

## DOUGHERTY COUNTY COMMISSION

### WORK SESSION MINUTES

April 08, 2019

The Dougherty County Commission met in Room 120 of the Albany-Dougherty Government Center on April 08, 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 recognized Suzanne Williams, Family Consumer Science Agent, who was present to update the Commission with the Dougherty County Extension Quarterly Report. She shared that Mr. Morgan would be meeting with the legislators in Washington, D.C. soon and requested the Commission to provide any related issues to him so he could address with the legislators.

The Chairman recognized Paul Forgey, Planning & Development Services Director, who was present to update the Commission on the 2020 Census and the proposed new zoning signage. He requested that the Commissioners nominate individuals to be on the complete count committee and shared the importance of an accurate census count. Public Information Officer Wendy Howell would help draft a campaign to help solicit interest. Mr. Forgey displayed a sample sign and shared that it will now include framed information containing maps and contact numbers. The new signs would still require involvement from the citizen to see the information, but two signs will be placed perpendicular. The highlighted focus would be on public hearings and Commissioner Edwards requested that the City of Albany have an input and share in the cost of the signs. Mr. McCoy would facilitate the meeting. A lengthy discussion with suggestions ensued. County Attorney Spencer Lee shared that the Commission takes action based on the zoning requirements and not the use. He also cautioned the Commission about safety and the size of signage. The Chairman directed Mr. Forgey to review the comments and to provide an update later.

The Chairman asked the Commission to review the minutes of the March 4 Regular Meeting and March 11 Work Session.

The Chairman called for discussion of a recommendation to purchase five vehicles from the lowest bidder meeting specifications, Sunbelt Ford Town (Albany, Ga) in the amount of \$125,491.52. Three vendors submitted bids with the highest being \$132,938.

- Three are for the Sheriff's Office: (1) 2019 Ford Escape, (1) 2019 Ford F-150 4-Dr SSV Pickup and (1) 2019 Ford F150 4-Dr Pickup XLT. Funding is available in SPLOST VII- Sheriff's Dept Vehicles.
- One (1) is for the Jail: (1) 2019 Ford F150 4-Dr Pickup. Funding is available in SPLOST VII- Jail Vehicles and
- One is for the Juvenile Court: (1) 2019 Ford Fusion. Funding is available in SPLOST VII – County Department Vehicles. County Administrator Michael McCoy addressed. City of Albany Procurement Manager Mike Trotter, Sheriff's Office Major Pamela Johnson, Jail Director Chief John Ostrander and Juvenile Court Judge Johnnie Graham were present.

Mr. McCoy shared that this was our annual purchase of vehicles. Comm. Hudgins shared that a local vendor received the bid without any local preference.

The Chairman called for discussion of a recommendation to purchase one 2020 Model #567 Peterbilt Dump Truck for Public Works from Performance Peterbilt (Albany, Ga) in the amount of \$140,583. Pricing for the equipment is provided by the Sourcewell Purchasing Cooperative Agreement. Funding is budgeted in SPLOST VI- Storm Drainage Improvements & Equipment. County Administrator Michael McCoy addressed. City of Albany Procurement Manager Mike Trotter and Public Works Director Larry Cook were present.

The Chairman called for discussion of a recommendation to purchase two tractors for Public Works: one Model #3033R John Deer Compact Tractor in the amount of \$29,106.84 and (1) 6105E John Deer Cab Tractor in the amount of \$61,126.46 from the Ga State Contract vendor Flint Equipment Company (Leesburg, Ga) for a total expenditure of \$90,233.30. Funding is budgeted in SPLOST VI- County Road Improvements & Equipment and SPLOST VII – Roads, Streets & Bridges Equipment. County Administrator Michael McCoy addressed. City of Albany Procurement Manager Mike Trotter and Public Works Director Larry Cook were present.

The Chairman called for discussion of a recommendation to purchase ten complete sets of tactical vests for the Albany Dougherty Drug Unit (ADDU) from Dana Safety Supply, Inc. (Greensboro, GA) in the amount of \$33,178.20. Three quotes were received with the highest being \$41,152.10. Funding is available in the General Fund. County Administrator Michael McCoy addressed. ADDU Commander Capt. Ryan Ward was present.

The Chairman called for discussion of a recommendation to contract with Maschke Associates, Inc. (Albany, GA) to develop bid specifications and provide project administration for the jail fire suppression system. The fee is \$68,118 and will be funded from SPLOST VII- Jail Facility Improvements. Jail Director Chief John Ostrander addressed. Chief Ostrander stated that the current system was 25 years old and is no longer supported by the manufacturer. He added that it needed to be completely replaced. This type of replacement would require subject matter expertise and Maschke had the most experience and technical knowledge with our facility and was the best choice.

The Chairman called for a discussion of a recommendation to accept the quote to replace the generator at the Fire Station on Hill Rd for Facilities Management from A. West Enterprises (Albany, GA) in the amount of \$106,540. Pricing for material, labor and equipment is based off the U.S. General Service Administration (GSA) price and funding is budgeted in SPLOST VII- County Fire Station Improvements. County Administrator Michael McCoy addressed. Facilities Management Director Heidi Minnick was present. Mr. McCoy stated that this was an emergency purchase because the generator is failing. Mrs. Minnick shared that this will be an upgraded generator fueled by diesel and would run the entire facility.

The Chairman called for discussion of a recommendation from Juvenile Court to apply for a Criminal Justice Incentive Grant Program in the amount of \$445,059.20 for Functional Family Therapy use. This is a 100% grant with no local match. Juvenile Court Judge Johnnie Graham addressed. She stated that the cost was approximately \$90,000 a year to keep a child in a youth detention center and believed that this program would assist in reducing the cost.

The Chairman called for a discussion of a recommendation to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Evidence Based Associates, LLC (EBA) on behalf of the Dougherty County Juvenile Court authorizing EBA to serve as the managing entity for the grant program. This MOU is required with the application for the Criminal Justice Incentive Grant Program. Juvenile Court Judge Johnnie Graham addressed.

The Chairman called for a discussion of a recommendation to approve the execution of an option for right of way in favor of the Georgia Department of Transportation for the purchase of property needed by GDOT for the widening of SR 133 consisting of 0.201 acres. County Administrator Michael McCoy and Public Works Director Larry Cook addressed. Project Engineer Jeremy Brown was present.

The Chairman called for a discussion of a recommendation to approve the seller agreement with Big Truck Bid, LLC to serve as an on-line auction service for surplus heavy equipment and trucks. County Administrator Michael McCoy and County Clerk Jawahn Ware addressed.

The Chairman called for a discussion of a recommendation to declare the listed equipment as surplus and authorizing the sale of same via an online auction. County Administrator Michael McCoy addressed.

Mr. McCoy shared that Chief Jackie Battle submitted an intent to retire on June 7, 2019. Chief Battle has served almost 40 years with the Dougherty County Police Department. Dougherty County Corner Mr. Fowler reminded the Commission of the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual opioid reenactment at the Civic Center on Wednesday, April 10, 2019. There was an update on the showcase of the petition of the Flint River Trails by County Attorney Spencer Lee. Commissioner Gray updated the Commission on the Board of Health meeting and shared that the trails would help with Dougherty County's ranking for access to exercise opportunities. There was a group discussion in regards to the trail system.

After there was no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

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CHAIRMAN

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COUNTY CLERK