

DOUGHERTY COUNTY COMMISSION
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES

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April 27, 2020

The Dougherty County Commission met via a video conferencing platform to be in compliance with the Governor's Executive Order and the guidelines of the Center for Disease Control (CDC) in regard to the Coronavirus (COVID19) pandemic and social distancing on April 27, 2020. Chairman Christopher Cohilas presided. Commissioners participating were 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. Commissioner Victor Edwards was absent. The public and representatives of the media participated via live streaming of the meeting on the County's Facebook page and the government public access channel.

After the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance, the Chairman called for approval of the April 13th Special Called Meeting minutes.

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

The Chairman called for consideration of the purchase of one 2020 Ford F150 4x2 SuperCab SWB Truck for Code Enforcement from the "piggy-back" of the City of Albany's award with Wade Ford (Smyrna, GA), in the amount of \$29,849. Funding is budgeted in SPLOST VII. Assistant County Administrator Scott Addison addressed. Chief Robert Carter and Buyer Tina Strassenberg were available.

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

The Chairman called for consideration of the proposal from Edifice Consulting, Inc. (Byron, GA) not to exceed \$89,000 for professional services to include project documents and project administration for waterproofing and enhancements to the Judicial Building and Government Center. Funding will be provided from SPLOST VII. Assistant County Administrator Scott Addison addressed. Facilities Management Director Heidi Minnick and consultant Jody Usry were available. Mr. Addison stated that this would complete two projects and that they were combined to save money on services and fees. Reallocation of funding for the Government Center would be presented to the Commission later.

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

Commissioner Hudgins and Jones wanted to provide kudos to the Chairman, County Administrator and staff for the hard work done during the COVID-19 pandemic. Commissioner Gray wanted to provide the same and shared his appreciation to those working to protect the community during the shelter in place recommendation as businesses reopen.

Chairman Cohilas provided updates from the Task Force and Advisory Committee he sits on. Based on trends, we are flattening the curve. His requests made to the Governor and Representative Sanford Bishop were shared and an update regarding potential funding opportunities through the CARES ACT was provided; Mr. McCoy will conduct further research on the opportunity.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 10:19 a.m.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK