

DOUGHERTY COUNTY COMMISSION

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

March 18, 2019

The Dougherty County Commission met in Room 100 of the Albany-Dougherty Government Center on March 18, 2019. Chairman Christopher Cohilas presided. Commissioners present were Victor Edwards, Gloria Gaines, Russell Gray, Lamar Hudgins and Clinton Johnson. Also present were County Administrator Michael McCoy, County Attorney Spencer Lee, County Clerk Jawahn Ware, and representatives of the media. Commissioner Anthony Jones was absent.

After the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance, the Chairman called for approval of the February 18 Regular Meeting, February 25 Work Session and February 25 Special Called Meeting Minutes.

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

The Chairman recognized HR Director Dominique Hall present to update the Commission on the 2019 Snickers Marathon and recognize the participants that volunteered at the County's water station. Ms. Hall shared that this was the 13<sup>th</sup> annual Snickers Marathon and the theme was geared towards recognizing first responders for their hard work and dedication during Hurricane Michael. There were approximately 30 volunteers present to assist Dougherty County during the marathon.

The Chairman recognized Chief Jackie Battle present to recognize Cpl. Samuel Floyd as the Officer of the Year; Senior Clerk Dispatcher Venise Haskins as Support Services Staff of Year; Patrol Officer Donald Eubanks as High Shooter of Year; Patrol Officer James Covey as Officer of the Year – DA's Office; and update the Commission with the 2018 Annual Report for the Dougherty County Police Department. This was the 7<sup>th</sup> year Donald Eubanks was recognized as High Shooter of Year. Chief Battle shared that there were 15,525 calls for dispatch and 982 calls for animal control. She explained her concerns for the applicant pool for police officers. She stated that 9 personnel were hired, but the department lost 13 to various agencies throughout Georgia. She shared that there were not any active cases for internet crimes against children. Lastly, she highlighted several community service projects that involved the Dougherty County Police Department.

The Chairman called for consideration of the budget transfer in the amount of \$30,016 from the Juvenile Court (Department 1036) to the Sheriff's Office (Department 1038). This transfer allows the Sheriff's Office to be the reporting authority for two certified police officers.

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

The Chairman called for consideration of the recommendation from Superior Court to apply for an accountability court funding program reimbursement grant from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council agency in the amount of \$86,405 for a program coordinator. This amount includes the local match amount of \$8,641. Superior Court Judge Victoria Darrisaw addressed. She added that the request is on behalf of the Mental Health Court. The grant requires a 10 percent match and the current funding satisfies the requested amount.

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

The Chairman called for consideration the recommendation of the transfer of \$1,143,277.50 from the Fund Balance of the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund to the Special Services District Fund for the purpose of paying invoices from Ceres and Tetra Tech.

Commissioner Gray moved for approval. Under discussion, Mr. McCoy shared that he will provide the fund balance amount to Commissioner Gaines. Upon a second by Commissioner Johnson, the motion passed unanimously.

The Chairman called for consideration the recommendation of the payment of three invoices from Ceres in the amount of \$963,891.74 for debris removal and disposal services and two invoices from Tetra Tech in the amount of \$179,385.76 for debris monitoring expenses from the Special Services District Fund.

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

The Chairman called for consideration the recommendation of the 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.

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

There being no further business, the Commission adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

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CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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COUNTY CLERK