



REGULAR MEETING

December 04, 2023
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 November 6th Regular Meeting, November 13th Work Session and November 13th Special Called Meeting. **ACTION:**
6. 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. Walter Kelley, Library Board of Trustees Chairman and Gail Evans, Library Director, present to provide their Annual Report.
 - b. Margaret Holbrook, Interim County Extension Coordinator present to update the Commission on staffing and Dougherty County 4-H representatives will thank the Commission for their support.
 - c. Leslie Lamb, South Regional Care Coordinator, Children's Advocacy Centers of Georgia, present to provide an update on child trafficking.

7. Purchases.

- a. Consider for action the Resolution providing for the acceptance and execution of the contract for Audio Visual Modernization for Superior Court from the most responsive and responsible proposer S&L Integrated (Thomasville, GA) in the amount of \$492,254.76 subject to execution by the Chief Superior Court Judge. Three proposals were evaluated. Funding will be provided by the Judicial Council of Georgia Ad Hoc Committee on American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding Grant that the Commission accepted on behalf of Superior Court in the November 13, 2023 Special Called Meeting. Assistant County Administrator Barry Brooks will address. City of Albany Buyer Rickey Gladney and Judicial Assistant Candee Nix are present. **ACTION:**
- b. Consider for action the recommendation to rescind the purchase of two (2) 2022 F-350 Cab & Chassis with an Ambulance Prep Package and Patient Module from Wade Ford (Smyrna, GA) in the amount of \$158,289 each for a total expenditure of \$316,578. The initial purchase was made from the State of Georgia Contract and approved in the April 4, 2022 Regular Meeting with funding to be provided by SPLOST VII. The vendor confirmed that the order was not placed and is unable to provide an anticipated order and delivery date. Assistant County Administrator Barry Brooks will address. EMS Director Sam Allen is present. **ACTION:**
- c. Consider for action the recommendation to rescind the purchase of two (2) 2023 F-550 Cab & Chassis with Ambulance Prep Package and Patient Module from state contract vendor Wade Ford (Smyrna, GA) for the EMS Department in the amount of \$208,724 each for a total expenditure of \$417,448. The initial purchase was approved in the April 3, 2023 Regular Meeting with funding to be provided by SPLOST VII. The vendor confirmed that the order was not placed and is unable to provide an anticipated order and delivery date. Assistant County Administrator Barry Brooks will address. EMS Director Sam Allen is present. **ACTION:**
- d. Consider for action the recommendation to purchase two (2) 2023 Chevy Type III Ambulances in the amount of \$222,761 each and one (1) 2023 Ford Type III Ambulance in the amount of \$225,936 from Custom Truck and Body Works (Woodbury, GA) for the EMS Department for a total expenditure of \$671,458. Custom Truck and Body Works is the vendor that provides the manufacturing of the current fleet of ambulances. Funding is budgeted in SPLOST VII. Assistant County Administrator Barry Brooks will address. EMS Director Sam Allen is present. **ACTION:**

8. Additional Business.

- a. Consider for action the Resolution declaring the listed vehicles as surplus and authorizing the disposal of or sale of same via an online auction. Assistant County Administrator Barry Brooks will address. **ACTION:**
- b. Consider for action the proposed Board Appointments. **Appointments are made by nominations.** County Clerk Jawahn Ware will address.

Southwest Georgia Housing Task Force - One (1) appointment with a one-year term ending December 31, 2024. The incumbent did not desire reappointment. One new applicant: Lawrence Knighton. **ACTION:**

DOUGHERTY COUNTY COMMISSION

DRAFT

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

November 06, 2023

The Dougherty County Commission met in Room 100 of the Albany-Dougherty Government Center on November 06, 2023. 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, Ed Newsome, and Anthony Jones. 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 the Chairman and Pledge of Allegiance led by the local Marines in attendance, he called for approval of the minutes of the October 2nd Regular Meeting, October 9th Work Session, and October 9th Special Called Meeting.

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

The Chairman recognized Representatives of VFW Post 2785 to accept the County's Operation Green Light for Veterans Proclamation. Commissioner Clinton Johnson shared how Dougherty County will participate in the National Association of Counties (NaCo) and the National Association of County Veteran Service Officers (NACVSO) initiative. Commissioner Johnson shared information about the Veterans and encouraged others to "go green" to support them. The Chairman recognized former City of Albany Mayor Adams for his services and Commissioner Gaines shared similar remarks. The proclamation read as follows:

Dougherty County Supports Operation Green Light for Veterans

WHEREAS, the residents and the Dougherty County Board of Commissioners have great respect, admiration, and the utmost gratitude for all the men and women who have selflessly served our country and this community in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, the contributions and sacrifices of those who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and

WHEREAS, Dougherty County seeks to honor individuals who have made countless sacrifices for freedom by placing themselves in harm's way for the good of all; and

WHEREAS, veterans continue to serve our community in the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, religious groups, civil service, and by functioning as County Veterans

Service Officers in 29 states to help fellow former service members access more than \$52 billion in federal health, disability, and compensation benefits each year; and

WHEREAS, approximately 200,000 service members transition to civilian communities annually, and an estimated 20 percent increase of service members will transition to civilian life in the near future. Also, studies indicate that 44-72 percent of service members experience high levels of stress during the transition from military to civilian life; and

WHEREAS, active military service members transitioning from military service are at high risk for suicide during their first year after military service; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties encourages all counties, parishes and boroughs to recognize Operation Green Light for Veterans; and

WHEREAS, Dougherty County appreciates the sacrifices of our United States military personnel and believes specific recognition should be granted; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, with designation as a Green Light for Veterans County, Dougherty County hereby declares from October through Veterans Day, November 11th 2023 a time to salute and honor the service and sacrifices of our men and women in uniform transitioning from active service; therefore, be it further

RESOLVED, that in observance of Operation Green Light, Dougherty County encourages its citizens in patriotic tradition to recognize the importance of honoring all those who made immeasurable sacrifices to preserve freedom by displaying green lights in a window of their place of business or residence from November 6th through the 12th, 2023.

This the 6th day of NOVEMBER 2023.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA

BY: _____
LORENZO L. HEARD, Chairman

The Chairman recognized Georgia Pacific Public Affairs Representative Mr. Asa Porter who provided a welcome to the Board and shared their entity’s interest in working with the Commission.

The Chairman recognized the new ADDU Commander Director Victor Camp who shared more information regarding the potential merger with the gang unit.

The Chairman called for consideration of the resolution providing for the acceptance and execution of the contract for filter maintenance services for Facilities Management from the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Service Pros, LLC (Leesburg, GA) in the amount

of \$83,584.16 subject to execution by the Assistant County Administrator. Funding is budgeted in various accounts.

Commissioner Gaines moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Johnson, the motion for approval passed unanimously. Resolution 23-052 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE
ACCEPTANCE AND EXECUTION OF THE CONTRACT TO
ACCEPT THE BID FROM THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE AND
RESPONSIBLE BIDDER MEETING SPECIFICATIONS, SERVICE
PROS, LLC; REPEALING RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF
RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HERewith;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Chairman called for consideration to purchase a 2024 Kia K5 for ADDU from State Contract GA #99999-001-SPD000122-0003 from Kia Autosport (Columbus, GA) in the amount of \$29,910.95. Funding is budgeted in ARPA.

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

The Chairman called for consideration to purchase a 2023 Ford F150 Pick Up Truck for ADDU from the lowest quoted vendor Griffin Ford (Tifton, GA) in the amount of \$43,204. Funding is budgeted in ARPA.

Commissioner Johnson moved for approval. Commissioner Gaines seconded the motion. Under discussion, Commissioner Edwards for clarification of the use of this truck and ADDU Commander Camp addressed. There being no additional discussion, the motion for approval passed unanimously.

The Chairman called for consideration to purchase a 2024 Caterpillar 826H Compactor for Solid Waste from State Contract GA #99999-001-SPD0000177-0024 from Yancey Bros. Co. (Albany, GA) in the amount of \$1,119,613. Funding is budgeted in Solid Waste Capital Outlay.

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

The Chairman called for a consideration of the resolution providing for the acceptance and execution of the renewal of the Real Estate Lease Contract between JFT Public Properties, LP, the City of Albany and Dougherty County, Georgia on behalf of the GBI for the building located at 1301 Evelyn Ave, Albany, Ga by the Assistant County Administrator. The lease renewal period is October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024. Attorney Shalishali made a correction stating that the lease was for one year with no renewal clause.

Commissioner Johnson moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Gray, the motion for approval passed unanimously. Resolution 23-053 is entitled:

RESOLUTION
ENTITLED
A RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE AND
EXECUTION OF REAL ESTATE LEASE BETWEEN JFT PUBLIC
PROPERTIES, LP, THE CITY OF ALBANY AND DOUGHERTY
COUNTY, GEORGIA; REPEALING RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF
RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Chairman called for consideration of the resolution declaring the listed equipment and vehicles as surplus and authorize the disposal of or sale of same via an online auction.

Commissioner Gray moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Johnson, the motion for approval passed unanimously. Resolution 23-054 is entitled.

A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED
A RESOLUTION DECLARING AS SURPLUS THE
ATTACHED LIST OF EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLES;
PROVIDING FOR DISPOSAL OF OR SALE OF SAME VIA
AN ONLINE AUCTION; REPEALING PRIOR RESOLUTIONS
IN CONFLICT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Chairman called for consideration to approve the proposed alcoholic beverage license renewals for Calendar Year 2024. The Albany-Dougherty Marshal's Office recommended approval.

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

The Chairman called for consideration of the proposed board appointments.

Upon nomination by Commissioner Gaines, incumbent Clint Newsome (joint) was unanimously recommended to the City of Albany for ratification of appointment and incumbents Quianna Lavant (County) and Clifford Tolbert (rotational) were reappointed to the Air Conditioning, Heating & Ventilation Board for a one-year term ending December 31, 2024.

Upon nomination by Commissioner Johnson, incumbent Glenn Tyler Harris was unanimously reappointed to the Citizens Transportation Committee for a three-year term ending December 31, 2026.

Upon nomination by Commissioner Johnson, incumbent Dr. Joe “Tripp” Morgan was unanimously reappointed to the Dougherty County Development Authority for a four-year term ending December 31, 2027. The nomination for incumbent Michael Tabarrok made by Commissioner Gray failed due to a lack of a second. Upon nomination by Commissioner Gaines, the recommendation for Lawrence Roberts (replacing Michael Tabarrok) to be appointed to the Dougherty County Development Authority for a four-year term ending December 31, 2027 passed with six ayes and one nay by Commissioner Gray. Upon nomination by Commissioner Johnson, the recommendation for J. Scott Steiner to replace Sybil Thomas on the Dougherty County Development Authority passed with six ayes and one nay by Commissioner Newsome for a four-year term ending December 31, 2027.

Upon nomination by Commissioner Johnson, incumbent Brian Church was unanimously reappointed to the Economic Development Commission for a three-year term ending December 31, 2026.

Upon nomination by Commissioner Johnson, incumbent Sanford Hillsman (rotational) was unanimously reappointed to the Electrical Board for a one-year term ending December 31, 2024. The County will re-advertise for four vacancies to fill a one-year term ending on December 31, 2024.

The County will re-advertise for three vacancies to fill a three-year unexpired term ending December 31, 2025 for the Fire Code Board of Appeals.

Upon the nomination by Commissioner Jones, incumbent Harry James was unanimously reappointed to the Flood Plain Management Review Board for a three-year term ending December 31, 2026. The County will re-advertise for two vacancies to fill a three-year unexpired term ending December 31, 2024 for the Flood Plain Management Review Board.

Upon nomination by Commissioner Johnson, incumbent Sanford Hillsman (County) was unanimously reappointed to the Gas Board for a one-year term ending December 31, 2024 and incumbent Rhett Parker (joint) was recommended to the City of Albany for ratification of appointment. The County will re-advertise for one vacancy to fill a one-year term ending December 31, 2024.

Upon nomination by Commissioner Gray, incumbent Dr. Bernard Scoggins. was unanimously reappointed to the Dougherty County Health Board for a six-year term ending December 31, 2029.

Upon nomination by Commissioner Johnson, the recommendation for Tommy Gregors to replace Joel Callins on the Albany/Dougherty Hospital Authority was unanimously accepted for a five-year term ending December 31, 2028. The nomination for Dr. J. Price Corr Jr. made by Commissioner Newsome to replace Ferrell Moultrie failed with only two votes by Commissioners Newsome and Gray. Upon nomination by Commissioner Johnson, the nomination for Jacqueline Jenkins to be appointed to the Albany/Dougherty Hospital Authority for a five-year term ending December 31, 2028 passed with five ayes and two nays by Commissioners Gray and Newsome. The incumbents served the maximum of two consecutive terms.

Upon nomination by Commissioner Gray, incumbents Melissa Hodges and Bill Reilly were unanimously reappointed to the Keep Albany Dougherty Beautiful Board to fill a three-year term ending December 31, 2026.

Upon nomination by Commissioner Jones, incumbents Walter Kelley and Charlotte Ledford were unanimously reappointed to the Library Board of Trustees for a three-year term ending December 31, 2026.

Upon nomination by Commissioner Gray, incumbents Lee Eppley (Master Plumber), Rhett Parker (Master Plumber) and Glenn Harris (Citizen Member) were unanimously reappointed to the Plumbing Board for a one-year term ending December 31, 2024.

The nomination for Tameeka Daniels made by Commissioner Johnson to the Southwest Georgia Community Action Council failed with only two votes by Commissioner Johnson and Chairman Heard. Upon nomination by Commissioner Gray, incumbent Glenn Harris was reappointed to the Southwest Georgia Community Action Council for a one-year term ending December 31, 2024 with five ayes and two nays by Commissioner Johnson and Chairman Heard.

There were no applicants for the Southwest Georgia Housing Task Force. Commissioner Johnson requested to nominate Lawrence Knighton because Sonja Johnson did not desire reappointment. Commissioner Gray suggested that the name be presented later and that the current practice be followed. County Clerk Ware shared that our standard protocol is to not nominate from the floor because the County uses an application process, any open vacancies can be applied for at any time if not filled [from the initial process]. It was suggested that Mr. Knighton apply if interested and the application can be presented as early as the next Work Session. The County will re-advertise for

one vacancy to fill a one-year term ending December 31, 2024 for the Southwest Georgia Housing Task Force.

Upon nomination by Commissioner Jones, incumbent Raymond Breaux (County) was reappointed to the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission for a one-year term ending December 31, 2024 and incumbent Haryl Dabney (joint) was recommended to the City of Albany for ratification of appointment. The appointments passed with six ayes and one nay by Commissioner Gaines. Upon the appointment of Chairman Heard, Commissioner Anthony Jones was reappointed to serve as his designee for the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission with a one-year term ending December 31, 2024.

Upon nomination of Commissioner Johnson, incumbent Mr. Alistari McKendrick was unanimously reappointed to the Stadium Authority for a four-year term ending December 31, 2027.

Upon nomination of Commissioner Johnson, incumbents Je’Nita Lane and Larry Thomas were unanimously reappointed to the Tax Assessors Board for a three-year term ending December 31, 2026.

The Chairman called for consideration of the resolution confirming the appointments to the Dougherty County Board of Tax Assessors for the three-year term beginning January 1, 2024 ending December 31, 2026.

Commissioner Jones moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Johnson, the motion for approval passed unanimously. Resolution 22-055 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED
A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ACCEPTANCE AND
EXECUTION OF THE CONTRACT TO ACCEPT THE BID FROM
THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE BIDDER
MEETING SPECIFICATIONS, SERVICE PROS, LLC;
REPEALING RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS IN
CONFLICT HEREWITH;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Mr. Brooks provided a copy of the Service Awards program to the Board and said that he asked HR to proceed if no changes from the Board were requested. Commissioner Edwards asked if any COVID restrictions would be in place. Mr. Brooks shared that the County has mirrored the CDC guidelines which have been uplifted but personal precautions can be taken. Commissioner Edwards also mentioned some concerns about ensuring that all family members can attend the events and Mr. Brooks said that we will make sure that all who desire to attend can come moving forward. Mr. Brooks ended by providing a risk

management update and Commissioner Johnson asked that the Risk Management team come and provide an update to the Board.

Attorney Shalishali shared an update on the opioid settlements that the County received \$17,929.61 as a part of the distributor settlement. They also received an additional \$2,829.68 for the Johnson & Johnson settlement with a total of \$20,759.29 for the two. Commissioner Johnson clarified for Commissioner Gaines that the Board is responsible for the spending of the funds. Commissioners Gray and Johnson suggested that a policy be created and that the discussion be directed to a subcommittee.

Commissioner Gray encouraged the citizens to go vote. Upon the redirection of the conversation by Commissioner Gaines to create a policy for spending settlement funds, Commissioner Gray agreed for the Public Health Committee to review the request if directed. Commissioner Gaines reminded Mr. Brooks to take action from the Governmental Affairs Committee regarding requested deadlines to establish timeframes for the ordinance priorities for the Board's consideration. She also wanted an overview from Cornerstone and distribution of funds. Mr. Brooks addressed. She asked for an audit update and Mr. Brooks reminded the Board of the status. Commissioner Jones shared the same statement as Commissioner Gray relative to advising citizens to go vote.

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

Commissioner Jones moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Johnson, the motion for approval passed unanimously via roll call. Commissioner Edwards asked if Mr. Brooks would be included in the Executive Session and the answer was yes.

There being no further discussion, the Board entered into Executive Session at 11:03 a.m.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK

DOUGHERTY COUNTY COMMISSION
WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES

DRAFT

November 13, 2023

The Dougherty County Commission met in Room 100 of the Albany-Dougherty Government Center on November 13, 2023. 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 October 16th Regular Meeting and October 30th Work Session Minutes.

The Chairman recognized the Board of Tax Assessors Chairman, William Ashberry and Interim Chief Appraiser, Larry Thoms to provide an update on the Assessors’ Office. Mr. Ashberry shared that Adam Bridges has served well as the Assistant Chief Appraiser and the Board was ready to promote him to the Chief Appraiser role. Once he is in the role, the Board will seek an Assistant Chief Appraiser. Larry Thomas will continue to complete the cell tower revaluation. Mr. Thomas gave an update on other department and assessment concerns, followed by answering questions of the Commission. The 2026 total revaluation has started and is expected to be completed for the tax year 2026. The County is completing a total revaluation because our assessment ratios fall outside the compliance range based on State guidelines. He explained the rationale and stressed that Dougherty County was not the only entity undergoing the same process. Mr. Thomas shared staffing challenges throughout the state, noting that some are outsourcing. Other Commissioners voiced their concerns.

The Chairman recognized City Commissioner Jon Howard to invite the Board to visit areas in East Albany on November 14, 2023 to examine and discuss poverty in Ward 1. Commissioner Gaines urged citizen Bruce Capps, who has an interest in poverty, to work with Commissioner Howard. Commissioner Jones encouraged that action after the tour be done. Commissioner Howard shared the plans to include involving stakeholders.

The Chairman called for a discussion of the zoning application for Kevon Douglas, owner and applicant, (23-074) request to rezone approximately 2.16 acres from R-2 (Single-Family Residential) to C-3 (Commercial District). The rezoning would allow for the parking of a semi-truck. The property is at 1306 Lily Pond Road. The Planning Commission recommended denial. Angel Gray, Deputy Planning Director addressed. The Public Hearing and Action on this item are scheduled for the November 20, 2023 Regular Meeting. Upon a question by Commissioner Edwards, Mrs. Gray clarified the Zoning Board’s vote and the process of tabling, denial, and withdrawal. She also addressed his questions pertaining to an unrelated property. After clarity

was sought from Commissioner Gray's comments, Mrs. Gray shared that the Board could add conditions if desired.

The Chairman called for a recommendation to accept a US Department of Transportation Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Planning and Demonstration Grant (#20.939) in the amount of \$263,000. The joint city and county application requires a 20% local match of \$52,600, with Dougherty County being responsible for \$26,300. The federal portion of the grant is \$210,400. Funding will be provided from TSPLOST II. The Commission approved the grant application in the June 5, 2023 Regular Meeting. Planning Director Paul Forgey addressed. Mr. Forgey outlined the process for Commissioner Jones and clarified that we were in the grant acceptance stage. He stressed that the Commissioners and stakeholders should be involved to list areas of concern.

The Chairman called for a recommendation to accept a Judicial Council of Georgia Ad Hoc Committee on American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding Grant in the amount of \$492,690 on behalf of Superior Court. The funding will be used to update the audio/visual equipment in three courtrooms and the jury assembly room. This is a 100% refundable grant with no local match required. The Commission approved the grant application in the March 20, 2023 Regular Meeting. Judicial Assistant Candee Nix addressed.

The Chairman called for a recommendation to renew the Mutual Aid Agreement with the Marine Corps Logistics Base (MCLB) on behalf of the Dougherty County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Department providing reciprocal support in the event of any natural and/or man-made crisis. Assistant County Administrator Barry Brooks addressed. EMS Director Sam Allen was present. Mr. Brooks shared that this was a renewal similar to those with our law enforcement. Commissioner Gaines asked Mr. Brooks and Attorney Shalishali to consider there being one agreement with the Base. Commissioner Gray voiced a concern and the gentlemen agreed to review. Commissioner Jones asked that an agreement be sought for fire protection.

The Chairman called for a discussion of the Commission's Legislative Priorities to be presented at the Annual Meeting with the State Delegation. Commissioner Gray stressed that ACCG priorities be voiced highlighting the EMS reimbursement billing and state inmate reimbursement. Commissioner Newsome shared that we need to prioritize our asks. Commissioner Johnson requested funding for Putney and Radium Springs parks, Westtown Library and the 4th Judge. Commissioner Gray added that the process should start now for an ask for a new Judicial Building.

Commissioner Edwards echoed the sentiments of Commissioner Newsome by adding that we need to review our projects. Commissioner Johnson shared that GDOT should be thanked for some of the updates they have made and noted some concerns about lighting throughout the County. He suggested that we consider creating a Trail Authority. Commissioner Gaines asked for an update on Westtown, and the bookmobile and inquired about the lost costs of EMS. Commissioner Jones responded to her question pertaining to the library. She also asked for an update from GDOT about the intersection of Lily Pond and Newton Road. She shared that this needed to be a safer intersection and mentioned the area was on the transportation plan. Mr. Brooks said that he would provide an update on funding for the remaining portion of the trails. Commissioner Jones

restressed interest in a mutual aid agreement with the Marine Corps Logistic Base to ideally reduce ISO ratings in the unincorporated area, especially District 6.

There being no further business to discuss the Commission the meeting adjourned at 11: 16 a.m.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK

DOUGHERTY COUNTY COMMISSION
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES

DRAFT

November 13, 2023

The Dougherty County Commission met for a Special Called Meeting in Room 100 of the Albany-Dougherty Government Center on November 13, 2023, immediately following the Work Session. Chairman Lorenzo Heard presided and called the meeting to order at 11:16 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 called for the consideration to accept a Judicial Council of Georgia Ad Hoc Committee on American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding Grant in the amount of \$492,690 on behalf of Superior Court. This is a 100% refundable grant with no local match required. The Commission approved the grant application in the March 20, 2023 Regular Meeting.

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

The Chairman called for the consideration of the recommendation from the County Attorney to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing real estate, personnel, pending and potential litigation and then to adjourn.

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

There being no further discussion, the Board entered into Executive Session at 11:18 a.m.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK



PROCUREMENT RECOMMENDATION

DATE: November 28, 2023

TITLE: Audio Visual Modernization

DEPARTMENT: DOCO Superior Court

REFERENCE NUMBER: 24-001

ACCOUNT: ARPA Grant

BUYER: Ricky Gladney

BUDGETED AMOUNT: \$500,000

DEPARTMENT CONTACTS:

Candee Nix

Joshua Williams, Procurement Manager

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend the purchase of audio-visual equipment upgrades for the Dougherty County Judicial Circuit for a total expenditure of \$492,690.00.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Dougherty County Judicial Building located at 225 Pine Avenue will receive updated audio-video equipment per Bid Ref. #24-001. The project was properly and legally advertised through local and state media outlets as well as directly solicited to nine (9) vendors. Three (3) qualified proposals were received with S&L Integrated being the selected responsive and responsible bidder that represents the best value for DOCO Superior Court.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ACTION:

APPROVED

DISAPPROVED

HOLD

COMMENTS:

11/30/23
DATE

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR (Assistant)

List of Documents Attached:

- Evaluation Tabulation
- GA Corporation Registration

FINANCE

City of Albany
FINANCE DEPARTMENT
Procurement Division

Project: Audio Visual Modernization
Ref No.: 24-001

<i>EVALUATION CRITERIA</i>	<i>POINTS ALLOWED</i>			
Qualifications and Experience	25			
<i>PROPOSER</i>	<i>#1</i>	<i>#2</i>	<i>#3</i>	<i>AVERAGE</i>
S&L Integrated	25	25	25	25.00
AVI-SPL LLC	20	20	20	20.00
Ford Audio-Video Systems, LLC	25	20	19	21.33

<i>EVALUATION CRITERIA</i>	<i>POINTS ALLOWED</i>			
Operational Work Plan	25			
<i>PROPOSER</i>	<i>#1</i>	<i>#2</i>	<i>#3</i>	<i>AVERAGE</i>
S&L Integrated	25	25	25	25.00
AVI-SPL LLC	20	16	14	16.67
Ford Audio-Video Systems, LLC	20	15	14	16.33

<i>EVALUATION CRITERIA</i>	<i>POINTS ALLOWED</i>			
Fees (Cost)	25			
<i>PROPOSER</i>	<i>#1</i>	<i>#2</i>	<i>#3</i>	<i>AVERAGE</i>
S&L Integrated	6	6	6	6.00
AVI-SPL LLC	25	25	25	25.00
Ford Audio-Video Systems, LLC	0	0	0	0.00

<i>EVALUATION CRITERIA</i>	<i>POINTS ALLOWED</i>			
Quality of Response	25			
<i>PROPOSER</i>	<i>#1</i>	<i>#2</i>	<i>#3</i>	<i>AVERAGE</i>
S&L Integrated	25	25	25	25.00
AVI-SPL LLC	18	16	13	15.67
Ford Audio-Video Systems, LLC	20	15	14	16.33

TOTALS:	
S&L Integrated	81
AVI-SPL LLC	77.34
Ford Audio-Video Systems, LLC	53.99

EVALUATORS:
Ricky Gladney Buyer I Finance
John Dawson TAC
Candee Nix, Superior Court



PROCUREMENT RECOMMENDATION

DATE: March 21, 2022

TITLE: DOCO Ambulances

DEPARTMENT: DOCO EMS -3610

REFERENCE NUMBER: N/A

ACCOUNT NUMBER: SPLOST/361025051

OPENING DATE: N/A

BUDGETED AMOUNT: \$330,000.00

BUYER: Corey Gamble

DEPARTMENT CONTACTS: Sam Allen

Yvette Fields

Yvette Fields, Director

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend the purchase of two (2) 2022 F-350 Cab & Chassis with Ambulance Prep Package and Patient Module from Wade Ford for a total expenditure of \$316,578.00.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

This purchase will be made from Ford Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-001-SPD0000155. The F-350 trucks, along with the Patient Modules will be purchased from Wade Ford for \$158,289.00 each. The Patient Module will be built to specifications for DOCO EMS by Custom Truck and Body Works. Custom Truck and Body Works supplies the current Patient Modules for the Ambulances. Keeping a standardization across the fleet of Ambulances reduces training time and helps with faster response times. These units will replace one unit that is nine (9) years old and one unit that is ten (10) years old.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ACTION:

APPROVED

DISAPPROVED

HOLD

COMMENTS:

3/23/22

DATE

Sam Allen

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

List of Documents Attached:

- Wade Ford Quote
- Custom Works Schematic



PROCUREMENT RECOMMENDATION

DATE: March 22, 2023

TITLE: DOCO Ambulance

DEPARTMENT: DOCO EMS

REFERENCE NUMBER: N/A

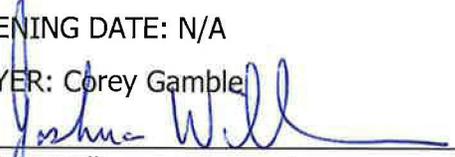
ACCOUNT NUMBER: 361025051

OPENING DATE: N/A

BUDGETED AMOUNT: \$417,448.00

BUYER: Corey Gamble

DEPARTMENT CONTACTS: Sam Allen


Joshua Williams, Interim Procurement Manager

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend the purchase of two (2) 2023 F-550 Cab & Chassis with Ambulance Prep Package and Patient Module from Wade Ford for a total expenditure of \$417,448.00.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

This purchase will be made from Ford Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-001-SPD0000155. The F-550 trucks, along with the Patient Modules will be purchased from Wade Ford for \$208,724.00 each. The Patient Module will be built to specifications for DOCO EMS by Custom Truck and Body Works. Custom Truck and Body Works supplies the current Patient Modules for the Ambulances. Keeping a standardization across the fleet of Ambulances reduces training time and helps with faster response times. These units will replace, one unit that is eleven (11) years old and one unit that is ten (10) years old.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ACTION:

APPROVED

DISAPPROVED

HOLD

COMMENTS:

3-22-23
DATE


COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

List of Documents Attached:

- Wade Ford Quote
- Custom Works Schematic

Barry Brooks
Assistant County Administrator



**DOUGHERTY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
ADMINISTRATION**

Agenda Item

Date: November 30, 2023
Meeting Date: December 04, 2023
Subject/Title: Replacement Ambulances Vehicle Chassis On-Site
Presented for: Decision
Presenter: Barry Brooks, Assistant County Administrator

Statement of Issue

Dougherty County EMS needs to purchase three (3) Type III Ambulances for immediate use.

History/Facts and Issues

Dougherty County EMS last received new Ambulances in October 2021. Two Ambulances were ordered on April 05, 2022, and two more Ambulances were ordered on April 05, 2023. Wade Ford (Smyrna, GA) received two purchase orders for these Ambulances. To date, none of the Ambulances have been built and there is no expected delivery date provided by the vendor. Currently, EMS has two Ambulances out of service since March 2023 with no expected repair date. This budget year, the EMS Department service has spent over \$50,000 on vehicle engine/transmission repairs on the older Ambulances. Presently Custom Truck & Body Works has two (2) Type III Chevy G4500 and one (1) Type III Ford E450 Ambulance Chassis on-site. If the purchase is approved, three (3) Ambulances could be completed with an anticipated delivery in late Spring of 2024 and placed into immediate use.

Recommended Action

The recommendation is for the Dougherty County Commission to rescind the purchases approved in April 2022 and 2023 to Wade Ford and accept the purchase of the three (3) 2023 Ambulance Chassis models available on-site from Custom Truck & Body Works (Woodbury, GA) for a total expenditure of \$671,458. The quoted pricing is for two (2) Chevy Type III Ambulances for \$222,761 each for a total of \$445,522 and one (1) Ford Type III Ambulance for \$225,936.

Funding Source

SPLOST VII

**A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED
A RESOLUTION DECLARING AS SURPLUS THE
ATTACHED LIST OF VEHICLES;
PROVIDING FOR DISPOSAL OF OR SALE OF SAME ON
AN ONLINE AUCTION; REPEALING PRIOR RESOLUTIONS
IN CONFLICT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, Dougherty County, Georgia owns the attached list of vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the County has neither an immediate or foreseeable future use for said vehicles;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Dougherty County, Georgia and **IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** by Authority of same:

SECTION I. That the vehicles specified in the list attached hereto are hereby declared surplus and the Assistant County Administrator or County Clerk is authorized to dispose of or to sell the same via an online auction.

SECTION II. That the County Administrator or County Clerk is authorized to execute documents necessary to effectuate sale of said vehicles.

SECTION III. All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are repealed.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA

By: _____
CHAIRMAN

COUNTY CLERK
Adopted: December 4, 2023

ADDU

Description	Unit Number	Condition
2004 Chevrolet Tahoe	32-22-0451	Poor
2009 Dodge 4500 (Ambulance)	59-0965	Poor
2007 GMC Yukon	32-22-0763	Poor

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Dougherty County

Attn: Bristeria Clark Hope

222 Pine Ave.

Albany, GA 31701

Good day to you –

My name is Lawrence C. Knighton, and I am interested in serving on the Housing Task Force Board. I have been a resident of Albany, Georgia (Dougherty County) for 35 years and I have been actively involved in the community. As a Pastor for the past seventeen years and former Marketing and Sales Director for Chick-fil-A for seven years, I believe my experiences will work together to help the Housing Task Force become an even better support for the community.

Attached is my resume which will share a little of who I am and my past and present work experience.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Lawrence C. Knighton

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LAWRENCE C. KNIGHTON

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PERSONAL PROFILE

- A resourceful and detail-oriented professional with a keen eye for details
- A focused, trustworthy and dependable individual with outstanding investigative and problem-solving skills

EXPERIENCE

2006 - Present

St. James Baptist Church - Baconton, GA

Senior Pastor

- Formulates vision and strategy based on God's leading for St. James Baptist Church
- Responsible for preaching, teaching, counseling, training, and equipping leadership members of the church and other pastoral duties.
- Develops Bible Study curriculum
- Develops Sunday School curriculum
- Implement ministries for Seniors, Young Adults and Youth
- Partner with school systems in the surrounding counties to help youth to become successful
- Ambassador to the Mitchell county community on behalf of the church

2008 - 2014

Chick-fil-A - Albany, GA

Sales & Marketing Manager

- Responsible for outside sales and marketing for the Chick-fil-A restaurants – Albany, GA
- Visit businesses and schools to distribute Chick-fil-A materials
- Organize community events for Chick-fil-A
- Assist in public relations activities for Chick-fil-A
- Conduct customer service training for various businesses
- Conduct job fairs for local schools and colleges

LAWRENCE C. KNIGHTON, con't.

2002–2006

Greater 2nd Mt. Olive Baptist Church - Albany, GA

Administrative Pastor/Media Minister

- Assist Pastor in preaching, teaching, counseling, and other administrative duties
- Responsible for curriculum for Church-In-Training classes that includes leading a team of writers, researching topics, and a written curriculum
- Currently training new Youth Minister and continuing to work in an advisory capacity to Youth Minister.
- Coordinates training for Media Ministry members
- Negotiates and coordinates broadcasts of worship for television and radio

1997-2002

Greater 2nd Mt. Olive Baptist Church - Albany, GA

Youth Minister

- Preached weekly in Youth Church
- Taught weekly bible study to the youth of 2nd Mt. Olive
- Counseled with youth and parents on various issues
- Supervised Youth Advisors (Children, Pre-Teen and Teen)
- Planned and implemented Youth Activities
- Visited local schools to track progress of 2nd Mt. Olive students
- Implemented Youth Worship for ages 0-12 from bi-weekly to weekly
- Coordinated and supervised youth teachers for Bible Study, Church-in-Training, Children's Church, the After School Program, and Summer Camp
- Partnered with the Mt. Olive Community Outreach to help advance an After School Program
- Implemented a number of various ministries
- Grant Writer
- Created and taught Youth Entrepreneurship classes to Title I middle and high school students at local schools
- Facilitated World Vision Youth Outreach Worker Pilot Program at local schools
- Trained Youth Outreach Workers for campus ministry
- Other duties as assigned

1996-1997

Greater 2nd Mt. Olive Baptist Church – Albany, GA

Benevolent Assistance Coordinator –

- Screened and counseled clients for benevolent assistance
- Maintained accurate count of clients assisted on a monthly basis
- Prepared monthly financial benevolent reports

LAWRENCE C. KNIGHTON, con't.

EDUCATION

- 2017 Bethany Bible College and Seminary Dothan, AL
Master of Arts in Religion
- 2016 Bethany Bible College and Seminary Dothan, AL
Bachelor of Arts in Ministry
- 2001 Bethany Bible College and Seminary Dothan, AL
Associate of Arts in Religion
- 1985 Boces Education Institute Syracuse, NY
- 1978 Nottingham High School Syracuse, NY

PERSONAL DATA

- Place of Birth – Syracuse, NY
- Date of Birth – May 18, 1960
- Date Entered the Ministry – September 1995

REFERENCES

Available Upon Request

Lump Sum Distributions Scenarios

	Lump Sum Distribution per Employee	Matching FICA Medicare per Employee	Total per Employee	# Employees may fluctuate	Total Distribution with Taxes
General Fund w/Grants	\$ 1,000	\$ 76.50	\$ 1,077	537	\$ 578,081
General Fund Reg-PT	\$ 500	\$ 38.25	\$ 538	79	\$ 42,522
Special Services District	\$ 1,000	\$ 76.50	\$ 1,077	42	\$ 45,213
Solid Waste	\$ 1,000	\$ 76.50	\$ 1,077	17	\$ 18,301
Total all Funds					\$ 684,116

Consider for action the lump sum distribution in the amount of \$1,000 per employee for a total distribution with taxes in the amount of \$684,116.

Funding will be provided as follows:

---General Fund	\$ 620,602
---Special Services Dist.	\$ 45,213
---Solid Waste	\$ 18,301
Total All Funds	\$ 684,116

11/30/2023