

DOUGHERTY COUNTY COMMISSION

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WORK SESSION MINUTES

October 14, 2019

The Dougherty County Commission met in Room 120 of the Albany-Dougherty Government Center on October 14, 2019. Chairman Christopher Cohilas presided. Commissioners present were Victor Edwards, 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. Commissioner Gloria Gaines was absent.

The Chairman recognized citizen William Wright to provide supplemental information from his last presentation on how Dougherty County should use capital assets and depreciate properties and he requested that the Board use the information as a consideration for setting fees for rentals. Mr. Wright also shared that he would later address the Commission regarding funding sources that were used with Ceres and Tetra Tech. Commissioner Johnson requested that Mr. Wright look at subcontracts of Tetra Tech and Ceres before coming to the Board and confirmed that our financial auditors adhere to GASB standards. Attorney Lee urged Mr. Wright to meet with the County's Finance Director Martha Hendley regarding any concerns or clarification on these matters.

The Chairman asked the Commission to review the minutes of the September 23 Regular Meeting and September 30 Work Session.

The Chairman called for discussion of the zoning consideration of Willis John Wright, Jr, applicant, MRA Concrete/Precast, LLC owner; request to rezone 1.73 acres from C-1 (Neighborhood Mixed-Use Business District) to C-3 (Commercial District). The property fronts the south side of Leary Rd., approximately 235 ft. to the west of the intersection of Leary Rd. and Vanderbilt Dr; the property address is 3108 Leary Road. The Planning Commission recommended denial. Mary Teter, Planning Manager, addressed. The Public Hearing and Action are scheduled for October 21, 2019.

The Chairman called for discussion of the zoning consideration of Willis John Wright, Jr, applicant, MRA Concrete/Precast, LLC owner; request Special Approval to operate a precast concrete facility in the C-3 (Commercial District). The property fronts the south side of Leary Rd., approximately 235 ft. to the west of the intersection of Leary Rd. and Vanderbilt Dr; the property address is 3108 Leary Road. The Planning Commission recommended denial. Mary Teter, Planning Manager, addressed. The Public Hearing and Action are scheduled for October 21, 2019. Ms. Teter confirmed that the County Commission would still hear the requests even though the Planning Commission recommended denial.

The Chairman called for a discussion of a recommendation to purchase two 2020 Ford F150 Crew Cab SSV Pickups for the Sheriff's Office Juvenile Court deputies from the state contract holder Wade Ford (Smyrna, GA), in the amount of \$28,484 each for a total expenditure of

\$56,968. Funding is budgeted in SPLOST VII-County Vehicles. Assistant County Administrator Scott Addison and Assistant Chief Deputy Pamela Johnson addressed. City of Albany Procurement Manager Mike Trotter was present.

The Chairman called for a discussion of a recommendation to purchase two 2020 Ford F150 Crew Cab SSV Pickups in the amount of \$28,484 each, two Pursuit Explorers in the amount of \$35,404 each and one 2020 Explorer in the amount of \$38,000 for the Sheriff's Office from the state contract holder Wade Ford (Smyrna, GA) for a total expenditure of \$165,776. Funding is budgeted in SPLOST VII – Sheriff's Department Vehicles. Assistant County Administrator Scott Addison addressed. Assistant Chief Deputy Pamela Johnson and City of Albany Procurement Manager Mike Trotter were present.

The Chairman called for a discussion of a recommendation to purchase five Pursuit Utility Vehicle Explorers in the amount of \$32,686 each and one 2020 Explorer in the amount of \$38,000 for the Dougherty County Police Department from the state contract holder Wade Ford (Smyrna, GA) for a total expenditure of \$201,430. Funding is budgeted in SPLOST VII – County Police Vehicles. Assistant County Administrator Scott Addison and City of Albany Procurement Manager Mike Trotter addressed. Chief Kenneth Johnson was present. The use of state contract was discussed. Commissioner Johnson said that he would like to see other bids in the future.

The Chairman called for a discussion of a recommendation from Superior Court to apply for the FY 2020 accountability court funding program reimbursement grant from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council agency in the amount of \$48,450.85 for the mental health treatment of ASPIRE participants. This is an emergency supplement grant to bridge a gap in funding for treatment services at ASPIRE due to funding cuts through the Ga Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD). Substance Abuse Coordinator Patricia Griffin addressed. Chairman Cohilas shared that we were prepared for this change and clarified that the services were the same but the funding structure had changed.

The Chairman called for a discussion of a recommendation to accept the proposed joint City/County C.W. Heath Park Capital Improvement project in the amount of \$123,400. The County will provide \$89,400 from CIP and the City will contribute \$34,000. The parking lot costs are based on the current material pricing for crushed asphalt and does not include any drainage or potential utility concerns. County Administrator Michael McCoy addressed. Public Works Director Larry Cook was present. Commissioner Hudgins shared that we were using capital improvement funding and that we were setting a precedence of using this fund for a city project. He does not object but he was concerned about a possible new standard. Commissioner Edwards requested for solar powered fans to be considered. After discussion, he withdrew his request.

Mr. McCoy shared that he will be out on October 21, 2019 for the ICMA conference. Commissioner Edwards asked about the status of the demolitions. Attorney Lee provided an update on the properties. He stated that Barbragale Avenue does not meet the criteria and a new option was being sought out. Radium Springs Road had been filed and a hearing date was set. Mr. Lee had been asked to "hold off" on Betty's Drive until the new transfer of ownership took

place. He clarified that the Land Bank could not be used unless the property owner donated the property because the taxes were current. During the discussion, Commissioner Jones asked if a date could be established for the property on Betty's Drive to be brought up to code. Attorney Lee shared the court process would do so. After discussion, Attorney Lee also stated that he would proceed to file on the Betty's Drive property and allow the grace period for improvements to come from the court.

After there was no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK