

## DOUGHERTY COUNTY COMMISSION

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### WORK SESSION MINUTES

October 28, 2019

The Dougherty County Commission met in Room 120 of the Albany-Dougherty Government Center on October 28, 2019. Chairman Christopher Cohilas presided. Commissioners present were Victor Edwards, Gloria Gaines, Russell Gray, 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 Lamar Hudgins was absent.

The Chairman recognized Tommie and Tiffany Terrell, Executive Directors, A Better Way Grocers, to provide an update to the Commission on their mobile grocery store. Chairman Cohilas asked that staff contact Planning & Development Director Paul Forgey to see if there was a model ordinance that could help grocers and similar businesses better serve the community.

The Chairman asked the Commission to review the minutes of the October 7 Regular Meeting and October 14 Work Session.

The Chairman called for discussion of a recommendation to purchase upgraded software for security cameras at the Dougherty County Jail from Montgomery Technology Systems, LLC (Greenville, AL), in the amount of \$44,500. Funding is budgeted in SPLOST VII – Jail Facility Improvements. Chief Jailer John Ostrander addressed. The current vendor has the software and the request is to use them to perform the upgrade.

The Chairman called for discussion of a recommendation to accept the proposal to replace the Main Air Handler and Condensing Unit for the Tallulah Massey Library, from RHC Heating & Cooling (Albany, GA) in the amount of \$22,035.54. Three quotes were obtained with the highest being \$26,512.61. Funding is available in SPLOST VII- Library Building Improvements. Assistant County Administrator Scott Addison addressed. Facilities Management Director Heidi Minnick was present. Commissioner Johnson asked Commissioner Jones to speak to the Library Board regarding their future plans to expand the size of the Tallulah Massey building.

The Chairman called for discussion of a recommendation to purchase an equipment shed for Public Works from Smith-Built (Dawson, GA) in the amount of \$43,310.70. Two quotes were received with the highest being \$51,562. Funding is budgeted in SPLOST VI. Assistant County Administrator Scott Addison addressed. Public Works Director Larry Cook was present.

The Chairman called for discussion of a recommendation to accept the update for the Radium Springs Master Plan. County Administrator Michael McCoy, Consultant Ron Huffman and Urban Planner Anna Johnson addressed and provided a projects overview for the Radium Springs Recovery Plan, Radium Springs Trailhead and Radium Springs Master Plan. DNR Fisheries Management Supervisor Rob Weller was present. Mr. McCoy provided an update on

funding to include a grant received to complete the trailhead. There was consensus by the Commission to adopt the plans. The Chairman did not oppose having the Recreation Committee meet with Mr. Huffman to discuss alternatives of the plan. Mr. McCoy reminded the Board that funding for consulting services would be needed. Mr. Weller reminded the Board to be mindful of the [limited water] resources particularly in Radium Springs. Discussion was held pertaining to other ideas and concerns. Attorney Lee and Mr. Weller shared that agreements with the state would have to be signed for the use of property.

Commissioner Edwards asked about the status of building the County morgue. Mr. McCoy shared that it was a SPLOST VII project and he was working with Corner Michael Fowler to identify a location. Commissioner Jones shared his concerns about the recent youth shooting. He would like an update from County Extension Coordinator James Morgan to find out what programs were being utilized with 4H because he had not seen any activities to address afterschool programs. Commissioner Johnson commended staff for the hard work that has been done.

After there was no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

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CHAIRMAN

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COUNTY CLERK