

DOUGHERTY COUNTY COMMISSION  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES

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May 11, 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 May 11, 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 and the government public access channel.

After the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance by Commissioner Johnson, the Chairman called for approval of the April 27<sup>th</sup> Special Called Meeting minutes.

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

The Chairman called for consideration of the purchase of twenty-one body cameras for the Sheriff's Office from sole source provider Watch Guard (Allen, TX), in the amount of \$28,975. Funding is budgeted in SPLOST VII. Assistant County Administrator Scott Addison addressed. Assistant Chief Pamela Johnson was available.

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

The Chairman called for consideration of the purchase of a CAT 826K Landfill Compactor for Solid Waste from the state contract vendor Yancey Bros. Co. (Albany, GA), in the amount of \$769,914. Funding is budgeted in the Solid Waste Capital Outlay Fund. Assistant County Administrator Scott Addison addressed. Solid Waste Director Campbell Scott was available. Mr. Addison said that the equipment is used to compact garbage and helps us best utilize air space. Yancey is the only vendor that has software that is compatible with what Dougherty County currently uses. The equipment has compaction technology that will notify the operator when the garbage is compacted to prevent the misuse of fuel.

Commissioner Gray moved for approval. Commissioner Hudgins seconded the motion. Under discussion, Mr. Addison answered Commissioner Johnson's question regarding the best integration of software and utilization of the state contract vendor. Mr. McCoy shared that in the past other vendors were given an opportunity to bid. When Solid Waste deviated in the past to use another vendor, it ended up not being in the best interest of Dougherty County. After additional discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

The Chairman called for consideration of a resolution providing for the acceptance of the task order proposal by the County Administrator from Tetra Tech (Maitland, FL) for an estimated expenditure of \$99,216 for professional services in response to the COVID 19 pandemic regarding the eligibility and reimbursements. Assistant County Administrator Scott Addison addressed.

Commissioner Jones moved for approval. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. Under discussion, Commissioner Gaines asked about the funding source. Mr. McCoy shared that it would be provided out of the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund as previously for the disasters. Ideally, Dougherty County will be able to seek reimbursement from federal funding such as the CARES ACT. He explained the categories of reimbursement and some expenses to date. Mr. McCoy also clarified the questions about the existing contract with Tetra Tech and Ceres for disaster management and the use of COVID-19 equipment purchased. Mr. McCoy explained that this is a task order request under the existing contract. After no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously. Resolution 20-024 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION  
ENTITLED  
A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE APPROVAL AND ACCEPTANCE OF  
A TASK ORDER PROPOSAL FROM TETRA TECH TO DOUGHERTY  
COUNTY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$99,216.00 FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
PROVIDING CONSULTING SERVICES TO DOUGHERTY COUNTY IN  
RESPONSE TO THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC REGARDING THE ELIGIBILITY  
AND REIMBURSEMENTS AVAILABLE THROUGH FUNDING SOURCES  
FROM STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES; REPEALING RESOLUTIONS OR  
PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES.

The Chairman called for consideration of a resolution providing for acceptance and execution of the Amendment to Service Agreement with Cornerstone Government Affairs, Inc. by the County Administrator providing for strategic consulting and advocacy services on behalf of Dougherty County, GA. County Administrator Michael McCoy addressed. Mr. McCoy stated that our agreement is scheduled to expire at the end of this month and he is requesting an extension for a year beginning June 1, 2020. Some of Cornerstone's project success on behalf of Dougherty County was highlighted.

Commissioner Jones moved for approval. Commissioner Hudgins seconded the motion. Under discussion, Mr. McCoy addressed Commissioner Gaines' question regarding the return on investment for pending projects. After no further questions, the motion passed unanimously. Resolution 20-025 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION  
ENTITLED  
A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE APPROVAL AND EXECUTION OF  
AN AMENDMENT TO THAT CERTAIN SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA AND CORNERSTONE GOVERNMENT  
AFFAIRS, INC. PROVIDING FOR STRATEGIC CONSULTING AND  
ADVOCACY SERVICES ON BEHALF OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY;

REPEALING PRIOR RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT; AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at  
10:23 a.m.

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CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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COUNTY CLERK