to rescind the May 6, 2024 award for the Dougherty County Sheriff's Office to purchase one 2024 Ford F150 Police Responder 4X4 in the amount \$55,095 from State Contract vendor, Wade Ford (Smyrna, Ga). Funding was available in SPLOST VIII. The vendor sold the vehicle prior to the Commission award. Another law enforcement vehicle has been identified. Major Ken Faust addressed.

The Chairman called for a recommendation from the Dougherty County Sheriff's Office to purchase one 2023 Ford F150 XLT Crew Truck in the amount \$55,462.06 from Wade Ford (Smyrna, Ga). Funding is available in SPLOST VIII. This purchase will replace the award made on May 6, 2024. Acting County Administrator Barry Brooks and Major Ken Faust addressed. In the previous discussion, Major Faust confirmed that this was a new civilian model.

Commissioner Gray asked if there would be an increase to upfit the truck and Major Faust shared that there would not be because this vehicle would be assigned to Captain Ted Thomas who is assigned to the youth division and does not transport inmates.

The Chairman called for a recommendation to accept three grants from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council and the Council of Accountability Court Judges Operating Grant for FY 2025 in the amount of \$528,649 with a \$26,625 match. The Commission approved the grant application in the February 5, 2024 Regular Meeting. The match will be provided from the DATE Fund. Superior Court Program Coordinator Patricia Griffin addressed.

The Chairman called for a recommendation to declare a 2018 Ford Escape (from the Sheriff's Office) as surplus and authorize the sale through Charles Taylor TPA. Acting County Administrator Barry Brooks addressed.

The Chairman called for a recommendation from the Recreation Committee Chairman for the full Board to discuss the proposed Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Albany, GA and Dougherty County, GA regarding the construction of a Tennis Center. Recreation Committee Chairman Victor Edwards, Acting County Administrator Barry Brooks, and County Attorney Alex Shalishali addressed. Commissioner Edwards provided an update on the individuals from the City of Albany and Dougherty County that participated. Attorney Shalishali shared that the City of Albany had signed the draft. The three major changes the City made were (1) the County takes action within 30 days of the location selection, (2) the County extends commitment another year, and (3) the City of Albany will add a pickleball court. Commissioner Johnson asked that the City of Albany reveal the amount of money they were dedicating to the pickleball court. Commissioner Jones shared that his concerns were currently being addressed in the MOU. Commissioner Gaines mentioned her concerns regarding the location and Commissioner Gray said that the City of Albany has already worked with Albany State University (ASU) to place the site on the West Campus and the proposal has been submitted to Chancellor Perdue at the Board of Regents. Chairman Heard and Commissioner Jones were clear that ASU West is not a favorable location. Commissioner Jones suggested an area off of Jefferson Street and Commissioner Johnson said he desired for the wording in the document be changed. Commissioner Gray was concerned about the perception of the County if action was not taken and not being more efficient in meeting community needs, especially with the small contribution of funds. Commissioner Newsome concurred noting advantages of the existing infrastructure, security, and other features. There was concern regarding the lack of partnerships prior to submission to the state between the city and county. Mr. Brooks proposed action regarding MOU and Attorney Shalishali was asked to research the initial funding of the project.

Mr. Brooks reminded the Board of the Special Called Meeting after the Work Session. He also shared that there was an emergency road repair needed on Fleming Road near the Marine Base. We need to proceed with the repair and can officially bring to the Board [later with final expenditures], but was seeking consensus today. Mr. Mathis addressed questions and noted the initially scheduled phase [of repair] and it was shared that the vendor was ready to mobilize. It was mentioned that the County does not want to shut down the road. Funding is planned from TSPLOST but an alternative source was being evaluated. There were no objections to proceeding

and an update on the security breach was provided. Forty servers had been brought back online since Friday and Mr. Brooks had provided a prioritization of impact to the City of Albany. Commissioner Gray asked if personal information has been impacted and if so, what mediation will be provided. Mr. Brooks said at this time, there was no personal information breached and there was no update on a full remedy.

Commissioner Johnson asked why the meeting was not held on July 22nd but there were two held on today. Clerk Ware shared the meeting schedule per the ordinance and today's main purpose for the Special Called Meeting was to enter into Executive Session and take action on urgent issues. Commissioner Gaines shared about the passing of Civil Rights Activist Bernice Johnson Riggins.

There being no further business to discuss the Commission the meeting adjourned at 12:59 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK

DOUGHERTY COUNTY COMMISSION
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES

DRAFT

July 29, 2024

The Dougherty County Commission met for a Special Called Meeting in Room 100 of the Albany-Dougherty Government Center on July 29, 2024 immediately following the Work Session. Chairman Lorenzo Heard presided and called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Present were Commissioners Victor Edwards, Gloria Gaines, Russell Gray, Clinton Johnson, Ed Newsome, and Anthony Jones. Also present were Acting County Administrator Barry Brooks, County Attorney Alex Shalishali, and County Clerk Jawahn Ware. The public participated in person and 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 to accept the quote from Pump Repair & Supply Inc. (McDonough, GA) in the amount of \$36,940 to upgrade and improve pump number 2 at the County's stormwater pump station 7. Consultants, ESG Operations, recommended the upgrade and improvements to prevent station failure. 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 of the recommendation to accept the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Contract quotes to purchase a tanker truck for Dougherty County for a total expenditure of \$787,965. The Cab and Chassis will be purchased from MHC Kenworth of Atlanta, GA in the amount of \$226,590 and the tanker body will be purchased from Ten-8 Fire Company of Bradenton, FL in the amount of \$561,375. The Cab & Chassis will be delivered in ~180 days after receipt of the order and the body will be available ~37 months after receipt of the chassis by the body manufacturer. Approval is requested prior to August 1st to avoid price increases on both the Cab & Chassis & Body. Funding is budgeted in SPLOST VII and SPLOST VIII.

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

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Commissioner Jones moved for approval. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. Under discussion, Commissioner Edwards reiterated his concern for the public not having access to the backdoor. Mr. Brooks reconfirmed that the back door will be for employee access, but the public does have the ability to exit the building. There being no further discussion, the motion for approval passed with six ayes and one nay by Commissioner Edwards.

The Chairman called for consideration of the recommendation to rescind the May 6, 2024 award for the Dougherty County Sheriff's Office to purchase one 2024 Ford F150 Police Responder 4X4 in the amount of \$55,095 from State Contract vendor, Wade Ford (Smyrna, Ga). Funding was available in SPLOST VIII. The vendor sold the vehicle prior to the Commission award.

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

The Chairman called for consideration of the resolution declaring a 2018 Ford Escape (from the Sheriff's Office) as surplus and authorizing the sale through Charles Taylor TPA.

Commissioner Jones moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Johnson, the motion for approval passed unanimously. Resolution 24-030 is entitled:

RESOLUTION
ENTITLED
A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE AS SURPLUS A SALVAGED 2018
FORD ESCAPE (VIN NO. 1FMCU0GD1JUC11949) AND HAVE
SAID SURPLUSSED SALVAGED VEHICLE DISPOSED OF
THROUGH CHARLES TAYLOR TPA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY'S
THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATOR; REPEALING RESOLUTIONS

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

The Chairman called for consideration of the recommendation from the County Attorney to enter into Executive Session, after the intern reception, for the purpose of discussing personnel and then to adjourn.

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

There being no further discussion, the Board left the chambers at 1:07 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK

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

NOTICE

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

CURRENT 2024 PROPERTY TAX DIGEST AND 5 YEAR HISTORY OF LEVY

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

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

NOTICE

The Dougherty **County Board of Commissioners** does hereby announce that the millage rate will be set at a meeting to be held at the Government Center, 222 Pine Avenue, Room 100 on August 26, 2024 at 10:30 am and pursuant to the requirements of O.C.G.A. § 48-5-32 and 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

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

**A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED
A RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL OF ADDENDUM 2 OF THE THIRD-PARTY
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CHARLES TAYLOR TPA, LLC;
REPEALING RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT
HEREWITH;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2020, the Board of Commissioners of Dougherty County, Georgia approved a Third-Party Administrative Services Agreement with Underwriters Safety & Claims, Inc. (“Underwriters”), to provide claims administrative services;

WHEREAS, the Acting County Administrator recommends that the Board of Commissioners of Dougherty County, Georgia accept Addendum 2 of the Third-Party Administrative Services Agreement with Underwriter’s successor in interest, Charles Taylor TPA, LLC, to continue providing claim administration services with a 3.5% inflationary increase over prior year rates pursuant to the fee schedule forth in Addendum 2 of the Third-Party Administrative Services Agreement attached hereto;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Dougherty County, Georgia has considered and is hereby desirous of approving Addendum 2 of the Third-Party Administrative Services Agreement as recommended by the Acting County Administrator;

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

SECTION I The attached Addendum 2 of the Third-Party Administrative Services Agreement is hereby approved and adopted and the Dougherty County Chairman along with any other appropriate Dougherty County staff are hereby authorized to execute any and all other documents necessary to the full implementation of said Amendment.

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

This the 19th day of August, 2024.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA

BY: _____
Lorenzo L. Heard, Chairman

ATTEST:

County Clerk



**THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AGREEMENT
ADDENDUM 2**

This addendum to the Third-Party Administrative Services Agreement made and originally effective July 1, 2020, between Underwriters Safety & Claims, Inc. and Dougherty County Board of Commissioners ("Client") - is effective July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, as follows:

1. CT TPA agrees to continue claims administration service with a 3.5% inflationary increase over prior year rates. Client agrees to renew this agreement in year five (7/1/2024 - 6/30/2025) based on a fee of \$58,235 invoiced quarterly @ \$14,559 for claim services based upon the annual projection of new claim counts below.

<u>Claim Type</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>Fee Per Claim</u>
Administration Fee	-	\$4,500 flat annually
Automobile Claims	56	\$475
General Liability Claims	15	\$595
Management Liability Claims	9	\$795
Property Claims	4	\$600
WC Indemnity and MO > \$3500	7	\$780
WC Med Only < = \$3500 incurred	57	\$135

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

CLIENT, BY: Dougherty County Board of Commissioners

TITLE: _____

DATE: _____

FOR: Charles Taylor TPA, LLC
PO Box 436499, Louisville, KY 40253-6499

BY: _____

TITLE: _____

DATE: _____

Dougherty County Landfill Tipping Fees
Fees Effective October 1, 2024

MATERIAL	CURRENT RATES	PROPOSED RATES
MSW Garbage	\$38.97	\$40.97
INERT C&D	\$38.97	\$40.97
LIQUIDS	\$71.72	\$73.72
ASBESTOS	\$43.26	\$45.26
TIRES - 5 OR LESS	\$ 1.00/PER TIRE	\$1.00/PER TIRE
TIRES - OVER 5	\$1.60/PER TIRE OR \$225/PER TON	\$1.60/PER TIRE OR \$225.00/PER TON
TRUCK TIRES OFF-ROAD	\$4.00/PER TIRE	\$4.00/PER TIRE
FARM TRACTOR TIRES	\$40.00/PER TIRE	\$40.00/PER TIRE
RESIDENTIAL SELF HAUL OVER 260 LBS, ONCE PER DAY	\$38.97	\$40.97

Last Tipping Fees Increase was 2016

MEMORANDUM

To: County Chairman, Sole Commissioners and CEOs
Mayors of Consolidated Governments
c/o County Clerks, Managers or Administrators

From: Dave Wills, Executive Director

Date: **July 16, 2024**

Subject: Legislative Leadership Conference Business Session – Official

This is the official call for the business session at the ACCG Legislative Leadership Conference scheduled for Thursday, October 10th at the Classic Center in Athens-Clarke County. The purpose of this session is to consider policies to be adopted by the membership and other business that may come before the body. Each county may appoint a voting delegate (*commissioner or county staff*) to cast its county's vote on matters coming before the business session.

Please note that cellular devices will be used to cast votes and delegates must be able to access their email accounts on-site.

In order for ACCG staff to conduct the voting process as smoothly as possible, we need the name of your county's delegate before the conference convenes. Credentials pickup will be announced once the conference agenda is finalized.

Please complete and return this page no later than Friday, August 30th. Send it to Avis White at awhite@accg.org as a scanned email attachment. Your prompt attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

**2024 LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
VOTING DELEGATE**

Name (First & Last Name)

Title & email address

County