

DOUGHERTY COUNTY COMMISSION

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

February 17, 2020

The Dougherty County Commission met in Room 100 of the Albany-Dougherty Government Center on February 17, 2020. Chairman Christopher Cohilas presided. Commissioners present were 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. Commissioner Victor Edwards was absent.

After the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance, the Chairman called for approval of the January 13th Work Session and January 31st Annual Retreat minutes.

Commissioner Johnson moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Gray, the minutes were unanimously approved.

The Chairman recognized Mental Health Development Disabilities & Addictive Disease Advisory Council – Regional 4 Board Member, Debbie Richardson to provide an update to the Commission from Mental Health Day that was held at the Capitol in Atlanta, Ga. Jere Brands, President of National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI) was also recognized for a presentation.

The Chairman recognized Director of Planning & Development, Paul Forgey to provide the annual Albany - Dougherty County Land Bank update to the Commission.

The Chairman opened the public hearing on the petition for an installation of a traffic calming device for the 800 Block of River Pointe Drive. Funding is available in TSPLOST. There was no one present to speak for or against the petition and the Chairman closed the public hearing.

The Chairman called for consideration of the purchase of one Ford Transit Connect XL LWB 7 – Passenger Wagon in the amount of \$23,830.88 and one Ford F150 4X2 Super Crew SSV Pickup Truck in the amount of \$28,780.76 for the Jail from the only bidder meeting specifications, Sunbelt Ford Lincoln (Albany, Ga) for a total expenditure of \$52,611.64. Funding is budgeted in SPLOST VII-Jail Vehicles.

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

The Chairman called for consideration of the purchase of one 2020 Arrow XT side mount pumper and equipment from Ten-8 Fire & Safety Equipment of Georgia, LLC (Forsyth, GA) in the amount of \$713,688. Funding is available in SPLOST VII-County Fire Trucks and Equipment.

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

The Chairman called for consideration of the purchase of playground equipment for County Park Improvements. The recommendation is to purchase equipment for Pine Glen Park from Game Time (Longwood, FL) in the amount of \$24,932.22 and Elliott Park from Bliss Products (Lithia Springs, GA) in the amount of \$25,154 for a total expenditure of \$50,086.22. Funding is budgeted in SPLOST VI (Pine Glen Park) and SPLOST VII (Elliott Park). The Commission approved funding for the County Park Improvements in the August 5, 2019 Regular Meeting.

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

The Chairman called for consideration of the purchase of one 2020 Ford Escape for the Sheriff's Office from the "piggy-back" from the City of Atlanta's contract with Wade Ford (Smyrna, GA), in the amount of \$24,562. This purchase will replace a wrecked Escape with immediate delivery. Funding is budgeted in the SPLOST VII – Sheriff's Office. Assistant County Administrator Scott Addison addressed. Assistant Chief Deputy Pamela Johnson and Buyer Tina Strassenberg were present.

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

The Chairman called for consideration of the purchase of one 2020 Peterbilt Dump Truck for Public Works from the "piggy-back" of the County's award on April 15, 2019 to Performance Peterbilt (Albany, GA), in the amount of \$140,583. Funding is budgeted in SPLOST VI – Storm Drainage Improvements/Equipment. Assistant County Administrator Scott Addison addressed by sharing that this is a life cycle replacement. Public Works Director Larry Cook and Buyer Tina Strassenberg were present.

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

The Chairman called for consideration of a resolution to accept the change order to the Storm Memorial Project with the awarded vendor, LRA Constructors (Albany, GA) for electrical infrastructure upgrades necessary at Radium Springs in the amount of \$63,926. Funding is available in SPLOST V – Radium Springs Improvements.

Commissioner Jones moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Gray, the motion passed unanimously. Resolution 20-008 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE APPROVAL OF A CHANGE
ORDER TO THE RADIUM SPRINGS STORM MEMORIAL PROJECT
PREPARED BY LRA CONSTRUCTORS INC. FOR ADDITIONAL
ELECTRICAL WORK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$63,926.00; REPEALING
RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT
HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Chairman called for consideration of a resolution to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Board of Regents of the University of System of Georgia by and on behalf of the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension and Dougherty County. The provision identifies the compensation for UGA Cooperative Extension Services Personnel. County Administrator Michael McCoy addressed. County Extension Coordinator James Morgan was present. Mr. McCoy said that this was administrative housekeeping. All counties were asked to update the MOU. The County had elected the cooperative contract pay as opposed to the cooperative direct pay.

Commissioner Johnson moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Gray, the motion passed unanimously. Resolution 20-009 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED
A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE APPROVAL AND
EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY
SYSTEM OF GEORGIA AND DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA
RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA COOPERATIVE
EXTENSION; REPEALING RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF
RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

The Chairman called for consideration of the recommendation for the installation of a traffic calming device for the 800 Block of River Pointe Drive. Funding is available in TSPLOST.

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

Commissioner Jones provided an update on the community job fair through partnership with Work Source Georgia and other entities. Commissioner Gray spoke about live streaming the Commission meetings live. Chairman Cohilas announced that there were no changes to Commission Subcommittee appointments for 2020.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 11:01 a.m.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK