

DOUGHERTY COUNTY COMMISSION

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

July 15, 2019

The Dougherty County Commission met in Room 100 of the Albany-Dougherty Government Center on July 15, 2019. Chairman Christopher Cohilas presided. Commissioners present were Victor Edwards, Gloria Gaines, Lamar Hudgins and Clinton Johnson. Commissioner Anthony Jones was absent. Also present were County Administrator Michael McCoy, Assistant County Administrator Scott Addison, 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 June 17 Regular Meeting, June 24 Work Session and June 24 Special Called Meeting Minutes.

Commissioner Johnson moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Edwards, the motion passed with 5 ayes. Commissioner Russell Gray entered the meeting at 10:02 a.m.

The Chairman recognized citizen Bruce Capps to speak about the one-day Alcoholic Beverage License for the South Georgia Council Boys Scouts of America fundraiser. Mr. Capps opposed the fundraiser because he alleged it was distributing firearms which contributes to the gun violence issues in our area. Commissioner Gray clarified concerns and spoke on the merits of the organization and benefits of raising money via legal means. Spencer Lee reminded the Commission that the Board was to take action on the application if the criteria were met. Mr. Capps clarified that he was not opposed to the application but was opposed to the potential contribution to a problem in today's society. The Chairman spoke on his knowledge of the fundraiser and distribution of the items. Commissioner Gaines said as a member of the Board she would individually work with Mr. Capps to write a personal letter to speak against the practice of firearm distribution and not the application itself.

The Chairman recognized citizen Kelvin Crawford to request changing the name of Carver Park to Charles Driskell Park. He stated that he would be presenting to the City of Albany and would like the County's support on behalf of the change.

The Chairman opened the Public Hearing on the request from Marty Adams, on behalf of Blue Springs Plantation, to close portions of County owned and maintained Wildfair Road and Blue Springs Road. Citizen Clinton Trice was not opposed to the road closing as long as access to the graveyard was provided. Mr. Trice would like an agreement for the gates to be opened, especially on holidays, and would like to be provided with a contact number for emergencies. Mr. Adams was called by the Chairman to clarify, by showing a map, that there will be no access restriction to the graveyard for the current closure request. Letters of support, police reports and other documents in favor of the road closing were presented and clarification pertaining to the graveyard were addressed. The Chairman inquired if any public use of the roads were still needed. Mr. Lee clarified that River Road was still open to the public, County maintained and provides

access. Citizen Teresa Jackson said she was opposed to the road closing. Commissioner Edwards spoke about concerns and not denying public purpose or access. After no additional individuals were present to speak in favor of or opposition to the request, the Chairman closed the public hearing.

The Chairman called for consideration of a resolution providing for the acceptance of the bid to perform the Perimeter Fencing for the Radium Springs Greenspace from the lowest bidder meeting specifications, Dixie Fence & Kennel, Inc. (Douglas, GA) in the amount of \$53,125 subject to the execution of the contract by the County Administrator. Funding is available in SPLOST V – Fencing Perimeter.

Commissioner Johnson moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Gray, the motion passed unanimously. Resolution No. 19-036 is entitled:

**A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED
A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ACCEPTANCE, APPROVAL AND
EXECUTION OF A PROCUREMENT RECOMMENDATION WITH DIXIE
FENCE & KENNEL, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$53,125.00 FOR FENCING
ALONG AZALEA BOULEVARD IN RADIUM SPRINGS; REPEALING
RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

The Chairman called for consideration of a resolution providing for the acceptance of a change order for the West Parking Deck for Facilities Management from Metro Waterproofing, Inc. (Scottdale, GA) in the amount of \$197,811 subject to the execution of the contract by the County Administrator. This change order will apply an upper level traffic coating system in the west deck. Funding is available in SPLOST VII – Central Square Complex Improvements.

Commissioner Hudgins moved for approval with a second by Commissioner Johnson. Under discussion, Commissioner Johnson asked for the remaining time frame for the deck to which Mrs. Minnick addressed by informing the Commission that the completion date is set to be during the beginning of September. The motion passed unanimously. Resolution No. 19-037 is entitled:

**A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED
A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ACCEPTANCE, APPROVAL AND
EXECUTION OF A CHANGE ORDER FOR THE WEST PARKING DECK
FROM THE CURRENT VENDOR, METRO WATERPROOFING, INC., IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$197,811.00 FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPLYING AN UPPER
LEVEL TRAFFIC COATING SYSTEM IN THE WEST DECK; REPEALING
RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

The Chairman called for consideration of a resolution providing for the approval of Tetra Tech Task Order No. MSA 19-029-T03-HMGPApp for preparation of 2018 Hurricane Michael FEMA

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Applications subject to the execution of the contract by the County Administrator in an amount not to exceed \$48,021.

Commissioner Hudgins moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Johnson, the motion passed unanimously. Resolution No. 19-038 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED
A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE
AND EXECUTION OF TASK ORDER NO. MSA 19-029-T03-
HMGAPP WITH TETRA TECH, INC. FOR THE PURPOSE OF
PREPARATION OF 2018 HURRICANE MICHAEL FEMA HAZARD
MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATIONS IN AN AMOUNT
NOT TO EXCEED \$48,021.00; REPEALING RESOLUTIONS OR
PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Chairman called for consideration of a resolution declaring the listed vehicles and equipment as surplus and authorizing the sale of same via an online auction (Govdeals.com or Big Truck Bid, LLC) or disposal by appropriate means.

Commissioner Johnson moved for approval with a second by Commissioner Edwards. Under discussion, Commissioner Johnson asked for proceeds of sales from the past year to which Mrs. Ware would provide. The motion passed unanimously. Resolution No. 19-039 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED
A RESOLUTION DECLARING AS SURPLUS THE
ATTACHED LIST OF EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLES;
PROVIDING FOR DISPOSAL OF OR SALE OF SAME ON
VIA AN ONLINE AUCTION; REPEALING PRIOR RESOLUTIONS
IN CONFLICT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Chairman called for consideration of an application for a one-day Alcoholic Beverages License for Rose Palazzolo for a South Georgia Council Boys Scouts of America fundraiser at the Potters Community Center, 2621 Wildfair Road, on October 22, 2019.

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

The Chairman called for consideration of the proposed board appointments. The following board appointments were made:

Upon nomination by Commissioner Johnson, incumbents Thelma Adams-Johnson and Larry Thomas were unanimously reappointed to the Albany – Dougherty Land Bank Board for a two-year term ending July 31, 2021.

Upon nomination by Commissioner Johnson, incumbents Norma Kay Gaines Heath and Henry Mathis were unanimously reappointed to the Department of Family & Children Services for a five-year term ending June 30, 2024.

Upon nomination by Commissioner Hudgins, incumbent Chris Hatcher was unanimously reappointed to the Economic Development Commission for a two-year term ending June 30, 2021. Commissioner Johnson's reappointment was confirmed for the Economic Development Commission for a two-year term ending June 30, 2021.

The Chairman called for consideration of the request of Marty Adams on behalf of Blue Springs Plantation to close portions of County owned and maintained Wildfair Road and Blue Springs Road.

Commissioner Gray moved for approval. Commissioner Edwards seconded the motion with an amendment that a sign be posted with a person of appropriate authority contact information for Blue Springs Plantation. Commissioner Gray withdrew his motion and seconded the amended motion by Commissioner Edwards. The motion was passed with 5 ayes and one nay by Commissioner Gaines.

The Chairman called for consideration of the recommendation from Financial Advisor Edmund Wall to maintain the millage rate of 15.569 mills.

Commissioner Hudgins moved for approval with a second by Commissioner Gray. The motion was passed with 5 ayes and one nay by Commissioner Gaines for the General Fund millage rate.

There was an additional vote to accept the Special Services millage rate of 9.173 mills. Commissioner Hudgins moved for approval with a second by Commissioner Johnson. The motion was passed with 5 ayes and one nay by Commissioner Gaines.

County Administrator McCoy reminded the Commission that there would not be a meeting on July 22 due to five Mondays in the month and the next meeting would be a Work Session on July 29, 2019

There being no further business, the Commission adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

ATTEST:

CHAIRMAN

COUNTY CLERK