

DOUGHERTY COUNTY COMMISSION

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

September 09, 2019

The Dougherty County Commission met in Room 100 of the Albany-Dougherty Government Center on September 09, 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, other staff and representatives of the media.

After the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance, the Chairman called for approval of the August 5 Regular Meeting, August 10 Midyear Commission Retreat and August 12 Work Session Minutes.

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

The Chairman recognized ASPIRE Behavioral Health and Developmental Disability (BHDD) Services, CEO, Dana Glass, The Change Center Program Director, Kathryn Newcomb and other staff to accept a proclamation recognizing September as National Recovery Month in Dougherty County. The proclamation reads as follows:

WHEREAS, behavioral health is an essential part of health and one's overall wellness;
and

WHEREAS, recovery from alcohol and other drug use occurs every day through a variety of recovery support resources and treatment programs; and

WHEREAS, mental health disorders and substance use disorders prevention works, treatment is effective and people recover across Georgia and around the nation; and

WHEREAS, millions of people across the United States are in long-term recovery living happy, healthy and productive lives; and

WHEREAS, we must encourage relatives and friends of people with mental health disorders and substance use disorders to implement preventive measures, recognize the signs of a problem and guide those in need to appropriate treatment and recovery support services; and

WHEREAS, education about recovery and addiction is essential to combating the stigma and discrimination faced by people in recovery is needed by all Georgians including public health and safety officials, the workforce, older adults and families;
and

WHEREAS, to help more people achieve and sustain long-term recovery, the Dougherty County Board of Commissioners invites all residents of our community to participate in National Recovery Month in order to Empower Choice, Promote Change and Health Our Community; and

THEREFORE, we, the Board of Commissioners of the Dougherty County, Georgia, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2019 as

NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH

We further call upon our citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, and schools to commit to increasing awareness and understanding of mental illnesses and addiction, to fight stigma and discrimination, and to promote appropriate and accessible services for all people seeking to live a life of recovery.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hands and caused the seals of Dougherty County to be affixed on this 9th day of September, in the year two thousand and nineteen.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA

Christopher S. Cohilas, Chairman

The Chairman called for consideration of the acceptance of a grant, the resolution providing for approval and execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement to operate the Southwestern Regional Drug Enforcement Office and the resolution providing for approval and execution of a Lease Agreement on behalf of the GBI and between the City of Albany and Dougherty County. County Administrator Michael McCoy and Joe Chesnut, GBI Special Agent in Charge West Metro Regional Drug Enforcement Office, addressed. Mr. Chesnut provided an overview of requests. He requested two grants which included one for the last three months of 2019 and the other for the calendar year 2020. The funding will come from the Byrne JAG grant and approval is needed because Dougherty County would be the fiduciary of the funds. The grant amount requested is \$248,000. Mr. McCoy said that Dougherty County and the City of Albany would pay the lease in the amount of \$4,120 a month but this amount is not included in the grant. The consideration was presented for action today because the GBI submission deadline was near. Two officers would be assigned to the Special Unit (one from the Sheriff's Office and one from the Dougherty County Police). The enforcement office will be located on Evelyn Ave and would be responsible for 42 counties. However, headquarters would be located in Dougherty County.

Commissioner Hudgins moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Edwards, the motion passed unanimously. Resolutions 19-49 and 19-50 are entitled:

A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED
A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE APPROVAL AND EXECUTION OF
AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN DOUGHERTY
COUNTY, GEORGIA, THE CITY OF ALBANY, GEORGIA AND THE
GEORGIA BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ET AL PROVIDING FOR
MUTUAL AID LAW ENFORCEMENT CAPABILITY; REPEALING
RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED
A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE APPROVAL AND EXECUTION OF
A REAL ESTATE LEASE CONTRACT BETWEEN JFT PUBLIC
PROPERTIES, LP, THE CITY OF ALBANY AND DOUGHERTY COUNTY,
GEORGIA; REPEALING RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS IN
CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

The Chairman called for consideration of the transfer of \$93,955.49 from the Fund Balance of the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund to the Special Services District Fund for the purpose of paying an invoice from Ceres. County Administrator Michael McCoy addressed. Mr. McCoy stated that this payment was associated with tipping fees from Hurricane Michael.

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

The Chairman called for consideration of the payment of one invoice from Ceres in the amount of \$93,955.49. The services rendered are for tipping fees. County Administrator Michael McCoy addressed.

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

There being no further business, the Commission adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

ATTEST:

CHAIRMAN

COUNTY CLERK