

DOUGHERTY COUNTY COMMISSION

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

October 07, 2019

The Dougherty County Commission met in Room 100 of the Albany-Dougherty Government Center on October 07, 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, Assistant County Administrator Scott Addison, County Attorney Spencer Lee, County Clerk Jawahn Ware, other staff and representatives of the media.

After the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance by Commissioner Edwards, the Chairman called for approval of the September 9 Regular Meeting, September 16 Work Session and September 16 Special Called Meeting Minutes.

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

The Chairman recognized citizen William Wright to discuss concerns regarding the calculation of the fee structure for Robert Cross Park Multipurpose Facility rental fees and he presented other methods to calculate.

The Chairman recognized citizen Warren Grant who requested that the Board support staff recommendation of Option 2 of the fee structure.

Commissioner Edwards introduced Mr. and Mrs. Lewis who are residents of Lily Pond Road and wanted to express concerns about littering in the neighborhood. Mr. Lewis stated that the conditions within the neighborhood did not represent the way the community should be. He would like the Commission to look at more enforcement efforts. Also, he discussed speeding concerns and a possible increase of Dougherty County Police Department involvement within the area. Chief Johnson consented to the request from Chairman Cohilas.

The Chairman called for consideration of the amendment of the Robert Cross Park Multipurpose Facility One Day Rental Fee and Reservation Deposit. The approved recommendation will be effective January 1, 2020. The recommendations were:

Option 1: Current Fee Structure (as of September 23, 2019)

Option 2: Staff Recommended Fee Structure

Option 3: Fee Structure Phased In Over 2 Years

Option 4: Previous Fee Structure

Commissioner Jones moved for approval of Option 4. Commissioner Edwards seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion was rescinded with a new motion by Commissioner Johnson.

Commissioner Johnson moved for approval of Option 4 noting that it would supersede all other previous recommendations and would be effective immediately. Upon a second by Commissioner Jones, the motion of Option 4 with the event fee of \$400 and the reservation deposit of \$200 (which would be refundable if agreement conditions were met) to be effective immediately passed with five ayes and two nays by Commissioner Hudgins and Commissioner Gray.

The Chairman called for consideration of a resolution providing for the acceptance and execution of the Merck-Flint River Site Part G Contingency Plan outlining the assistance of the Dougherty County Police Department and Dougherty County Emergency Medical Services in performing emergency response duties.

Commissioner Johnson moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Jones, the motion passed unanimously. Resolution 19-057 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED
A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE APPROVAL AND
EXECUTION OF A CONTINGENCY PLAN BETWEEN DOUGHERTY
COUNTY, GEORGIA AND MERCK SHARP & DOHME CORP.
(MERCK) FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING EMERGENCY
RESPONSE DUTIES AT THE MERCK FLINT RIVER SITE LOCATED
AT 3517 RADIUM SPRING ROAD IN DOUGHERTY COUNTY;
REPEALING RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS IN
CONFLICT HEREWITH;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Chairman called for consideration of the proposed board appointment. The following board appointment was made:

Upon appointment by Chairman Cohilas, new applicant Greg Rowe (County retiree representative), replacing Gail Morrell, will serve on the Retirement Fund Committee for an unexpired four-year term ending December 31, 2022.

The Chairman called for consideration of the recommendation from the Emergency Medical Services Department to apply for an EMS Trauma Related Equipment reimbursement Grant in the amount of \$10,166.10 for use to purchase EMS Trauma Related Equipment. This is a 100% grant with no local match. EMS Director Sam Allen addressed.

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

The Chairman called for consideration of a required resolution providing for approval of the SunTrust resolution and business account signature card updating the authorized personnel for the SunTrust accounts. County Administrator Michael McCoy addressed. This administrative action would add Assistant County Administrator Scott Addison to the signature card.

Commissioner Jones moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Edwards, the motion passed unanimously. Resolution 19-058 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED
A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE APPROVAL AND EXECUTION OF A
SUNTRUST DEPOSIT ACCOUNT RESOLUTION AND AUTHORIZATION
FOR BUSINESS ENTITIES (DARA) DOCUMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF
AUTHORIZING DESIGNATED DOUGHERTY COUNTY PERSONNEL TO
HAVE FULL AUTHORITY ON ALL SUNTRUST BUSINESS ENTITY
ACCOUNTS; REPEALING RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS IN
CONFLICT HEREWITH;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Chairman called for consideration of a resolution providing for the payment of the fee proposal from Cardno (Marietta, GA) to the City of Albany for the construction of temporary shoring, removal of underground storage tanks and in-ground lifts at the Mule Barn, located at 101 S. Front Street in the amount of \$130,750. Funding is available in SPLOST V. County Administrator Michael McCoy and City of Albany Downtown Manager and ADICA Director Lequrica Gaskins addressed. Central Services Director Yvette Fields was present. Mr. McCoy said that this was an economic development issue and it aligned with the Commissioners retreat goals. Ms. Gaskins informed the Commission that five developers would like to develop this site and other sites in the surrounding areas. However, the proposed site needed to be shovel ready and possible contaminants needed to be removed. She mentioned that the shoring of the building would be ensured to maintain the historical integrity of the building. Information on plans to apply for the Brownfield grants were discussed. Mr. McCoy stated that time is of the essence to remove the impediment so it would not be deterrent as it had been in the past. Chairman Cohilas provided historical approval of SPLOST funds for the project. Attorney Lee provided clarification in reference to preservation of the building and ownership. Chairman Cohilas clarified that the Dougherty County would direct pay the vendor and do internal due diligence before paying invoices.

Commissioner Johnson moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Jones, the motion passed unanimously. Resolution 19-059 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED
A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE APPROVAL
AND ACCEPTANCE BY DOUGHERTY COUNTY OF A
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PROPOSAL DATED
SEPTEMBER 24, 2019 WITH CARDNO, INC. FOR THE
PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING TEMPORARY SHORING AND
REMOVING UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS AND
IN-GROUND HYDRAULIC LIFTS AT THE MULE BARN
OWNED BY THE ALBANY-DOUGHERTY INNER CITY
AUTHORITY LOCATED AT 101 SOUTH FRONT STREET IN

ALBANY, GEORGIA; REPEALING RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS
OF RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES.

Commissioner Jones reminded the Board that he would like action to be taken on his previous concerns of community safety and Chairman Cohilas shared that he has a meeting scheduled with the GBI Director. Commissioner Edwards showed pictures of the signs that the Lewis' addressed earlier in the meeting. Mr. McCoy said a bigger (litter) sign could be put in place. Commissioner Gaines shared that she would be out of the country and would miss the two upcoming meetings. The Commission wished her safe travels. Commissioner Johnson expressed his concern in reference to the dangerous intersection in the community. He said that the state was using reflective poles at the dangerous intersections and he would like for the County to mimic the same concept. Chairman Cohilas said it would be a great idea to get an engineering update on behalf of this concern.

There being no further business, the Commission adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

ATTEST:

CHAIRMAN

COUNTY CLERK