

WORK SESSION

February 12, 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. Minutes.
 - <u>a.</u> Minutes of the January 22nd Regular Meeting, January 29th Work Session and February 2nd Commission Retreat.
- 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. Chairman Heard on behalf of the Dougherty County Board of Commissioners, will present a proclamation celebrating Black History Month and the historical legacy of the Board's African American leadership.
- 5. Purchases.
 - a. Recommendation to ratify the expenditures in the amount of \$189,386 for the emergency rehabilitation of the Public Works crew quarters. Assistant County Administrator Barry Brooks and Facilities Management Director Heidi Hailey will address.
 - b. Recommendation from Dougherty County Police to purchase two (2) mobile license plate readers in the amount of \$41,851 from Madden Associates (Braselton, GA) for use by DCP's Traffic Enforcement Unit. The expenditure includes the license plate readers, installation, software systems, user licenses, and first year warranty. Funding is available in the Special Service District Fund. Assistant County Administrator Barry Brooks and Chief Kenneth Johnson will address.

- c. Recommendation to purchase a Caterpillar 259D3 Compact Track Loader for Solid Waste from State Contract GA #99999-001-SPD0000177-0024 from Yancey Bros. Co. (Albany, GA) in the amount of \$79,233. Funding is budgeted in Solid Waste Capital Outlay. Assistant County Administrator Barry Brooks will address. Solid Waste Interim Director Melvin Williams is present.
- 6. Additional Business.
 - a. Recommendation to approve the Alcohol Application from Nilkanth 2212, Inc., Krupali V. Bodar licensee, dba Crossroads Food Mart, at 3023 Leary Road for Package- Beer and Wine. The Albany-Dougherty Marshal's Office recommends approval. Deputy Marshal Marcus Mitchell, Code Enforcement Department, will address.
- 7. Updates from the Assistant County Administrator.
 - **a. REMINDER** The Public Health Committee will meet in Room 120 immediately following the Executive Session.
- 8. Updates from the County Attorney.
- 9. Updates from the County Commission.
- 10. 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.

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DOUGHERTY COUNTY COMMISSION

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

January 22, 2024

The Dougherty County Commission met in Room 100 of the Albany-Dougherty Government Center on January 22, 2024. Chairman Lorenzo Heard presided and called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Victor Edwards, Gloria Gaines, Russell Gray, Clinton Johnson, Anthony Jones and Ed Newsome. Also present were Assistant County Administrator Barry Brooks, County Attorney Alex Shalishali, 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.

The Chairman recognized Eric Schwalls, GBI Special Agent in Charge, to provide the annual report for 2023. The Southwestern Regional Drug Enforcement Office (SWRDEO) has the responsibility of covering 42 counties in Southwest Georgia. In the calendar year 2023, there were 264 cases opened, 153 total arrests and the total contraband seized was \$4,343,020.31. Questions and concerns of the Board were addressed. Upon the request of Commissioner Jones, Mr. Schwalls shared that he would facilitate a conversation with local law enforcement pertaining to youth access to guns.

The Chairman called for consideration to accept the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant for the 2024 calendar year in the amount of \$248,000. The grant is provided by the Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for the operation of the Southwestern Regional Drug Enforcement Office. The grant acceptance is required annually. Assistant County Administrator Barry Brooks and GBI Special Agent in Charge Eric Schwalls addressed.

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

The Chairman recognized citizen James Leroy to share his concerns about his daughter's arrest by the City of Albany. Commissioner Edwards elaborated on the concern and the Chairman asked Deputy Chief Terron Hayes to assist the citizen.

The Chairman opened the public hearing for Lanier Engineering, applicant, Woodall Holdings, LLLP & Southwood Development, owner (23-081) request to rezone 20 acres from AG (Agricultural District) to R-E (Estate District). The rezoning would allow for the subdivision of an existing parcel less than 40 acres. The property is at 2416 Tarva Rd. The Planning Commission recommended approval. Angel Gray, Deputy Planning Director addressed. Two individuals signed up to speak and applicant Tod Lanier was present to address concerns and there were none. Citizen Henry Dunn no longer had concerns and did not need to address the Board. There being no additional comments regarding the proposed matter, the Chairman closed the public hearing.

The Chairman opened the public hearing for Glen J. Gosa, owner and applicant (23-088) request to rezone a .55 acre lot from C-1 (Neighborhood Mixed-Use Business District) to C-3 (Commercial District). The rezoning would allow for commercial use as a storage building sales lot. The property is 3401 Sylvester Hwy. The Planning Commission recommended approval with the condition of using opaque fencing (buffering). Angel Gray, Deputy Planning Director addressed. There being no one present desiring to speak in opposition or favor regarding the proposed matter, the Chairman closed the public hearing.

The Chairman opened the public hearing for Glen J. Gosa, owner and applicant (23-089) request to rezone a .68 acre lot from C-1 (Neighborhood Mixed-Use Business District) to C-3 (Commercial District). The rezoning would allow for commercial use as a storage building sales lot. The property is 3403 Sylvester Hwy. The Planning Commission recommended approval. Angel Gray, Deputy Planning Director addressed. There being no one present desiring to speak in opposition or favor regarding the proposed matter, the Chairman closed the public hearing.

The Chairman opened the public hearing for Larry & Alma Blakely, owner and applicant (23-090) request to rezone 3.0 acres from R-2 (Single-Family Residential District) to C-7 (Mixed-Use Planned Development District). The rezoning would allow for residential and commercial use as a travel agency for touring buses. The property is at 3228 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive. The Planning Commission recommended approval with the following conditions: (1) The travel agency is limited to two travel buses parked onsite; (2) customer loading and offloading are prohibited; and (3) the use of the property is restricted to singlefamily residential use, the proposed travel agency office, and parking of two tour buses. Angel Gray, Deputy Planning Director addressed. The County Ordinance Section 2-17-5 Truck Routes- Applicability does allow vehicles designed to carry passengers. The rezoning will allow conformity of the use since 2007. The use should not adversely affect the existing use of surrounding parcels. Staff performed a historical review of the property dating back to 2007 and found no complaints on business operations until November 2023. The business operations have not increased. Citizen Nathaniel Dickerson was against the request due to no large vehicle signage. Commissioner Gray restated the exception of the ordinance. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis spoke in opposition due to consistency based on a previous denial of a zoning consideration that did not receive approval. Citizens Mr. and Mrs. Larry and Alma Blakely were in favor of the request. They shared that they have been operating their business for 15 years and found out they were not zoned properly. Once they found out they were not in compliance, they applied for the correct zoning to operate properly. They have resided at the property for over 30 years. Citizen Yvonne Reese spoke in favor of the request. She owns property adjacent to the zoning consideration and she and her family request approval due to the economic impact with no concerns. Commissioner Edwards mentioned that citizen Ethel Powell, whose property was the closest to the zoning consideration was in favor of the request. There being no additional comments regarding the proposed matter, the Chairman closed the public hearing.

The Chairman opened the public hearing for Mary Alice Thomas, owner and applicant (23-093) request to rezone .49 acres from R-2 (Single-Family Residential District) to RMHS (Mobile Home Single-Family District). The rezoning would allow for the installation of a manufactured home for single-family residency. The property is at 505 Engram Court. The Planning Commission recommended approval. Angel Gray, Deputy Planning Director addressed. There being no one present to speak in opposition or favor regarding the proposed matter, the Chairman closed the public hearing.

The Chairman called for consideration of the recommendations regarding Dougherty County's Public Information Officer (PIO) role and proposed contracted public information and marketing services options.

Option 1: Provide support for the full-time in-house PIO and supplement the role with a dedicated contract for services from The Levee, the current vendor. The annual cost for a managed marketing services package is \$63,000 and they will support the significant overhaul of the County's web and social media presence, and provide video and photography services in addition to other public relations support activities.

Option 2: Continue with a contract for full PIO services and support (as listed above) from The Levee, the current vendor. The annual cost for the public information services and a managed marketing services package is \$132,000.

Commissioner Gray motioned to accept Option 2. Commissioner Newsome seconded the motion. Under discussion, Mr. Brooks elaborated on the options. It was proposed that the contract with the Levee would be for a year and the salary of the PIO was about \$70,000 with benefits. After the year, the Board could decide if they would want to continue task by task. Mr. Brooks suggested due to the major tasks requested, it would be best to have a contract. He shared why we would need to change the website due to the last contractor no longer wanting to support us. Both options could work based on the will of the Commission.

Commissioner Johnson made a substitute motion for Option 1. There was still discussion and Commissioners Newsome and Gray shared Option 2 is about \$30,000 cheaper. They both added that the PIO position should be filled by the County Administrator once hired. Commissioner Gray said that Option 2 was most prudent for the County now. Commissioner Gaines clarified that she seconded the substitute motion. Commissioner Edwards shared that there was no input by the Board on the previous hire and his district needed help now. After a lengthy discussion, the substitute motion for Option 1 was called. There being no further discussion, the substitute motion passed with four ayes by Commissioners Edwards, Johnson, Gaines, and Chairman Heard and three nays by Commissioners Newsome, Gray and Jones.

The Chairman called for consideration of the recommendation from the Public Works Department to apply for a Georgia Transportation Infrastructure (GTIB) Grant through the coordination of the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission in the amount of \$1,418,153.50. This is a 60/40% grant requiring a local match. There is a cash match from

the County of 14% (\$198,541.49) and will be funded from TSPLOST. Forty-six percent (46%) of the funding \$652,350.61 will be provided by a GTIB loan. The application would include the construction of the five road projects and the design of the two bridges on Gravel Hill. The application deadline is January 25, 2024. If approved, the grant will save the County approximately \$560,000.

Commissioner Jones moved for approval. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. Under discussion, Attorney Shalishali did confirm that TSPLOST funds can be dedicated to financing projects. Commissioner Johnson thanked Mr. Brooks for his consideration. Commissioner Jones suggested that individuals continue to come to the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission meetings. There being no further discussion, the motion for approval passed unanimously.

The Chairman called for consideration to accept the list of roads to be resurfaced with the FY 2024 Local Maintenance & Improvements Grant (LMIG) funds (\$450,934.89), SPLOST VII Resurfacing (\$413,546.44), and TSPLOST II Resurfacing (\$2,200,000). The total cost estimate for 17.84 miles is \$3,064,481.33. Assistant County Administrator Barry Brooks addressed. Public Works Director Chuck Mathis and Engineering Manager Jeremy Brown were present.

Commissioner Jones moved for approval. Commissioner Gray seconded the motion. Under discussion, Commissioner Johnson gave an update that additional funding will be provided by the state. There being no further discussion, the motion for approval passed unanimously.

The Chairman called for consideration to accept the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) VOCA Grant #C23-8-101 for FY 2023-2024 in the amount of \$123,995. The local matching funds amount of \$30,999 was waived for all offices. The grant acceptance is required annually. County Clerk Jawahn Ware was present to speak on behalf of Donna Garcia, Victim Witness Assistance Director.

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

The Chairman called for the zoning consideration of Lanier Engineering, applicant, Woodall Holdings, LLLP & Southwood Development, owner (23-081) request to rezone 20 acres from AG (Agricultural District) to R-E (Estate District). The rezoning would allow for the subdivision of an existing parcel less than 40 acres. The property is at 2416 Tarva Rd. The Planning Commission recommended approval.

Commissioner Gaines moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Jones, the motion for approval passed unanimously. The zoning resolution reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE ZONING REGULATIONS

AND MAP OF THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA (RESOLUTION NO. 212, AS AMENDED) SO AS TO CHANGE THE STATUS OF THE PROPERTY HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Dougherty County, Georgia, and IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by authority of same:

SECTION I: That from and after the passage of this Resolution, the official Zoning Regulations and Map of the unincorporated area of Dougherty County, adopted December 1, 1969, as amended, be, and the same are hereinafter described as follows:

CHANGE FROM:	AG (Agricultural District)
TO:	R-E (Estate District)
OWNER/APPLICANT:	Woodall Holdings, LLP & Southwood Development (Owner) Lanier Engineering (Applicant)

LOCATION:

2416 Tarva Road

ALL THAT CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE LYING AND BEING PART OF LAND LOTS 290 AND 291 OF THE SECOND LAND DISTRICT, DOUGHERTY COUNTY GEORGIA AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT THE MITERED INTERSECTION OF THE EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY OF TARVA ROAD (80' R/W) AND THE NORTH LINE OF LAND LOT 291 AND GO SOUTH 09 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 38 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY OF TARVA ROAD A DISTANCE OF 641.01 FEET: GO THENCE SOUTHERLY ALONG THE EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY TARVA ROAD 797.53 FEET ALONG THE ARC OF A CURVE CONCAVE TO THE WEST, HAVING A RADIUS OF 4,148.05 FEET, A CHORD BEARING OF SOUTH 14 DEGREES 46 MINUTES 07 SECONDS WEST AND A CHORD DISTANCE OF 796.31 FEET; GO THENCE SOUTH 20 DEGREES 16 MINUTES 36 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY OF TARVA ROAD A DISTANCE OF 846.23 FEET; GO THENCE SOUTHERLY ALONG THE EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY OF TARVA ROAD 118. 70 FEET ALONG THE ARC OF A CURVE CONCAVE TO THE WEST, HAVING A RADIUS OF 3,065.92 FEET, A CHORD BEARING OF SOUTH 21 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 09 SECONDS WEST AND A CHORD DISTANCE OF 118.69 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM THIS POINT GO SOUTH 71 DEGREES 58 MINUTES 54 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 63.50 FEET; GO THENCE NORTH 85 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 23 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 731 .40 FEET: GO THENCE NORTH 17 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 42 SECONDS EAST A. DISTANCE OF 377.51 FEET; GO THENCE NORTH 43 DEGREES 58 MINUTES 33 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 245.10 FEET; GO THENCE NORTH 78 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 08 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 256.74 FEET; GO THENCE SOUTH 84 DEGREES 11 MINUTES 34 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 262.66 FEET; GO THENCE SOUTH 54 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 58 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 192.57 FEET; GO THENCE SOUTH 14 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 24 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 258.91 FEET; GO THENCE SOUTH 18 DEGREES 32 MINUTES 04 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 202. 72 FEET; GO THENCE SOUTH 29 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 51 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 279.73 FEET; GO THENCE SOUTH 67 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 35 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 241.94 FEET; GO THENCE NORTH 87 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 20 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 730.41 FEET; GO THENCE NORTH 33 DEGREES 50 MINUTES 33 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 176.80 FEET: GO THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 21 MINUTES 50 SECONDS WEST DISTANCE OF 598.75 FEET TO THE EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY OF TARVA ROAD: GO THENCE NORTHEASTERLY ALONG THE EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY OF TARVA ROAD 103 .67 FEET ALONG THE ARC OF A CURVE CONCAVE TO THE NORTHWEST, HAVING A RADIUS OF 3,065.92 FEET, A CHORD BEARING OF NORTH 23 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 49 SECONDS EAST AND A CHORD DISTANCE OF 103 .66 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID TRACT OR PARCEL CONTAINS 20.000 ACRES.

SECTION II: That all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same hereby are repealed.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

CLERK

APPROVED: January 22, 2024

The Chairman called for the zoning consideration of Glen J. Gosa, owner and applicant (23-088) request to rezone .55 acre lot from C-1 (Neighborhood Mixed-Use Business District) to C-3 (Commercial District). The rezoning would allow for commercial use as a storage building sales lot. The property is 3401 Sylvester Hwy. The Planning Commission recommended approval with the condition of using opaque fencing (buffering).

Commissioner Jones moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Johnson, the motion for approval passed unanimously. The zoning resolution reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE ZONING REGULATIONS AND MAP OF THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA (RESOLUTION NO. 212, AS AMENDED) SO AS TO CHANGE THE STATUS OF THE PROPERTY HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Dougherty County, Georgia, and IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by authority of same:

SECTION I: That from and after the passage of this Resolution, the official Zoning Regulations and Map of the unincorporated area of Dougherty County, adopted December 1, 1969, as amended, be, and the same are hereinafter described as follows:

CHANGE FROM:

C-1 (Neighborhood Mixed-Use Business District)

TO:

C-3 (Commercial District) with the following conditions:

of using opaque fencing (buffering)

OWNER/APPLICANT:

Glen Gosa (Owner & Applicant)

LOCATION:

3401 Sylvester Highway

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING. AND BEING IN THE COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY AND STATE OF GEORGIA AND BEING PART OF LAND LOT NO. 86 OF THE FIRST LAND DISTRICT OF SAID STATE AND COUNTY AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: A STRIP OF LAND 20 FEET IN WIDTH AND 300 FEET IN DEPTH ACROSS ALL OF THE WEST SIDE OF LOT NO. 23 OF THE C.C. BRANCH SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO A MAP OR PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO A MAP OR PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO A MAP OR PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION, IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 290, IN THE OFFICE OF CLER OF SUPERIOR COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA.

SAID STRIP OF LAND LIES IMMEDIATELY EAST OF PARALLEL AND ADJACENT TO THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT NO. 23, AND IS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED ACCORDING TO THE PLAT ATTACHED TO THIS PETITION AND MADE A PART HEREOF. SECTION II: That all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same hereby are repealed.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

CLERK

APPROVED: January 22, 2024

The Chairman called for the zoning consideration of Glen J. Gosa, owner and applicant (23-089) request to rezone .68 acre lot from C-1 (Neighborhood Mixed-Use Business District) to C-3 (Commercial District). The rezoning would allow for commercial use as a storage building sales lot. The property is 3403 Sylvester Hwy. The Planning Commission recommended approval.

Commissioner Jones moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Johnson, the motion for approval passed unanimously. The zoning resolution reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE ZONING REGULATIONS AND MAP OF THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA (RESOLUTION NO. 212, AS AMENDED) SO AS TO CHANGE THE STATUS OF THE PROPERTY HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Dougherty County, Georgia, and IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by authority of same:

SECTION I: That from and after the passage of this Resolution, the official Zoning Regulations and Map of the unincorporated area of Dougherty County, adopted December 1, 1969, as amended, be, and the same are hereinafter described as follows:

CHANGE FROM:	C-1 (Neighborhood Mixed-Use Business District)
TO:	C-3 (Commercial District)
OWNER/APPLICANT:	Glen Gosa (Owner & Applicant)
LOCATION:	3403 Sylvester Highway

ALL OF LOT NUMBER 23 OF THE PROPERTY OF C.C. BRANCH, ACCORDING TO A MAP OR PLAT OF SAID PROPERTY AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 290, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA.

SECTION II: That all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same hereby are repealed.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

CLERK

APPROVED: January 22, 2024

The Chairman called for the zoning consideration of Larry & Alma Blakely, owner and applicant (23-090) request to rezone 3.0 acres from R-2 (Single-Family Residential District) to C-7 (Mixed-Use Planned Development District). The rezoning would allow for the residential and commercial use as a travel agency for touring buses. The property is at 3228 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive. The Planning Commission recommended approval with the following conditions: (1) The travel agency is limited to two travel buses parked onsite; (2) customer loading and offloading are prohibited and (3) the use of the property is restricted to single-family residential use, the proposed travel agency office, and parking of two tour buses.

Commissioner Jones moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Edwards, the motion for approval passed five ayes and one nay by Commissioner Gray. The zoning resolution reads as follows:

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SECTION I: That from and after the passage of this Resolution, the official Zoning Regulations and Map of the unincorporated area of Dougherty County, adopted December 1, 1969, as amended, be, and the same are hereinafter described as follows:

CHANGE FROM:	R-2 (Single- Family Residential District)
TO:	C-7 (Mixed- Use Planned- Development District) with following conditions:
	(1) The travel agency is limited to two travel buses parked onsite. (2) Customer loading and offloading are prohibited. (3) The use of the property is restricted to single-family residential use, the proposed travel agency office, and parking of two tour buses.
OWNER/APPLICANT:	Larry & Alma Blakely (Owner & Applicant)

ALL THAT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 340 OF THE FIRST LAND DISTRICT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS TRACT 2 CONSISTING OF 3.000 ACRES ON THAT CERTAIN PLAT ENTITLED PROPERTY OF REHUNDUBA, LLC AND LARRY BLAKELY DATED JULY 17, 2023 AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 46 IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA.

SECTION II: That all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same hereby are repealed.

CHAIRMAN

3228 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive

ATTEST:

CLERK

APPROVED: January 22, 2024

LOCATION:

The Chairman called for the zoning consideration of Mary Alice Thomas, owner and applicant (23-093) request to rezone .49 acres from R-2 (Single-Family Residential District) to RMHS (Mobile Home Single-Family District). The rezoning would allow for the installation of a manufactured home for single-family residency. The property is at 505 Engram Court. The Planning Commission recommended approval.

Commissioner Jones moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Johnson, the motion for approval passed unanimously. The zoning resolution reads as follows:

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CHANGE FROM:	R-2 (Single-Family Residential)
TO:	R-MHS (Mobile Home Single- Family)
OWNER/APPLICANT:	Mary Alice Thomas (Owner & Applicant)

LOCATION:

505 Engram Court

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 116 IN THE FIRST 1st LAND DISTRICT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA AND BEING FURTHER IDENTIFIED AS LOT II OF ENGRAM'S SUBDIVISION. SECTION II: That all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same hereby are repealed.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

CLERK

APPROVED: January 22, 2024

Mr. Brooks reminded the Board that Commissioner Victor Edwards will be holding a Townhall Meeting for citizens to review the County's Code on the Vegetation Ordinance. The meeting will be held in Room 120 at 1 p.m. He added that this meeting will fit well with the presentation by the Government Affairs Committee for the ordinance review. He also shared that the Flint River Trail: ASU to Downtown Extension Ribbon Cutting will be held today at 2:30 pm. He provided an update on the State Tax Commissioner- 2022 Tax Digest Review stating that we are under conditional approval for the 2022 Tax Digest. It was mentioned that we are 32% and the acceptable level is 40%. There was no impact for Dougherty County at this time because we will be doing a complete revaluation. Tax Director Shonna Josey and Interim Chief Appraiser Larry Thomas were present and addressed concerns. The Board of Tax Assessors does plan to appeal and can work with the County Administrator to ensure that a proper response is provided within 30 days.

Attorney Shalishali provided an update that the law firm Jarrad and Jarrad LLP, will be approximately \$20,000 with no upfront retainer and will be invoiced monthly. They are flexible with starting the project due to funding and he shared the Civic Plus cost is about \$12,500. There is contingency available and awaiting the Board's direction on how to proceed. He provided an update on the concern presented regarding a citizen citation with Red Speed and the law pertaining to how payments and citations are reported. Mr. Brooks asked a representative from the City of Albany to come and provide an update. Commissioner Gray reminded the Board of his concern that there is no contractual agreement with the vendor that could negatively impact citizens through loopholes in the system. Ms. Josey was asked to address the department's experience. The Chairman asked the County Attorney to research the best way to remedy the situation. Commissioner Gaines asked about the status of crimes and Commissioner Johnson shared that the City of Albany Police Chief will resend the information. Chairman Heard shared that Chief Hayes was able to assist Mr. Leroy.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK

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DOUGHERTY COUNTY COMMISSION

WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES

January 29, 2024

The Dougherty County Commission met in Room 100 of the Albany-Dougherty Government Center on January 29, 2024. Chairman Lorenzo Heard presided and called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Victor Edwards, Gloria Gaines, Russell Gray, Clinton Johnson, Anthony Jones, and Ed Newsome. Also present were Assistant County Administrator Barry Brooks, County Attorney Alex Shalishali, County Clerk Jawahn Ware and other staff. The public and representatives of the media participated in person and via live streaming of the meeting on the County's Facebook page and the government public access channel.

After the invocation by Chairman Heard, he asked the Commission to review the minutes of the January 8th Regular Meeting.

The Chairman called for a recommendation to purchase six mobile radios for EMS from single source vendor Motorola Solutions (Albany, GA) in the amount of \$25,811 for the new ambulances recently approved for purchase. Funding is available in SPLOST VII. Assistant County Administrator Barry Brooks and EMS Director Sam Allen addressed.

The Chairman called for a recommendation to purchase three 2024 Type 1 Ford 350 Ambulance Chassis models from Wade Ford (Smyrna, Ga) for the EMS Department in the amount of \$243,603 each for a total expenditure of \$730,809. The models are available on-site. Funding is available in SPLOST VII and SPLOST VIII. Assistant County Administrator Barry Brooks and EMS Director Sam Allen addressed. Mr. Allen shared the historical purchases and if approved, this purchase will update the fleet. Questions regarding use were answered. Chairman Heard suggested that an older ambulance be used by Albany Technical College and Mr. Allen shared that a conversation with the school can be held.

The Chairman called for a recommendation to accept the quote from Sunbelt Traffic (Doraville, GA) in the amount of \$24,413 to repair the traffic signal at the intersection of S. Mock Rd and Fleming Rd. The City of Albany's Traffic Engineering Division recommends that the repairs be completed to maintain optimal traffic signal functionality for the safety of both pedestrians and motorists. The recommended vendor has performed services for the city. Funding is available in TSPLOST. Assistant County Administrator, City of Albany Traffic Engineering Manager Ken Breedlove and Public Works Director Chuck Mathis addressed. Mr. Breedlove shared that this was a mandatory repair and Mr. Brooks said that this was brought to the Board because it was above his approval threshold. Mr. Mathis clarified Commissioner Gray's questions regarding funding.

The Chairman called for a recommendation from the Superior Court to apply for a grant from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council and the Council of Accountability Court Judges Operating Grant for FY 2025 in the amount of \$495,000 with a 15% match. The grant will provide services

for part-time employees and other program-related expenses. There is a local match of approximately \$74,250 and funding will be provided from the DATE fund. The reimbursement grant is provided by the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council. Substance Abuse Coordinator Patricia Griffin addressed. Ms. Griffin said that this was an annual grant that the County managed on behalf of the courts.

The Chairman called for a recommendation to declare two 2000 Chevrolet 1500 Pickup Trucks, one 2002 Chevrolet 1500 Pickup Truck, and one 2006 GMC Sierra Pickup Truck as surplus and authorize the transfer at no cost of the same to the Chehaw Park Authority. This request is made on behalf of Executive Director Tommy Gregors. Assistant County Administrator Barry Brooks addressed. It was mentioned that we had surplused to Chehaw Park in the past. Mrs. Ware shared that the approximate in-kind value was \$10,000 and Commissioner Gaines questioned the relationship between Dougherty County and the Authority. Mr. Brooks provided an overview and will have the Executive Director Tommy Gregors provide an update to the Board.

The Chairman called for a recommendation to approve the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Albany Technical College on behalf of the Dougherty County Police Department authorizing assistance to each other during a local emergency. Assistant County Administrator Barry Brooks, Chief Kenneth Johnson and County Clerk Jawahn Ware addressed. Mrs. Ware shared that the last update to the MOA was in 2018 and Chief Johnson shared information.

The Chairman called for a recommendation of the proposed board appointment.

<u>Retirement Fund Committee</u> – There is one appointment with a four-year unexpired term ending December 31, 2024, and this appointee must be an active employee representative. There are three new applicants: Pam Coley, Sam Green, and Heidi Hailey. The Commission Chairman will make the appointment.

Mr. Brooks reminded the Board of the upcoming travel plans and subcommittee meetings. He also mentioned that he will start the quarterly meetings with the City Manager.

Commissioner Edwards wanted to know the status of the two projects Mr. David Maschke was working on. Mr. Brooks said that a meeting was held with the contractor last week and Mr. Maschke will be providing a schedule this week. Upon the question by Commissioner Edwards, the Sheriff will reevaluate with Chief Ostrander to see if any inmates were available to assist with the litter cleanup. Commissioner Johnson asked that a Finance Committee Meeting be scheduled. Commissioner Gray highlighted the most recent Quail Hunt event and gave kudos to those involved. Commissioner Gaines would like an update on TSPLOST expenditures and available funding. Mr. Brooks shared that he planned to present that update at the Finance Committee Meeting and desired to return to quarterly updates and have department managers make presentations. Commissioner Edwards provided an update regarding our governance structure and shared that the Commission should go to the Administrator for staff input and encourage requests to be placed in writing. Commissioner Jones gave an update on his financial literacy program and the initiatives from the Southwest Regional Georgia Commission.

There being no further business to discuss the Commission the meeting adjourned at 10: 41 a.m.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK

DOUGHERTY COUNTY COMMISSION

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ANNUAL RETREAT MINUTES

February 2, 2024

The Dougherty County Commission met at Callaway Gardens, 4500 Southern Pine Drive on February 2, 2024 for the annual commission retreat. UGA, Carl Vinson Institute of Government (CVIOG) Facilitator Jennifer Nelson provided opening remarks. Commissioners present were Victor Edwards, Gloria Gaines, Russell Gray, Clinton Johnson, Anthony Jones and Ed Newsome. Also present were Chairman Lorenzo Heard, Assistant County Administrator Barry Brooks, County Attorney Alex Shalishali, County Clerk Jawahn Ware, Deputy Clerk Bristeria Clark, and Public Information Officer Phyllis Banks.

Ms. Nelson provided a welcome and all participants introduced themselves. The overview and ground rules were shared followed by an opening exercise.

Rockdale County Board of Commissioners Chairman Oz Nesbitt shared remarks with the Board.

After the break, participants worked on creating a vision for Dougherty County. After lunch, the exercise continued to identify issues.

The focus for 2024 were identified as:

- 1. Improving and understanding financial relations.
- 2. Unity and collaboration
- 3. Funding

Mr. Brooks provided updates on projects to include Putney Park and the morgue.

After there was no further discussion, the Chairman adjourned the retreat at 3:56 p.m. and participants completed evaluations. (The Clerk recorded the departure time of those with other engagements as: County Attorney Alex Shalishali at 2:30 pm, Commissioner Clinton Johnson at 3 p.m. and Commissioner Gloria Gaines at 3:30 pm).

ATTEST:

CHAIRMAN

COUNTY CLERK



Barry Brooks Assistant County Administrator



DOUGHERTY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADMINISTRATION

Agenda Item

Date:	February 9, 2024
Meeting Date:	February 12, 2024
Subject/Title:	Ratification of Crew Quarters Repair Cost
Presented for:	Decision
Presenter:	Barry Brooks, Asst. County Administrator

Statement of Issue

The Public Works Crew Quarters needed to have work completed as an emergency rehab of the environmental contamination (mold) in our facility at the Habersham campus. The project was anticipated to take 2 -3 months, and the costs were not known at the commencement of the repair.

History/Facts and Issues

The Commission was notified during the project phases and this request is to approve the total project expenditures of \$189,386. Most of the invoices exceeded the approval threshold of the Acting County Administrator.

Recommended Action

Recommend Dougherty County Commission ratify the repair and rehabilitation costs for the Public Works Crew quarters in the amount of \$189,386.

Funding Source

General Fund, Public Works Crew Quarters Mold Project 1001565.521349

Services Provided

- Service Pro's labor to remove all old units, and labor to install new HVAC equipment, thermostats, and dehumidifiers \$45,968.44
- Service Pro's equipment cost for HVAC units, thermostats, and dehumidifiers \$31,843.60
- Service Pro's remove and replace all duct work \$38,790.00
- MSK-CON LLC paint interior and repair cracks in walls and chair rails \$6,900.00
- Heaton Environmental Inc. independent mold test \$2,607.00
- Service Pro's replace damaged light fixtures, replace bulbs, and checked for electrical issues \$1,445.20
- MSK-CON LLC replace all ceiling tiles, replace damaged ceiling grid (labor and materials) \$19,500.00
- Speedy Response mold remediation \$42,330.92



KENNETH D. JOHNSON CHIEF OF POLICE

TATESHEA K. IRVING Assistant Chief of Police POLICE DEPARTMENT 2106 HABERSHAM ROAD ALBANY, GEORGIA 31701-5916 (229) 430-6600 Fax: (229) 302-3130

DOUGHERTY COUNTY



Commanders Capt, Tamiko L. Whitlock Detective Division

CAPT. ANTHONY G. ROGERS PATROL DIVISION

CAPT. JASON S. HAGER SUPPORT SERVICES

Agenda Item

Date: February 07, 2024 Meeting Date: February 12, 2024 Subject: Mobile Tag Readers for DCP Presented For: Decision Presenter: Barry Brooks, Assistant County Administrator Chief Kenneth D. Johnson is also present

Statement of Issue: DCP is requesting to purchase two (2) mobile license plate readers to be installed in patrol vehicles.

History/Facts and Issues:

DCP is requesting to purchase two (2) 3-Camera LPR Systems and plate check user licenses from Madden Associates in the amount of \$41,851.00. The quote includes the the license plate readers, installation, software systems, user licenses, and first year warranty. The tag readers will be installed in patrol vehicles that will make up DCP's Traffic Enforcement Unit. The tag readers will assist in traffic investigations, by analyzing vehicles license plates, wanted statuses of vehicles and owners, registration and insurance status, and recognizing other criminal attributes for vehicles.

Recommended Action:

Recommend Dougherty County Commission approves the purchase of the the readers for DCP for a total expenditure of \$41,851.00.

Funding Source:

Special Service Fund



Item 5c.

DOUGHERTY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADMINISTRATION

Agenda Item

Date: February 8, 2024

Meeting Date: February 12, 2024

Subject/Title: Compact Track Loader for Solid Waste

Presented for: Decision

Presenter: Barry Brooks, Asst. County Administrator

Statement of Issue

Solid Waste needs to purchase a new Caterpillar 259D3 Compact Track Loader.

History/Facts and Issues

Solid Waste needs to purchase a new Caterpillar 259D3 Compact Track Loader to replace existing equipment that was damaged by fire and cannot be repaired. The purchase would be on State Contract #99999-001-SPD0000177-0024 from Yancey Bros. Co. (Albany GA) in the amount of \$79,233.

Recommended Action

Recommend Dougherty County Commission approves the purchase of a Caterpillar 259D3 Compact Track Loader from Yancey Bros. Co. in the amount of \$79,233.

Funding Source

Machinery Capital 5404530.542100

Item 6a.

Application Fee \$50



222 Pine Avenue, Suite 540, Post Office Box 1827 Albany, Georgia 31702-1827

ALCOHOL LICENSE APPLICATION

Date of Application: December 28, 2023

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□ New Applicant

Transfer of Ownership

INSTRUCTIONS: Every question must be answered, typewritten or printed legibly in ink. If the space provided is not sufficient, answer the question on a separate sheet and indicate in the space provided that a separate sheet is attached. When completed the application must be dated, signed and verified, under oath by the applicant and filed with the License Inspector, City of Albany, 240 Pine Ave, Ste 150, Albany, Georgia 31701. with all supporting documents and a money order, cashier's or certified check for the exact fee. **Please schedule an appointment with the Chief Licensing Inspector by calling 229-431-2118.** Appointments are scheduled Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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BEER, Package	\$400	WINE , Package	\$350	LIQUOR, Wholesale/Manufacture	\$3,000
BEER, Brewers	\$3,000	WINE, Manufacture	\$1,000	PACKAGE-Liquor, Beer, and Wine	\$2,000
BEER, Wholesale	\$750	WINE, Wholesale	\$500	CONSUMPTION-Liquor, Beer and Wine	\$2,500

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BUSINESS ADDRES	SS: ³⁰²³ Leary Rd.		BUSINESS PHONE: (229) 573-7439
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GENERAL INFORMATION LICENSEE

1. FULL NAME OF LI	CENSEE: Krupali Vishal Boo	dar				
ADDRESS OF LEGAL	RESIDENCE: 3126 Cane M	lill Dr.				
CITY: Albany	STATE: Georg		ZIP CODE: 31721	COUNTY OF RESIDENCE:	Dougherty	
MOBILE PHONE: (70	06) 536-7392	EMA	IL: vishbodar@gmail.c	com	AGE:27	
2. FULL NAME OF LI	CENSEE:					
ADDRESS OF LEGAL	RESIDENCE:					
CITY:	STATE:		ZIP CODE:	COUNTY OF RESIDENCE:		
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(A). If applicant resided at current residence less than 2 years list past address:

3. Manager/ Responsible Person In	formation (Agent):	🖌 Manag	ed by Applicant (Go to question #4)
Name:		Age:	Pho	ne #
Address:	City:		State:	Zip:
	CERTIFICATIO	N OF APP	OINTMENT	
I,the app	licant of this alcohol	application	do hereby appo	int the above agent who
resides within the County of Doug person who conducts business for thi business known as	herty, in the State o s establishment. This	f Georgia as certification	my lawful and becomes a part	true manager/responsible
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4. List all Corporations or firms as percentages of ownership (attach	ssociated with this b list If necessary):	usiness or its	s principal office	ers and their
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5. List the owner of the property or phone number): Check one:	ased 60 # of Month	s Purch	ased/Owner	
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9. TYPE OF BUSINESS: (Check One)

C RESTAURANT
D PUB/TAVERN
□ NIGHTCLUB/LOUNGE/BAR
HOTEL/MOTEL
□ PRIVATE CLUB (NON-PROFIT)

CONVENIENCE/GROCERY STORE □ PACKAGE STORE □ MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY □ MUNICIPAL FACILITY □ OTHER (SPECIFY_

OATH

10. I, Krupali Vishal Bodar

(The Applicant), being duly sworn according to law, do swear or affirm that the facts stated in the above application are true and correct. Further that any false information that I have provided and should have known to be false may lead this application to be denied or revoked if it is discovered at a later date. Notwithstanding having criminal charges brought against me for false statements. I will promptly notify the License Inspector of any changes to the above information. I have read, understand, and also agree to abide by the Ordinances for Dougherty County, and any State or Federal Laws or regulations governing the service or sale of alcoholic beverages. I further swear or affirm that this application is made in order to procure an alcoholic beverage license in Dougherty County, Georgia.

I am aware of the age requirement for the admittance to alcoholic establishments, Days and Hours of Sale, and the requirement for Alcoholic Beverage Handlers Cards. I further certify that my business meets the required specifications and qualifications for the type of business as indicated above.

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PROXIMITIES (LEAVE BLANK IF A TRANS	FER OF OWNERSHIP):	
A. Nearest School:+ Feet From:	Transfer	
	(Must be greater than 300 ft. for beer and wine, 600 ft. for distilled s	pirits)
B. Nearest Church:+ Feet From:	Transfer	
	(Must be greater than 300 ft.)	
C. Other Distances: 1. N/A		feet.
(Distance between Bars, Nightclub 2. N/A	s, Taverns, Lounges within 1,000 feet of this applied location.)	feet.
(If requested location is within 300) feet of Government owned or operated Alcohol Treatment Center.)	
3. <u>N/A</u>		feet.
(If requested location is within 300	feet of any Housing Authority Property.)	
D. Package Storesfeet from exist	sting package store	
located at	. (Must be greater than 1,50	00ft.)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION		
Licensee: ADIYOGI INC	Accepted by: mjm	
Business Name: Crossroad Market Place	ABC Date11/16/2023	
If Yes, License Number: DA18-000003 Last Year Licensed: 2023	Fee_750.00	
Is this location or has this location been licensed for alcohol?	Lic.No. DA23-000007	

WORK SESSION DATE: Transfer		COPY OF ADVERTISEMENT
REGULAR MEETING DATE: Transfer ZONING:		NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR BEER AND WINE LICENSE - PACKAGE I, Krupali V. Bodar, trading as Crossroads Food Mart at 3023 Leary Rd, give notice that I have applied for an Alcohol License transfer by the Dougherty County Commission at 10:00 am on January 29, 2024 and February 5, 2024, at 222 Pine Ave., Room 100, Albany GA 31701, Albany Herald Run Dates: January 24 & 31 & February 6 &13, 2024
Thef of Police/Designee Date	County Clerk/Designee	Date
Remarks:	Approved	Disapproved

COMMENTS: