

DOUGHERTY COUNTY COMMISSION

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

December 02, 2019

The Dougherty County Commission met in Room 100 of the Albany-Dougherty Government Center on December 02, 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, the Chairman called for approval of the November 4 Regular Meeting, November 6 Special Called Meeting and November 11 Work Session minutes.

Commissioner Jones moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Hudgins, the minutes were unanimously approved.

The Chairman called for consideration of the lighting option for the Entrance Columns at the former Radium Springs Golf Course. Funding is available in SPLOST V- Radium Springs Roads. Assistant County Administrator Scott Addison addressed. Mr. Addison shared two commercial installation options which were solar or hardwired. He shared that currently there is no power close enough for the hardwired option so we would need to wait to add in with the trailhead if the option was selected. He also added that the option would be graded for outside use and will be waterproof. He recommended to delay the installation of lighting to coincide with the street lighting project in Radium Spring; which would be more cost effective for the County. There was unanimous consensus made by the Board to delay until the street lights were put in.

The Chairman called for consideration of the replacement of the Entrance Columns at the former Radium Springs Golf Course from Harrell Masonry (Putney, Ga) in the amount of \$23,360. Funding is available in SPLOST V- Radium Springs Roads.

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

The Chairman called for consideration of the use of professional services of EMC Engineering (Savannah, GA) relating to needed repairs and improvements of the Spring Run Bridge at Radium Springs in the amount of \$38,000. Funding is available in SPLOST V – Radium Springs Improvements.

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

The Chairman called for consideration of the proposed alcoholic beverage license renewals for Calendar Year 2020. Chief Anthony Donaldson, Business and License Support Department, addressed.

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

The Chairman called for consideration of a resolution declaring a 2019 Ford Escape (from the Sheriff's Office) as surplus and authorize the sale through Underwriters Safety & Claims. Assistant County Administrator Scott Addison addressed.

Commissioner Johnson moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Jones, the motion passed unanimously. Resolution No. 19-069 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION  
ENTITLED  
A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE AS SURPLUS A SALVAGED 2019  
FORD ESCAPE AUTOMOBILE  
(VIN NO. 1FMCU0F77KUA01336) AND HAVE SAID SURPLUSED  
SALVAGED VEHICLE DISPOSED OF THROUGH UNDERWRITERS  
SAFETY AND CLAIMS, DOUGHERTY COUNTY'S THIRD PARTY  
ADMINISTRATOR; REPEALING RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF  
RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES.

The Chairman called for consideration of a resolution regulating Sunday Sales of distilled spirits or alcoholic beverages for beverage purposes by the drink from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 midnight, amending the Dougherty County Board of Ordinances 2-3-31 of Article II Titled "On-Premises Consumption of Distilled Spirits" to be entitled "Legal Hours of Sale" effective January 1, 2020. County Attorney Spencer Lee addressed.

Commissioner Johnson moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Jones, the motion passed unanimously. Resolution No. 19-070 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION  
ENTITLED  
A RESOLUTION AMENDING SEC. 2-3-31 OF ARTICLE II TITLED "ON-  
PREMISES CONSUMPTION OF DISTILLED SPIRITS" OF THE  
DOUGHERTY COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES REGARDING  
SUNDAY SALES OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES BY THE DRINK FOR  
CONSUMPTION ON PREMISES; REPEALING RESOLUTIONS OR  
PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH;  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Chairman called for consideration of a resolution providing for the regulation of package sales by retailers of malt beverages, wine and distilled spirits on Sundays between the hours of

12:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. amending the Dougherty County Board of Ordinances by adding Section 2-3-2.1 “Sunday Package Sales of Malt Beverages, Wine and Distilled Spirits” effective January 1, 2020. County Attorney Spencer Lee addressed.

Commissioner Johnson moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Jones, the motion passed unanimously. Resolution No. 19-071 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION  
ENTITLED  
A RESOLUTION AMENDING ARTICLE I TITLED “IN GENERAL” OF  
THE DOUGHERTY COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES PROVIDING FOR  
THE ALLOWING OF PACKAGE SALES OF MALT BEVERAGES, WINE  
AND DISTILLED SPIRITS ON SUNDAY BETWEEN THE HOURS OF  
12:30 P.M. AND 11:30 P.M.; REPEALING RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF  
RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH;  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Chairman called for consideration of a resolution providing for the execution of a Quit Claim Deed from Dougherty County to the City of Albany conveying real property in Downtown Albany. County Administrator Michael McCoy and County Attorney Spencer Lee addressed. Mr. McCoy shared that this was housekeeping regulations. Attorney Lee asked to table this resolution to obtain more information.

Commissioner Johnson moved to table until the last meeting in December. Upon a second by Commissioner Jones, the motion to table passed unanimously.

The Chairman called for consideration of a discussion of the City of Albany’s request to cost-share for the Renaissance Strategic Visioning & Planning (RSVP) program. The cost is between \$50,000 - \$75,000 depending on the scope of the project and size of the city. The application deadline for the program is December 6, 2019. County Administrator Michael McCoy and Downtown Manager Lequrica Gaskins addressed. After discussion, the Chairman motioned to approve up to a 50% cost share for this application with a ceiling of no more than \$37,500 contingent upon it [the application] being comprehensive in nature and contingent upon a written representation from the City that we [Dougherty County] will have equal access through County staff and Commissioners to have input into the creative process, with a letter being received from the Downtown City Manager Lequrica Gaskins or on behalf of the City Manager before the deadline.

Commissioner Johnson moved for approval. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed with six ayes and one nay with Commissioner Gray.

The Chairman called for consideration of a resolution providing for support of locally-established building design standards for residential dwellings. The resolution provided was requested by the Association of County Commissioners of the State of Georgia (ACCG). County Administrator Michael McCoy addressed.

Commissioner Johnson moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Jones, the motion passed unanimously. Resolution No. 19-073 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION  
ENTITLED A RESOLUTION  
SUPPORTING LOCALLY-ESTABLISHED BUILDING DESIGN  
STANDARDS FOR  
RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS

The Chairman called for consideration of the proposed board appointments. The following board appointments were made:

Upon nomination by Commissioner Johnson, incumbent Arwena Jones (joint) was unanimously recommended to the City of Albany for ratification of appointment to the Joint Board of Adjustments & Appeals for a three-year term ending October 1, 2022. The County will re-advertise for one vacancy (for the seat of Mr. Alvin Smith).

Upon nomination by Commissioner Johnson, incumbents Thomas Driggers (joint) and Clint Newsome (joint) were unanimously recommended to the City of Albany for ratification of appointment to the Air Conditioning, Heating & Ventilation Board for a one-year term ending December 31, 2020. Upon nomination by Commissioner Johnson, Clifford Tolbert (rotational) was unanimously reappointed to the same Board for a one-year term ending December 31, 2020. The County will re-advertise for one vacancy (for the seat of Mr. Glenn Walker).

Upon nomination by Commissioner Johnson, incumbent Dr. Surenda Pandley was unanimously reappointed to the Citizens Transportation Committee for a three-year term ending December 31, 2022. The County will re-advertise for one vacancy (for the seat of Mr. Walter Sharp). Mrs. Ware clarified that Mr. Sharp stated that he would not be able to serve and confirmed upon the request of Commissioner Johnson that the Board does not have residency requirements.

Upon nomination by Commissioner Jones, incumbents Sybil Thomas and Frank Williamson were unanimously reappointed to the Dougherty County Development Authority for a four-year term ending December 31, 2023. Upon nomination by Commissioner Johnson, applicant Dr. Joe “Tripp” Morgan was unanimously appointed to fill the vacated position of Bryan Hallman for a four-year term ending December 31, 2023.

Upon nomination by Commissioner Gray, incumbent Edward West (joint) was recommended to the City of Albany for ratification of appointment and incumbent Sanford Hillsman (rotational) was reappointed to the Electrical Board for a one-

year term ending December 31, 2020. There are three vacancies and the County will re-advertise.

Upon nomination by Commissioner Johnson, incumbents Bruce Campbell (joint), Rosa Malone (joint) and Charles Mitchell (joint) were unanimously recommended to the City of Albany for ratification of appointment to the Fire Code Board of Appeals for a three-year term ending December 31, 2022. Upon nomination by Commissioner Johnson, incumbent Zell Scott (County) was unanimously reappointed to a three-year term ending December 31, 2022.

Upon nomination by Commissioner Johnson, incumbents Sanford Hillsman (County) and William Walker (rotational) were unanimously reappointed to the Gas Board for a one-year term ending December 31, 2020 and incumbent Rhett Parker (joint) was recommended to the City of Albany for ratification of appointment.

Upon nomination by Commissioner Jones, incumbents Dennis Barthelemy, Scott Carroll, Joanne Conger, Lew Culpepper, Jay Smith and J.D. Sumner were unanimously reappointed to the Keep Albany-Dougherty Beautiful Board for a three-year term ending December 21, 2022.

Upon nomination by Commissioner Hudgins, incumbents Karen Liebert and Dr. Brenda Hodges-Tiller were unanimously reappointed to the Library Board of Trustees for three-year term ending December 31, 2022.

Upon nomination by Commissioner Jones, incumbents Jimmy Hall Jr. and Billy Merritt were unanimously reappointed to the Planning Commission for a three-year term ending December 31, 2021. Upon nomination by Commissioner Jones, Art Brown was reappointed for a three-year term ending December 31, 2021 with five ayes and two nays by Commissioner Hudgins and Commissioner Gray. The nomination for Vicki Barnhill made by Commissioner Gray failed by receiving only two votes by Commissioner Hudgins and Commissioner Gray.

Upon nomination by Commissioner Jones, incumbents Lee Eppley (Master Plumber), Glenn Harris (Citizen Member) and Rhett Parker (Master Plumber) were unanimously reappointed to the Plumbing Board for a one-year term ending December 31, 2020.

Upon nomination by Commissioner Jones, incumbent Glenn Harris was unanimously reappointed to the Southwest Georgia Community Action Council for a one-year term ending December 31, 2020.

Upon nomination by Commissioner Johnson, Raymond Breaux (County) was unanimously reappointed to the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission for a one-year term ending December 31, 2020. Upon the same nomination, Vincent M. Smith, Jr. (joint) was unanimously appointed to the same board contingent upon the ratification of the City of Albany for a term expiring December 31, 2020. Upon appointment of Chairman Cohilas, Commissioner Anthony Jones was reappointed to serve as his designee for the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission with a one-year term ending December 31, 2020.

Upon nomination by Commissioner Hudgins, incumbent Alistari McKendrick was unanimously reappointed to the Stadium Authority for a four-year term ending December 31, 2023.

Attorney Lee shared that a resolution was required for the appointment to the Tax Assessors Board. Commissioner Hudgins made the motion for approval of the Resolution. Upon a second by Commissioner Gray, the resolution was accepted and incumbent William Ashberry was unanimously reappointed to the Tax Assessors for a three-year term ending December 31, 2022. Resolution No 19-073 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION  
ENTITLED  
A RESOLUTION PROVING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER  
TO POST 1 OF THE DOUGHERTY COUNTY BOARD OF TAX  
ASSESSORS FOR A TERM BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2020 AND  
ENDING DECEMBER 21, 2022; REPEALING RESOLUTION OR PARTS  
OF RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES.

Commissioner Jones asked for a moment of silence in honor of the passing of Representative Jay Powell.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

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CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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COUNTY CLERK