

DOUGHERTY COUNTY COMMISSION

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

November 18, 2019

The Dougherty County Commission met in Room 100 of the Albany-Dougherty Government Center on November 18, 2019. Chairman Christopher Cohilas presided. Commissioners present were Victor Edwards, Gloria Gaines, Russell Gray, Lamar Hudgins, Clinton Johnson and Anthony Jones. Also present were Assistant County Administrator Scott Addison, County Attorney Spencer Lee, County Clerk Jawahn Ware, other staff and representatives of the media. County Administrator Michael McCoy was absent.

After the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance, the Chairman called for approval of the October 21 Regular Meeting, October 25 Special Called Meeting and October 28 Work Session Minutes.

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

The Chairman recognized citizen Winston Michael Ray who was introduced by Mr. Henry Thomas of the Georgia Music Association to share about an upcoming event to which support of the Commission was requested.

The Chairman opened the public hearing for Jessica Fields, applicant, Hartridge Farms, LLC owner; request to rezone 106.639 acres from R-1 (Single-Family Residential District) to AG (Agricultural District). The property has about 680' of frontage on the north side of Old Dawson Rd. and about 194' of frontage on the cul-de-sac of Spring Hill Dr. The property address is 5913 Old Dawson Rd. The Planning Commission recommended denial. A request to withdraw the application had been received. The request to withdraw was accepted and the Chairman apologized to the citizens who were present because there was not enough notice received to notify the public.

The Chairman opened the public hearing for Lakeside Baptist Church, owner and applicant request to rezone 6.0 acres from R-1 (Single-Family Residential District) to C-2 (General Mixed-Use Business District). The property address is 2806 N. Jefferson St. The Planning Commission recommended approval. Mary Teter, Planning Manager, addressed. There were two individuals present to speak in favor of approval. There being no one to speak further in favor of or opposition to the proposal, the Chairman closed the public hearing and the Board then held discussion regarding the potential amendment of the sign ordinance.

The Chairman called for consideration of the resolution providing for the acceptance and execution of the proposal to upgrade the landfill gas collection and control system for Solid Waste from the lowest most responsive and responsible vendor, Advance One Development, LLC (Charlotte, NC) in the amount of \$371,116 subject to the execution of the contract by the County Administrator. Funding is budgeted in the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund.

Commissioner Johnson moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Gray, the motion passed unanimously. Resolution 19-067 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION  
ENTITLED  
A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE APPROVAL OF A  
PROCUREMENT RECOMMENDATION DATED NOVEMBER 4, 2019  
PROVIDING FOR CONTRACTING BETWEEN DOUGHERTY  
COUNTY, GEORGIA AND ADVANCE ONE DEVELOPMENT, LLC  
FOR THE PURPOSE OF AN UPGRADE OF THE LANDFILL GAS  
COLLECTION AND CONTROL SYSTEM AT THE DOUGHERTY  
COUNTY LANDFILL FOR AN ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE OF  
\$371,116.00; REPEALING RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF  
RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES.

The Chairman called for consideration of the purchase of two 2020 F-350 Type 1 Ambulances for the EMS Department from the state contract vendor Wade Ford (Smyrna, GA), in the amount of \$152,426 each for a total expenditure of \$304,852. Funding is budgeted in the SPLOST VII – EMS Ambulances & Equipment.

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

The Chairman called for consideration of the purchase of one 2020 F-150 4x4 Super Cab SSV Truck for the EMS Department from the state contract vendor Wade Ford (Smyrna, GA), in the amount of \$31,621. Funding is budgeted in the SPLOST VII – EMS Vehicles.

Commissioner Gaines moved for approval. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Under discussion, Commissioner Gray asked that standard vehicles be placed out for bid and not use state contract unless there were special circumstances. The motion passed unanimously.

The Chairman called for consideration of the replacement of the HVAC Unit in the office of Superior Court Judge Darrisaw from RHC Heating & Cooling (Albany, GA) in the amount of \$21,170. Funding is available in SPLOST VII- Judicial Building Improvements.

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

The Chairman called for consideration of the resolution providing for the acceptance and execution of the proposal authorizing up to \$20,000 for the consulting services of Wood PLC, (Ron Huffman) for the Radium Springs Master Plan Implementation subject to the execution of the contract by the County Administrator. Funding is budgeted in the General Fund.

Commissioner Johnson moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Jones, the motion passed unanimously. Resolution 19-068 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION  
ENTITLED  
A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE APPROVAL AND  
EXECUTION OF A SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA AND WOOD ENVIRONMENT  
& INFRASTRUCTURE SOLUTIONS, INC. FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
PROVIDING ON CALL PLANNING AND DESIGN SERVICES TO  
SUPPORT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF DESIGNATED RADIUM  
SPRINGS PROJECTS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED  
\$20,000.00; REPEALING RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF  
RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES.

The Chairman called for consideration of the recommendation to approve funding in the amount of \$400,000 for the Northwest Library Parking Lot with the reallocation of \$225,000 in SPLOST VI (from the Westtown Roof Replacement to the Northwest Parking Lot). The State MRR Grant in the amount of \$225,000 is offsetting the reallocation request. The remaining funding of \$175,000 is available in SPLOST VII – Library Improvements.

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

The Chairman called for consideration of the recommendation to accept the list of roads to be resurfaced with the FY 2020 Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant (LMIG) funds (\$435,824), SPLOST VII- 2020 Resurfacing funds (\$425,000) and T-SPLOST (\$2,000,000).

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

The Chairman called for consideration of the zoning consideration for the zoning application of Lakeside Baptist Church, owner and applicant request to rezone 6.0 acres from R-1 (Single-Family Residential District) to C-2 (General Mixed-Use Business District). The property address is 2806 N. Jefferson St. The Planning Commission recommended approval.

Commissioner Jones moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Gray, the motion passed unanimously. The zoning resolution is as follows:

A RESOLUTION  
ENTITLED  
A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE ZONING REGULATIONS  
AND MAP OF THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF  
DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA (RESOLUTION NO. 212,  
AS AMENDED) SO AS TO CHANGE THE STATUS OF THE  
PROPERTY HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Dougherty County, Georgia, and IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by authority of same:

SECTION I: That from and after the passage of this Resolution, the official Zoning Regulations and Map of the unincorporated area of Dougherty County, adopted December 1, 1969, as amended, be, and the same are hereinafter described as follows:

CHANGE FROM: R-1 (Single-Family Residential District)  
TO: C-2 (General Mixed-Use Business District)  
OWNER/APPLICANT: Lakeside Baptist Church, Inc.  
Jimmy O. Courson, CFO/Treasurer  
LOCATION: 2806 North Jefferson Street

All that certain tract or parcel of land situate lying and being part of Land Lot 239 of the First Land District, being in Dougherty County, Georgia. Said property is also all of lots 3, 4 and 5 of Benton Acres subdivision as recorded in Plat Book 1 Page 269 and is more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the northwest corner of Lot 3, Benton Acres and go North 48 degrees 59 minutes 55 seconds East a distance of 605.00 feet; go thence South 41 degrees 0 minutes 5 seconds East a distance of 432.00 feet; go thence South 48 degrees 59 minutes 55 seconds West a distance of 605.00 feet to the northeast right- of- way of North Jefferson Street (right-of- way varies); go thence North 41 degrees 0 minutes 5 seconds West along the northeast right-of-way of North Jefferson Street a distance of 432.00 feet to the point of beginning.

Said tract or parcel contains 6.000 acres.

SECTION II: That all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same hereby are repealed.

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CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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CLERK

APPROVED: November 18, 2019

Commissioner Gray spoke about the new event space at the Northwest library. Commissioner Gaines recognized Library Director Pauline Abidde for the work done with the improvements of the Northwest Library. She provided positive feedback about the Thrust Aircraft. Commissioner Johnson asked Ms. Abidde to look for expansion at Tallulah Massey Library.

There being no further business, the Commission adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

ATTEST:

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CHAIRMAN

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COUNTY CLERK