

DOUGHERTY COUNTY COMMISSION

DRAFT

WORK SESSION MINUTES

January 13, 2020

The Dougherty County Commission met in Room 120 of the Albany-Dougherty Government Center on January 13, 2020. Chairman Christopher Cohilas presided. Commissioners present were Victor Edwards, Gloria Gaines, 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 Russell Gray was absent.

The Chairman recognized Orlando Torres, Director of Account Management, Verra Mobility Inc. to discuss technology for consideration to enhance road safety. The presentation discussed technology opportunities to change driver behavior. The options have no upfront costs to the community and would be funded through violator fines. He discussed specific safety programs available through Georgia state law. He shared that the County could use this technology for other needs such as providing law enforcement with information to assist with criminal acts. A lengthy discussion ensued. Attorney Lee reminded the presenter that many of the schools and road systems were in the city. Chairman Cohilas said that the Commission could take the information, digest it, set an expectation [for use] and discuss in the future.

The Chairman asked the Commission to review the minutes of the January 6th Regular Meeting.

The Chairman called for a discussion of a recommendation to accept the resolution establishing the qualifying fees for the public offices in Dougherty County for the 2020 Election. County Clerk Jawahn Ware addressed. Mrs. Ware stated that this is a required action.

The Chairman called for a discussion of a review of the Crossing Cost Reimbursement Agreement between Dougherty County, GA and Hilton & Albany Railroad, Inc. in the estimated amount of \$71,737.25 providing for the rehabilitation of the rail road crossing at 8-Mile Road. Assistant County Administrator Scott Addison addressed. Public Works Director Larry Cook and Project Engineer Jeremy Brown were present. Mr. Addison mentioned that the funds will be provided by SPLOST.

Mr. McCoy reminded the Board that there will not be a meeting held in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr Holiday and the next meeting will a Regular Session on January 27, 2020.

Commissioner Jones shared his concern about 1440 Mock Road regarding potential illegal operations at that site despite the court action that were being taken.

Chairman Cohilas directed law enforcement to review the concern and Attorney Lee provided an update in reference to action that would take place from a legal proceeding. Chief Deputy Terron Haynes confirmed he would follow through with the request.

After there was no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK