

DOUGHERTY COUNTY COMMISSION

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

May 6, 2019

The Dougherty County Commission met in Room 100 of the Albany-Dougherty Government Center on May 6, 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 invocation by Commissioner Johnson and Pledge of Allegiance, the Chairman called for approval of the April 1 Regular Meeting and April 8 Work Session minutes.

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

The Chairman called County Administrator Michael McCoy to recognize former Solid Waste Director Scott Addison as the new Assistant County Administrator.

The Chairman recognized HR Director Dominique Hall to discuss the new and innovative recruitment efforts. She introduced a new method of using “Facebook Live” to inform the public of the various job opportunities with the Dougherty County Board of Commissioners.

The Chairman recognized Dougherty County School System Public Information Officer J.D. Sumner to provide an update on the Georgia Civic Awareness Program for Students (GCAPs) program. He shared how effective the program had been to students who had graduated and went off to college to pursue their careers.

The Chairman recognized citizen George Carter to request that the grass be mowed on State Route Highway 82. Mr. McCoy shared that Mr. Carter was made aware of the progress in getting the situation resolved and added that this was out of the County’s jurisdiction, but County Public Works has prepared the area for the state.

The Chairman recognized citizen Cheryl Laughlin to share the concern of not being informed of the public hearing for rezoning in her neighborhood. Chairman Cohilas informed her of the scheduled dates to discuss the topic and welcomed her come to the meetings to obtain the needed information and to participate in the Public Hearing on May 20th .

The Chairman called for consideration of the recommendation to ratify the application for a Work Source Grant and accept the award in the amount of \$59,646. This grant is a partnership between Dougherty County, the City of Albany and Albany Technical College (ATC) and will provide career and technical education to military personnel and their spouses who are transitioning out of service. Dougherty County will be required to provide a match in the amount

of \$15,000. County Administrator Michael McCoy and ATC President, Dr. Anthony Parker addressed.

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

The Chairman called for consideration of the resolution providing for the acceptance and execution of a contract for a security camera system for the Sheriff's Office from the lowest responsive and responsible vendor meeting specifications, Micro Technology Consultants, Inc. (Warner Robins, Ga) in the amount of \$141,142.27 subject to the execution by the County Administrator. Three proposals were reviewed. Funding is budgeted in SPLOST VII - Camera System Upgrade. County Administrator Michael McCoy addressed. City of Albany Buyer Joshua William and Major Pamela Johnson were present.

Commissioner Jones moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Johnson, the motion passed unanimously. Resolution No. 19-024 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ACCEPTANCE AND EXECUTION OF A
PROCUREMENT RECOMMENDATION WITH MICRO TECHNOLOGY CONSULTANTS,
INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$141,142.27 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING A
SECURITY CAMERA SYSTEM FOR THE DOUGHERTY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE;
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 contract from the lowest responsive and responsible bidder meeting specifications, Reeves Construction, Inc. (Albany, GA) to perform Street Resurfacing in the amount of \$796,050.80 for the 2019 Resurfacing Project. Two bids were received with the highest bid being \$857,799.20. Funding is available in SPLOST VII- 2019 Resurfacing (\$396,312.45) and 2019 LMIG (\$399,738.35). County Administrator Michael McCoy addressed. Public Works Director Larry Cook, Project Manager Jeremy Brown and City of Albany Central Services Buyer Kimberly Allen were present.

Commissioner Jones moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Johnson, the motion passed unanimously. Resolution No. 19-025 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ACCEPTANCE AND EXECUTION OF A
PROCUREMENT RECOMMENDATION WITH REEVES CONSTRUCTION CO. IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$796,050.80 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING STREET RESURFACING
AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS WITHIN DOUGHERTY COUNTY; 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 contract from the lowest responsive and responsible bidder meeting specifications, L.E. Schwatz & Son, Inc. (Macon, GA) to perform Roof Repairs in various location throughout Dougherty County in the amount of \$416,587. Two vendors submitted bids with the highest base bid being \$549,000. Funding is available in the Risk Management Fund. County Administrator Michael McCoy addressed. Facilities Management Director Heidi Minnick and City of Albany Central Services Buyer Kimberly Allen were present.

Commissioner Gray moved for approval. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. Under discussion, Roofing Consultant Jody Usry addressed questions regarding the alternate option. With no further discussion the motion passed unanimously and Resolution No. 19-026 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ACCEPTANCE AND EXECUTION OF A
PROCUREMENT RECOMMENDATION WITH L. E. SCHWARTZ & SON, INC. IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$416,587.00 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PERFORMING ROOF REPAIR
SERVICES AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT DOUGHERTY COUNTY;
REPEALING RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Chairman called for consideration of the purchase of one 4-Ton Falcon Asphalt Recycler & Hot Box Trailer for Public Works from the Sourcewell Contract vendor Reynolds Warren Equipment Co. (Morrow, GA) in the amount of \$39,995. Funding is available in SPLOST VII-Road Equipment. County Administrator Michael McCoy addressed. Public Works Director Larry Cook and City of Albany Central Services Procurement Manager Mike Trotter were present.

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

The Chairman called for consideration of the purchase of one 2019 F-150 4-Dr SSV Pickup for the Sheriff's Office from Sunbelt Ford Town (Albany, GA) in the amount of \$26,728.45. The purchase will be "piggy-backed" from the County's earlier bid award for the Jail on April 15, 2019. Funding is available in the SPLOST VII - Sheriff's Dept. Vehicles. County Administrator Michael McCoy addressed. Major Pamela Johnson and City of Albany Central Services Procurement Manager Mike Trotter were present.

Commissioner Gray moved for approval. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. Under discussion, Commissioner Gaines asked for clarity on the accessibility of the amount for bids. Mr. McCoy explained that the information was an open record and could be obtained by others. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

The Chairman called for consideration of the purchase of one 2019 E-350 15 Passenger Van (Gas Engine) with a Work Detail Security Package for the Dougherty County Jail from Sunbelt Ford Town (Albany, GA) for a total expenditure of \$35,114.61. Funding is available in the SPLOST VII - Jail Facility Vehicles. County Administrator Michael McCoy addressed. Chief Jailer

John Ostrander and City of Albany Central Services Procurement Manager Mike Trotter were present.

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

The Chairman called for consideration of the resolution providing for the acceptance of a change order for renovation in Suite 540 of the Government Center from LRA Constructors, Inc. (Albany, GA) in the amount of \$30,115 subject to the execution by the County Administrator. Funding is available in SPLOST VII – Government Center Improvements. County Administrator Michael McCoy addressed and shared that this renovation is included in the budget for the building.

Commissioner Jones moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Johnson, the motion passed unanimously. Resolution No. 19-027 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED
A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ACCEPTANCE AND EXECUTION OF A
CHANGE ORDER PROPOSAL FROM LRA CONSTRUCTION, INC. PROVIDING FOR
RENOVATION IN SUITE 540 OF THE GOVERNMENT CENTER; REPEALING
RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES.

The Chairman called for consideration of the purchase of furniture for the Government Center from Advent Business Interiors (Albany, GA) for state contract pricing in the amount of \$90,105. Funding is available in the SPLOST VII – Government Center Improvements. County Administrator Michael McCoy addressed.

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

The Chairman called for consideration of the approval for the utilization of the Dougherty County Drug Abuse Treatment and Education (DATE) Fund in the amount of \$9,650 to sponsor the Dougherty County Sheriff's Office Choosing Healthy Activities and Methods Promoting Safety (C.H.A.M.P.S.) Summer Camp. The camp will provide up to 125 youth the opportunity to learn about the dangers of drugs and gangs during a 5-week period. Major Pamela Johnson and Sgt. Luther Lane addressed. Sgt. Lane reviewed the summer camp expenses and how the program helps educate the children on gangs, alcohol, bullying and promoting safety in the community. The target ages are six to fourteen and will be hosted at Merry Acres this year. Chairman Cohilas also provided information about the DATE fund.

Commissioner Jones moved for approval. Commissioner Edwards seconded the motion. Commissioner Gray proposed an alternate motion to amend the amount from \$9,650 to \$10,000. Upon a second by Commissioner Johnson, the motion passed unanimously.

The Chairman called for consideration of the transfer of \$259,625.91 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. 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 payment to approve one invoice from Ceres Environmental Services in the amount of \$166,510.52 for debris removal and disposal and one invoice from Tetra Tech in the amount of \$93,115.39 for debris monitoring expenses. Funding will be paid from the Special Services District Fund. County Administrator Michael McCoy addressed.

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 a contract by the County Administrator for the customization of the new website from Everium, LLC (Albany, Ga) in the amount of \$42,400. County Administrator Michael McCoy addressed. Public Information Officer Wendy Howell and proposed vendor Scott Evans were present. Mrs. Howell informed that the new website will showcase the new branding and will allow new functionality that will keep the public engaged and provide accessible information.

Commissioner Jones moved for approval. Commissioner Gray seconded the motion. The motion passed with 6 ayes and one nay by Commissioner Gloria Gaines. Resolution No. 19-028 is entitled:

**A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED
A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE APPROVAL AND EXECUTION OF A
CONTRACT WITH EVERIUM LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$42,400.00 FOR THE
PURPOSE OF CUSTOMIZING THE COUNTY'S NEW WEBSITE; REPEALING
RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

The Chairman called for consideration of the acceptance of the new zoning signs. Planning & Development Services Director Paul Forgey and Public Information Officer Wendy Howell addressed. A presentation was provided to the City Commission and they supported the new signage with reflective paint. Commissioner Johnson requested that a QR scannable code be added that will direct individuals to the website with more information. The proposed color of the signs are green. Mr. McCoy shared that the City of Albany will share the cost of the signs.

Commissioner Gray moved for approval of the proposal with suggestions. Upon a second by Commissioner Edwards, the motion passed unanimously.

Updates were provided by Commissioners of the passing of individuals that had relationships with the Commission and Chairman Cohilas was recognized for providing an update at the ACCG conference on disaster management.

The Chairman called for consideration the recommendation from County Attorney Spencer Lee to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters and then to adjourn.

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

There being no further business to discuss the Commission entered into executive session at 11:16 a.m.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK