

DOUGHERTY COUNTY COMMISSION

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

April 15, 2019

The Dougherty County Commission met in Room 100 of the Albany-Dougherty Government Center on April 15, 2019. Chairman Christopher Cohilas presided. Commissioners present were Victor Edwards, Gloria Gaines, Russell Gray, Lamar Hudgins, Clinton Johnson and Anthony Jones. Also present were County Administrator Michael McCoy, County Attorney Spencer Lee, County Clerk Jawahn Ware, and representatives of the media.

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

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

The Chairman called for consideration of the purchase of five vehicles from the lowest bidder meeting specifications, Sunbelt Ford Town (Albany, Ga) in the amount of \$125,491.52.

- Three (3) are for the Sheriff's Office: (1) 2019 Ford Escape, (1) 2019 Ford F-150 4-Dr SSV Pickup and (1) 2019 Ford F150 4-Dr Pickup XLT. Funding is available in SPLOST VII- Sheriff's Dept Vehicles.
- One (1) is for the Jail: (1) 2019 Ford F150 4-Dr Pickup. Funding is available in SPLOST VII- Jail Vehicles and
- One (1) is for the Juvenile Court: (1) 2019 Ford Fusion. Funding is available in SPLOST VII – County Department Vehicles.

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

The Chairman called for consideration of the purchase of one 2020 Model #567 Peterbilt Dump Truck for Public Works from Performance Peterbilt (Albany, Ga) in the amount of \$140,583. Pricing for the equipment is provided by the Sourcewell Purchasing Cooperative Agreement. Funding is budgeted in SPLOST VI- Storm Drainage Improvements & Equipment.

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

The Chairman called for consideration of the purchase of two tractors for Public Works: one Model #3033R John Deer Compact Tractor in the amount of \$29,106.84 and (1) 6105E John Deer Cab Tractor in the amount of \$61,126.46 from the Ga State Contract vendor Flint Equipment Company (Leesburg, Ga) for a total expenditure of \$90,233.30. Funding is budgeted

in SPLOST VI- County Road Improvements & Equipment and SPLOST VII – Roads, Streets & Bridges Equipment.

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

The Chairman called for consideration of the purchase of ten complete sets of Tactical Vests for the Albany Dougherty Drug Unit (ADDU) from Dana Safety Supply, Inc. (Greensboro, GA) in the amount of \$33,178.20. Funding is available in the General Fund.

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

The Chairman called for consideration of the resolution providing for the acceptance and execution of the contract by the County Administrator from Maschke Associates, Inc. (Albany, GA) to develop bid specifications and provide project administration for the jail fire suppression system. The fee is \$68,118 and will be funded from SPLOST VII- Jail Facility Improvements.

Commissioner Gray moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Jones, the motion passed unanimously. Resolution No. 19-018 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION  
ENTITLED  
A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ACCEPTANCE AND EXECUTION OF  
AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA AND  
MASCHKE ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING BID  
SPECIFICATIONS AND PROJECT ADMINISTRATION FOR A  
DOUGHERTY COUNTY JAIL FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEM;  
REPEALING RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS  
IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Chairman called for consideration of the purchase of a replacement generator at the Fire Station on Hill Rd for Facilities Management from A. West Enterprises (Albany, GA) in the amount of \$106,540. Pricing for material, labor and equipment is based off the U.S. General Service Administration (GSA) price and funding is budgeted in SPLOST VII- County Fire Station Improvements.

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

The Chairman called for consideration of the purchase of five speed tables for Public Works from the lowest quoted vendor meeting specifications Zane Grace Construction (Leesburg, GA) in the amount of \$21,000 for use on Redbud Lane. Funding is budgeted in SPLOST IV – Speed Bump Installation. In the November 5, 2018 Regular Meeting, the Commission approved the concrete speed tables as the traffic calming device for Redbud Lane. County Administrator Michael McCoy addressed.

Commissioner Jones moved for approval. Commissioner Edwards seconded the motion. Under discussion, Commissioner Gray shared that speed tables inconvenienced citizens and he would like gradual intervention prior to permanent fixtures be put in place. After no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

The Chairman called for consideration of the recommendation from Juvenile Court to apply for a Criminal Justice Incentive Grant Program in the amount of \$445,059.20 for Functional Family Therapy use. This is a 100% grant with no local match.

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

The Chairman called for consideration of the resolution providing for the acceptance and execution of the Memorandum of Understanding with Evidence Based Associates, LLC (EBA) on behalf of the Dougherty County Juvenile Court authorizing EBA to serve as the managing entity for the grant program. This MOU is required with the application for the Criminal Justice Incentive Grant Program.

Commissioner Jones moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Johnson, the motion passed unanimously. Resolution No. 19-019 is entitled:

**A RESOLUTION  
ENTITLED  
A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE APPROVAL AND EXECUTION OF A  
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH EVIDENCE BASED  
ASSOCIATES, LLC (“EBA”) ON BEHALF OF THE DOUGHERTY COUNTY  
JUVENILE COURT AUTHORIZING EBA TO SERVE AS THE MANAGING  
ENTITY OF A CRIMINAL JUSTICE INCENTIVE GRANT PROGRAM;  
REPEALING RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS  
IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

The Chairman called for consideration of the resolution providing for the acceptance and execution of an Option For Right Of Way in favor of the Georgia Department of Transportation for the purchase of property needed by GDOT for the widening of SR 133 consisting of 0.201 acres.

Commissioner Johnson moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Jones, the motion passed unanimously. Resolution No. 19-020 is entitled:

**A RESOLUTION  
ENTITLED  
A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF AN  
OPTION FOR THE PURCHASE OF RIGHT OF WAY FROM DOUGHERTY COUNTY  
BY THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RELATIVE TO  
PROPERTY NEEDED BY GDOT FOR THE WIDENING OF SR 133;  
REPEALING RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS**

IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Chairman called for consideration of the resolution providing for the approval and execution of the Ga Dept of Transportation State Highway System Revision Order of the Commissioner and supplemental documents. GDOT intends to make revisions to State Route 133. County Administrator Michael McCoy and Public Works Director Larry Cook addressed. Project Engineer Jeremy Brown was present. Mr. McCoy stated that GDOT was shifting SR133 and upgrades would be done on County roads. Also, GDOT needed to ensure that the County would maintain the roads just as they had been maintained in the past. Mr. Cook addressed that the changes would add more length to the County's inventory.

Commissioner Jones moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Gray, the motion passed unanimously. Resolution No. 19-021 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION  
ENTITLED  
A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE APPROVAL AND EXECUTION OF AN  
AGREEMENT WITH THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
PROVIDING FOR REVISIONS TO SR 133 OF THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM AS IT  
PASSES THROUGH DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA; REPEALING RESOLUTIONS  
OR PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES.

The Chairman called for consideration of the resolution providing for the acceptance and execution of the Seller Agreement by the County Administrator with Big Truck Bid, LLC to serve as an on-line auction service for surplused heavy equipment and trucks.

Commissioner Jones moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Gray, the motion passed unanimously. Resolution No. 19-022 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION  
ENTITLED  
A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE APPROVAL AND EXECUTION OF AN  
AGREEMENT BETWEEN DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA AND BIGTRUCKBID,  
LLC ALLOWING BIGTRUCKBID, LLC TO SERVE AS DOUGHERTY COUNTY'S  
ONLINE AUCTION SERVICE FOR SURPLUS HEAVY EQUIPMENT AND  
TRUCKS; 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 as surplus and authorizing the sale of same via an online auction.

Commissioner Jones moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Gray, the motion passed unanimously. Resolution No. 19-023 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION  
ENTITLED  
A RESOLUTION DECLARING AS SURPLUS THE  
ATTACHED LIST OF EQUIPMENT;  
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 of the transfer of \$22,362.89 from the Fund Balance of the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund to the Special Services District Fund for the purpose of paying invoices from Ceres. County Administrator Michael McCoy addressed.

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

The Chairman called for consideration of the payment of one invoice from Ceres in the amount of \$22,362.89. The services rendered were for debris removal. County Administrator Michael McCoy addressed.

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

The Chairman called for consideration of the acceptance of a Quit Claim Deed from the Albany/Dougherty Land Bank Authority to Dougherty County, Georgia providing for the acquisition of 16.06 acres of land lying and being at the intersection of Antioch Road and Radium Springs Road for public use as a recreation area. Public Works Director Larry Cook and County Attorney Spencer Lee addressed. Mr. Lee stated how the area was initially used for a little league ball park and no taxes were being paid on the property. He added that Public Works felt that it would be a good place for recreation, a provision for good drainage usage and other benefits to the County. The Albany Dougherty Land Bank bought the land at a tax sale and is now in the position to transfer property. Mr. McCoy added that this option is being presented to address the concerns of Commissioner Jones and constituents. Mr. Cook shared the proposed conceptual design which includes a playground, fitness equipment, walking trails and parking. He added that funding would be needed to implement changes but the first step would be to allow the County to start maintaining property. Commissioner Gaines asked about an inventory of land owned by the County and the process of putting some of it back on the tax digest. Mr. Cook shared that Public Works keeps an inventory of property they maintain. Mr. Lee addressed the process to declare property as surplus or transfer to the Land Bank Authority.

After no further discussion, Commissioner Jones moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Gray, the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Jones expressed a concern in regards to the dilapidated home in the College Heights area and the store on US 19. He asked for assistance from County Attorney Spencer Lee because the owner has not operated in good faith with the Commission. Chairman Cohilas asked Mr. McCoy and Mr. Lee for follow up with this situation.

Commissioner Edwards asked about the fire station on US 19. Commissioner Jones confirmed that the fire station was the City of Albany's property. Commissioner Edwards asked Mr. McCoy to see if what could be done [about the property use]. He then asked for a status update on allowing individuals that owned businesses in Dougherty County be appointed to the various Boards offered. Chairman Cohilas asked Mrs. Ware to provide a listing of those with residency requirements.

Commissioner Gaines asked Mr. McCoy for the property list discussed earlier and later asked about the replacement of the signs that were bent from the storms. Mr. Cook said that due to staffing issues, there was a delay to replace them. He added that he does have an individual that will look at the signs to which she has a concern. However, with the passing of TSPLOST, more can be done. Commissioner Gray encouraged individuals to use 311 to generate work orders about concerns. Mr. Cook stated that he would provide the listing of signs. Commissioner Gaines then asked about the policies related to professional services. Mrs. Ware stated that the County utilizes the state code in regards to professional services and added that she would provide the state law that defines professional services. Mr. McCoy said that laws allows the County flexibility in regards to bids. He added use of professional services is case by case and shared the County's typically use for a project.

There being no further business, the Commission adjourned at 10:49 a.m.

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CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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COUNTY CLERK