

DOUGHERTY COUNTY COMMISSION

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

August 3, 2020

The Dougherty County Commission met in Room 100 of the Albany-Dougherty Government Center on August 3, 2020. 2nd Vice Chairman Victor Edwards presided. Commissioners Gloria Gaines, Russell Gray, Clinton Johnson and Anthony Jones participated via the audio-conferencing feature. Also present 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 in person and via live streaming of the meeting on the County's Facebook page and the government public access channel. Chairman Christopher Cohilas and Commissioner Lamar Hudgins were absent.

After the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance, the 2nd Vice Chairman called for consideration of the resolution providing for the acceptance and execution of the contract to perform exterior wall and hardscape restoration for the Judicial and Government Buildings from the lowest responsible and responsive bidder meeting specifications, Waterproofing Contractors, Inc. (Norcross, GA) for the award in the amount of \$530,148 subject to execution by the County Administrator. The award includes the base bid, alternates 1 & 2, and square footage pricing for unit one. Funding is budgeted in SPLOST VII- Judicial Building Improvements and Government Center Improvements.

Commissioner Gray moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Johnson, the motion for approval passed unanimously. Resolution 20-044 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION

ENTITLED

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE APPROVAL AND EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH WATERPROOFING CONTRACTORS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$530,148.00 TO PERFORM EXTERIOR WALL AND HARDSCAPE RESTORATION FOR BOTH THE JUDICIAL AND GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS; REPEALING RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The 2nd Vice Chairman called for consideration of the installation of I-Wave C duct mounted auto-cleaning needlepoint bipolar ionization systems in various county buildings. The recommendation is to award the contract for the Government Building to the lowest responsible and responsive vendor meeting specifications, SafeAire Heating and Cooling (Albany, GA) in the amount of \$6,650 and award the contract for the remaining buildings (all Libraries, all EMS stations, Public Works crew quarters, Solid Waste administrative building and County Police headquarters) to the lowest responsible and responsive vendor meeting

specifications, Albany Air Conditioning (Albany, GA) in the amount of \$34,300 for a total expenditure of \$40,950. Funding will be provided from the General Fund. Technical consultant Dale Heiring, P.E., NBP Engineers, Macon, GA addressed the Commission concerns. Clint Newsome with Albany Air Conditioning and Heating was present to discuss local installations. Commissioner Gaines asked if the County would have liability if anyone contracted COVID-19. The County Attorney shared that this [installation] was not a “fail safe”. Mr. Newsome stated that the manufacturer stood behind their claim. Commissioner Gray provided comments regarding his concerns in reference to the purchase but encouraged the Board to accept the initiative.

Commissioner Johnson moved for approval with a second by Commissioner Gaines. Commissioner Jones made a motion to table the item and Commissioner Gray seconded it. The consultant stated his position regarding the systems and the substitute motion failed due to the lack of four votes. The original motion also failed due to the lack of four votes. Commissioner Gaines asked for procedural clarification in which Attorney Spencer Lee shared that Commissioner Jones could change his vote for a new motion. After discussion, a new vote was taken on the original motion and failed with three ayes (by Commissioners Edwards, Gaines and Jones), one nay (Commissioner Gray) and no response from Commission Johnson (due to technical difficulty).

The 2nd Vice Chairman called for consideration of the purchase of one 2020 Ford Explorer for the Tax Department from the lowest responsible and responsive bidder meeting specifications Sunbelt Ford Lincoln (Albany, GA) in the amount of \$30,584.78. Two bids were received with only one meeting specifications. Funding is available in SPLOST VII – County Department Vehicles. County Administrator Michael McCoy addressed. Tax Appraiser George Anderson and Buyer Tina Strassenberg were available.

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

The 2nd Vice Chairman called for consideration of the resolution providing for the acceptance and execution of the contract to install fencing for the Radium Overlook Park area from the lowest responsible and responsive bidder meeting specifications, G & S Fence and Deck, (Tallahassee, Fl) in the amount of \$29,869 subject to execution by the County Administrator. Three bids were received with the highest being \$36,880. Funding is budgeted in SPLOST VII- Park Improvements. County Administrator Michael McCoy addressed. Public Works Director Larry Cook and Buyer Kimberly Allen were available.

Commissioner Johnson moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Gray, the motion for approval passed unanimously. Resolution 20-045 is entitled:

**A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED**

**A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE APPROVAL AND EXECUTION OF A
CONTRACT BETWEEN DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA AND G & S FENCE
AND DECK FOR THE PURPOSE OF INSTALLATION**

OF FENCING FOR THE RADIUM OVERLOOK PARK AREA
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$29,869.00;
REPEALING RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS
IN CONFLICT HEREWITH;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The 2nd Vice Chairman called for consideration of the resolution providing for the acceptance and execution of the agreement to participate in the televised series highlighting the heroism of first responders, specifically documenting the Dougherty County EMS Department pending final review by the County Attorney.

Attorney Lee confirmed his approval of the agreement and Commissioner Gray moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Johnson, the motion for approval passed unanimously. Resolution 20-046 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED
A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE APPROVAL AND EXECUTION OF
A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT
BETWEEN DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA AND
44 BLUE PRODUCTIONS, LLC FOR THE PURPOSE OF FILMING AND
PRODUCTION OF A DOUGHERTY COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL
SERVICES ENTITLED “UNTITLED HERO’S PROJECT”;
REPEALING RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT
HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The 2nd Vice Chairman called for consideration the resolution providing for the acceptance and recording of the execution of permanent Drainage Easements, Temporary Construction Easements and a Right-of-Way Miter Acquisition Quit Claim Deed for the purpose of alley paving throughout Dougherty County, Georgia.

Commissioner Jones moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Gaines, the motion for approval passed unanimously. Resolution 20-047 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED
A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ACCEPTANCE AND
RECORDING OF PERMANENT DRAINAGE EASEMENTS,
TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENTS AND A RIGHT-OF-
WAY MITER ACQUISITION QUIT CLAIM DEED FOR THE
PURPOSE OF ALLEY PAVING THROUGHOUT DOUGHERTY
COUNTY, GEORGIA; REPEALING RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF
RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

The 2nd Vice Chairman called for consideration of the resolution declaring a 2005 Ford Crown Victoria (from the Dougherty County Police) as surplus and authorize sale through Underwriters Safety & Claims.

Commissioner Jones moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Gray, the motion for approval passed unanimously. Resolution 20-048 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED
A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE AS SURPLUS
A SALVAGED 2005 FORD CROWN VICTORIA
(VIN NO. 2FAPP71W55X172525) AND HAVE SAID
SURPLUSSED SALVAGED VEHICLE DISPOSED OF THROUGH
UNDERWRITERS SAFETY AND CLAIMS,
DOUGHERTY COUNTY'S THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATOR;
REPEALING RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT
HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The 2nd Vice Chairman called for consideration the resolution providing for the acceptance and execution of a CARES Act Grant Agreement between the State of Georgia and Dougherty County, Georgia relative to payments distributed by the State in the form of grants to Dougherty County from the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF). County Administrator Michael McCoy addressed.

Commissioner Jones moved for approval. Commissioner Gray seconded the motion. Under discussion, Mr. McCoy shared that Dougherty County were eligible because we did not receive an initial allocation. The amount was \$828,454.49 and we will get 30% of the funding which was \$248,536.35 immediately. He shared that FEMA Public Assistance and the CARES ACTS has been put into place so the County can seek reimbursement. Commissioner Johnson asked if any funding could be allocated to small businesses and Mr. McCoy shared that it is not an allowed expense. Mr. McCoy addressed how small businesses could obtain funding through other sources. After no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously. Resolution 20-049 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED
A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ACCEPTANCE AND
EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF
GEORGIA AND DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA RELATIVE TO
PAYMENTS DISTRIBUTED BY THE STATE OF GEORGIA IN THE
FORM OF GRANTS TO DOUGHERTY COUNTY FROM THE
CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND (CRF); REPEALING RESOLUTIONS OR
PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Mr. McCoy reminded the Commission and all concerned citizens of the three public hearings on the proposed tax digest. Mr. McCoy addressed the story that WALB aired erroneously and clarified that Dougherty County will not be increasing the millage rate. A new story will be running for clarification.

Attorney Lee stated that Commissioner Johnson had technical difficulties earlier in the meeting and proposed that his vote be recorded on the purchase of the ionizers, if desired. 2nd Vice Chairman Edwards opted to reread the consideration. Commissioner Gaines moved for approval. Commissioner Johnson provided a second. The motion passed with four ayes and one nay by Commissioner Russell Gray to install the I-Wave C duct mounted auto-cleaning needlepoint bipolar ionization systems in various county buildings as recommended.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 10:46 a.m.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK