

DOUGHERTY COUNTY COMMISSION

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

March 04, 2019

The Dougherty County Commission met in Room 100 of the Albany-Dougherty Government Center on March 04, 2019. Vice Chairman Anthony Jones presided. Commissioners present were Victor Edwards, Gloria Gaines, Russell Gray, Lamar Hudgins, and Clinton Johnson. Also present were County Attorney Spencer Lee, County Clerk Jawahn Ware, and representatives of the media. Chairman Christopher Cohilas and County Administrator Michael McCoy were absent.

After the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance, the Vice Chairman called for approval of the January 28 Regular Meeting, the January 31 – February 1, 2019 Commission Retreat, February 4 Regular Meeting, February 11 Work Session and February 14 Special Called Meeting Minutes.

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

The Vice Chairman recognized Katherine Davis, Aspire Behavior Health & Developmental Disability Services Developmental Disability Professional Community Support Day Coordinator, who was present to accept the proclamation recognizing March 2019 as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month in Dougherty County. Other representatives were present. The Proclamation reads as follows:

**Whereas:** Individuals with developmental disabilities, their families, friends, neighbors, and co-workers encourage everyone to focus on the *abilities* of all people and,

**Whereas:** the most effective way to increase this awareness is through everyone's active participation in community activities and the openness to learn and acknowledge each individual's contribution; and,

**Whereas:** policies must be developed, attitudes shaped, and opportunities offered for citizens with developmental disabilities to live as independently and productively as possible in our community; and,

**Whereas:** we encourage all citizens to support opportunities for people with disabilities that include full access to education, housing, employment, and recreational activities; and,

Now, therefore, we, Dougherty County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim March 2019 as

**DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH**

And offer full support to ASPIRE Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities and their efforts that assist people with developmental disabilities to make choices that enable them to live successful lives and realize their potential;

**Furthermore**, we urge all citizens to take time to get to know someone with a disability and ask ‘What’s Your Story?’ Every person’s story holds a promise to educate and inspire others.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hand and caused our seal this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, in the year two thousand and nineteen.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Christopher Cohilas, Chairman

The Vice Chairman recognized EMS Director Sam Allen present to update the Commission with their 2018 Annual Report. Mr. Allen highlighted the revenues collected in 2018 were \$3,012,782 with Medicaid being the largest provider. The total calls were \$22,012 and the response time was lowered to 6 minutes and 22 seconds; the national average response time standard is 8 minutes.

The Vice Chairman called for consideration of the resolution providing for the acceptance and execution of a Financial Services Agreement with PiperJaffray (Atlanta, GA) to serve as the County’s financial advisor. The service will be funded from the General Fund.

Commissioner Hudgins moved for approval. Commissioner Gaines seconded the motion. Commissioner Johnson asked for more details about the scope of work. County Attorney Spencer Lee gave direction in regards to Commissioner Johnson’s question about not proceeding with the request. Commissioner Edwards made a substitute motion to table. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. Under continued discussion, Commissioner Gray shared that the agreement is under Mr. McCoy authority. Commissioner Gaines added that she was not in favor of tabling but we needed clarification on the scope and requested a comprehensive long term plan. The motion to table the Financial Services Agreement with PiperJaffray passed with 5 ayes and 2 nays by Commissioner Hudgins and Commissioner Gaines.

The Vice Chairman called for consideration the resolution providing for the amendment to the account agreement with Wellsfargo (Atlanta, GA). Approval is needed to accept a fee reduction from .35% to .30% annually on assets under management for the Dougherty County Retirement Plan. HR Director Dominique Hall addressed and shared that the savings to the plan is anticipated to be approximately \$27,469.

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

Resolution No. 19-011 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION  
ENTITLED  
A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE APPROVAL AND EXECUTION OF  
AN AMENDMENT TO THE WELLS FARGO ACCOUNT AGREEMENT  
DOCUMENTATION; REPEALING RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF  
RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Commissioner Gaines requested an update from Code Enforcement regarding the process in place to ensure that citizens are cleaning up after the storms.

There being no further business, the Commission adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

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CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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COUNTY CLERK