

DOUGHERTY COUNTY COMMISSION

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WORK SESSION MINUTES

March 11, 2019

The Dougherty County Commission met in Room 120 of the Albany-Dougherty Government Center on March 11, 2019. Chairman Christopher Cohilas presided. Commissioners present were Victor Edwards, Russell Gray, Lamar Hudgins, and Anthony Jones. Also present were County Administrator Michael McCoy, County Attorney Spencer Lee, Administrative Specialist Bristeria Hope, and representatives of the media. Commissioners Gloria Gaines and Clinton Johnson were absent.

The Chairman recognized Sheriff Kevin Sproul who was present to update the Commission with the 2018 Annual Report and to recognize Deputy Cornelius Drake as the Employee of the Year for Department 1038 (Sheriff's Office) and Officer Teresa Knighton as the Employee of the Year for Department 1062. He shared that the number of civil papers served went down 10% from last year. He added that the security checks percentage went up 15% due to performing extra security checks to identify amount of storm damage that occurred. There were 702.8 pounds of prescription drugs that were destroyed to avoid others from misusing them. He recognized how effective the deputy team was during Hurricane Michael. The team started assessments and looked for damaged homes, offered pods for the community, and provided temporary quarters at the Dougherty County Jail.

The Chairman recognized Larry Cook, Public Works Director and Chuck Mathis Assistant Public Works Director, who were present to update the Commission on Hurricane Michael storm debris removal. He highlighted that the County had picked up 90,000-100,000 cubic yards of material since the United States Army Corps of Engineering left. He added that the last day to pick up debris on a schedule would be March 18, 2019. Afterwards, Public Works would assign a designated area to pick up debris collectively based on the amount provided.

The Chairman recognized Citizen Warren Grant who was present and shared his opposition of the County hiring the financial advisor PiperJaffary.

The Chairman asked the Commission to review the minutes of the February 18 Regular Meeting, February 25 Work Session and February 25 Special Called Meeting for approval at the next regular meeting.

The Chairman called for discussion of a recommendation to approve a budget transfer for the certified police officers in the Juvenile Court. The request is for \$30,016 and will impact two officers. Sheriff Kevin Sproul addressed. He shared a budget adjustment was needed to move two employees to the Sheriff's Office.

The Chairman called for discussion of a recommendation to approve one invoice from Ceres Environmental Services in the amount of \$441,433.02 for debris removal and disposal and one invoice from Tetra Tech in the amount of \$20,598.25 for debris monitoring expenses. Funding will be paid from the Special Services District Fund. County Administrator Michael McCoy addressed.

The Chairman called for a discussion of a recommendation to approve an application for a one-day Alcoholic Beverages License for Bridges Sinyard for a Flint RiverQuarium fundraiser at the Abigail Plantation, 515 Abigail Plantation Road, on April 26, 2019. Business and License Support Chief Anthony Donaldson addressed.

Commissioner Gray shared that Chairman Cohilas received the Justice Robert Benham Award for Community Service.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK