

DOUGHERTY COUNTY COMMISSION
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES

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March 30, 2020

The Dougherty County Commission met via a video conferencing platform to be in compliance with the joint City of Albany/Dougherty County Executive Order to Shelter in Place on March 30, 2020. Chairman Christopher Cohilas presided. Commissioners participating were Victor Edwards, Gloria Gaines, Russell Gray, Lamar Hudgins, Clinton Johnson, and Anthony Jones. Also participating were County Administrator Michael McCoy, Assistant County Administrator Scott Addison, County Attorney Spencer Lee, County Clerk Jawahn Ware and other staff. The public and representatives of the media participated via live streaming of the meeting on the County's Facebook page.

After the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance, the Chairman called for approval of the March 2nd Regular Meeting and March 9th Work Session minutes.

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

The Chairman called for consideration of a resolution providing for the acceptance of the bid to complete the LMIG Safety Action Plan for striping and raised pavement markers from the lowest most responsive and responsible vendor, Peek Pavement Marking (Columbus, GA) in the amount of \$84,597. Two vendors submitted bids with the highest being \$128,281.50. Funding will be provided from the 2019 LMIG Safety Action Plan and TSPLOST. Assistant County Administrator Scott Addison addressed. Public Works Director Larry Cook, Project Engineer Jeremy Brown and City of Albany Central Services Buyer Kimberly Allen were available.

Commissioner Gray moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Gaines, the motion passed unanimously. Resolution 20-019 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED
A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE APPROVAL AND
EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$84,597
BETWEEN DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA AND PEEK
PAVEMENT MARKING, LLC FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING
STRIPING AND RAISED PAVEMENT MARKERS ON
APPROXIMATELY 21.62 MILES OF ROADS WITHIN
DOUGHERTY COUNTY; REPEALING RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS
OF RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Chairman called for consideration of a resolution providing for the acceptance of the Task Order to complete a Waste Mining Evaluation Study for the Dougherty County Landfill with current vendor Atlantic Coast Consulting (Savannah, GA) in the amount of \$30,000 subject to the execution by the County Administrator. Funding is budgeted in the Solid Waste Capital Outlay. Assistant County Administrator Scott Addison addressed.

Commissioner Jones moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Gray, the motion passed unanimously. Resolution 20-020 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED
A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE APPROVAL AND
EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT FOR GENERAL CONSULTING
SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,000 BETWEEN DOUGHERTY
COUNTY, GEORGIA AND ATLANTIC COAST CONSULTING, INC;
REPEALING RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS IN
CONFLICT HEREWITH;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Chairman called for consideration of the ratification of the purchase for two decontamination machines from sole source vendor Pathogend of Georgia (Roswell, GA) for a total expenditure of \$39,940. The machines will be used by EMS and Facilities Management to maintain a sanitized environment in adherence to the CDC cleaning and disinfecting guidelines. Funding will be provided from SPLOST VII – EMS Ambulances and Equipment. Assistant County Administrator Scott Addison addressed. EMS Director Sam Allen was available.

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 2021 Peterbilt Model 367 Tractor Truck for Public Works from the Sourcwell Contract vendor Performance Peterbilt (Albany, GA) in the amount of \$159,110. Funding is available in SPLOST VII- Storm Drainage Equipment. Assistant County Administrator Scott Addison addressed. Public Works Director Larry Cook and City of Albany Central Services buyer Christina Strassenberg were available.

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

The Chairman called for consideration of the purchase of one 2021 Peterbilt Model 337 Cab & Chassis with Dump Body for Public Works from the Sourcwell Contract vendor Performance Peterbilt (Albany, GA) in the amount of \$89,444. Funding is available in SPLOST VI- County Road Equipment. Assistant County Administrator Scott Addison addressed. Public Works Director Larry Cook and City of Albany Central Services City of Albany Central Services buyer Christina Strassenberg were available.

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

The Chairman called for consideration of a resolution providing for the acceptance and execution of a State Highway System Revision with the Georgia Department of Transportation for the purpose of making improvements to State Route (SR) 133. Public Works Director Larry Cook addressed. Project Engineer Jeremy Brown was available. Mr. Cook shared that the agreement will “clean up” the expansion of SR133 and the new portion of the route will be added to the County’s inventory.

Commissioner Jones moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Gaines, the motion passed unanimously. Resolution 20-021 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED
A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE APPROVAL AND
EXECUTION OF A STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM REVISION WITH
THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE
PURPOSE OF MAKING IMPROVEMENTS TO STATE ROUTE
(SR) 133; REPEALING RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF
RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Chairman called for consideration of a resolution providing for the acceptance and execution of the Memorandum of Agreement providing for roadway lighting on State Route 3/Liberty Expressway at SR133/Moultrie Road, East and West Off Ramps. Four new 187W LED luminaries on four existing poles will be installed. County Administrator Michael McCoy addressed. Public Works Director Larry Cook and County Engineer Jeremy Brown were available.

Commissioner Jones moved for approval. There was a second by Commissioner Gray. Under discussion, Mr. McCoy clarified for Commissioner Gaines that the lights will be placed on existing light poles so the same monthly costs should apply. After no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously. Resolution 20-022 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED
A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE APPROVAL AND
EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN
DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA AND THE GEORGIA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PROVIDING FOR THE
INSTALLATION OF NEW ROADWAY LIGHTING ON LIBERTY
EXPRESSWAY AT THE SR133/MOULTRIE ROAD INTERSECTION
IN DOUGHERTY COUNTY; REPEALING RESOLUTIONS OR
PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Chairman called for consideration of a resolution providing for an extension of time from April 1, 2020 to June 1, 2020 for Dougherty County taxpayers to pay mobile home taxes and file personal property tax returns. County Attorney Spencer Lee and Tax Director Shonna Josey

addressed. Attorney Lee shared that the State Department of Revenue was contacted to extend the deadline with no penalties [during this time frame].

Commissioner Jones moved for approval. There was a second by Commissioner Edwards. Under discussion, Attorney Lee stated that he did not foresee an impact on the budget based upon Commissioner Gaines' question. He added that the County would only be losing penalty and interest if the [money] was not received. Ms. Josey shared that there are few mobile home payments with penalties. Resolution 20-023 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED
A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE APPROVAL OF A
WAIVER OF CERTAIN PENALTIES AND INTEREST BY THE
DOUGHERTY COUNTY TAX DIRECTOR RELATIVE TO BOTH
THE FILING OF PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX RETURNS DUE
APRIL 1, 2020 AND TO THE APRIL 1, 2020 DEADLINE FOR
PAYING PERSONAL PROPERTY AD VALOREM TAXES ON
MOBILE HOMES; REPEALING RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF
RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

The Chairman called for consideration of the Alcohol Application from Veda & Narayan LLC, Anjal Reddy Thoutireddy licensee, dba Stop & Shop, at 700 Cordele Road for Beer and Wine Package. The Albany-Dougherty Marshal's Office recommends approval. County Clerk Jawahn Ware addressed. Chief Anthony Donaldson, Business and License Support Department, was available.

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

The Chairman called for consideration of the Alcohol Application from Tammy's Bar & Grill, LLC, Jose Luis Martinez Estevez licensee at 411 Philema Rd for Consumption – Liquor, Beer & Wine. The Albany-Dougherty Marshal's Office recommends approval. County Clerk Jawahn Ware addressed. Chief Anthony Donaldson, Business and License Support Department, was available.

Commissioner Jones moved for approval. There was a second by Commissioner Gaines. Under discussion, Commissioner Gray asked about the physical address of the property stating that QPublic has it listed as 409. County Clerk Ware clarified that the address was properly advertised as 411 Philema Road. Chief Donaldson stated the previous applications were approved under the requested address but he will verify. Chairman Cohilas stated the action on the application can proceed with staff administratively verifying the address. With there being no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

All Commissioners extended appreciation to staff, especially those on the front lines, for their efforts during this time. Chairman Cohilas provided an update on the pandemic.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK