

DOUGHERTY COUNTY COMMISSION

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WORK SESSION MINUTES

February 11, 2019

The Dougherty County Commission met in Room 120 of the Albany-Dougherty Government Center on February 11, 2019. Chairman Christopher Cohilas presided. Commissioners present were Victor Edwards, Gloria Gaines, Russell Gray, Lamar Hudgins, Clinton Johnson, and Anthony Jones. Also present were County Administrator Michael McCoy, County Attorney Spencer Lee, County Clerk Jawahn Ware, and representatives of the media.

The Chairman provided special recognition to the Dougherty County Emergency Management Agency (EMA), Fire Chief Cedric Scott and EMA Assistant Director Jenna Chang for service provided to citizens of Dougherty County during the 2018 storms.

The Chairman recognized Meredith Lipson, CPA, Mauldin and Jenkins Certified Public Accountants, who was present to provide the FY 2017-18 Audit ending June 30, 2018. Ms. Lipson shared the County has total assets of \$22,407,576 with liabilities of \$11,287,172 and noted that money was due to the County for storm recovery. The only account showing a deficit was the disaster recovery fund. She added that revenues were \$45,243,208 and expenditures were \$47,649,226 resulting in the use of \$2,417,713 from the fund balance, which was far less than what was budgeted. She noted historically that the County comes in under budget or at budget and the County still managed well considering we are awaiting storm recovery funds. We are fortunate to have revenues collected from the Solid Waste Fund. The liabilities for the pension plan benefits are funded well. Due to the storm, the County had to complete a single audit for the recovery funds and there were not any findings. Ms. Lipson ended by commending the Finance Department for doing a great job during the audit report process.

The Chairman recognized Public Works Director Larry Cook who was present to update the Commission with their 2018 Annual Report.

The Chairman asked the Commission to review the minutes of the January 14 Joint City/County Meeting and January 18 Special Called Meeting.

The Chairman called for discussion of the zoning consideration of Glenda I. Eubanks, owner & applicant; request to rezone 28.225 acres from AG (Agricultural District) to R-G (Single-Family Residential District County Only). The property addresses are 3421 & 3423 Wildfair Road. The Planning Commission recommends approval. Mary Teter, Planning Manager, addressed. The applicant requests to subdivide the property. Rezoning is required in order to complete the task. The Public Hearing and action are scheduled for February 18, 2019.

The Chairman called for discussion of the zoning consideration of Stuart Sinyard, owner & applicant; request to rezone 8.331 acres from AG (Agricultural District) to R-1 (Single-Family Residential District). The property address is 5112 Old Dawson Road. The Planning Commission recommends approval. Mary Teter, Planning Manager, addressed. The applicant requested to subdivide the property. Rezoning is required in order to complete the task. The Public Hearing and action are scheduled for February 18, 2019. Commissioner Edwards

discussed his concerns with the zoning process and requested larger signs be placed for the citizens to view pertaining to public hearings. He requested that Public Information Officer Wendy Howell help with ideas. Commissioner Jones shared that signs were not being placed properly. Commissioner Gray suggested an increase in the length of time for notice letters to be sent and for the letters to be sent to property residents and owners. Commissioner Gaines requested that use of the request be included within the process. Director of Planning & Development Paul Forgey shared that current rules were being followed and a zoning ordinance may needed in order to make changes.

The Chairman called for discussion of a recommendation to purchase one 2018 Ford F150 SSV 4DR 4x4 Pickup for the Solid Waste Department from Wade Ford (Smyrna, GA), in the amount of \$29,978. Pricing for the vehicle is “piggy-backed” from the City of Atlanta’s annual vehicle purchasing contract. Funding is budgeted in CIP for \$30,000. County Administrator Michael McCoy addressed. Solid Waste Director Scott Addison and City of Albany Buyer Dale Henry were present.

The Chairman called for discussion of a recommendation to purchase one 2019 model #T370 Kenworth Cab & Chassis with a 4000 Gallon Water Tank for Solid Waste from MHC Kenworth (McDonough, GA) in the amount of \$118,417.67. Pricing for the equipment is provided by the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Agreement (formerly titled National Joint Powers Alliance – NJPA). Funding is budgeted in CIP for \$150,000. County Administrator Michael McCoy addressed. Solid Waste Director Scott Addison and City of Albany Buyer Dale Henry were present.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK