



REGULAR MEETING

August 05, 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 1st Regular Meeting, July 8th Work Session and July 8th 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. City of Albany Parks and Recreation Superintendent of Community Events, Velvet Poole present to update the Commission on the department's Fishing Rodeos.
7. Purchases.
 - a. Consider for action the recommendation to accept the quote to replace the chiller at the Judicial Building, 225 Pine Ave, from Service Pros (Albany, GA) in the amount of \$375,708.96. Three quotes were obtained with the highest being \$459,148. Funding is available in SPLOST VII and SPLOST VIII. Acting County Administrator Barry Brooks and Facilities Management Director Heidi Hailey will address. **ACTION:**

8. Additional Business.
 - a. Consider for action the Resolution providing for the acceptance of time-sensitive documentation in the National Prescription Opiate Litigation required to be executed in order to participate in the Kroger Opioid Settlement and to be bound by anticipated Memorandum of Understanding between the State of Georgia and Georgia Subdivisions regarding the Kroger National Opioid Settlement. County Attorney Alex Shalishali will address. **ACTION:**
9. Updates from the Acting County Administrator.
10. Updates from the County Attorney.
11. Updates from the County Commission.
12. 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

DRAFT

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

July 1, 2024

The Dougherty County Commission met in Room 100 of the Albany-Dougherty Government Center on July 1, 2024. Patricia “Trisha” King sang the Star-Spangled Banner. Chairman Lorenzo Heard presided and called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. Present were Commissioners Victor Edwards, Gloria Gaines, Russell Gray, 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 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 and Pledge of Allegiance by the Chairman, he called for approval of the minutes of the June 3rd Regular Meeting and June 10th Work Session.

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

The Chairman recognized Larry Thomas, Vice-Chair of the Board of Tax Assessors and Adam Bridges, Chief Tax Appraiser to update the Board on the 2026 revaluation. It was noted that GMASS was our vendor and would complete the full evaluation. The last evaluation was done in 2007 and the current project began on May 5, 2024. Mr. Thomas shared the advertising outlets that were used for the public to know about the project. Mr. Bridges mentioned the plan outlines and project status. Commissioner Gray suggested that our PIO collaborate with other community partners to increase coverage weekly. Our current valuation is 33% but the goal is 40%. Commissioner Jones added that ACCG said that many counties were below the standard and were not in compliance.

Mr. Brooks shared that the Administrative Offices of Dougherty County Board of Commissioners will be closed on Thursday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day. Commissioner Edwards asked for an update on the alleys and Mr. Brooks shared that he would provide an update on that and the fence line in Radium Springs. Commissioner Johnson commended those involved for having a singer this Monday. Commissioner Gray gave well wishes for the upcoming holiday. Commissioner Gaines recognized Elect Superior Court Judge Johnson for being present and asked for the status of the Development Authority meeting. Attorney Shalishali shared that he spoke to his counterpart at the law firm and we can meet at Commissioner Gaines’ desire. Commissioner Jones wished everyone well for the holiday and Judge Johnson sang “America the Beautiful.”

The Chairman called for consideration of the 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 Edwards, the motion for approval passed unanimously via roll call.

There being no further discussion, the Board entered into Executive Session at 10:30 a.m.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK

DOUGHERTY COUNTY COMMISSION

WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES

July 08, 2024 DRAFT

The Dougherty County Commission met in Room 100 of the Albany-Dougherty Government Center on July 08, 2024. Chairman Lorenzo Heard presided and called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Gloria Gaines, Victor Edwards, Anthony Jones, 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 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. Commissioners Russell Gray and Clinton Johnson were absent.

After the invocation by Chairman Heard, he asked the Commission to review the minutes of the June 17th Regular Meeting, June 21st Special Called Meeting, June 24th Work Session, and June 24th Special Called Meeting.

The Chairman called Human Resources Director Erica Potts to recognize the participants for the completion of the 2024 Dougherty County Summer Enrichment Internship Program. Students and managers from the following participating departments were acknowledged: the District Attorney's Office, Dougherty County Police Department, Voter Elections, Finance, Library, Public Works, Tax and Tag and the Disaster Recovery Grants.

The Chairman recognized Public Information Officer Phyllis Banks to update the Commission on the recent 2024 Juneteenth Event. PIO Banks said that there were approximately 1,500 people in attendance. The budget for the event was \$70,000. The County's budget was \$30,000 with \$23,143 expended to date. The City's budget was \$40,000 with \$10,401.49 expended to date. As of the meeting, \$33,544 was expended with Ms. Banks noting that there were still outstanding invoices that needed to be paid. Feedback was provided by the Board and staff with Commissioner Edwards stressing that future events be held on a Saturday. Mr. Brooks said that if the Board desired, after the final expenditures, he would approach the City of Albany to propose to split all costs 50/50. It was also stressed that this should be a community event and not have a divide between the City and the County. PIO Banks shared that since she was now officially the County's Public Information Officer and would take into consideration these suggestions for future events.

The Chairman called for a recommendation to accept the bid to replace the scales at the landfill from the lowest, responsive, and responsible proposer CE Construction of Albany, GA in the amount of \$1,096,149. Two bids were received with one being able to meet all the requirements of the bid. Funding is available in the Solid Waste Capital Outlay. Acting County Administrator Barry Brooks addressed. Interim Solid Waste Director Melvin Williams and City of Albany Procurement Manager Joshua Williams were present. Mr. Brooks shared his historical concerns and needs for the project. It was noted that the Public Works Subcommittee understood the critical nature of the request and Mr. Williams addressed concerns regarding construction and bonding.

The Chairman called for a recommendation to adopt the amendment to the current ACCG 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan for Dougherty County employees to add the Roth 457(b) plan option. Approval of this recommendation will be of no cost to the County. The County currently offers this added option to employees through Nationwide Retirement Solutions. Human Resources Director Erica Potts and ACCG Retirement Services Regional Client Manager Ron Rowe addressed. Mr. Rowe explained the investment option and clarified that there were no administrative costs. Commissioner Jones took the opportunity to thank Mrs. Potts for the work she has done, especially with the internship.

Mr. Brooks reminded the Board of the Special Called Meeting after the Work Session. He also shared that there will be a reception for our summer interns in Room 120 following the business action items of the Special Called Meeting.

Commissioner Edwards requested that his mother, former Commissioner Muarlean Edwards, be recognized for her birthday. Commissioner Jones sang for her, Clerk Ware, Commissioner Victor Edwards, and PIO Banks.

There being no further business to discuss the Commission the meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK

DOUGHERTY COUNTY COMMISSION
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES

DRAFT

July 8, 2024

The Dougherty County Commission met for a Special Called Meeting in Room 100 of the Albany-Dougherty Government Center on July 8, 2024 immediately following the Work Session. Chairman Lorenzo Heard presided and called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m. Present were Commissioners Victor Edwards, Gloria Gaines, Ed Newsome, and Anthony Jones. Also present were Acting County Administrator Barry Brooks, County Attorney Alex Shalishali, and County Clerk Jawahn Ware. 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. Commissioners Clinton Johnson and Russell Gray were absent.

After the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance by the Chairman, he called for approval of the minutes for the June 17th Regular Meeting, June 21st Special Called Meeting, June 24th Work Session, and June 24th Special Called Meeting.

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

The Chairman called for consideration of the resolution providing for acceptance and execution of the contract to accept the bid to replace the scales at the landfill from the lowest, responsive, and responsible proposer, CE Construction of Albany, GA in the amount of \$1,096,149. Funding is available in the Solid Waste Capital Outlay.

Commissioner Newsome moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Edwards, the motion for approval passed unanimously. Resolution 24-028 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, CE CONSTRUCTION; REPEALING
RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT
HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

The Chairman called for consideration of the resolution providing for the amendment to the current ACCG 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan for Dougherty County employees to add the Roth 457(b) plan option. Approval of this recommendation will be of no cost to the County. The County currently offers this added option to employees through Nationwide Retirement Solutions.

Commissioner Newsome moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Gaines, the motion for approval passed unanimously. Resolution 24-029 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT
ADOPTION AGREEMENT AMENDMENT #2 TO THE ACCG
457(b) DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN
FOR DOUGHERTY COUNTY EMPLOYEES.

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

There being no further discussion, the Board left the chambers at 11:04 a.m.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK



Barry Brooks
Assistant County Administrator

**DOUGHERTY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
ADMINISTRATION**

Agenda Item

Date: July 31, 2024
Meeting Date: August 5, 2024
Subject/Title: Chiller Replacement
Presented for: Decision
Presenters: Barry Brooks, Asst. County Administrator
Heidi Haily, Facilities Management Director

Statement of Issue

Dougherty County Facilities Management needs to upgrade and replace the chiller at the Judicial Building facility located at 225 Pine Ave.

History/Facts and Issues

Dougherty County Facilities Management needs to replace the chiller at the Judicial Building located at 225 Pine Ave.

Three contractors provided quotes for the chiller replacement: Service Pros (Albany, Ga) \$375,708.96, RHC HVAC (Albany, Ga) \$434,241.62, and Safe Aire Heating & Cooling (Leesburg, Ga) \$459,148.

Recommended Action

Recommend Dougherty County Commission accepts the quote from the lowest quoted vendor meeting requirements, Service Pros (Albany, GA) in the amount of \$375,708.96.

Funding Source

SPLOST VII and SPLOST VIII

Quotes meeting specifications

Service Pros- \$375,708.96
RHC HVAC- \$434,241.62
Safe Aire Heating and Cooling- \$459,148

**A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED
A RESOLUTION AGREEING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE KROGER NATIONAL
OPIOID SETTLEMENT AND AGREEING TO BE BOUND BY AN ANTICIPATED
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE STATE OF GEORGIA AND
GEORGIA SUBDIVISIONS REGARDING THE KROGER NATIONAL OPIOID
SETTLEMENT; REPEALING RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS IN
CONFLICT HEREWITH;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, Dougherty County, Georgia initiated litigation against certain manufacturers and distributors of prescription opioids in the National Prescription Opiate Litigation to hold them accountable for the opioid epidemic and to seek equitable and monetary relief;

WHEREAS, Defendant Kroger has reached a national settlement framework (herein referred to as the “Kroger National Opioid Settlement”) with certain states, including the State of Georgia, and certain subdivisions, and Georgia subdivisions now have the option to join;

WHEREAS, the State of Georgia and certain Georgia subdivisions anticipate reaching a Memorandum of Understanding regarding the Kroger National Opioid Settlement, the purpose of which is to maximize funds available under the Kroger National Opioid Settlement and control how funds from the Kroger National Opioid Settlement are allocated between the State of Georgia and Georgia subdivisions, and the form of which is expected to be identical in all material respects to the “State of Georgia and Local Governments: Memorandum of Understanding Concerning National Distributor and Johnson & Johnson Opioid Settlements” previously agreed to by the County; and

WHEREAS, Dougherty County, Georgia desires to participate in the Kroger National Opioid Settlement and intends to agree to be bound by the anticipated Memorandum of Understanding with the State of Georgia regarding the Kroger National Opioid Settlement;

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

SECTION I The Dougherty County, Georgia Board of Commissioners, as the governing body of Dougherty County, Georgia hereby agrees to participate in the Kroger National Opioid Settlement.

SECTION II The Dougherty County, Georgia Board of Commissioners, as the governing body of Dougherty County, Georgia, hereby agrees to be bound by the anticipated Memorandum of Understanding with the State of Georgia regarding the Kroger National Opioid Settlement.

SECTION III The Dougherty County, Georgia Board of Commissioners hereby appoints Chairman Lorenzo Heard as the duly-appointed representative of Dougherty County, Georgia for the purposes of participating in the Kroger National Opioid Settlement and agreeing to be bound by the anticipated Memorandum of Understanding with the State of Georgia regarding the Kroger National Opioid Settlement.

SECTION IV Once a Memorandum of Understanding with the State of Georgia has been reached regarding the Kroger National Opioid Settlement, the Dougherty County, Georgia Board of Commissioners directs the duly-appointed representative of Dougherty County, Georgia to execute any document necessary to demonstrate Dougherty County, Georgia’s agreement to be bound by the Memorandum of Understanding.

SECTION V Once a Memorandum of Understanding with the State of Georgia has been reached regarding the Kroger National Opioid Settlement, the Dougherty County, Georgia Board of Commissioners directs the duly-appointed representative of the County to execute the requisite Participation Forms for the New Opioid Settlements, which can be executed via DocuSign (the preferred method).

SECTION VI If any section, paragraph or provision of this Resolution shall be held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Resolution.

SECTION VII This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption as provided by law.

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

This the 5th day of August, 2024.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA

BY: _____
Lorenzo L. Heard, Chairman

ATTEST:

County Clerk